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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

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April 2016

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Vicki Hamende

We all love playing bridge, even when it aggravates us!

Wonder what's happening BEHIND the scenes? **LOTS!**

ON THE PHONE: Volunteers are contacting new players to find out what Unit 363 can do to welcome them to our bridge community and make their playing experiences fun and pleasant. Volunteers are also calling players to update our bridge directory. Want to help?

ON THE WEBSITE: John Wolf and Doug Watt are teaming to add more cool stuff to our popular website. Watch for more photos and club news as well as bridge tips and info about "the next big things."



IN THE CLASSROOM:

- ❖ Dick Webster and John Wolf will teach a Beginning Bridge 2 Class at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays from April 6th – May 24th at All Saints Episcopal Church in Loveland. This follows the popular Beginning Bridge 1 Class they offered earlier in the year.
- ❖ Burke Snowden taught a course for new directors at the end of February. Several players have just become or are studying to become new directors.

- ❖ Neil Petrie is meeting with a group of players to help them understand and practice the 2/1 system.
- ❖ Nila Hobbs and Marilyn Pultz continue to offer classes primarily aimed at beginning and intermediate players.
- ❖ Connie Robertson is hoping to teach beginning bridge classes.
- ❖ The Learn Bridge In A Day (LBIAD) duo, John Wolf and John Grossmann, have been called to the Boulder unit to teach a LBIAD class there on May 21st.
- ❖ (If you're teaching or taking any other classes, please let us know!)

ON THE CALENDAR: "The Longest Day," a bridge fundraising effort to benefit Alzheimer's research and treatment, takes place June 20th. Stay tuned to hear how our unit will participate.

IN THE NEWS: Congratulations to Susy Smith, and Karie Willyerd, Unit 363's newest life masters, and to Robyn Leming, the unit's newest director. Robyn, by the way, will be taking over the Thursday night Ace of Clubs game from Burke Snowden sometime in May.

ON THE FRONT BURNER:

- ❖ For our Summer/Fall Sectional September 2nd through September 4th, we're encouraging out-of-towners to stick around on Labor Day to visit such places as Old Town, Rocky Mountain National Park, the Sculpture Garden, local bistros, and breweries.
- ❖ The flyer for the tournament makes it clear that the unit wants to include web movements, 26-28 boards in ALL pairs' sessions, and seven rounds of eight boards per round in the Sunday Swiss Teams game for ALL players.

ON THE BACK BURNER: If Unit 363 were to offer a **NON-LIFE-MASTER REGIONAL** tournament, local and area players would have the opportunity to win GOLD points in their own backyard. We might be able to piggyback such a tournament with one of our regular sectionals. The Phoenix unit is hosting such an event in October. Might be fun to check it out!

IN THE MEANTIME: Watch out because we'll be taking attendance at our monthly unit games! The May game will be our last one with Burke Snowden at the helm. Can't imagine why he'd want to leave us to go to a prestigious university!



RESULTS & SCHEDULES

UNIT GAME REPORT

By Larry Matheny

Twenty-one teams faced the cold weather to compete in our January Unit game. In February we had 21 tables, and in March there were 22 tables. Here are the winners:

January GNT Qualifying Game

	A	B	C
Larry Matheny, Bob Sherman, Gary Green, Michael Perlman	1		
Barbara Meier, M. Gutschenritter, Bill Stoltey, Joe Pieper	2		
Beth McGregor, Larry Hulse, Toni Swanson, Larry Mason	3	1	
Roger Miller, Patricia Miller, Ed Yosses, Andrea Johnson		2	
John Krueger, Marcia Christopher Lloyd Parker, Suzy Fallon		3	
Robin Elliott, Greg Newcomb Mary Groh, Tim Neibauer			1
Robyn Leming, Connie Robertson, Catherine Meng, John Wolf		2	

February Unit Open Game

	A	B	C
Jon Gustafson– Rhonda Huser	1		
Barb Meir – Joe Pieper	2		
B. Gustafson – Marlene Aranci	3		
Mel Rueppel – Bill Darden		1	
Frank DeMeyer – J. Blankinship		2	
Bill Dorin – Russell Beers		3	
Lee Bennett – June Kissock			1
Nancy Gorman – Joe Gorman			2
T. Schwarzkopf – Clint Black			3

March Unit Game

	A	B	C
Joe Pieper – Marty Gutschenritter	1		
Mel Rueppel – Bill Darden	2	1	
Stephanie Angus – Ruth Boothe	3	2	1
Zoel Martinson – Burney Tate		3	
Glynn Sisson – Priscilla Sisson			2
Connie Roberson – Earl Edwards			3



Our Next Unit Games

The following Unit-sponsored events are coming up in the next few months at our playing site at the **Christ United Methodist Church at 301 East Drake in Fort Collins.**

Spring Swiss Teams Championship

Date – Saturday April 16, 2016

Time – **Game at 1:30**, no lesson

Entry Fee – \$7/person each session

STAC Pairs Two Single Sessions

Date – Saturday, May 14, 2016

Time – 9:30, ~ 1:45

Entry Fee – \$7/person per session

Pizza, salad, and soft drinks for \$6 per person will be served between sessions.

