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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Vicki Hamende

WOWZA (Surprisingly amazing – oh my gosh – out of the ordinary!)

That's Unit 363!

Here's a **WOWZIE**: The **NYPD** (Newer/Younger Player Development) Committee has planned a Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) event for October 1st at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Collins. (Last year we hosted three successful LBIAD classes that resulted in a new bridge club for 0-99ers!) Wanna help? Say so! Watch for ads about the course in the local newspapers and help spread the word to friends curious about bridge. The **NYPD** is also organizing follow-up bridge opportunities for LBIAD graduates to further excite them about playing bridge. Check the "Player's Corner" on our website (northerncoloradobridge.com) to see *whassup* for beginners, such as informal mentoring, a new four-week course on the basics, EasyBridge fun, and senior center classes. Wanna join the **NYPD**? Say so!

ELECTION WOWZIES: Being a member of the Unit 363 Board of Directors is hard work! We look for people who want to pitch in and make a difference. This year's election takes place during our annual meeting at the October 15th two-session unit game. Each year we have four openings on the eight-member board. This year, members Glynn Sisson and Marcia Christopher **are not** running for re-election, and we thank them for their service. Vicki Hamende and Dawn Foltz **are** running for re-election. The four members of the board who are not up for re-election are Doug Watt, John Wolf, Nancy Crow, and Rhonda Huser.

- A three-member nominating committee sought candidates interested in filling the open spots. The committee's slate consists of Trudy Owen, Dawn Foltz, Larry Hulse, and Vicki Hamende.
- Additional nominations can be made in writing to me up to 10 days before our October 15th annual meeting.
- Watch for candidate statements on our website.

- If you can't attend our October 15th unit game, you can submit an absentee ballot prior to that via email, snail mail, or personal delivery to Board Secretary Marcia Christopher. If you're not voting by email, enclose your ballot in an envelope with your name on it.

The next big **WOWZIE**: Mark your calendar for our annual Falling Leaves 299er Sectional Tournament November 5th at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Collins. This popular event showcases our Northern Colorado hospitality – fun bridge, prizes, awards, trophies, and goodies galore! Wanna help? Say so to tournament chair John Wolf.

Speaking of John Wolf, he's a **WOWZER** in his own right. District 17 has honored him as a 2016 "**Goodwill Ambassador**." He's a member of the board of directors, chairs all our sectionals, runs his own 0-99 bridge club in Loveland, teaches lessons, serves on committees, has visions for the future of our bridge community, and loves the game! Our thanks to the district for recognizing him. He's a Unit 363 treasure!

Speaking of **WOWZERS**, Burke Snowden has been named the 2016 "**King of Bridge**" by the ACBL Education Foundation. Congratulations to His Highness! Educational Foundation President Barbara Heller noted, "**Burke** is a fine example of everything needed to be successful in life. He worked hard at learning the game and fostered that love for the game into a way to give back to all beginning players around him. The passion he exhibits for bridge will propel him to success in all of his future endeavors. **Burke** is a great and respectful young man." Rumor has it that **Burke** has named one unit member as "Duchess of Diamonds." Now's the time to beg for a spot in his court!

Congratulations to **Burke**, again, and to **Greg Foltz**, **Dawn Foltz**, and **Greg Herman** for representing District 17 in the Grand National Teams finals in Washington, D.C., in July.

Fiona Freeseman and **Kate Yates** placed 73rd in the world in the June World Wide Pairs game! **Earl Edwards** and **Burney Tate**, by the way, scored a 75.83 percent win at club game in June, and Dawn Foltz and Neil Petrie achieved a 78.03 percent at a club game in August.

Here's a big **WOWZIE**: Membership in our unit grew by 16 percent in the past year, way above the district total of 7.52 percent and the ACBL total of 7.04 percent. Let's hope the upcoming **LBIAD** event helps continue that trend.

The average age of Unit 363 members is 71.44 years old. *Whassup* with that? The average overall age of ACBL members is 71.70. Many of us learned to play bridge when we were kids. Guess we should be teaching the game to our grandkids. The average age of Cheyenne players, by the way, is just 68.40. (Something in the water?)

