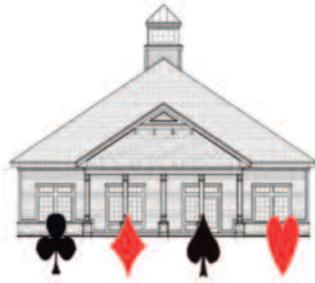


# The Shuffler

The Newsletter of the Petoskey Bridge Club



Fall 2014

2144 Cemetery Road

Petoskey, Michigan

## *The Petoskey Bridge Club Remembers Jean Carpenter*



Members of the Petoskey Bridge Club commemorated the life of Jean Carpenter, who died in May at the age of 90, in a short ceremony beside three Prairie Fire crab apple trees planted at the club in his memory. Clubs officers, including Larry Willis and Pam Ziegel, spoke of his leadership in creating the facility. Other



members, including Melissa Georges, Tom Kennedy and Suzy Kett, talked about the importance of Jean's vision of creating a wider "community" of friends who shared a wide range of background and interests. Jean's daughter Lynne, sitting beside her mother, Shirley,



explained that her parents's role in envisioning the club facility, as well as helping to design and finance it, was rooted in a simple fact: "They wanted to share their love of the game."

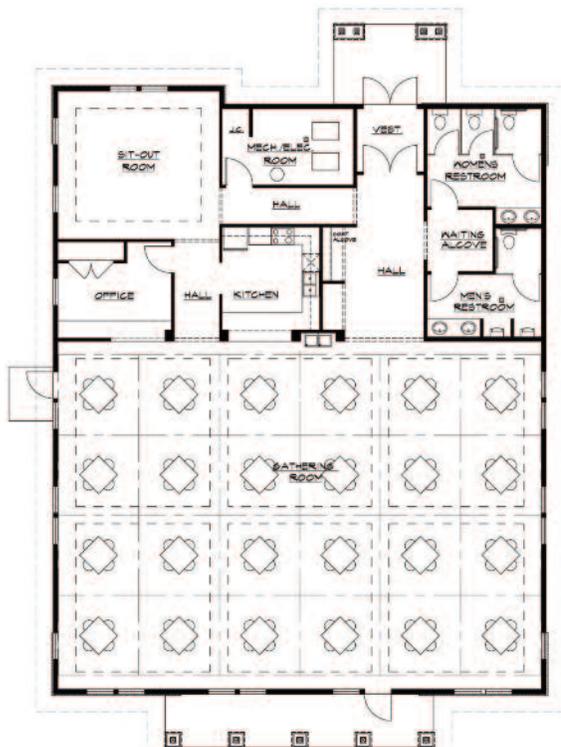


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## *Jean Carpenter continued...*

The Petoskey Bridge Club that you know and love today would not have been possible without the generosity of Jean and Shirley for they paid for the land and the building. They did so with typical modesty and reluctance for publicity. A remarkable two-some who provided inspiration for us all. Jean's contribution to the club has been enormous. He was a founding and active board member utilizing his years of business experience to help guide the club until declining health prompted his retirement two years ago. He was a frequent contributor to the PBC newsletter, *The Shuffler*. Jean was a remarkable unassuming generous man. One would never know he was an extremely successful businessman with degrees in multiple disciplines. He much preferred to shun the spotlight and focus on others. — *Larry Willis*



### **Envisioning Space**

In the last stages of designing our clubhouse, Jean, Mike Sears and I were with the architect, and Jean made a very insightful suggestion. The ceilings in the main playing area were too low, he said; "it'll feel like a bowling alley." Raising the ceilings a foot or so, he said, would provide a grander, more open space to play in.

And wasn't he right!

I remember that meeting very well, because I was amazed at Jean's ability to visualize the space from a drawing and make such a good change. Whenever I look at our wonderful clubhouse, I think about how deeply Jean understood the activity of bridge and what a high standard he set for the place where it is played. — *Pam Ziegel*

Jean and Shirley were staying with us in Florida for a regional when Mike presented him with the plans for the new building. When we got to our trailer, Jean couldn't spread them out fast enough on the kitchen table. He said first, too small, need more tables. Side parking too narrow. Move office from NW corner (bathrooms now) to center area for heating the rest rooms more efficiently. A complete kitchen was not shown and he felt it was necessary and centrally located. He was excited as a kid in a candy store.