World-Wide Pairs Game

Date – Saturday, June 4, 2016

Time – Lesson at noon, game at 1:00

Entry fee - \$8/person

You will receive an excellent booklet containing a thorough hand analysis.

July North American Pairs Qualifier

Date – Saturday, July 16, 2016

Time – Lesson at noon, game at 1:00

Entry Fee - \$7/person



Know Someone Who Needs an “Introduction to Duplicate Bridge”?

If so, you're in luck! Unit 363 offers quarterly “Intro to Duplicate” events at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, in the Foxtail Room. The next one is set for 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 24th. These informal games are perfect for folks who know how to play some bridge but would like to learn more about the competitive “duplicate” side of it. **Please spread the word!** Questions? Direct them to Vicki Hamende, vickihamende@gmail.com, or 970-219-9355.



2016 WINTER SECTIONAL

Our Northern Colorado Winter Sectional welcomed 239 tables. Congratulations go to all who helped and a special "job well done" to co-chairs John Wolf and Glynn Sisson. They did a great job of organizing, coordinating, and finding members to help. Hart and Teresa Renger along with David and Sharon Clemens took care of partnerships. The Steve Turner Memorial Trophy awarded to the unit member winning the most masterpoints was won by Marty Gutschenritter. Here are the tournament results followed by the top 50 masterpoint winners.

Friday Morning 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 1 Elaine Ennis – Randell Harrison
- 2 Richard Munday – Anne Munday
- 3 2 2 **Teresa Renger – Nancy Crow**

Friday Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 Don Heitler – Anita Heitler
- 2 1 1 Michael Houlik – Spencer Carr
- 3 Nancy Rossbach – Bonnie Janzen
- 2 **Marcia Christopher – Larry Hulse**
- 3 Robert Lupton – Belinda Rust
- 2 Phyllis Coelho – Michael Cooperman
- 3 Yvonne Quintal – Marlene Bradley

Friday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 1 Elaine Ennis – Randell Harrison
- 2 2 Jerry Eagleston – Patricia Stuehler
- 3 3 **Beverly Loehrke – Jeanette Perich**
- 2 Barbara Schwartz – Susan Lowe
- 3 Ginny Gamble – Donna Agee

Saturday Morning Side Game

A B C

- 1 1 Barbara Yoshimura – Maud Greer
- 2 2 **Beth McGregor – Jane Boulter**
- 3 **John Wolf – John Grossmann**
- 1 **Jim Allen – Harriett Allen**
- 1 Lorry Cashett – Donna Rasmussen

Saturday Morning 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 1 **Louis Jurado – Bruce Preston**
- 2 2 Jerry Morgan – Linda Peri
- 3 3 Jerry Eagleston – Patricia Stuehler
- 2 Virginia Johnson – Paula Boyd
- 3 **Steve Keen – Carol Leweling**

Saturday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 **Linda Meininger – Sharon Stuart**
- 2 2 Jerry Eagleston – Patricia Stuehler
- 3 3 1 Denise Pierre – Courtney Percy
- 2 William Easter Jr. – Barbara Easter
- 3 **Pat Macallister – Lucille Steiner**

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 **Marty Gutschenritter – Joe Pieper**
- 2 Flo Newlin – Cal Newlin
- 3 Allen Kane – En Hay
- 1 Robert Lupton – Belinda Rust
- 2 1 **Florence Liittjohann – Jan Green**
- 3 Robert Vetter - Sheryl Siegel
- 2 **Eric Kronwall – Fiona Freeseaman**
- 3 Jenny Glendinning - Timothy Auckland

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

A B C

- 1 1 1 **John Wolf – Naomi Cartwright**
- 2 2 2 Jeffrey Braucher - Amy Chalifoux

Sunday Strati-flighted A/X Teams

A X

- 1 Spencer Jones, Peggy Ware, Brad Moss, Garth Yettick
- 2 Don Heitler, Anita Heitler, Jeff Holigan, Patricia Norman
- 3 1 Belinda Rust, George Becker, Robert Lupton, Charles Reed
- 2 Joe Pieper, **Martin Gutschenritter**
- Stella O'Neill, Bob Solick**
- 3 Robert McKenzie, Robert Vetter, Carolyn Eisen, Sheryl Siegel

Sunday Strati-flighted B/C Teams

B C D

- 1 Michael Jalving, David Porter,
Elenor Larson, Curtis Castleman
2 1 Michael Lee Stabler, Robin Elliott,
Gregory Newcomb, Eve Davenport
3 **Larry Hulse - Beth McGregor,**
Jane Boulter, Marcia Christopher