A future **WOWZIE**: Our January 27, 28, and 29, 2017, Northern Colorado Winter Sectional Tournament. Wanna co-chair future sectionals? It's a huge job that requires lotsa helpers. Ask around and you'll realize that many of your fellow bridge members have already taken their turn. Now it's up to you.

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UNIT GAME REPORT

The Unit games continue to be successful. Fourteen teams braved the snow to play in April, and 42 tables played in the two-session May event. There were 19 tables in June and 24 1/2 in July. The August game welcomed 22 1/2 tables. Here is a summary of the results.

April Swiss Team Championship

	A	B	C
Robin Elliott, Greg Newcomb, Tim Niebauer, Marie Groh	1	1	1
Rena Hansch, John Worley, Doug Watt, Norman Watt	2	2	
Rhonda Huser, Larry Hulse, Larry Mason, Toni Swanson	3	3	
Hart Renger, James Pirkle, Lloyd Parker, Susan Fallon			2

May Championship

	A	B	C
Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy	1		
Vicki Thomas – Perry Avery	2		
John Grossman-John Tippet	3		
Rhonda Huser – Larry Hulse		1	
M. Christopher – Sherry Phillips		2	
Phyllis Quick – Doris Manfull		3	1
P. Pietenpol – Sherrie Cornwell			2
Marie Groh – Tim Niebauer			3

June World Wide Pairs

	A	B	C
Fiona Freeseman – Kate Yates	1	1	
Tim Niebauer – Marie Groh	2	2	1
Marty & Judy Gutschenritter	3	3	
Jim Bolam – Jean Schreiber			2
Glynn Sisson – Priscilla Sisson			3

July Pairs Championship

	A	B	C
Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy	1		
Neil Petrie– Larry Hulse	2		
Marlene Aranci – Ruth Logan	3	1	
M. Christopher- Sherry Phillips		2	
Gladys Agan – Marsha Effner		3	
Bruce Preston – Louis Jurado			1
Catherine Meng – C. Robertson			2
Robin Elliott – Greg Newcomb			3

August Pairs STaC Championship

North-South	A	B	C
Eve Davenport – Diane Mayer	1	1	
Beth McGregor – Jane Boulter	2	2	
Larry Matheny – Bob Sherman	3		
Marg. Hartman – June Kissock		3	1
Linda Meininger – Sharon Stuart			2
Glynn Sisson – Priscilla Sisson			3

East – West	A	B	C
Lloyd Parker – Susan Fallon	1	1	1
John Tippet – Toni Swanson	2	2	
Kristi & James Endelicato	3	3	
Robyn Leming - Karie Willyerd			2
Alfred Katzman – Jim Rattmann			3

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2016 SUMMER SECTIONAL

This year's Summer Sectional was a success. 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. Marcia Christopher won the trophy awarded to the unit member winning the most masterpoints. Here is a summary of the tournament results followed by the top 50 masterpoint winners.

Friday Morning 299'er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Mark Burton – Jennifer Burton
2	2	2	**Susan Lowe – Dana Fritz**
3	3		**Bernie Tate – Earl Edwards**
		3	**Lucille Steiner – Pat Macallister**

Friday 2-Session Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Allen Kane – En Hay
2			Jeanne Gray – Jean Hupka
3	1	1	Spencer Carr – Michael Houlik
	2		William Ashbee – Nettie Ashbee
	3	2	Stuart Davis – Ravi Batra
		3	Barbara Yoshimura – Deb Laut

Friday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		Mark Burton – Jennifer Burton
2	2		**Susan Lowe – Dana Fritz**
2	2		**Chris Pisciotta – Mary Bopp**
	3	**1**	**Arlene Connell – Shay Eikner**
		2	Carol Jacks – Michelle Stansbury

Saturday Morning 299'er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		Greg Newcomb – Robin Elliott
2	2		Peter Divine – Mitzi Moore
3	3		Linda Peri – Jerry Morgan
		1	**Arlene Connell – Shay Eikner**
		2	**Jim Bolam – Jean Schreiber**
		3	**Clint Black – Tom Schwartzkopf**