— *Dave and Nancy Fowler*

## *Jean Carpenter continued...*

**W**e will always remember Jean with a smile on his face--even the last time we saw him, shortly before he passed away. Jean was always thinking of others. He was a humble, generous, gentle man, and he will be missed by all. Knowing Jean has enriched our lives. — *Bernadette and Don Burkhardt*

**S**o, here we are, Debbie and I, hot in pursuit of becoming Life Masters at the National tournament in St Louis, MO, walking from the Convention Center to our hotel. Who do we see driving down the street in front of our hotel? Yes, Jean and Shirley. I hailed them down to see what's up. "Hi guys. I didn't know you were planning to come to the tournament." "We weren't, but we got up this morning and had nothing to do, so we got in the car and here we are." Now mind you, it's 650 miles to get from Petoskey MI to St Louis, MO. "Jean, do you have a hotel to stay at?" "No, but I'm sure we can find one." "I think that says it all . . . if there's a bridge game to be had, Jean and Shirley were going to be there!" — *Mike and Debbie Sears*



**M**y husband, Dick, and I hadn't been playing much bridge in our marriage when we became good friends with Betsy and Larry Willis. Larry introduced us to tournaments and we included bridge in our trips and then tournaments. We headed for a National tournament in Chicago and when we got there were thousands of people in a room with 500 tables and we all knew no one!! We looked up and who did we see but Jean walking down the center and then we realized what a player he was. It was so nice to see a friend midst the hundreds of players and a friendly one who loved the game. Our connection to the Carpenters had been Sunday afternoon tennis!!

— *Margaret Ruemenapp*

**W**hen Shirley was so ill a few years ago, Jean and I were partners... He said "I'm going to the grocery store today after bridge. I've never been to a grocery store." It shocked me and made me laugh and made me appreciate Shirley all the more. He also talked about how he and Shirley thought he would go first- and at that time it seemed that was not going to be the case. He was stunned- as was Shirley- according to him and turns out Shirley's illness had much to do with a medication mixup. — *Jane (Pandy) Huff*



## *Jean Carpenter...continued*



Our bridge club truly has been blessed by the Carpenters. I first met Jean at Carol's game in the late 1990's when he was a very competitive bridge player. Next was the K of C Hall and now our beautiful Petoskey Bridge Club. I enjoy the bridge challenge even though my brain is foggier. Thank You, Jean & Shirley, for giving us a Center where new friendships have been made because of the love of the game.

— *Kathy Henricks*

Jean was always a loyal supportive member of my bridge club. Even after the Petoskey game started, he attended my game faithfully. From time to time over many years, he wrote thank-you letters saying how grateful he was to have had a game to attend. Whether he was playing with Shirley or another partner, his love of the game always showed through. After the Petoskey club was established, this good friend even offered to donate anything I needed for my club, an unnecessary but typically generous gesture.

— *Carol Bertschinger*



When we were putting together a small celebration for Shirley's birthday I asked Jean if he had any early photos of Shirley. He said he probably could find some skiing pictures. When he appeared with the photos we got to talking about skiing and where these photos were taken. Well, it turns out they skied all over the world and typically, Jean emphasized that Shirley became a fearless skier leaving him up the hill.

— *Linda Roberts*

## *Jean Carpenter...continued*

**D**ealing with Dali. About a year after my second incarnation as a bridge player, Pam Ziegal suggested to Jean and me that we should begin playing as partners. At the time I was still a basic Standard American player. Jean and I started playing as partners pretty regularly, and he became a true mentor and friend to me. He brought me into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of bridge, teaching me 2 over 1 and all the conventional bells and whistles that went with it. However my favorite Jean story was one he told me about himself.

Jean was the Attorney in Charge of Engines for the General Motors Patent Section. At some point GM decided that they wanted the famous and eccentric artist Salvador Dali to do some commercials. The GM advertising people hashed out the basic terms of the agreement with Dali's agent and Jean was told by GM's CEO to fly to New York to work out the details with Dali personally. He was told this was very important to GM and to do whatever was necessary to get the deal done. He was told not to come back to Detroit without Dali's signature on a final contract.

