

Northern Colorado BRIDGE



ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

The RECAP

January 2004

New Sectional Playing Site

After several years of running our sectionals at the Fort Collins Elks Club, Unit 363 will move the Northern Colorado sectionals to the new Larimer Country Fair Grounds and Exhibition Center. The Elks Club has been an excellent playing site but we are simply running out of room. The tournament's organizers have been holding their breath as any increase in attendance would have pushed the playing space past its limits. And we have had to be careful the last few years not to bang our heads when taking our seats! We will continue to hold our unit games at the Elks Club. Following a trend, with both the Denver and Boulder Units holding sectionals in exhibition buildings at fair grounds, the new playing site will be held in the First National Bank Exhibition Hall at the Fair Grounds. This has a spacious and well lit playing area – easily one of the most elegant in the Rocky Mountain region. In order to fit in to the popular new facility's schedule the dates for our two sectionals in 2004 will be June 18-20 and August 20-22. ♠♦♥♠

Coming Events

There are several unit sponsored events coming up in the next few months. A new twist – the Unit is going to run a **Saturday Afternoon Monthly Game** – see the schedule below. Also coming are the **Grand National Team Qualifying Games** and 2 two-session events – the **Spring Team Championship** and the **Spring Pairs Championship**. The calendar of events can be accessed on the Internet listing the ACBL Nationals, the District 17 Regionals and the local area Sectionals, along with all of the unit games.

Go to: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge> ♠♦♥♠

Grand National Teams Qualifiers

The 2003-2004 District 17 Grand National Teams will be conducted in three stages – a Club Level Qualifying Stage, the District Finals and finally the GNT National Championships. Successful teams at the district will qualify for expense subsidized trips to the national event to be held prior to the Summer NABC in New York, July 8-18, 2004. All four flights have the opportunity to advance to the national championships:

- Championship Flight – (open) unlimited masterpoints
- Flight A – 0-5000 masterpoints
- Flight B – 0-2000 masterpoints
- Flight C – 0-500 masterpoints

Both the unit and local clubs will hold club level qualifying games and the masterpoints awarded will be sectionally rated, half black and half red. The top fifty percent of the teams in each local game qualify for the District Finals to be held June 25-26 during the Las Vegas Regional. Currently scheduled games:

HOST – NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT
DATE – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2004
STARTING TIME – 1:30 PM
ENTRY FEE – \$24/TEAM – 1 SESSION EVENT
LOCATION – ELK'S LODGE, LOWER LEVEL,
140 EAST OAK, FORT COLLINS

HOST – DUPLICATE PLAYER'S CLUB
DATE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004
STARTING TIME – 6:45 PM
LOCATION – ELK'S LODGE, LOWER LEVEL,
140 EAST OAK, FORT COLLINS

HOST – THE GREELEY CLUB
DATE – FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004
STARTING TIME – 6:45 PM
LOCATION – COMMUNITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
4290 WEST 10TH STREET, GREELEY

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Spring Teams Unit Championship

EVENT – TWO-SESSION UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP
DATE – SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2004
STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND TBA
ENTRY FEE – \$32/TEAM (TWO SESSION EVENT)
STRATS – A(UNLIMITED), B(1000), C(300)
**LOCATION – ELK’S LODGE, LOWER LEVEL,
140 EAST OAK, FORT COLLINS**

Our annual Unit Team Championship will be March 6 in Fort Collins. This is a two session playthrough event. Starting times are 9:30 and TBA with a break for lunch with many interesting places to eat in Old Town Fort Collins. ♠♦♥♠

Spring Pairs Unit Championship

EVENT – TWO-SESSION UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP
DATE – SATURDAY APRIL 10, 2004
STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND 2:15
ENTRY FEE – \$8/PAIR EACH SESSION
STRATS – A(UNLIMITED), B(1000), C(300)
**LOCATION – ELK’S LODGE, LOWER LEVEL,
140 EAST OAK, FORT COLLINS**

The Unit Pairs Champion is a two session playthrough championship event for those who play both sessions. Pairs are also welcome to play just one session, but be sure to be on time if you are only playing the second session. Starting times are 9:30 and 2:15. There will be a lunch break between sessions. ♠♦♥♠

