

# CLUB NEWS

## FOR DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES AUGUST, 2010

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### NEWS CLIPS:

**David Land** is recovering nicely from a kidney removal on June 21 at Munroe Hospital. You gave us a big scare, David. We are eager to see you back at the bridge games!

**Linda Hall** had knee surgery in Ocala on June 3. After she and David gallivanted around Scotland and Ireland, she and her doctor decided it was time to do some knee repair. Now is she ready for their next trip!

**Earl Vibbard** had a knee replacement on May 25. Club members miss seeing Earl at the games and directing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Earl.

**Melanie and Ray Harris** were both featured in The Daily Sun on Monday, May 24. Melanie was featured in Villager Spotlight and Ray was featured in Villager of the Day. What celebrities we have among us!

Another celebrity among us is **Chet Eicher** who was featured in Villager of the Day on May 23.

There was also an informative and beautiful article that appeared in The Daily Sun on May 23 featuring our **Alex Booke**. The article was complete in describing decades of medical problems and the perseverance of a positive attitude. We all have great admiration for you, Alex. Two holes-in-one on the same day! You deserve them! Way to go, Alex!

**Claudette and Charlie Fraime** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 18 aboard the Celebrity Soltice on a cruise to the Caribbean.

**Ginny Crump** is recovering nicely from her back surgery on June 20. After a two-week stay at Freedom Point Rehab. Center, she was able to return home for her ongoing recovery. With the help of close family and friends, and lots of spirit and energy, she is making fast progress. She

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appreciates the care and concern shown by all her bridge friends. The phone calls and cards have kept her spirits up. She is anxiously awaiting the time when she can get back to her many activities. Bridge, of course, is at the top of the list.

The entire membership was ecstatic to hear that **Lynne Ziegler and Marilyn O'Donnell** are now cancer free! Terrific news!

**Andy Sloan and Rich Seidman** presented an IMP Seminar on June 18. Forty players from our Club were in attendance. The Club thanks Andy and Rich for their superb presentation and for their dedication in helping bridge players improve their skills. Andy and Rich are scheduled to present their second Imp Seminar on January 21, 2011 in the Jefferson Room at Laurel Manor.

**Andy and Rich** presented a bridge lesson on the third Monday at SeaBreeze on Monday, July 19. It was a great success with 14 tables! The Bridge Triathlon (learn, eat, play) will be held on the third Monday of each month. The next "Bridge Triathlon" will be on August 16, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and players are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Play begins at 6:30.

The Club encourages players to attend the Wednesday evening 6:30 games at SeaBreeze.

**Andy and Rich** will be taking a survey of the members to determine the interest level for a "Partnership Bidding Course." Survey sheets will be handed out at each venue.

We are hoping to see **Nancy Deal** back at the bridge games soon. Nancy is recovering from back surgery.

The 299er Swiss Team events have been successful. We thank the 299ers for their support.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER BY CHUCK DEAL:

### OOPS!! WHAT DO I DO NOW (REVISITED)?

In the previous newsletter, we looked at a hand where your partner was silent when you opened the bidding with an Alertable bid only to then realize you don't play that convention with this partner. Let's now look at another hand where partner correctly Alerted your opening bid according to your agreements; but you had forgotten the agreement.

You hold ♠ 74 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ K Q 10 9 4 2 ♣ 8 5 and open 2♦, weak. Partner Alerts and explains when LHO asks, "That's Flannery, showing four spades, five hearts, and 11 to 15 HCP."

This, of course, reminds you that you agreed to play partner's favorite convention, Flannery. Partner now bids 3♣, which you agreed asks for minor-suit stoppers over a Flannery bid. Over a weak 2♦, however, 3♣ would have been natural and non-forcing (you only play new majors as forcing). Once again you should ask yourself, "What would I have done had partner not Alerted my 2♦ bid, explained it as weak, and then bid a natural non-invitational 3♣?"

You would have Alerted it (because it's non-forcing) and passed, of course. Therefore, you should pass 3♣ now. Should you Alert it and explain that it's non-forcing? No, because you must still inform the opponents of his bid's meaning **according to your agreement over Flannery**. Since your agreement is that 3♣ would ask for minor-suit stoppers, you must Alert and explain it (if asked) as asking for minor-suit stoppers—and then pass!

