

CLUB NEWS

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DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY; TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY! A GREETING OF MERRY CHRISTMAS , HAPPY CHANUKAH, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR IS COMING YOUR WAY!

NEWS CLIPS:

Congratulations to **Dib Drown**! While playing golf at Hilltop Golf Course on Sunday, September 27, Dib got a Hole-in-One on hole #5, a Birdie on Hole #4, and ANOTHER BIRDIE on Hole #7. **Way to go, Dib!**

Ruth Srulevitch's husband, Shelly, had a back operation and he is doing well.

Marilyn O'Donnell and her partner placed 2nd in one of the Open Pair Games at the Naples Regional in October. Congratulations, Marilyn!

Donna Ziemann and **Lynne Zeigler** were both hospitalized this year. Fortunately, they are both back playing bridge and we wish them continued good health.

Alex Boone and **Sandy Howe** have sold their Northern house and are now living here as permanent residents.

We extend a big **Welcome Back** to all of the seasonal bridge players!

Did you know the Daily Sun columnist **Joe Angione** is the husband of our own club member, **Dale**?

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Doug Worthington**. Doug's wife, Lee, died on October 29 after fighting a battle with cancer for five years. A celebration of Life Service is planned for 2:00 p.m. on January 30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7280 SE 135th Street, Summerfield, FL.

Heinz Jaffe entered the hospital in November for a hernia operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John Corrozza is recuperating nicely from his accident. He would like to hear from some of his bridge buddies.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Joe Sacco** as he continues with his treatments.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER by Chuck Deal ?? WHAT'S A DUMMY TO DO??

Several times a week I pull out the Law Book to review something. After reviewing Laws 42 and 43 (Dummy's rights and limitations), I thought I would pass along the review to you club members this month.

LAW 42

A. ABSOLUTE RIGHTS:

1. Dummy may give information as to facts or law; but only in the presence of the Director.
2. Dummy may keep track of tricks won or lost.
3. Dummy plays the cards as directed by the Declarer.

B. QUALIFIED RIGHTS:

1. Dummy may try to prevent Declarer from revoking by asking if he is out when not following suit.
2. Dummy may help to prevent Declarer from leading from the wrong hand.
3. Dummy may inform Declarer that he has turned a played card incorrectly but only prior to a Declarer play to the next trick.
4. Dummy may call attention to any irregularity, but only after play of the hand is concluded.

LAW 43-- DUMMY'S LIMITATIONS:

1. Dummy should not call for the Director during play unless another player first identifies an irregularity.
2. Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during the play of the hand.
3. Dummy must not participate in the play; nor may he communicate anything about the play to Declarer.

Sorry, Dummy—You do not talk during the play. You do not point to cards. You do not look at the opponents' cards. You just play the cards Declarer indicates and try to help him not make a mistake. Oh yes, one other thing. Ladies, while the Law Book only has "He" in it, the rules also apply to you!

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Lori and Dick Winokur were featured in the Daily Sun on Wednesday, September 30, for Dick's participation in the PARKINSON'S FIGHT CLUB. Lori and Dick have always enjoyed playing bridge at



The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club. Although we haven't seen them for awhile, we hope they will return to the bridge table soon. (Picture is courtesy of The Daily Sun)



Millie DuBovy shows off her latest baking creation of Nutty Dried Cherry Pineapple Pizza at the Recipe Sharing Club on Tuesday, October 6, at the Hibiscus Recreation Center. Millie has won many baking contests. Congratulations, Millie. (Picture is courtesy of The Daily Sun.)

THE MYSTERY COUPLE???



THE MYSTERY CHILD???



THE PHANTOM SPEAKS: (OPENING LEAD)

There is no evil as black as leading fourth from the Jack against a No-Trump Contract.

TIP OF THE MONTH by Joe Sacco

Tons of masterpoints are won and lost in defending NT contracts. Learning how to lock the declarer in dummy, when the strong hand is dummy and declarer holds the weak hand, is vitally important. Many times the declarer holds a long suit he wants to set up, but has limited entries. So, if you can keep him from his hand, you can keep him from running his long suit.

For example:

<u>Dummy</u>	<u>Defender</u>
K	A
x	x
	x

I have noticed that many club players would play the Ace when declarer plays the King from dummy, which is most likely wrong. By taking the King with the Ace, you are probably helping the declarer to set up his long suit; when you duck, try to duck smoothly. Now, if declarer plays the small card left in dummy, it could be right or wrong to take the Ace, depending on the rest of the hand.

Bill Ziemann's hand of the month: Would you, South, make your contract of 4 Hearts? (Answer is on a later page.)