Saturday Afternoon Monthly Game

**EVENTS –UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP-RATED ONE SESSION
BRIDGE GAMES, CHARITY GAMES SECTIONALLY RATED**
STARTING TIME – 1:30 PM
ENTRY FEE – \$10/PAIR
**DATES – USUALLY THE FIRST OR THIRD SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH – FEBRUARY 21, MARCH 20, APRIL 3, MAY 8**
REFRESHMENTS – A VARIETY OF DELECTABLE SNACKS
**INSTRUCTION – FREE TECHNIQUE TUNE-UPS WITH LOCAL
GUEST EXPERTS FROM 12:30 AM – 1:15 PM**
DIRECTOR/PARTNERS – GINNY STEELE, 224-5761
**LOCATION – ELK’S LODGE, LOWER LEVEL,
140 EAST OAK FORT COLLINS**

Our new Saturday Afternoon Monthly Games at the Elk’s Club in Old Town Fort Collins will give players a place to escape on Saturday afternoons and perhaps some window shopping before or a leisurely dinner after the games. ♠♦♥♠

Tournament Results

Membership Meeting & Election

The Unit Membership meeting was held with a dinner between sessions on November 2. The meeting was quickly conducted with the same board members as 2003 continuing for another year. There were 16½ tables in the morning and 13½ in the afternoon session. The strats were A (unlimited), B (750) and C (300).

| Overall Rank | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Score | A | B | C | |
| 379.25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Eric Kronwall - Bill Stoltey |
| 371.04 | 2 | | | Larry Matheny - Neil Petrie |
| 367.44 | 3 | | | Jon Gustafson - Steven Turner |
| 358.70 | 4 | 2 | | Jan Green - Florence Liittjohann |
| 358.12 | 5 | | | Gladys Agan - Ruth Roden |
| 353.98 | 6 | 3 | | Marian Sunderman - Evelyn Cleary |
| 351.89 | | 4 | | Rita Koch - Joyce Glittenberg |
| 328.43 | | 5 | | June Ewald - Laura Freeman |
| 318.75 | | 6 | | Mary Carol Evenson - Ruth Logan |
| 302.57 | | | 2 | Doug Dickson - Peter Miller |
| 283.19 | | | 3 | Marilyn Pultz - Bill Follis |
| 274.37 | | | 4 | Linda Pirie - Martha Lee |

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North American Pairs Unit Final

The two session combined Northern Colorado Unit 363 and Cheyenne Unit 421 final for the North American Pairs for 2003-2004 was held November 16 in Cheyenne. The qualifiers from this event can participate in the NAP District Championship being held in Albuquerque in conjunction with the Navajo Trail Regional on January 23-24. 23 pairs played in the event. Ginny Steele and Ken Nelson played in the Boulder Unit Final and won the A and B flights. Strats were A (unlimited), B (2000) and C (500, non-Life Master). For more information:

<http://www.district17news.com/NAOPConditions.html>

| Overall Rank | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Score | A | B | C | |
| 278.64 | 1 | 1 | | Gladys Agan - Ruth Roden |
| 269.25 | 2 | 2 | | Robley Mangney - Perrie Kay Avery |
| 261.29 | 3 | 3 | | Greg Foltz - Dawn Foltz |
| 239.42 | 4 | 4 | 1 | Bill Stoltey - Eric Kronwall |
| 238.93 | 5 | 5 | 2 | Sue Simmons - Ramona Baker |

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| 232.86 | 6 | | Neil Petrie - Larry Matheny |
| 230.96 | 6 | 3 | Rod Southworth - Bill Carstens |
| 219.26 | 4 | | Jim Tate - Marge Tate |

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Holiday Party & Game

The Christmas Party on November 29 had 16½ tables in the morning session and 12 tables in the afternoon. A holiday feast was served between sessions and a large number of gifts were raffled throughout the day. Everyone went home a winner. Strats were A (unlimited), B (1000) and C (300).