Saturday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Carol Jacks – Michelle Stansbury
2	2	2	Stephen Smith – David Smith
3	3		Peter Divine – Mitzi Moore
		3	J. Hammersmith –Michael Hoolihan

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Flo Newlin – Cal Newlin
2			Don Little – Don Patterson
3	**1**		**Bill Darden – Marcia Christopher**
	2		Robert Lipton – Belinda Rust
	3		Chuck Goudey – Tim Watson
		1	John Hart – Rick Clelland
		2	John Tocher- Susan Schweppe
		3	**Fiona Freeseman – Eric Kronwall**

Sunday Strati-flighted A/X Teams

A	X	
1		Allan Kane, En Hay, Don Vancil, Chuck Henke
2		Anne Brenner, David Caprera, Varis Carey, **Greg Herman**
3	1	Tom Monikowski, Carol Ward Lian Monikowski, Jeanne Gray
	2	Scott Needham, Jean Hupka, Marty Freedman, Ellen Freedman
	3	Clint Heiple, Kate Yates **Greg Foltz – Dawn Foltz**

Sunday Strati-flighted B/C Teams

B	C	D	
1			Bill Hendrick, William Jeffers, Barb Yoshimura, Maude Greer
2	**1**	**1**	**Earl Edwards, Connie Robertson, John Wolf, Catherine Meng**
3			Spencer Carr, Michael Houlik, **Sherry Phillips, Marcia Christopher**
	2		Don Tocher, Ray Hedberg, Michael Hupka, Rosemary Getsie
	3		Robin Elliott, Gregory Newcomb, Sally Ann Rhea, Eve Davenport
		2	Jane Haflich, Jean Miller, M. Tibbetts, Renee Hardacre
		3	**Glynn Sisson, Priscilla Sisson, Alaeldin Rachid, Nancy Crow**

TOP FIFTY MASTERPOINT WINNERS

Total masterpoints: 820.30 earned by 243 players.
Total attendance: 214 tables

1	28.78	En Hay
2	28.78	Allen Kane
3	21.26	Jeanne Gray
4	16.02	Don Patterson
5	16.02	Don Little
6	15.71	Flo Newlin
7	15.71	Cal Newlin, Jr.
8	15.17	Jean Hupka
9	13.87	Carol Ward
10	12.63	Donald Vancil
11	12.63	Chuck Henke
12	12.41	Scott Needham
13	11.22	Spencer Carr
14	11.22	Michael Houlik
15	**10.84**	**Marcia Christopher**
16	**10.45**	**Gregory Foltz**
17	**10.45**	**Dawn Foltz**
18	8.87	Varis Carey
19	**8.87**	**Gregory Herman**
20	8.87	David Caprera
21	8.87	Anne Brenner
22	8.22	Robert Lupton
23	8.22	Belinda Rust
24	7.99	Katelin Yates
25	7.97	Roger Pennell
26	7.97	Jonathan Hellman
27	**7.93**	**Bill Darden**
28	7.11	Barbara Yoshimura
29	6.65	Tom Monikowski
30	6.65	Lian Monikowski
31	**6.21**	**Earl Edwards**
32	6.16	Timothy Watson
33	5.95	Richard Berger
34	5.94	Wesley Suzuki
35	5.94	Bette Suzuki
36	**5.93**	**John Wolf**
37	**5.83**	**Martin Gutschenritter**
38	5.82	Donald Boyarsky
39	5.77	William Jeffers
40	5.77	Bill Hendrick
41	5.70	Hachy Pennell
42	5.31	Don Tocher
43	5.23	Kevin Dunn
44	5.18	Maud Greer
45	4.99	Shirley Scott
46	4.99	Fred Herring
47	4.76	Robert Vetter
48	4.76	Robert McKenzie
49	4.72	Ellen Freedman
50	4.62	Chuck Goudey

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COMING EVENTS

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

September Swiss Teams Championship
Event: One-Session GNT Qualifier
Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016
Starting Time: Lesson: noon, Game: 1:00
Entry fee: $7/person

October Election Game
Event: Two-Session Unit Pairs
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016
Starting Times: 9:30 & 1:30
Entry Fee: $7/person per session

November Pairs Championship
Event: One-Session Unit Game
Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016
Starting Time: Lesson: noon, Game: 1:00
Entry fee: $7/person

December Holiday Party
Event: Two-Session Unit Championship
Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016
Starting Times: 9:30 & 1:30
Entry fee: $ To Be Determined.