Remember, if you are certain it was you who erred in the bidding, Alert and explain all of partner's bids according to your actual agreement but continue to bid your own hand as if partner had Alerted and/or explained your bid as you originally intended it.

These last two Newsletter articles are courtesy of an ACBL bulletin dating back to 2002. The pages I always carry with me are turning yellow, but are as true today as they were then. I hope they have helped you understand one of the really ticklish rulings a director must make. The next article will deal with some other problem. If you would like to suggest something you would like to have clarified, let me know.

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## TIP OF THE MONTH BY JOE:

When playing match points, it is almost never right to play 5 of a minor when most of the field is in 3NT, unless you are sure that you don't have a stopper in one of the suits. I guarantee you will get a low board 95% of the time. Remember, it is a lot easier for the opponents to defend against 5 of a minor than 3NT; and if you can make 5 of a minor, you can usually make 4 or 5NT. Also, if you get up to 5 of a minor, you might as well bid 6 and try for a top board, since 5 of a minor will usually get you a below average board.

## GOOD SPORT OF THE MONTH AWARD SUBMITTED BY JON WILLIAMS

With two cards to play and the lead in his hand, declarer held two losing diamonds. Dummy had a losing diamond and a winning club, but there was no way to get there, so declarer conceded the last two tricks and the hand was scored that way. **Mary Rowe**, on defense, thought about the scenario for a moment, then graciously notified declarer that she had been forced to win the last diamond with the Ace and her 13<sup>th</sup> card was a club, which made dummy's club a winner. For her actions, Mary is named the bridge club's **GOOD SPORT OF THE MONTH!**

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"One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts." (Alfred Sheinwold)  
"A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer." (Alfred Sheinwold)

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**TRAVELOG** by Roxana Perkins (Many thanks for submitting this, Roxanna.)

## NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a small country in area and population. Their entire population is about one-half of that of Los Angeles with a fair number living on farms or ranches with sheep or cows. Most, however, live in cities and towns from one end of the country to the other.

A lot of the culture is similar to Australia, particularly food and drink and sports. Both the Aussies and the Kiwis take up a lot of their television time with their two favorite sports—Rugby and Cricket. Rugby is easy enough to understand as it seems a combination of our football and soccer. No helmets or protection is worn, the uniforms being cute shorts and tee shirts. Anyone can run with the ball and it is passed often as the team progresses toward the goal line. Cricket is another matter and seems incomprehensible to the uninitiated. In fact, neither the field size or shape is even standardized but tends to be oval. Once the batter hits the ball lots of runs amass even though no one runs anywhere except a possible defensive player who did not catch the ball and must chase it.

The original settlers were the Maori who came to New Zealand 800 to 1000 years before the Europeans. They are not related in either ethnicity, culture or place of origin to the Australian Aborigines. Maoris, who are primarily Polynesian, have also been more accepted by the New Zealand Europeans than the Aborigines in Australia with much of their language and many place names being used. They live and work within the society.

There is much to see on both islands, but one should not go to New Zealand without going to the South Island for the magnificent scenery. My favorite was Queenstown which is located on a large beautiful lake surrounded by forests and mountains. Christchurch is also interesting as it is the jumping off point for Antarctic exploration. There is a large Antarctic Center where you can spend an entire day learning about Antarctica through exhibits and films. You can bundle up and enter a sealed room where you can experience Antarctic temperatures and winds. I did not do this. They also have a rehabilitation center for injured and disabled penguins that you can observe and learn about. You can visit penguins up close and personal.

Dunedin is another city on the South Island with an interesting harbor tour where you can see seals and many nesting birds including three species of albatross. The albatross is a southern hemisphere bird and extremely large—certainly not suitable for neckwear. This city was settled by the Scots rather than the English so good luck in understanding what they are saying. It was interesting.

There are many other points of interest and I would recommend giving yourself a lot of time to see both islands. You can not do justice to yourself with less than a week on each island.

