

Club News

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For Duplicate Players at The Villages

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU by Henry Hood

Have you enjoyed a non-bridge conversation with friends at the game? Henry does. Can you match the clues with the players?

CLUES

1. Who was a college roommate of David Berkowitz one of ACBL' most successful players, and often played bridge with him as his partner?
2. Who owns and successfully uses 200 cookbooks, not counting the 200 she gave away before moving here?
3. Who once played bridge with Linda Bird Johnson, the Daughter of President and Lady Bird Johnson?
4. Who prior to moving to The Villages, and becoming an avid Bridge player, was a model in her home country of Barbados?
5. Who once was the partner of world-renowned and superstar bridge player Bob Hamman?
6. Who was an RN and 2nd Lt. in the US Army during WWII? She also won 25 National Cooking Contests and is presently awaiting the results of another.

PLAYERS

- A. Millie DuBovy
- B. Jane Dulieu
- C. Charles Showalter
- D. Ruth Srulevitch
- E. Rich Seidman
- F. Betty Schwartz

Getting to Know You: 1=E, 2=F, 3=D, 4=B, 5=C, 6=A

DIRECTOR'S CORNER – by Chuck Deal

Do you ever watch NCIS on Television? One of the favorite tag lines is, "I got your six" which of course means, I'm backing you up. This little note is to thank all those in our Bridge Community who back us up everyday.

Thanks to all the Directors: Art, Betty, Earl, Jack and John who alter their schedules to back each other up when someone is ill, has a doctor's appointment, wants to attend a reunion, or go on a trip.

Thanks to Carol, Jeanne, Von and many others who backup Pat in setting up the game and putting everything away when the rest of us are streaming for the door.

From a personal standpoint, thanks to all of you who request a score summary or review the scores on the website after each game. Scoring a thirteen-table game requires almost a thousand key strokes on the computer. So we have a lot of room for error. Your score backup diligence helps us maintain accurate records.

Thanks to Marilyn for backing up all those who want to play but find they have no partner.

Thanks to Pat who backs up the whole group by setting up the games, maintaining supplies, paying the bills, etc, etc, etc.

But, then I can't forget to thank those dedicated bridge players who show up at each game because without you there would be no need for anyone to backup anyone.

Yes, I have a team that proves they "got my six."

Bridge quote of the Month:

"A winner listens to his partner's point of view.
A loser just waits until it's time to express his own"

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Doug Worthington is bigger than life and adds much to our bridge community. His biography continues. While in Kailua, Hawaii, Lee worked for the Home Study department of Hawaiian Study Tours that arranged for foreign students to live with families in Hawaii and study English. Several students lived with Doug and Lee during those years. Meanwhile, son Daryl and daughter Mia graduated from Punahou, the same school that President Obama attended, and then went off to college.

Son Daryl and his wife own their own research company in Sarasota and have two sons. Daughter Mia and her husband live in England where she recently became a prenatal counselor. She and her husband have a son and a daughter. Four grandchildren bring much enjoyment to Doug and Lee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ron Poitinger, Richard Seidman, Charlie Showalter, and Andy Sloan each earned 4.37 Silver Points for second in B, eighth overall of thirty-one teams at the Orlando Sectional Sunday Swiss. Cappelletti's team who beat out our team was first overall. This achievement was quite a showing for four of our good players. They represented The Duplicate Bridge Club of The Villages in great style.

Marilyn O'Donnell and Lynne Ziegler scored a 73.15 % game at the Wednesday afternoon session at Mulberry on July 29th.

Sue Moody is back playing duplicate bridge after seven weeks of recuperation from back surgery.

Dee Parson's grandson at nine pounds-four ounces, 21 inches long, Aaron Thomas, was born July 23rd. Mother, baby, and grandmother are all doing well.

Lori Winokur left August first on a cruise to Germany, Russia, Sweden, and Norway. While in Stockholm, Sweden, she will be visiting with her daughter and two grandchildren.

Marlene Boyle, Jules Newenfeldt, and Faye Parsons joined the 299 game on Saturday. Playing for their second time with the 299ers, Margaret Sarno and Gwen Wright earned first place with a 62% game.

Joe Sacco and Dave Stentz had a 72.08 % game on August 27th. Charlie Showalter and Richard Seidman had a 70.19 % game on August 31st.

Thank you Edyth Sherck for sending over fifty decks of cards and some metal duplicate boards to us.

DUPLICATE ON THE INTERNET

Janet Matthews and her husband Bob, formerly from England, are now year-round residents of the Village of Largo. Janet's regular duplicate partner, Mark Gonne, and his wife Mary, went back to England for the summer. However, Janet and Mark manage to keep up on their bridge skills and partnership agreements by playing duplicate every morning on the Internet. We look forward to seeing them back at the bridge table in The Villages this Fall.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

While traveling in Michigan and visiting family, Linda and Chet Eicher received a telephone call from Alex Boone and Sandy Howe. They had been playing at a bridge tournament in Grand Rapids, and on their way home to New York called the Eichers. Alex has his house on the market in New York, and when it sells, they plan to move to The Villages as permanent residents.