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299er Sectional Tournament to be held Nov 5th

The annual one-day Falling Leaves 299er Sectional tournament will take place Saturday, November 5, 2016, at Christ United Methodist Church at 301 East Drake in Fort Collins. The format will be 2 one-session pairs' games starting at 9:30 and 1:30. A box lunch will be available between sessions, and coffee and snacks will be on hand during the day. This tournament will award **Silver Masterpoints** to winners. Details are available on our website (NorthernColoradoBridge.com) and on flyers at your local club. Please put this on your calendar and contact Chairman John Wolf for additional information. The partnership chairperson is Robyn Leming.

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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 players joined the organization, but our space limitations do not allow us to show all the variations. Please go to ACBL.ORG for more detailed information.

TITLE	MASTERPOINTS EARNED
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)
Advanced NABC Master	300 (at least 50 black, 50 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 25 must be gold/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 297 members:

RANK	# MEMBERS
Rookie	53
Junior Master	33
Club Master	24
Sectional Master	26
Regional Master	39
NABC Master	15
Adv. NABC Master	1
Life Master	20
Bronze Life Master	46
Silver Life Master	19
Ruby Life Master	10
Gold Life Master	6
Sapphire Life Master	3

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RESPONDING TO A TAKE-OUT DOUBLE

By Larry Matheny

While you and your partner may usually reach the right contract when you have the auction to yourselves, the opponents often make the first bid. One of the most valuable tools you can employ is the TAKE-OUT DOUBLE.

Here are some guidelines for responding to partner's take-out double:

OPP	PARD	OPP	YOU
1♣	DBL	P	?

Non-jump in new suit	0-8 points, usually a 4+ card suit
Jump in new suit	9-11 points, non-forcing, a 4+ card suit
Cue bid of opp. suit	12+, forcing
1NT	7-10 points, stopper in opponents' suit
2NT	11-13 points, stopper(s) in opponents' suit, invitational
Pass	Strong holding in opponent's suit; asks for a trump lead

Here are some exercises:

OPP	PARD	OPP	YOU
1♥	DBL	P	?

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
♠J976	♠6	♠J97	♠J8
♥632	♥632	♥Q10932	♥KJ98
♦5	♦A10765	♦87	♦K1076
♣K10872	♣Q765	♣832	♣J73

(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
♠632	♠KQ53	♠AK76	♠7
♥Q63	♥75	♥8763	♥KQJ1083
♦A106	♦A1076	♦5	♦K65
♣Q542	♣854	♣KQ97	♣Q97

a) **1♠** Help locate a major suit fit.

b) **2♦** Bid your best suit.

c) **1♠** A poor choice, but the least of evils. Your hand isn't strong enough for a 1NT bid, and your hearts are too weak for a penalty pass.

d) **1NT** If your side should have the values for game, it is much more likely to be in no-trump than in diamonds, and you are just strong enough for constructive 1NT response.

e) **2♣** Your hearts probably won't be an adequate stopper opposite partner's implied shortness. You should also discount the poorly placed heart queen.

f) **2♠** Jump to show a hand worth 9-11 points.

g) **2♥** Game is probable, especially since none of your values are wasted in hearts, so cue-bid to show at least 12 points. If partner now bids 2♠, bid 4♠.

h) **Pass** Allowing the double to stand and commanding a trump lead from partner.