Jean flew to New York and Dali lived up to his reputation as an irascible and eccentric character. However Jean quickly realized that Dali was a shrewd and commercially astute negotiator who quickly realized he was in a strong position in the negotiations. For hours they went back and forth. As soon as Jean thought they had reached agreement on a point Dali would go back to a prior issue seeking more concessions. This went on for hours until Jean believed they had successfully dealt with all the issues. Jean had the "final" contract printed and presented it to Dali for his signature.

Dali balked and said he was just not comfortable with it and wanted a couple of days to think about it. Jean was exasperated and knew he could not go back to Detroit without Dali's signature on the dotted line and out of frustration said if you sign this contract now, we will give you a brand new Corvette. Unbeknownst to Jean, Dali loved Corvettes and readily agreed. With the one new clause added Dali happily signed. At the end of the day GM got their commercials, Dali got his Corvette and Jean got his contract and everybody was happy.

— Mark Hess

*"Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge."*



— Malcolm Forbes

## The President's Message



Thanks to the hard work of Mike Sears and lots of volunteers the Regional tournament was a huge success. Please see Mike's article for details. We also hosted a NLM Sectional tournament in June. Joe, Bernadette, and Nancy ensured that the tournament was well organized and ran smoothly. We had a total of 50 tables and 63 players gained MPs. There are plans to host another one next year.

We added several more games this summer with mixed results. Players seemed appreciative of the additional opportunities and we even broke the all-time one month attendance record in July. However, overall some games (especially the Friday afternoon game) were poorly attended. Because of this, that game has been moved to Friday morning. There will be two sections (199 and Open) run simultaneously.

Starting October 1, the start time will be 12:30 for all weekday games and at that time the Tuesday games will also be held simultaneously in two separate sections. The short lesson before each Tuesday game will continue. The Sunday game will still be held at 1:30 with a Swiss Team game on the second Sunday of each month. Just like last winter, the Sunday pair game will be suspended for the winter starting in December. See the schedule of games below.

On October 31st – yes, Halloween – there will be another Pro-Am game. We will gather at 12:00 to randomly draw partners and start at 12:30. A wine-and-cheese party will follow. These events are very popular and the one held in June attracted so many players we almost ran out of tables! Due to the large increase in 199er players we will make the spilt this time at 200 MPs. We know that some players who were promoted to the higher group had difficulty relating to the term “Pro” so we should probably develop a new term for this game. I think Niner-Or-Not has a nice ring to it. Now start thinking about a Halloween costume for this fun event.

Happy Fall.

### Winter Schedule Effective October-April

**Monday - 12:30pm - Open game**

**Tuesday - 12:30pm 0-199 game  
and an Open game (running concurrently)**

**Wednesday - 12:30pm Open game**

**Thursday - 12:30pm Open game**

**Friday - 12:30pm 0-199 game  
and an Open game (running concurrently)**

**Sunday - 1:30pm (no Sunday pairs games**

**December-April) A Swiss game will be held on the  
second Sunday of the month at the usual time of  
1:30. Reservation are needed for the Swiss.**

### Important dates:

- STaC games will be held Nov 17 to Nov 23.  
An open game will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Pro-Am game will be held on October 31.
- Several ACBL-sanctioned special games which offer increased and/or colored Masterpoints will be added to the calendar.

### Area Regional and Sectional Tournaments through Spring

Oct 3-5, 2014	Midland MI
Oct 13-19, 2014	Farmington Hills MI
Oct 24-25, 2014	Bloomfield Hills MI
Oct 24-26, 2014	Toledo OH
Oct 30-Nov 1, 2014	Grand Haven MI
Nov 13-16, 2014	Farmington Hills MI
Nov 17-23, 2014	STaC Units 195 & 200
Jan 10-11, 2015	Jackson MI
Jan 24-25, 2015	Ypsilanti [Ann Arbor] MI
Feb 12-15, 2015	Farmington Hills MI
Feb 27-Mar 1, 2015	Toledo OH
Mar 26-29, 2015	Southfield [Detroit] MI
Apr 10-11, 2015	Bloomfield Hills MI
Apr 11-12, 2015	Southfield [Detroit] MI
Apr 13-19, 2015	STaC D12
Apr 23-25, 2015	Grand Rapids MI
May 1-3, 2015	Frankfort MI
May 1-3, 2015	Davson MI
May 11-17, 2015	<b>Regional</b> Farmington Hills MI
May 29-31, 2015	Kalamazoo MI