Overall Rank

| Score | A | B | C | |
|--------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 463.83 | 1 | | | Jon Gustafson - Neil Petrie |
| 463.68 | 2 | 1 | | Ed Yosses - Lawrence Mason |
| 438.59 | 3 | | | Skip Carson - Mary Anne Pixley |
| 435.36 | 4 | | | Ruth Roden - Nila Sheneman |
| 433.64 | 5 | | | Joyce Glittenberg - Gladys Agan |
| 424.14 | 6 | 2 | | Ramona Baker - Jack Ewald |
| 423.11 | 3 | 1 | | Eric Kronwall - Bill Stoltey |
| 393.23 | 4 | 2 | | Dick Tinsley - Loan Tinsley |
| 389.50 | 5 | | | Jim Tate - Marge Tate |
| 387.08 | 6 | | | Steven Rogers - John Clough |
| 376.76 | | 3 | | Sally Harper - Peter Miller |

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Milestones

BIG GAME REPORTED

70.42%----- Rita Koch, Skippy Freeman – The Greeley Club, Friday January 2, 2004.

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

JUNIOR MASTER – 5-20 MASTERPOINTS

HEIDI JOHNSON

CLUB MASTER – 20-50 MASTERPOINTS

DOUG DICKSON, SUE SIMMONS

SECTIONAL MASTER – 50-100 – MP 5 SILVER

VIRGINIA KISSIER, LEE YUDIEN

REGIONAL MASTER – 100+ MP – 15 SILVER, 5 RED/GOLD

BILL FOLLIS, ERIC KRONWALL

NABC MASTER – 200+ MP – 50 S/R/G, 25 S, 15 R/G, 5 G

BILL STOLTEY

NEW MEMBERS

ANN MOLISON, FORT COLLINS

BEE GRIFFIN, LOVELAND

TRANSFERRED INTO UNIT

LAURA HANNAH, FORT COLLINS (FROM DALLAS)

JEFFREY NASET, FORT COLLINS (FROM DALLAS)

TRANSFERRED OUT OF UNIT

EDWARD SCHAUMBERG, FORT COLLINS (TO CAREFREE, AZ)

IN MEMORIAM

DIANE NELSON, GREELEY

Sharon Miller, Fort Collins

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NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363 SECTIONALS

ANNOUNCING A NEW PLAYING SITE & DATES

AT



IN THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK EXHIBITION HALL

DATES

JUNE 18,19,20 2004

AUGUST 20,21,22 2004

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UNIT 363 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Gustafson----- President -----267-9691

Ed Yosses----- Vice President -----667-5312

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Ken Nelson----- Membership -----266-9965

Larry Mason -----Tournament Coord.-----224-4960

Steve Turner-----352-8462

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Barbara Gustafson -----Sectionals-----267-9691

The Northern Colorado players would like to thank Marlene Aranci for her many years of handling partnerships. We are looking for a volunteer for this important job. Please contact any board member.

THE CLUB CORNER

FORT COLLINS – MARLENE ARANCI -----223-0046

ELK'S LODGE – 140 EAST OAK

SENIOR CENTER – 1200 RAINTREE DRIVE

DAYTIME DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Mon – 12:30----- Elk's Lodge ----- Open, standby available

ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs February 23

(55 years or older, includes Hand Analysis)

CHOICE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tue – 12:30 ----- Senior Center ----- Open, All ages welcome

FORT COLLINS DUPLICATE PLAYERS CLUB

Wed – 6:45 ----- Elk's Lodge ----- Open, Teams 1st Wed

Membership Game + Meeting February 11

Club Championships March 17

GNT Qualifier April 7

BRUSH – DON MITCHELL -----842-4719

FORT MORGAN BRIDGE CLUB

1st, 3rd Mon – 7:15----- Eban Ezer Home----- Invitational

Wed – 12:30----- Fort Morgan Country Club----- Open

GREELEY – JUNE EWALD-----506-0863

COMMUNITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK – 4290 WEST 10TH ST.

THE GREELEY CLUB

Wed – 12:00----- Open Game

Fri – 6:45----- Open Game

GNT Qualifier April 16

NIWOT – MARLENE ARANCI -----223-0046

THE LEFTHAND GRANGE – 2ND & FRANKLIN

LONGMONT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Thur – 7:15 ----- Open

Club Championship February 19

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