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IMPROVE YOUR PLAY

With Larry Matheny

The auction can still be helpful even after play has begun. This hand makes that point.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Dlr S
Vul Both

♠ Q953
♥ K63
♦ QJ96
♣ K6

♠ 4
♥ J972
♦ 754
♣ A9852

♠ AJ2
♥ Q1054
♦ A103
♣ QJ4

♠ K10876
♥ A8
♦ K82
♣ 1073

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bidding: West's 3♣ bid was a weak raise and North competed to 3♠ to end the auction.

Play: West led the ace of clubs and was disappointed to find the king in dummy. He shifted to a low heart, and declarer stopped to analyze the hand. He saw only three certain losers (1 spade, 1 diamond, and 1 club), so the contract was not in danger. To avoid a second spade loser he needed to find the jack. The auction gave him the answer. West's preemptive raise promised at least five clubs, so that left East with only three. East must hold three spades because with only two he would have eight red cards and would not have opened a 3-card club suit. Armed with this knowledge, at trick two declarer led a low spade to the queen and ace. He won the heart return in dummy followed by a spade to the ten. He drew the last trump and conceded a diamond trick for ten tricks.

Those who played for the spades to break 2-2 were disappointed.

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MILESTONES

MASTERPOINT ACHIEVEMENTS

Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints
Jim Bolam
Phyllis Easley
Rod Fisher
Ronald Kelton
Susan Kelton
Jeannette Miles
Roger Sorge
Cornelia Winters
Donald Winters

Club Master – 20 Masterpoints
Stephanie Angus
Bruce Preston

Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints
Clint Black
Richard Buck
Sharon Clemens
Earl Edwards

Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints
Sheree Cornwell
Ann Dinsmoor
Pete Pietenpol

NABC Master – 200 Masterpoints
Glynn Sisson

Adv. NABC Master – 300 Masterpoints
Beverly Loehrke

Life Master – 500 Masterpoints
Suzy Fallon
C. Hanna

Bronze Life Master – 500 Masterpoints
C. Hanna
Lloyd Parker

Silver Life Master – 1000 Masterpoints
Mary Ellen Nickodemus

NEW MEMBERS

William Alexander
Carol Coyle
Jeff Davis
Jennifer Davis
Julia Dixon
Jacqueline Garcia
David Lindstrom
Peggy Lindstrom
David Martin
Clark Moser
Mary Ann Oneill
Jon Reinhard
Joyce Swartz
Katie Swanson
Ruth Warner

TRANSFERRED INTO OUR UNIT

Dorothy Baker from Northern Az.
Virginia Kellogg from Llano Estacado

BIG GAMES (Mar – Aug 2016)

May 4	70.32%	S. Chamberlin - K. Swanson
Jun 9	75.83%	Bernie Tate – Earl Edwards
Jul 17	70.57%	Jim Zuboy – Bill Stoltey
Aug10	75.69%	M.Gutshenritter-J.Grossmann
Aug23	78.03%	Neil Petrie – Dawn Foltz
Aug30	70.14%	Neil Petrie – Kate Yates

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
Tue – 12:30----------Open

Fort Collins Duplicate Players Club
Community of Christ Church, 220 East Oak St.
Dawn Foltz **----------**204-1952
Wed – 6:30----------Open, Teams 1st Wed

The Ace of Clubs----------0-500 Game
Christ United Methodist Church, 301 E. Drake
Robyn Leming----------480-284-1013
Thurs – 6:00 - Call for reservations or a partner.
Teams – 3rd Thursday of even-numbered months.

Senior Center Duplicate (non-ACBL sanctioned)
Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive
Mark Spaeth----------669-7329
Fri – 11:30----------Open

Greeley

The Greeley Clubs
John Grossmann----------719-233-9464
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street
Wed – 12:30----------Open
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street
Sat – 12:30----------Open

Estes Park

Estes Park Duplicate Club
Methodist Church, 1509 Fish Hatchery Road
John Krueger…. 970-577-0657, 970-443-4374 cell
Mondays - 1:00……Open Pairs, Stratified
Fridays - 1:00 Open Pairs…….Stratified
See schedule on webpage for details and director.
Call the designated director to reserve a seat or for a partner.

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