

**CLUB NEWS**  
**FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES**  
**FEBRUARY, 2011**

Many thanks go to **Pat Ford** for organizing a very successful Christmas Party! Many thanks also to **Maria Guenther** for organizing the 299er Christmas Party!

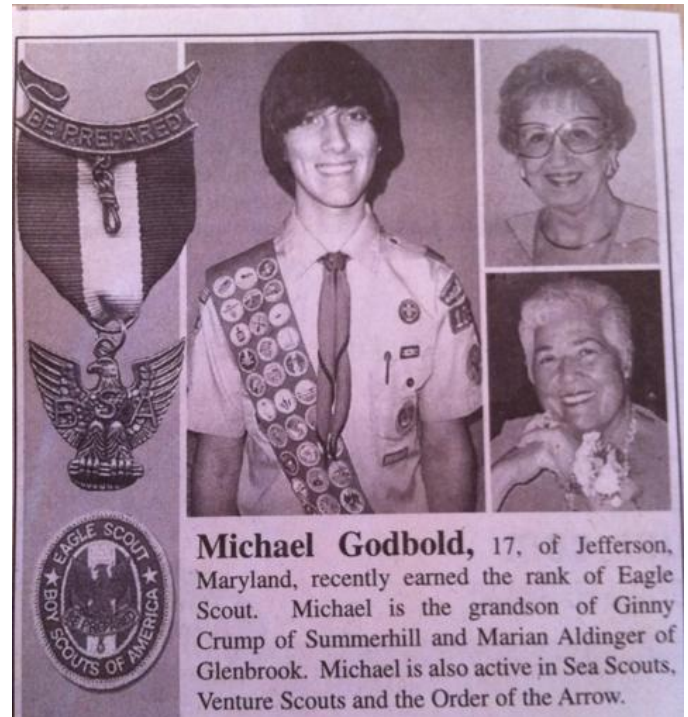
**Marybelle Thimgan** was in the hospital for a week in early December. She is recovering slowly but had to cancel a trip north for Christmas as she had a set back from the clot on the brain stem. She is currently feeling better and it's good to see her at the bridge table.

**Irv Robinson** had three surgeries performed at Shands Hospital between November and December. First he had Lithotripsy (kidney stone crushed), and then he had his thyroid removed and a tumor removed from his stomach. All surgeries were successful and he is doing great. He also had two knee replacements done last year at Waterman Hospital.

The Daily Sun featured an article about **Myron Henry** and his search in finding out more about his family. He learned his grandmother sent "A Mother's Prayer" to all six of her sons during World War 11. Myron's grandmother first sent it to Myron's father with the instructions to sign and send it on to another brother. All six brothers received "A Mother's Prayer", signed it, and finally returned it to their mother. It was certainly a beautiful way of sharing her love and her pride with her sons, and all of them returned safely home from the war. It is a treasure for the family, and especially for Myron and Mary.

Five of our players were featured in The Daily Sun in "Today's Five" and "Villager of the Day". They are: **Chuck Deal, Charlie Showalter, Bill Garner, Jack Fisher** and **Bob Matthews**.

We couldn't help but notice our own **Sandra Gebhardt** playing in the Daytona Regional and the NABC Tournament in Orlando with THE MIKE CAPPELETTI, SR. Hmmm, how about some pointers, Sandy?



**Michael Godbold**, 17, of Jefferson, Maryland, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael is the grandson of Ginny Crump of Summerhill and Marian Aldinger of Glenbrook. Michael is also active in Sea Scouts, Venture Scouts and the Order of the Arrow.

Congratulations to **Ginny Crump** for her grandson's many Scouting accomplishments!



This lovely young lady was born and raised in the big apple, New York City, the youngest of ten. Lucky for us she found her way to The Villages in 2000. She enjoys bridge and attends our games as often as her busy schedule allow. Our mystery guest enjoys bowling, dancing, theatre, travel and dining out. Can you guess who the 4-year old with banana curls is? (Submitted by Henry Hood)

**DIRECTOR’S CORNER BY CHUCK DEAL:**

**CLAIMS AND CONCESSIONS**

Claims and concessions are frequent occurrences in duplicate bridge and for directors both concern and fun. If there is disagreement, his concern is how to resolve the situation and the fun is the Director gets to play the rest of the hand. This topic is serious enough that it requires four separate laws in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Let’s look at just the highlights.