Sunday Strati-flighted B/C Teams (cont)

B C D

- 2 **Hart Renger, Billy Pirkle,**
Bob Link, Al Walsh
3 Laura Thomson, Myra Ricketson
Judy Helfer, Diane McKinley
1 **Robyn Leming, Connie Robertson,**
Catherine Meng, Earl Edwards
2 Raymond Cole, Elizabeth Cole,
Marie Grohm, Timothy Niebauer

TOP FIFTY MASTERPOINT WINNERS

- 1 31.15 Don Heitler
2 31.15 Anita Heitler
3 29.61 Joseph Pieper
4 **26.17 Marty Gutschenritter**
5 19.65 Robert Lupton
6 19.65 Belinda Rust
7 16.25 Flo Newlin
8 16.25 Cal Newlin
9 16.17 Spencer Jones
10 16.17 Peggy Ware
11 13.76 Carol Ward,
12 13.44 En Hay
13 13.44 Allen Kane
14 13.43 Patricia Norman
15 13.43 Jeffrey Holligan
16 12.65 Garth Yettick
17 12.65 Brad Moss
18 12.62 Nancy Rassbach
19 **12.21 Larry Hulse**
20 12.20 Spencer Carr
21 12.20 Michael Houli
22 **11.73 Marcia Christopher**
23 **10.31 John Krueger**
24 **10.31 Billie Turner**
25 9.34 Donald Boyarsk

- 26 9.20 Bonnie Janzen
27 9.14 Loie West
28 9.14 David Warner
29 8.79 Robert Vetter
30 8.43 Robert Sherman
31 **8.43 Larry Matheny**
32 **8.25 Barb Meier**
33 7.53 Sheryl Siegel
34 7.12 George Becker
35 7.12 Charles Reed
36 6.39 Susan Grauer
37 6.39 Michael Zeitlin
38 5.72 Michael Jalving
39 5.72 Eleanor Larson
40 5.72 David Porter
41 5.72 Curtis Castleman
42 **5.53 Jan Green**
43 **5.53 Florence Liittjohann**
44 **5.34 Neil Petrie**
45 **5.34 Greg Herman**
46 5.14 Robert McKenzie
47 5.10 Patricia Stuehler
48 5.10 Jerry Eggleston
49 **4.89 Jane Boulter**
50 **4.89 Beth McGregor**



2016 SUMMER SECTIONAL

NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363

2016 SUMMER SECTIONAL

Sep 2-4, 2016

**Thomas M. McKee Building at
The Ranch**

Hot lunch between sessions Sunday

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEP 2

STRATIFIED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE SESSION.....10:00
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION.....10:00

STRATIFIED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE SESSION.....3:00
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION.....3:00

CHAMPIONSHIPS: A = 2000+; B = 750-2000; C = 0-750
299'ERS: D=150-300; E=50-150; F=0-50

SATURDAY, SEP 3

STRATIFIED PAIRS 10:00 & 3:00
A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
STRATIFIED 299ER PAIRS 10:00 & 3:00
D: 200 - 300 E: 100 - 200 F: 0 - 100

SUNDAY, SEP 4

STRATI-FLIGHTED (OR ROUND-ROBIN) SWISS TEAMS

10:00 & TBA

A: 3000+X: 0-3000
B: 1250 - 2000 C: 750 - 1250
D: 0 - 750

Short break, hot lunch, and dessert between sessions

ENTRY FEES

\$10 per player per session
\$104 per team Sunday (includes hot lunch and dessert)
Rookies (0-5 points) play free on Friday in a single session
(Additional \$3 if non-ACBL member)

PARTNERSHIPS

Every effort will be made to accommodate
timely requests for partners. Please contact:
Hart & Teresa Renger, 207-1938, trenger@comcast.net

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2015 ACE OF CLUBS & MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

These two annual contests recognize the members in our Unit who won the most masterpoints in club games and in all events. Here are the winners for 2015:

<u>ACE OF CLUBS</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>MINI-MCKENNEY</u>
Earl Edwards	0-5	Earl Edwards
Connie Robertson	5-20	Connie Robertson
Sharon Clemens	20-50	Helga Teehan
Nancy Crow	50-100	Nancy Crow
Burney Tate	100-200	Robyn Leming
Ardyce Cronin	200-300	John Wolf
Bob Link	300-500	Suzy Fallon
Frank DeMeyer	500-1,000	Greg Herman
Marty Gutshenritter	1,000-2,500	Marty Gutschenritter
Larry Matheny	2,500-5,000	Larry Matheny