## About Our Members



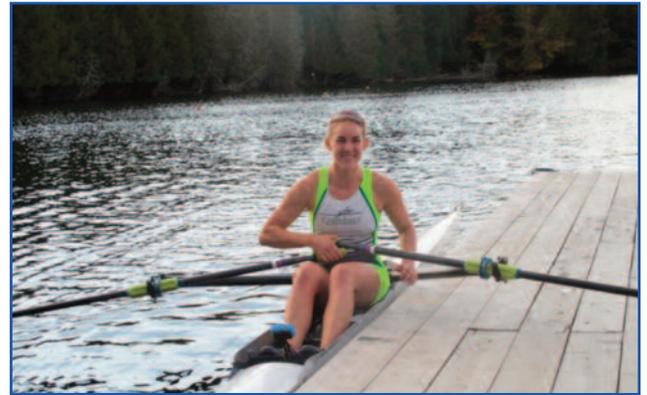
There I was. Saturday morning at the Farmer's Market in Boyne City. And what did I see for sale among the fruits and vegetables? A glorious oil painting! I commented to the artist how beautiful I thought it was, and he said to me, "anyone can paint, and I can teach you." Sure, I thought. But I was interested enough to take his two-evening four hour class in which he "guaranteed" that we'd finish the second evening with a painting we'd be proud to hang in our home. Well, that was three years ago, and he was right. Not only is it hung in the house, but painting's been so enjoyable that I've continued to paint ever since. And I've mixed in my enjoyment of McKenzie-Childs black & white checkerboard products to create some products of my own. I now have paintings on display and for sale at several locations in the area. Hard to imagine that I'd ever be able to become an artist, and get so much enjoyment from doing it.



*Debbie Sears*



*Kathy Hendricks and Carol Vial pictured with Barbara Seagram at a Regional Tournament in Canada earlier this year.*



*Leslie Allen is excited about her granddaughter, Jamie Chapman's quest to make the US Olympic Rowing Team. Jamie has had many successes this year and we wish her well.*

Ever wonder where the fabulous lunch that appears most Thursdays comes from? It makes Thursday a special day at bridge that I know everyone looks forward to. Well, our gourmet chef is Betty Stephen, pictured to the right with her lovely flock. This is why the egg salad is so very yummy: Very very fresh eggs!



## IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY



*We enjoyed having Sarah Veil's daughter, Margaret Mauger, playing together this summer. Margaret is well on her way to becoming a fine bridge player. Her enthusiasm for the game is catching; a joy to be play bridge with.*



*Bob Hannah and grandson Shaw Digby have enjoyed playing together this summer. They had a first place finish and 61% game playing in an open side game at our Regional!*



*Jonathan Friendly's twin grandsons, Atticus and Ezekiel along with their younger brother Jedediah, took the beginning lessons given by Lynne Parker this summer. We hope to see them back soon...maybe competing.*



If you're lucky, really lucky, your husband will turn to Mike Sears for Christmas present ideas. Christmas morning Anne Albrecht and

Melissa Georges unwrapped any bridge player's dream gift - a trip to Florida for three days of private lessons with Marty Bergen. Bidding, play of the hand and partnership agreements, a bridge boot camp. It was fantastic, what a game changer!



Our own, Mike Sears, director, teacher, and past president of the Bridge Center is focusing on teaching in the coming year. Mike's profile can be found on the ACBL website.

## The Bridgersons

Teaching Alice Duplicate Bridge

ALICE, STOP HOVERING OVER THE BIDDING BOX! THEY ARE CALLING YOU "HELICOPTER HARRIET" AT THE CLUB.



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## The Bidding Box

You should not hover over or touch the bidding box until you've decided what bid you want to make. When you move your hand back and forth between possible bids it gives your partner unauthorized information. For example, after you have placed your hand on the bidding cards including the pass card you may not then make a bid in a suit or no-trump as this passes information to your partner that he is not entitled to. It also gives information to your opponents. Remember, decide what you want to bid, pull it out of the box, and place it on the table.