AFTER A CLAIM OR CONCESSION HAS BEEN MADE BY ANY PLAYER, ALL PLAY ON THAT BOARD CEASES.

A claim is any statement to the effect that a player will win a specified number of tricks. A concession is a statement made that a player will lose a specified number of tricks.

When a claim or concession is made, the first requirement is that the initiator makes a clear statement as to the order in which cards will be played; that is the line of play or defense through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed. If everyone is satisfied, score up the board and move on. If later, even after the game is over, a player believes the agreement was incorrect it may still be possible, with agreement of all players and the director, to change the resulting score.

If someone disagrees with a claim or concession, the Director must be summoned immediately. This is where the director has the fun. Based on the statement made at the time of the claim or concession and the class of the player involved, the Director plays the remaining cards in all four hands.

This brief synopsis is precisely what should occur following a claim or concession in accordance with Laws 68, 69, 70, and 71. Many of us have played duplicate bridge for so many years that we feel we pretty much know all the rules and can handle things ourselves. However, often when we do that and later call the Director, not everyone can remember which cards were left in their hand, what the player said when making a claim or whose lead it was, etc. So try to eliminate the problems by calling the Director and letting him/her do their jobs.

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**NOTES FROM THE ORLANDO NATIONAL**

Playing in a National Tournament can be a daunting experience. It can be exhilarating or humiliating! National Tournaments include both National events and Regional events. National events pay platinum points. Many of our players participated in the Fall NABC Tournament in Orlando, November 25—December 5, 2010

In the unlimited Life Masters Pairs, Bruce Thiher and his partner had a really big game in the second session. Charlie Showalter and Joe Sacco had a big 63% during the first session, finishing third out of 260 pairs, and then faded in the evening game. They had a good game the next morning, and then faded again in the evening. They were like horses coming out first at the gate, and then slowing down! They ended up earning 12.50 platinum points in that game, so they were pleased.

Joe had the experience of playing in the Blue Ribbon Pairs game, ending 6<sup>th</sup> out of 320 pairs after the first session. Joe had the same experience: good morning games, fading in the evening games. But, overall, his pair did very well and earned 10.50 platinum points in the Blue Ribbon Pairs event.

The team of Jon and Marilyn Williams and Reene and Jack Gleckner came in first in a Regional Swiss Team event, earning 23.57 gold points! Quite an accomplishment! (Continued on next page)

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Lucy Tillman and Gladys Mikel played in a Regional Open Pairs event (2 sessions), Flight B, coming in first overall earning 20.19 gold points! Another great accomplishment!

Input by Joe:

The Reisinger Tournament is classified as the toughest tourney at the Nationals. Most of the players in the event are either multi-national champions or world champions. Our team, having no national champion or world champion, was seeded 39 out of 39 teams. We were one of 20 teams managing to qualify for the semi-finals, and one out of 6 American teams. The semi-final match was played in the Cypress 3 Room, quite a distance to walk no matter where you started. I was tired by the time I got there! This is the "big room" with the divided bidding and playing tables with screens going up and down and bids going through the screens. The only person you see is one of your opponents, sitting on the same side of the screen. There is absolutely no talking. Alertable bids are alerted with the blue alert card slid under the screen. If the opponent wants an explanation of the alerted bid, he/she must write a question and pass it to the opponent on the same side of the screen. The opponent then writes the answer and passes it back. I was disappointed Bill Gates did not make it to the semi-finals. I would have liked to pass notes to him, perhaps asking for his autograph and a business deal!

After completion of the auction, the screens go up about one foot, and you only see the stomachs of the players! Not a very pleasant sight! There is no time limit for bidding or playing the hands. That session started at 7:30 pm and finished at 12:30 am. It could take up to five minutes for one Egyptian to play a card. I was actually one of the faster players! And then, all of a sudden, the declarer would claim! No one ever contested a claim, at least at my table.