	North		
	♠ 7 5 3		West is on lead against 4 Hearts. West leads
	♥ 10 9 8		the Ace of Diamonds. Count your losers.
	♦ J 10 9 8		Hmmm! Count your winners. Hmmm! Plan
	♣ 8 4 2		your play.
West		East	
	South		
	♠ A 4 2		
	♥ A K Q J 6 4 2		
	♦ _____		
	♣ A 7 6		

MEMORIES OF DON LYNN: Don's many friends have fond memories of happy times with Barb and himself. One common bond was, of course, bridge, but we have many other get-togethers that many of us remember. Cordial, yet competitive, one of Don's favorite games besides bridge was Rummy Cube. It was rumored that Don had a particular strategy that insured success—just keep picking up the tiles until your rack is full. Then with no one suspecting, you casually lay all your tiles down in runs and groups of three and go out. His innocent smile belied his devious planning and scheming.



Going over to Don and Barb's for a round of golf or a game of tennis was fun. Don could serve a mean ball. It didn't matter that we played on the Wii. It was a fun interlude between sets of bridge.

Don and Barb gave some wonderful birthday bashes. Chula Vista Rec Center was filled on many occasions with friends from all over The Villages. Tables of neighbors, golfing buddies, fellow tax accountants, bridge buddies, and family ushered in many special birthdays. Games, food, and convivial good cheer helped celebrate a new milestone.

Don knew his health was a challenge, but that's just how he looked at it, a challenge rather than an obstacle. There never was a cruise he didn't like or a destination he didn't want to visit. With motorized chair and oxygen in tow, he and Barb enjoyed extensive trips to destinations around the world. His motto: "Plan a trip, buy insurance, and hope for the best." He set an example for all of us to follow. Attitude is Everything. He was an inspiration for all to follow.

Barb said they played a daily game of Rummy Cube for about 14 years. It was a very special event for them. Barb's children were always amazed that their mother found a loving partner who enjoyed playing games as much as she. Barb has said that whenever Don was asked "How are you?" his response was always "I'm fine". After his death, Barb bought a brick for the garden at Hospice imprinted with: "Don Lynn, 1933-2009, "I'm fine". We all feel very fortunate to have known him. (Submitted by Donna Ziemann)

THE MYSTERY CHILD REVEALED: The mystery child is none other than our friendly, smiling, **Ray Harris**. Many of our male players are no doubt envious of that wonderful crop of curly hair!

Bridge quote: South: Alert! East: Yes? South: I'm requested to further misdescribe my hand.

THE MYSTERY COUPLE REVEALED: TOM AND VON BUSH



If you want to get something done, give the job to a busy person. If you want it done right, give the job to a busy person who is organized and committed.

Busy, organized, and committed are three of the many fine qualities of Tom and Von Bush.

Tom grew up busy—cutting lawns, selling greeting cards, and working on his dad’s Christmas tree farm in Ohio. Von was born in a log cabin in Tennessee. Her father was a tobacco farmer. She contracted rheumatic

ever as a two-year old, and actually had to learn to walk again. She and four siblings were born in the cabin, using the services of a midwife.

They met on a blind date while attending Purdue University. Tom thought he “blew it” because he wore a real bright orange shirt, but Von saw his potential. They got engaged, married after Tom graduated, and moved to Dayton, Ohio. Von also received her degree, and became a high school math teacher. They had two children: a daughter, Lisa, and a son, Brian. Tragically, Brian passed away from a brain tumor, just shy of his second birthday.

Von was a committed and outstanding volunteer for Lisa’s activities, especially the Girl Scouts. Von ran the Girl Scout Cookie Distribution function in her area. She was recognized for her organizational skills with the highest award an adult can achieve in Girl Scouting. Lisa was on a swim team and Von became a USS swim official. After moving to The Villages in 2005, Von continued to volunteer. She logs many hours at New Covenant United Methodist Church, working in the Nursery and as a team leader for “Wonderful Wednesday” dinners.

Tom spent 34 years as an engineer with General Motors, helping to develop air bags, energy absorbing bumpers, and other safety related products. He was very involved in tennis and running, and ran in numerous road races and seven “half marathons”! Tom is on the Board of Directors of our bridge club, and served as President in 2008. He was instrumental in getting our club’s website going, and currently serves as Webmaster. He also volunteers at New Covenant Church.

They are avid bridge players—Von since college and Tom since childhood. They love The Villages’ life style, and Von has recently taken up golf. They concluded that line dancing was not their “thing”, however.

Our hats are off to Tom and Von, who exemplify the busy, volunteer-oriented life style of The Villages! It’s a safe bet that their organizing skills will keep them in demand for many years to come!