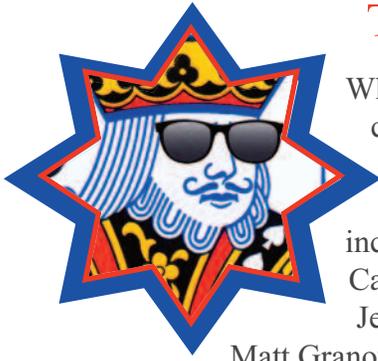


**Happens all the time and it's part of the game – at all levels.**

**...Jim Burt**

During the course of any Duplicate Game, Kitchen Bridge, Chicago, or Marathon Session you and your partner will likely have 1 or 2 or 3 hands where your result was far less than it might have been because of an error by your partner or simply bad breaks. Trying to assign blame at the table is not a good idea; it usually has a negative impact on the partnership causing a loss of confidence and rapport, leading unnecessarily, to further problems. In other situations the opponents get lucky and happen to do something right – or - get a very favorable result after a stupid auction. So what to do?

I suggest you suck it up, write down the score and move on. Any attempt at teaching, criticizing, or complaining will not affect what just happened – and it can only lead to more bad results. The best partnerships in the world don't discuss problems at the table – waiting until well after the Game is over to quietly and non-judgmentally try to figure out what happened during the round that led to the bad result. Perhaps a system problem that needs to be corrected, somebody forgot something, or a lapse in concentration? Happens all the time and it's part of the game – at all levels.



## The Petoskey Regional August 11 - 17 2014

What a great tournament it was!!! The turnout was fabulous. The play was competitive. And the venue was awesome. Overall, 881 tables were played over six full days of play. 517 different players earned a total of 5428 masterpoints. And we were honored to have some of the biggest names in the game join us,

including Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Cappelletti, Michael Seamon, Jerry Helms, Pam Granovetter, Matt Granovetter, Jim Barrow, Larry Mori and others.

Our Petoskey Bridge Club was well represented, both in number and in winnings! Two of our players earned enough gold points to achieve the Life Master ranking. Dave Muzzall and Melissa Georges. Congratulations to both of them. Our club was also well represented by masterpoint winners. The list below details local players earning ten plus (mostly gold) master points. All in all, a fabulous tournament.

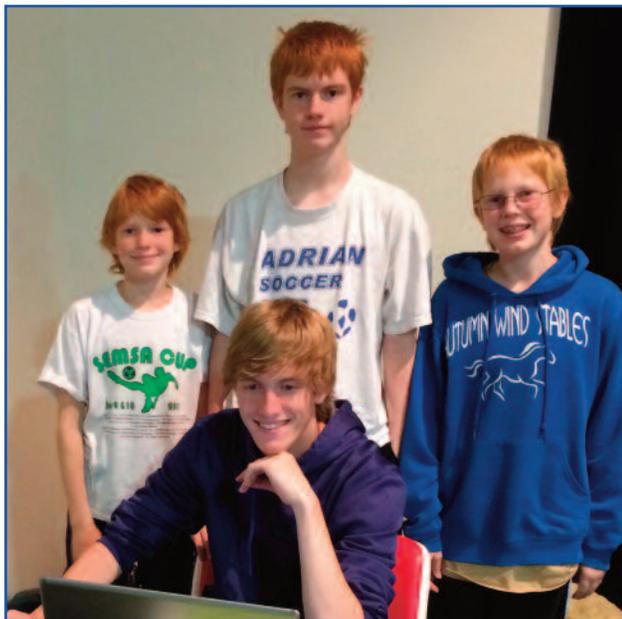
37.93 Linda Roberts, 31.07 Elizabeth Stephen, 28.34 Thomas Beukema, 26.20 Paul Nelson, 26.20 Larry Willis, 22.80 Mark Hess, 21.94 Lynne Parker, 20.16 David Deal, 18.19 Debbie Deal, 17.32 Michael Sears, 17.19 Debbie Sears, 16.76 Marcy Rose, 16.68 Josie Doherty, 15.41 Jane Huff, 15.29 Jerry Kaiser, 14.91 Geoffrey Goldich, 14.78 Peter Cullman, 14.78 Karen Abbott-Quigley, 14.76 Thomas Kennedy, 14.76 Julia Kennedy, 14.29 Jean Hunt, 13.77 Robert Calt, 13.77 Christie McGue, 13.50 Arlene Loca, 13.12 Pamela Ziegel, 12.58 Ginny Braidwood, 12.38 Georgia Pierpont, 11.01 Donald Burkhardt, 11.01 Bernadette Burkhardt, 10.98 Melissa Georges, 10.81 Bob Giddings, 10.81 Amabel James, 10.63 Paul Schneider, 10.62 Anne Albrecht, 10.23 Susan Trimble, 10.23 Bill Trimble