We had the pleasure (?) of playing against Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth. On one hand Meckstroth opened the bidding with 2H (5 hearts to the 10) and Rodwell bid 3C (forcing). We came into the bidding and ended up bidding and making 6 spades. I guess you might say they did not intimidate us! Zia and Bob Hamman played the same 6 spade hand, but I doubt if our partners opened the bidding with a weak 2 heart bid. Our team did not advance to the finals. We earned 1.53 platinum points for two days of hard work, but it was a grand experience.

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**70% GAMES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:**

12/13/2010—71.15%--Gigi Letendre and George Murray

12/15/2010—70.14%--Gladys Mikel and Joe Sacco

**MILESTONES:**

JOE SACCO—DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

JUDY BRADDY—LIFE MASTER

ED McCROSSIN—LIFE MASTER

KAREN OBERTING—SILVER LIFE MASTER

RUTH SRULEVITCH—SILVER LIFE MASTER

MARY McCROSSIN—LIFE MASTER

DONALD BAKER—GOLD LIFE MASTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

**NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE LAST CLUB NEWS:**

Sarah Backhaus

Dona Black

Ian Cowper

Jen Cowper

Yvonne Fahy

John Kuyper

John Hebl

Janet Hebl

Gail Hug

Ken Miller

Ellen Millman

Alan Millman

Evelyn Loeffler

Roberta Myers

Dennis Ragan

Mary Ryan

Russ Snow

Michael Vales

Barbara Stovring

John Wells

James Westervelt

Eric Woener

Mary Zarse

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### REGIONAL AT SEA:

Six people from The Villages attended the REGIONAL AT SEA on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas, December 12-19, 2010. This was hosted by Larry Cohen and guest Jeff Meckstroth. Ron and Pat Poiting, Shirley and David Land, and Jann Sharp were daily participants in all of the games. Jann's husband, Stan, was a very patient man and he found other activities to enjoy. There were 440 bridge players, and fortunately, Liberty of the Seas is a huge ship with a very large convention room. Another room was also used for games. Larry Cohen lectured each day, along with Jeff Meckstroth. Larry was a true professional teacher during his presentations, using Power Point reviewing played hand, hands he played with his professional partners during his tournament years, words of wisdom, and humor. The Lands earned 5.06, Jann Sharp 10.99, and the Poitingers 21.24.



Jann Sharp with Jeff Meckstroth and his wife, Sally.



Larry Cohen and Jeff Meckstroth. The teachers!

### YEAR-END VILLAGES MASTERPOINT LEADERS:

#### 0-299

George Murray	95.04
Jane Dulieu	55.97
Gigi Letendre	52.06
Mary Rowe	50.71
Janet Matthews	47.09
Hope Cantell	46.11
David Michaelson	40.24
Phyllis Hurst	35.75
Barbara Edelson	33.18
Heather Shane	32.84
Mary VanSteelandt	32.48
Richard Stewart	31.34
Rosie Blumenthal	30.40
Michael Lotti	29.35

#### 300-1000

Rich Seidman	117.26
Chet Eicher	106.89
Marilyn Williams	91.72
Jon Williams	89.40
Pat Poiting	88.55
Lynne Fisher	84.04
Ruth Srulevitch	82.86
Richard Ziegler	71.17
Mary Ann Kelly	67.55
Gisela Knock	66.24
Carol Alspach	63.65
Loretta Harp	63.28
Ron Colbert	58.90
Betty Schwartz	58.32

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### 1000+

Joe Sacco	242.69
Gladys Mikel	186.55
Donna Ziemann	128.35
Lynne Ziegler	126.22
Charles Showalter	123.02
Ron Poitinger	119.40
Lucy Tillman	118.60
Bill Ziemann	113.79
Dave Stentz	107.93
Ginny Crump	101.66
Ed Schusler	100.12
Sandy Booke	94.86
Alex Booke	92.43
Marilyn O'Donnell	92.27
Jim Schaedel	82.59
Jean Toone	80.11
Ann Gust	80.11
Bill Guenther	79.10
Jack Fisher	79.01
Bruce Thiher	78.98

### ORLANDO REGIONAL RESULTS

Kay Jones	6.72
Bruce Thiher	6.30
Lucy Tillman	6.30
Clare DesJarias	4.84
Ian Harvey	4.44
Sandy Gebhardt	4.44
Ed Schusler	4.04
Andy Sloan	4.04
Lynne Ziegler	2.34
Richard Ziegler	2.34
Neil Timm	2.03
Myron Henry	2.02
Mary Henry	2.02
Jon Williams	1.58
Jack Gleckner	1.58
Charles Showalter	1.32
Joe Sacco	1.32
Linda/David Hall	1.17
Joann Roorbach	.64
Sally Sonnichsen	.64