AUGUST MASTERPOINT LEADERS

Joe Sacco	169.82	Charlie Showalter	85.46
Gladys Mikel	123.53	Bill Ziemann	83.98
Donna Ziemann	99.09	Dave Hudson	72.09
Ginny Crump	95.72	Jim Schaedel	66.41
Rich Seidman	94.81	Bill Guenther	66.36

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On May 15, 2009, many of Catherine Thompson's friends and bridge partners felt she was finally turning the corner medically. For a year and half Catherine had battled non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The treatment regimen was very difficult and draining. Catherine had chemo and lost her hair and much of her energy. She had a port in the top of her head. She had stem cells taken from her body as a precaution. Eventually, those cells had to be reimplanted in her body. Nevertheless, in mid-May it appeared the worst was behind her, and she was looking forward to resuming a normal life. She was even sporting her own

hair.

Catherine and I played bridge on Friday night, May 15th, at Laurel Manor. It was one of our better outings, as we had a 55% game. Little did either of us know it would be her last game. The next day she was scheduled to play with Ruth Srulevitch at Colony, but sadly she had a stroke in her home in the morning. She lay on the floor unable to get to a telephone. Marilyn Fulton noted her absence at the Saturday game and sent the neighborhood watch staff to check on her. She ultimately was taken to the hospital, but that was several hours after her stroke.

Her daughter, Trudi Krick, came to The Villages and was permitted to take Catherine home to the Philadelphia area where she was placed in a skilled nursing facility where she was progressing well in her rehab. In early August, Catherine suffered a second and major stroke. On August 7, 2009, Catherine Conklin Thompson died at the age of 70 from complications of her recent strokes.

Formerly of Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, Catherine had recently been living at The Villages in Florida. She graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas, and attended Texas Tech University. At the age of 43, Catherine returned to college at Seton Hill College where she was granted a B.A. in Psychology in 1983. She then went on to earn a Master of Social Work degree (1985) and a Ph.D. (1988) in Counseling Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. A modest woman, few, if any, of her Village friends, knew she had a Ph.D.

Catherine formed and successfully ran her own company, Sterling Care Counseling, for a number of years. She was a certified Geriatric Care Manager, serving on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers for several years. She retired to The Villages around 2004 where she enjoyed playing golf, competing in duplicate bridge, and participating in numerous other activities.

Throughout her life, Catherine enjoyed raising and showing dogs, producing several champions, including one inducted into the Golden Retriever Hall of Fame. She became an avid traveler when, at the age of 17, she went around the world on a cruise ship with her grandmother. Later in life, as her own grandchildren began to reach the age of 12, she took each on a cruise of his or her choice, visiting such places as Alaska, Australia, Japan, and the Mediterranean. She had many fond memories of these trips and was looking forward to future trips when her youngest grandchildren would reach 12. She also enjoyed playing golf. She had two holes-in-one, the last one coming in 2007 in The Villages.

Catherine became a Life Master in July 2002 and a Silver Life Master in October 2007. In our club, she played bridge with many people including Ruth Srulevitch, Chet Eicher, Marilyn Fulton, Neil Timm, Lucy Tillman, Judy Ventura, and Sandy Gebhardt. "She was such a sweetheart," Sandy observed. Ruth noted that Catherine did not reveal much of herself to others. When Ruth held an election eve party at her house in November of 2008, Democrats and Republicans were invited to the party. "Catherine," she explained, "is the only one whose political persuasion I do not know." Ruth was

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instrumental in checking up on Catherine once when she was in her home and too weak to get out of a chair. Ruth was a lifesaver that day just as Marilyn was on May 16, 2009.

What I most admired about Catherine was her desire to improve as a player, even though she had acquired 1069 master points. Over the summer of 2008, we agreed to read one of Eddie Kantar's books on defense in order to sharpen our defensive game. For this summer we had selected another book, which Catherine never got to read. She always wanted to learn more and to play this wonderful game even better. Could you ask for a better partner? I think not. By way of her daughter, Trudi, Catherine donated 36 duplicated boards in a black traveling case.

Catherine is survived by her daughter Susan ("Trudi") Gertrude Thompson Krick, three sons William O'Brien Thompson, Daniel Edwin Thompson, and Charles David Thompson, son-in-law Kevin Krick, daughters-in-law Kathleen Thompson, Julie Thompson, and Pamela Thompson, and eleven grandchildren, and sister, Lydia Conklin Cohen. A memorial service was held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church (Bryn Mawr, PA) on the 11th of August.

Catherine was reserved and not very demonstrative. Shortly after she died, her daughter commented, "My mother did not always express her feelings freely and openly, but I can tell you that she especially loved the friends she made at the Bridge Club and in The Villages. I knew how much she valued her Village friends even if her friends didn't." And, we, of course, valued Catherine, a real sweetheart.

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TIP OF THE MONTH by Joe Sacco

DO NOT COVER A SEQUENCE OF HONORS

Q J 10 2
Dummy

K 4 3

Declarer

The Queen is led – Do not cover.

The Jack is led – Do not cover.

If you cover and declarer has the singleton or doubleton Ace, you just gave away a stopper in the suit.

EXCEPTION

Q J 5 4
Dummy

K 2

Declarer

The Queen is led – Cover.

If you duck, Declarer may lead the four the next, which would force the king.