



Boulder Unit 359

BoardTalk

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Letter from the President



Fall is almost here and with that comes the planning for our Fall Sectional. The Board is on course for the event. Be thinking about the delicious treats you will bring and be sure to set up the October 21-23 dates with your favorite partner and teammates. Tournament details below.

Thanks to all of you who completed the brief interest survey last week. Highly unscientific as it was it did reveal some surprising results. By your selections you strongly stated you preferred Unit Championship games followed by Team games. So, the Board changed the planned Mentor/Novice game to a Unit Championship. The game will be held at the West Boulder Senior Center at 1:00 on November 5th. Details will follow as game day nears.

We are investigating ways to incorporate opportunities for Novice players to play with more experienced players. If any of you have first hand experience with such games, or sound ideas as to how you would like to see this happen, please let any Board member know.

Finally, three Board members terms expire at the end of this year but Gena and Rieko would like to continue with the Board. This means we need only one person to step forward to fill the vacated position. It is a very good working group of folks and the responsibilities are fairly evenly distributed so no single person is burdened by too much work. The term is for three years. Please let me know if you are interested.

Barbara

Holiday Party

In addition to the Unit games noted in Barbara's letter, the Unit will hold its annual "business meeting" and Holiday Party December 12 at 1 p.m. at the Spice of Life. For unit members the price is still \$20/pair, but pairs outside the unit will pay the true cost, \$50/pair.

History Lessons

Some newer players, and perhaps others as well, are apt to get irritated when game results aren't posted on-line right away, or when it takes a while to get personal results posted to the ACBL, or even when the game's results aren't available immediately upon completion of the last round. But once upon a time, these things would have been unthinkable—the job of a director was much harder—games were match pointed by hand and sometimes you wouldn't know the outcome till the next week! The director filled out little chits, like the one shown below reporting your earnings and it was up to you to mail them to the ACBL for recording. Jim Johnson recently cleaned out the files in Niwot and hundreds of slips had been left behind (hope Dave Corbin doesn't miss the .14 lost on this one)



On the other hand, bridge was everywhere—instead of watching TV or playing internet games eight hours a day, people played bridge at the kitchen table, *Sports Illustrated* covered big events, and briefly, Charles Goren hosted an early TV program. In the 60's Boulder was one of the hotbeds of many things, and among them was bridge—the *Daily Camera* not only ran the syndicated column it carries now, but also ran a column, written by Irene Hyatt, on local games and accomplishments. Imagine seeing a hand you played well featured in the local newspaper. A bit mind-boggling to some of us!

Kay McKenna Fall Sectional Schedule

Knockouts will be held on Friday Oct. 21 at 9:30, 1:30, & 7, with a light lunch. Single-session pairs match to the afternoon and evening times. On Saturday the two-session pairs (single sessions accommodated) will be held at 10 and 3. The Sunday Swiss starts at 10, includes a play-through pizza lunch, and should finish around 6. Entry fees are \$8—the least expensive tournament in the area—and ACBL members with fewer than 5 points play free. For newer players, this is a great way to start your tournament experience.

WAY TO GO!

Many Unit 359 members had successes at the recent Colorado Springs Regional, winning various pairs and team games, but notably four finally got the gold to become Life Masters:



June Bock



Bill Hendrick



Tim Auckland



Ellen Tallman

Other new Life Masters are Betsy Messerschmidt, Steve Dike and Courtney Keller (mountain division—Basalt).

Also in the mountains (Silverthorne), Catherine Gant attained Bronze.

Transitions

Long-time, active member **Jean Grunwald** passed away on July 15, 2011, after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She is survived by her five children, ten grandchildren, four sisters, and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kal, in 2008.

Most of us knew Jean as a thoughtful and fierce competitor and occasionally demanding mentor, but she was also a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who was noted for cooking great meals and creating a warm family atmosphere with games of all kinds as well as piano duets. Just prior to the reemergence of cancer, she had planned to join the Board. Her energy and passion for our game will be greatly missed.

Transitions (continued)

The family asks that donations be made to Evercare Hospice, 6455 S. Yosemite St., Englewood, CO 80111, or the American Cancer Society.

Vern Bruce Johnson was born in a farmhouse in Ayr, North Dakota on March 29, 1929. He passed away August 5, 2011 as a result of metastatic prostate cancer. Although he retired from bridge a while ago, he was an active member in the Unit's formative days and also inspired his son Jim Johnson to join our ranks, although apparently he couldn't understand why Jim would want to direct instead of play the game. Of course, Jim still plays too and Bruce was very proud when Jim won the same Boulder Unit Bridge award that he had won 15 years earlier.

Bruce enjoyed the fun and hard work of farm life in the 1930's and 1940's. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1948. Bruce proudly served his country for 8½ years, including one year in Korea during the Korean War. Bruce enjoyed 27 years working for Ball Aerospace as a reliability engineer. He was very proud of his involvement in the Space Program. He is survived by his wife Eileen, his children and two grandsons. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church or HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties.