*No distracting this group.*



*Relaxing before a game*



*The Warwick boys, from Adrian Michigan, were once again our wonderful caddies.*



*Betty Stephen and her team was first in a bracket 3 KO*

For getting the fastest results available for District 12 tournaments checkout this website:

<http://bridgefinesse.com/fastresults/D12/#>

# Petoskey Sectional NLM Tournament



The inaugural NLM Sectional in Petoskey was a rousing success. 50 tables in play with 63 players earning 117 points. Big masterpoint winners were: 6.47 Nancy Colbert, 6.47 Joseph Hollis, 5.94 Sarah Veil, 5.94 Martha Treiber, 4.62 Joel Scheitler, 3.19 James Stroud.



*Martha Treiber, Sarah Veil, Joe Hollis and Nancy Colbert, winners in the Sunday Swiss.*



*Making the correct bid...*

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Petoskey NLM Sectional - June 27 & 28**

**The Tip of the Mitt Petoskey Sectional Tournament - September 25-26, 2015**



*Dave Deal, Ann Hyndman, Arlene Loca. (not pictured Jill Soderquist)*

Winners  
of the  
Summer  
PRO-AM



*Jonathan Friendly, Peg Sjoberg, Pat Grams and Larry Willis*



## SAVE THE DATE

**Halloween Pro-Am • Friday • October 31, 2014 • 12:00**

**Bridge Followed by Wine and Cheese**

**Prize for the best costume**

# Change of Rank



NEW LIFE MASTER  
Dave Muzzall

NEW LIFE MASTER  
Melissa Georges



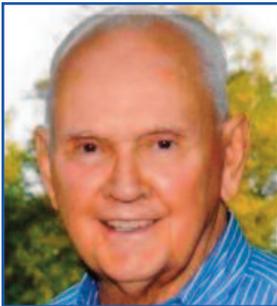
NEW CLUB MASTERS  
Patricia Grannis  
Suzann Sherk

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS  
Adele Sjoberg

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS  
Cheryl Lawton  
Ann Provenz

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS  
Joel Scheitler  
Betsy Willis

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS  
Joe Hollis  
MaryAnn Voorheis



Jack Malstrom, of Traverse City, passed away August 30, 2014. He was a member of the American Contract Bridge League where he achieved the ranking of Gold Life Member, earning over 4200 master points.

Jack played often in Petoskey and was simply one of the favorites of all of us. Whether we were lucky enough to be his partner or simply at the same table, he was always a gentleman, and generously shared his knowledge of bridge. For many of us Jack was our “go to” for any bridge question. He will be dearly missed by all the friends he made at the Bridge Center.

In Memory  
Val Sterzik  
Helen Davis

Formal management of the club resides with a non-profit corporation. Larry Willis is the president. Pam Ziegel is the vice-president. Bernadette Burkhardt, Dave Deal, Joe Hollis, LaVonne Reed, and Mike Sears are board directors as are Larry and Pam. The board has regular and special meetings to conduct its business, and is elected annually at a July meeting of members of the non-profit corporation. Any ACBL member may be a member of the non-profit corporation and participate in the July meeting. Annual dues are \$50 payable prior to July 1.

*All who play at the club are considered club members.  
No annual dues is required.*

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide individuals opportunities to enjoy the competition of an ACBL sanctioned game of duplicate bridge, and opportunities to improve their own skill via play and lessons, while socializing with one another in a welcoming, friendly environment. We recognize the various levels of skill and confidence of our players, and agree that this mission statement applies to the novice/intermediate level players as well as the more experienced.

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