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Over 70 players attended the Annual Meeting on January 14. Two new Board members were elected: **Paul Matheson** and **Charlie Showalter**. Congratulations to both! And, thanks to all who agreed to be candidates. **Alex Booke** is our new President. **Lynne Ziegler** and **Reene Gleckner** are co-secretaries.

**Mike Lotti** is going to undergo surgery later in January for a heart valve replacement. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Mike and his family.

**Dean Robinson** is volunteering to present a four-week course on defense at SeaBreeze starting February 7 for four consecutive Mondays at 9:30 am. Sign-up sheets are located at the venues. Dean is a Diamond Life Master and ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher.

**CLUB NEWSLETTER REPORTERS:** The 2011 Club News reporters are: David Haskell, Henry Hood, Donna Ziemann, Pat Ford, Janet Matthews, Mary Ann Kelly, and Nancy Deal. We are asking the membership to please pass information on to them so that we can print news about **YOU**. If you attend any out-of-state tournaments, please pass that information to Ginny Crump. She will automatically check in-state tournaments. Ginny has agreed to be the reporter for tournaments.

### DAYTONA SECTIONAL RESULTS:

Ian Harvey	5.60	Sandy Gebhardt	5.60	Mary Gavaghan	3.38
Mike Lotti	3.38	Shirley Land	1.79	David Land	1.79
Susan Schrand	.59	Anne Marie Marino	.59		

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**Maxine Cotton** and **Hope Cantell** have been experiencing medical problems. They are receiving additional tests. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

**Banana Curls** picture on page 1! Have you guessed the name of this pretty little girl? It is a darling picture of **Anne Marie Marino!** Thanks for sharing with us!

### NABC ORLANDO NATIONALS RESULTS:

Marilyn Williams	38.43	Sandy Ainsworth	3.27
Jon Williams	38.43	Doris Bryant	3.27
Lucy Tillman	34.46	Dave Hudson	3.18
Joe Sacco	27.70	Ed Schusler	3.18
Larry Lande	25.66	Mary Pat McCrossin	3.15
Gladys Mikel	24.02	Ed McCrossin	3.15
Reene Gleckner	23.06	Sandy Booke	3.12
Jack Gleckner	23.06	Alex Booke	3.12
Charles Showalter	22.84	Roxana Perkins	3.10
David Stentz	21.31	Richard Ziegler	3.09
Neil Timm	21.31	Linda Hall	2.94
Bruce Thiher	16.84	David Hall	2.94
Lynne Ziegler	15.56	David Michaelson	2.73
Sherry Seward	12.42	Arlene McIntosh	2.71
Sandy Gebhardt	12.30	Joan Colbert	2.63
Marilyn Graham	11.73	Ron Colbert	2.63
David Haskell	11.73	Henry Hood	2.41
Paul Matheson	11.26	Ann Gust	2.30
Phyllis Hurst	10.85	Mary Gavaghan	2.29
Jane Dulieu	10.85	Mark Gomme	2.18
Nancy Detweiler	9.91	Janet Matthews	2.18
Ginny Crump	9.24	Chet Eicher	2.09
Ian Harvey	9.24	Lee Esworthy	2.05
Ruth Srulevitch	8.92	Karen Linder	1.93
Doc Lacey	8.92	Heather Shane	1.93
Rich Seidman	6.34	Bud Feron	1.68
Kay Jones	6.09	Rebecca Billups	1.33
Mike Lotti	5.02	Don Baker	1.20
Loretta Harp	5.02	Bev Yankee	1.02
Mary Ann Kelly	4.16	Gail Hudon	.87
Bill Garner	4.12	Marilyn Fulton	.84
Mary Shara	3.42	Judy Braddy	.84
Joe Shara	3.42	Marilyn Deroche	.81
Pat Poitinger	3.39	Robert Tolpa	.81
Ron Poitinger	3.39	Marilyn O'Donnell	.69