On a happier note, Nancy Hertfelder is delighted to have a new name—**Nancy Steuhler**—she and **Jim** were married in August. Jim Steele, who in addition to directing is a prolific poet, toasted them thus—

My toast for two beautiful souls
who found they were birds of a feather
and decided to go it together.
It seems bridge was the first connection
for Gentleman Jim and the Spunky Nancy—
So they played together without discord
and their friendship took hold
and it grew and grew
into a romance that each found anew—
So here's to romance, may it always be true
like that which we see
between Gentleman Jim and the Spunky Nancy—
So Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray!
Y'all go for it, go for it, all the way!

Questions? Comments? Ideas for articles or articles themselves? E-mail BT at sarheal@gmail.com

Treasurers Report - 5/31/11 to 9/5/11

Laughs from Larry

(How to become poorer by writing a best-selling book. OR is a bridger's math faulty? To whit - Is a 100% of 0 more or less than 90% of nothing?)



If it is or isn't, I have lost money. BUT a reporter must report. During one of those round changes whe-HUL who, as everyone knows, bids/plays very rapidly, was chatting with Gary Greene who had him LOL. I begged for an e-mail recounting the tale and here it is.

"I have a regularly scheduled game with Jim Hoerlein on the third Thursday night of every month at Niwot. I also give a half hour lesson at noon before Jean Hupka's 299 game on Thursday afternoon. Early in June Jean asked me if I could direct her game on the third Thursday and I said I would. Since it's hard work for us oldsters and also gets me home quite late I intended to cancel that night's game with Jim. But he was out of town for awhile so I waited. Before he got back Jean told me she was going to direct that day after all because Celeste Landry was bringing some 4th and 5th graders she's been teaching bridge to the game to see a real duplicate game first hand and Jean wanted to be there. So I didn't cancel with Jim. I did my lesson as usual but afterwards Jean asked if I could stay and play with her to fill a half table and we would co-direct. I said yes but now wished I had cancelled Jim--however I didn't want to at the last minute. I got home just in time to eat before Bill Brackett picked me up, as usual, to drive me to Niwot.

At game time there was no sign of Jim and I would have been delighted to just go home since I didn't really want to play anyway but with no car I couldn't. Jim Johnson, the director, called Jim H who had forgotten we were to play but said he'd leave right away and would be there in 10 minutes. Since there was a half table we had the first sit out and Jim was there in time for the second round. Of course I fell asleep at the table even earlier than usual and have only a vague recollection of the game. Jean wants me to direct every third Thursday now so I've just cancelled all further games.

If this is actually as funny as you seem to think and leads to a best selling book, I want 10% of the profits... Cheers, Gary"

HUL

Last Checking Balance: 3,728.34

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

Income:

Sectional Cash Donations	40.00
Sectional refund damage deposit	271.10
Total Income:	311.10

Expenses:

Unit Web Site	103.60
Spring Sectional supplies	55.00
Senior Center rental - 11/5/11 M-N game	150.00
NAP subsidy W-F games	112.00
NAP subsidy - Mon game	70.00
Fall Sectional Fairgrounds rental	1,484.38
Fall Sectional damage deposit	371.10
Remembrance - Jean Grunwald	50.00
Remembrance - Vern Johnson	50.00
Total Expense:	2,446.08

Final Checking Balance: 1,593.36

Final Savings Balance: 7,279.46

Total Assets: 8,872.82

Wouldn't it be nice if—

All players knew what their conventions mean?

If you play a convention, make sure both members of the pair know when to alert and how to explain it. It's not fair to anyone to be making it up as you go!

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SAVE THE DATES

Avon 0-300	Sept. 30-Oct 2	Avon, CO
Aurora 0-300	October 8-9	Aurora, CO
Kay McKenna Fall Sectional	October 21-23	Boulder County Fairgrounds Longmont, CO
Denver Fall Sectional	November 10-13	JeffCo Fairgrounds
Unit 359 Holiday Party	December 12	Spice of Life Boulder, CO

Unit Clubs

Boulder Bridge Club	Gary Steiner, 303-494-9518 Jean Hupka 720-255-2136	Every Monday at 12:15 pm	Mountain View Methodist Church	355 Ponca Place; Boulder
The Wednesday Club and FAC	Suzanne Jones, 303-447-0915	Every Wednesday & Friday at noon	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church	3700 Baseline; Boulder
Longmont Bridge Club	Jim Johnson 720-840-6145	Every Thursday at 6:30 pm	Niwot Lefthand Grange	2nd & Franklin; Niwot
Carillon Bridge Club	Jim Steele, 303-530-4772	Every Monday at 6:00 pm	The Carillon at Boulder Creek	2525 Taft Drive; Boulder
Summit Bridge Club	S. McCammon 970-262-7931	Every Monday & Friday at 1 pm	Summit County Community and Senior Center	0083 Nancy's Place, Frisco
Niwot Bridge Club (0-499)	Jim Steele, 303-530-4772	Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm	Niwot Lefthand Grange	2nd & Franklin; Niwot
Bridge on Thursday (0-299)	Jean Hupka 720-255-2136 Gary Greene	Every Thursday at 12:30 pm	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church	3700 Baseline; Boulder