

The 2010 Boulder-Northern Colorado Bridge Challenge

When: Saturday, June 26, 2010

Pairs Game at 9:00 am

Team Game at 1:30 pm

Where: West Boulder Senior Center

Who: Members of Units 359 & 363

Boulder Unit 359 hereby challenges Northern Colorado Unit 363 to a one day, two event duplicate match on **June 26, 2010**. The contest is to be decided by the outcomes of two events, a one session strati-flighted pairs followed by a one session flighted teams.

The contest will be held at the **West Boulder Senior Center, 909 W. Arapahoe Ave., Boulder**. The pairs game will start at 9:00 am and following a lunch break the team game will begin at 1:30. The entry fee will be **\$8.00 per person per session**. As the break between sessions will be no longer than one hour, Unit 359 will provide a catered lunch.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Bill Michael will direct the event. The Event Coordinators are Karen Renne for Unit 359 and Dick and Marge Webster for Unit 363. The Coordinators will plan, organize and conduct the event. During the contest they will be jointly responsible for resolving any issues concerning management of the event.

Participants must either be current ACBL members of Units 363 or 359, or be active players in local clubs within the unit boundaries. Members of units other than unit 363 or 359 are not eligible to participate, except in an emergency and with the consent of the Event Coordinators. Eligibility and stratum assignment will be based upon the unit membership rosters supplied by the ACBL.

Those wishing to participate in the challenge must **register between March 1 and June 15, 2010**. Registration sheets will be available in all club and unit sponsored games, or by contacting one of the Event Coordinators. Registration is by Pairs and/or Teams of Four. A player wishing to play in both events must register with his or her partner and team mates for both events. A player may participate in one or both events. The flight or stratum of a pair or team is determined by their ACBL masterpoint holdings as of June 1, 2010. The flight or stratum of a pair or team is determined by the person with the highest number of masterpoints.

Registration for either event does not guarantee participation. If more pairs or teams register than can be accommodated by the pre-determined flight and stratum sizes, the number of actual participants will be determined using the average percentage score of each player in all club and unit games played in their home unit during the sign-up period. Those pairs or teams with the

highest average will be selected to participate. Those just missing the cut will be designated as alternates should a pair or team become unable to play.

Each Unit Coordinator will provide the Director with a roster of participants for each event. The roster will identify all of the pairs and teams and each person's masterpoint holding as of June 1, 2010. The roster will also include lists of alternate pairs and teams that would be willing to play. A player not listed as an alternate may participate as a last minute substitute only with the approval of the Director and the opposing Event Coordinator. The Director will use the rosters to set up the seeding, boards, and game movements prior to the event.

The competition will be played over two sessions and each session could have either three or four separate player strata or flights. Each pair stratum must have at least eight pairs per club and each team flight must have at least four teams per club. Depending on the number of participants, the field will consist of either 24 total tables per event (with three strata/ flights) or 32 total tables per event (with four strata/flights) for either pairs or teams.

Although ACBL masterpoints will be awarded, ACBL scoring will not be a factor in determining the winner of the overall Boulder-Northern Colorado Bridge Challenge. The winner of the Challenge Match will be determined by "Challenge Points". To win the challenge, a club must amass more than ½ of the total Challenge Points. Challenge point award scales will depend upon the number of tables in play (either 24 or 32 total tables in each event). The total number of Challenge Points winnable in the pairs and the teams will be the same so that the pairs and teams contests contribute equally to the overall result. Since there are twice as many pairs competing as teams, the award for the top team equals the total award for the top two placers in pairs.

The Director will have the final authority to determine the overall winner. The Director is in charge of all aspects of play once a session has begun. ACBL rules for appeals will be followed if a Director ruling is appealed.

Each player must have available a legible convention card that matches his or her partner's card.

Pagers, cell phones and other electronic equipment are not allowed during the contest. Violations of this policy will result in a penalty decided by the Director.

ACBL maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding negative and inappropriate behavior at the bridge table. All players are expected to conform to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. All contestants and visitors are expected to abide by these rules. The Director may impose a penalty on any player who does not conform to these rules.

Any questions or comments should be directed to one of the Event Coordinators:

Unit 363 ... Dick and Marge Webster (970-635-9417 ... e-mail: rweb233802@Q.com)

Unit 359 ... Karen Renne (303-499-1559 ... e-mail: karenrenne@att.net).