Did you recognize the picture on page 2? Yes, it’s an earlier version of this attractive couple. Our photographer believes that Tom is getting “Bushwacked”! (Submitted by Jack Fisher)

A NOTE FROM THE PARTNERSHIP CHAIRPERSON (Marilyn Fulton)

It is time to Welcome Back all our snowbirds who have migrated home and all the new people who have found the lovely Villages for their new bridge home.

My duties include helping people find partners for specific games, and keeping a list of new people who are looking for other members to form partnerships for the season.

I will keep a blue calendar on the booking table as well as a legal pad with names of players who are looking for players who are free on certain days.

I will also help you on the phone either for a week in advance, for the next day, or a week away.

Call anytime after 10 a.m. (750-1655), leave a message and phone number, and I will get back to you.

Please keep in mind that first time partnerships do not always work. Sometimes it takes practice and time to find a compatible partnership. So, don’t give up, keep trying, and I will try very hard to make pleasant partnerships.

Enjoy the new season, and enjoy all four people at your table.

Bridge Quote of the month: “The real test of a bridgeplayer isn’t in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he’s in.....” Alfred Sheinwold.

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DAYTONA REGIONAL RESULTS: Points earned by Club Members:

- 9.53 Neil Timm
- 6.75 The Poitingers and the Fishers
- 4.84 Margie Quinto
- 3.55 Charles Showalter and Henry Hood
- 3.35 Jane Dulieu
- 1.61 Jim Spector
- 1.41 Dolores Mann
- 1.08 Alex Booke , Sandy Howe, Marilyn Graham, Audrey Natoli
- .90 Ann Barnes, Shirley Agness, Lucy Tillman, Addy Adler

PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL IN MEXICO : Two of our members earned points:

- 20.30 Lynne Ziegler
- 9.30 Roxana Perkins (Tournament results submitted by Neil Timm)

SOLUTION TO BILL ZIEMANN'S BRIDGE HAND: If you ruff the first trick with a low Heart you have no entry to dummy to take the fourth Diamond for a pitch. Keep in mind that many bridge hands are either won or lost on the first trick.

Trick	W	N	E	S	Trick	W	N	E	S
1	♦A	♦8	x	♥A	8	x	♥10	x	♥6
2	x	♥8	x	♥2	9	x	♦8	x	♠2
3	♦K	♦10	x	♣6	10	x	♠7	x	♠A
4	♣K	♣2	x	♠A	11	x	x	x	♥Q
5	x	♥9	x	♥4	12	x	x	x	♥J
6	♦Q	♦9	x	♣7	13	♠K	x	x	♠4
7	♣Q	x	x	♥K					

- 70% GAMES IN OCTOBER:** Oct. 3- Lynne and Richard Ziegler- 70.91%
 Oct. 29 – Gladys Mikel and Rich Seidman – 75.00%

TOP 20 LEADERS - 2009 MPS as of 10/31/2009

1. Joe Sacco	193.91	11. Bill Guenther	77.78
2. Gladys Mikel	150.88	12. Chet Eicher	73.79
3. Rich Seidman	119.10	13. Dave Stentz	72.24
4. Donna Ziemann	117.55	14. Dave Hudson	72.09
5. Bill Ziemann	112.03	15. Millie Vibbard	70.16
6. Ginny Crump	111.56	16. Lucy Tillman	69.63
7. Charles Showalter	103.29	17. Jean Toone	69.03
8. Lynne Ziegler	89.79	18. Henry Hood	68.86
9. Jim Schaedel	85.29	19. Mary Rowe	67.75
10. Ron Poitinger	79.45	20. Ed Schusler	66.66

LEADING POINTS EARNED IN OCTOBER, 2009:

0-299		300-1000		1001+	
George Murray	11.08	Rich Seidman	18.83	Gladys Mikel	16.96
Mary Rowe	8.97	Pat Poitinger	13.03	Bill Ziemann	16.54
Mary Ann Kelly	8.34	Chet Eicher	12.32	Ron Poitinger	14.55
Richard Stewart	6.76	Richard Ziegler	11.33	Lynne Ziegler	14.36
Roger Marchand	6.35	Lucy Tillman	11.13	Donna Ziemann	13.09
Gigi Letendre	6.26	Scott Scobell	10.42	Joe Sacco	13.00
Mark Gomme	5.68	Marilyn Fulton	9.73	Jim Schaedel	12.80
Janet Matthews	5.68	Ron Colbert	9.18	Charles Showalter	12.12
Frances Rolph	5.58	Lynne Fisher	9.03	Ed Schusler	11.77
Robert Kraus	5.40	Carol Alspach	8.61	Dave Stentz	11.68