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## A BIG WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

Joe Fernandez 11	Jon Greenspan	Sara Markham
Marjorie McIntyre	Jean Mohler	Michael Mohler
Betty Montgomery	Monty Montgomery	Victoria Rhodes
Linda Terburg	Bruce Thiher	

**Mary Ann Kelly** (a reporter) suggests you go to [www.TheVillages.com](http://www.TheVillages.com) to obtain factual information about The Villages. Did you know there are 55,805 planned homes with a planned population of 105,000 by 2017? There are now 486 golf holes, 26,000 acres/40 square miles and it's 15 miles North to South with 34 roundabouts! Twelve thousand folks work directly for The Villages! **Very interesting site!**



**THE FISCHER FAMILY!** Babs and Lou Fischer celebrated Lou's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Truman Center in The Villages on March 13. Lou turned 80 on March 10. Pictured are Babs and Lou's 10 children with spouses, 22 grandchildren (currently 23 grandchildren) and 2 great grandchildren. What a beautiful family! (The editor apologizes for not being able to make the picture clearer.)

### **DELAND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT:**

Congratulations to **Henry Hood** for becoming a Life Master during this tournament!

12.27 Henry Hood and Chet Eicher

2.17 Jay Greenstone and Barbara Edelson

1.24 Jon and Marilyn Williams

.45 Ron and Joanie Colbert

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**David Haskell** for becoming a Sectional Master

**Joanie Colbert** for becoming a Silver Life Master

**Ron Colbert** for becoming a Bronze Life Master

### **CONGRATULATIONS FOR 70% GAME:**

**70.35% June 7 Bruce Thiher/Loretta Harp**

Acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened: having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.....Alfred Sheinwold

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## MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS YEAR TO JUNE 30 (CHECK WEBSITE FOR CURRENT UPDATES)

### 1000+

Joe Sacco	134.44
Gladys Mikel	99.40
Charles Showalter	74.57
Ginny Crump	73.77
Ron Poitinge	68.74
Dave Hudson	67.91
Lynne Ziegler	66.97
Ed Schusler	65.19
Anne Gust	58.54
Dave Stentz	57.36
Lucy Tillman	55.29
Bill Ziemann	53.79
Donna Ziemann	51.68
Jean Toone	47.26
Marilyn O'Donnell	45.67
Bev Yankee	44.14
Bill Guenther	43.75
Sandy Booke	42.61
Jim Schaedel	41.52
Jack Fisher	41.22

### 300-1000

Rich Seidman	84.80
Chet Eicher	59.99
Pat Poitinge	54.33
Marilyn Williams	47.36
Bud Feron	42.77
Lynne Fisher	42.71
Richard Ziegler	39.72
Mary Ann Kelly	39.43
Jon Williams	39.33
Loretta Harp	37.92
Ruth Srulevitch	37.32
Gisela Knock	36.25
Carol Alspach	33.88
Betty Schwartz	30.13
Reene Gleckner	29.39
Henry Hood	29.30
Caroline Davies	28.08
Mary Scanlan	26.11
Sandi McNaughton	26.03
Bonnie Overson	25.57

### 0-300

George Murray	38.42
Jane Dulieu	32.18
Mary Rowe	29.62
Rosie Blumenthal	23.78
Gigi Letendre	23.40
Richard Stewart	23.39
Hope Cantell	23.08
Janet Matthews	22.85
Phyllis Hurst	21.86
David Haskell	21.44
Roger Marchand	20.94
Mary VanSteelandt	20.87
David Michaelson	20.82
Rebecca Billups	19.84
Heather Shane	19.07
Marilyn Graham	18.11
John Dunn	17.04
Janet Dunn	17.04
Barbara Edelson	16.46
Jay Greenstone	16.46

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## A CUEBID RESPONSE TO A TAKEOUT DOUBLE (FROM CUEBIDS IN A NUTSHELL BY DEE BERRY)

North

♠ A Q 8 6  
♥ A K 5 4  
♦ 10 7 3  
♣ 9 6

West

♠ 9 3  
♥ J 10 7 6 2  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ 7 4 3

East

♠ K 4 2  
♥ 9  
♦ K Q J 9 8  
♣ K 8 5 2

South

♠ J 10 7 5  
♥ Q 8 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A Q J 10

W	N	E	S
		1♦	DBL
P	2♦	Dbf	2♠
P	4♠	All Pass	

North's 2♦ **Cuebid** promises 10+ HCP and most often shows 4-4 in the major suits.

South has a definite preference for the 4-card spade suit and bids it.

North readily bids the game. If North had to guess in which major to jump to, North might have selected hearts and the ugly heart break would not have been enjoyable. Careful declarers should make 5♠, losing only one diamond and one spade, since the ♣K is finessable.

A **Cuebid** is the only forcing bid an advancer may make to a takeout double. All other bids, including jumps, are non-forcing.