MASTERPOINT RANKS

The following rules are used by the ACBL to determine the rank of its members. Some of these ranks have different qualifications depending on when you joined the organization, but our space limitations do not allow us to show all of the variations. Please go to ACBL.ORG for more detailed information.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MASTERPOINTS EARNED</u>
Rookie	0-5
Junior Master	5+
Club Master	20+ (At least 5 black)
Sectional Master	50 (at least 10 black and 5 silver)
Regional Master	100 (at least 15 black, 15 silver, and 5 red, gold/platinum)
NABC Master	200 (at least 20 black, 25 silver, 20 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 5 must be gold or platinum)
Life Master	500 (at least 75 black, 75 silver, 100 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 25 must be gold/platinum)
Bronze Life Master	A Life Master with 750
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 (at least 200 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 (at least 300 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 (at least 500 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 (at least 700 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 350 must be gold or platinum)

Our Unit has a good mix of players spread very nicely from the Rookie category up through the Sapphire Life Master rank. Here is the breakdown of our 289 members:

<u>RANK</u>	<u># MEMBERS</u>
Rookie	49
Junior Master	28
Club Master	23
Sectional Master	27
Regional Master	37
NABC Master	15
Adv. NABC Master	1
Life Master	20
Bronze Life Master	49
Silver Life Master	19
Ruby Life Master	11
Gold Life Master	6
Sapphire Life Master	4



BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

By Larry Matheny

Several years ago expert Larry Cohen created a list of conventions he thought were the most valuable for his students. He placed them in the order in which he felt they should be adopted by new players. Many experts might place them in a different order, but most would agree they each serve a useful function. For example, I would rank Drury much higher, and I also find Lebensohl to be very important. I think New Minor Forcing is certainly needed, but Unusual NT/Michaels bids are severely abused and I would place them lower in the ranking.

The important thing is to learn the entire convention before you and your partner agree to use it.

1. Stayman
2. Blackwood
3. Negative Doubles
4. Jacoby Transfers
5. 4th Suit Game Forcing
6. Method against opponents' 1NT openers
7. Weak jumps in competition
8. 2NT ask after partner's weak 2-bids
9. Unusual NT/Michaels
10. New Minor Forcing
11. Jacoby 2NT
12. Support Doubles
13. Lebensohl
14. Drury
15. Inverted Minors
16. Splinters



MILESTONES

Masterpoint Milestones

Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints

Pat Macallister
Shay Elkner
Helen Slaughter

Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints

Mary Bopp
Louis Jurado
Kathleen O'Neil

Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints

Linda Langer
Connie Robertson

NABC Master – 200 Masterpoints

Hart Renger
Sharon Stuart

Life Master – 300 masterpoints

Karie Willyerd
Susy Smith

Bronze Life Master – 500 Masterpoints

Michael Innis

Silver Life Master – 1000 Masterpoints

Jasper Brundege
Bill Darden

Big Games (Jan –Mar 2016)

Jan 13 70.14% Toni Swanson – Liz Varra
Feb 3 74.68% Sharon & David Clemens
Feb 15 72.25% M. Gutschenritter- B. Meier
Feb 23 70.97% Neil Petrie – B. Gustafson
Feb 25 70.83% Hart Renger – B. Loehrke
Mar 7 79.81% Jim Zuboy – Bill Stoltey
Mar 30 70.30% Gladys Agan – Adele Benter

Transferred Into Our Unit

Teresa Fraas from Denver
Ladonna Palm from Tucson

New Members

Jim Bolam
Phyllis Easley
Holly Field
Bridget Fraser
MJ Olinger
Kathleen McBride
Roger Sorge
Ellen Switzer
Cornelia Winters
Donald Winters
Diane Adams
Karri Ham
Sheryl Healy
Kathleen Loken



CLUB CORNER

Fort Collins

Daytime Duplicate Bridge Club

Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive

Marlene Aranci---223-0046---Mon-12:30---Open

Choice City Duplicate Bridge Club

Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive

Marlene Aranci---223-0046---Mon-12:30---Open

Fort Collins Duplicate Players Club

Community of Christ Church, 220 East Oak

Dawn Foltz -204-1952--Wed-6:30—Teams 1st Wed

The Ace of Clubs-----0-500 Game

Christ United Methodist Church, 301 E. Drake

Burke Snowden--223-4088—Thurs-6:30

Teams – 3rd Thurs of even-numbered months

Senior Center Duplicate (non-ACBL sanctioned)

Mark Spaeth--669-7329--Fri-11:30--Standby Partner

Loveland

Loveland Bridge Club

All Saints Episcopal Church, 3448 N. Taft

John Wolf--303-810-4902--Wed-12:30--0-99

Greeley

The Greeley Clubs

Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street

John Grossmann-----719-223-9464

Wed---12:30---Open, Sat---12:30----Open

Estes Park

Estes Park Duplicate Club

Methodist Church, 1509 Fish Hatchery Road

John Krueger--577-0657--Mon-1:00, Fri-1:00

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