

Board Talk

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

The 2004 Holiday Party had a fine turn out for the unit game and the fine dinner, which also featured the presentation of the prized McKenna trophy. I would like to thank the board members and other volunteers who performed the setup and take down of the bridge tables and bridge supplies.

The election of new board members also marks an end of service for one-third of the Unit Board. Let's thank our retiring board members Anne Vincent, Rick Geertz and Karen Renne for their energy and dedication to unit affairs. The continuing success of the Boulder Unit depends on the selfless generosity of such individuals serving on the governing board of the Boulder Unit. We have elected three new members: please welcome Kaye Birmingham, Karen Renne and Mike Morter to the board, as we strive in 2005 to maintain the high standards of performance set in past years.

It's not too soon to start planning to attend the Spring Boulder Bonanza, where Mid-Chart conventions are allowed in A flights! This year Denver will host the Fall NABC. I hope many of you who are prequalified will try the big events. Folks from all over the world battle for top honors in the premier events and you will see some unusual treatments employed! The Spring Bonanza is a great time to try out Mid-Chart conventions and to get ready for the Nationals.

Frequently cover an honor with an honor!

John Bortins, President

MCKENNA CUP Winner



Suzanne Jones, shown here with Kay McKenna and John Bortins at the Holiday Party, won the 2004 McKenna cup with 28.95 points. Runners-up were listed in the November newsletter.

UNIT UPDATE

Officers for 2005:

President	John Bortins
Vice-President	Reiko Raese
Treasurer	Jim Hoerlein
Secretary	May Roble
Tournament Chair	Bill Brackett
Asst. Tournament Chair	Mike Morter
Special Events Co-Chair	Jeanne Gray
Special Events Co-Chair	Kaye Birmingham
Publications /Membership	Karen Renne

DIRECTORY:

The new membership directories will be available at local clubs on or before January 17, 2005 complete with calendars!

JOIN US!

If you play regularly in the Boulder unit and are not a Boulder unit member, please consider transferring into our unit. Transferring into the unit is simple to do, just call ACBL Club Membership at 901-332-5586, ext. 1259, or go to the ACBL website, and request a transfer to Boulder Unit 359. The unit will receive \$3.00 to \$3.50 per person of your annual ACBL membership dues and you will have the satisfaction of contributing directly to the success of our tournaments and special events.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

KUDOS

Congratulations to new Silver Life Master Woody Dillinger and new Bronze Life Masters Joanna Chau and Sandy Straus.

CLUB NEWS

Boulder Bridge Club

Suzanne Jones won the Boulder Bridge Club trophy for the most masterpoints won in 2004. The highest scoring games were won by Suzanne and Kay McKenna in Flight A; Paul Haynes and Kate Yates in Flight B; and Judy Bowers and Arlene Hunter in Flight C.

Games will begin at **noon** on Monday this year, and hand records will be provided.

Gary Steiner

Wednesday Club and FAC

The Last Half Masterpoint Race ended on Friday, December 30, 2004. Flight A winner was Gary Greene, Flight B winner was Kaye Birminghamd, and Flight C winner was Denise Desbarats. Denise won the drawing for the dinner for two at the Olive Garden. A new contest started Wednesday, January 5, 2005.

Suzanne Jones

SNOW DAYS in Boulder: a reminder. If the Boulder Valley schools are closed, the Monday, Wednesday and Friday games are also closed.

Niwot Bridge Club

This sanctioned novice game is now a 199er game, which means that players with as many as 199 masterpoints can win more masterpoints. As before, the game is open to anyone who wants to play. It starts at 6:30 on Tuesday nights at the Niwot Grange.

Jim Steele

New EasyBridge Game at CU-Boulder

The **Bridge Club at CU** will sponsor free laboratory-type bridge lessons starting on Monday, January 17, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Stadium Room # 140. This is a series of ten lessons for new players.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Jim Steele at 720-887-5978 or e-mail James.Steele@att.net

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Although the Boulder Unit has not yet scheduled its GNT event this year, a qualifying game is available in Fort Collins.

The **FT COLLINS GNT QUALIFIER** will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005** at the Elks Club, 140 E. Oak St., Fort Collins. It's a two-session event starting at **9:30 a.m.** Entry fee is \$48 per team, not including lunch. Strats are 0-500; 0-2000; 0-5000; and Unlimited. Half the teams in each strat will qualify for the District 17 playoff at the Colorado Springs Regional in May. Please call Larry Mason at 970-224-4960 if you plan to participate.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 12, 2005

Forty people turned out to play in a two-section game at the Millenium Hotel, and most

of them stayed for the holiday party dinner, which featured a new menu (no more Vegetarian Wellington). This may be our last party at the Millenium, as the Board is considering a new format for 2005.

The overall winners were:

- 1A,1B. Jim Zuboy – Andy Johnson
- 2A. Charlie Anderson – Mike Perlman
- 3A,2B,1C. Mary Roble – Judith Bowers
- 4A,3B. Bill Kutscher – Andrea Kutscher
- 5A,4B. Kaye Birmingham – Shirley Rowe
- 6A,5B,2C. Celeste Landry – Rick Clelland
- 6B,3C. Rick Geertz – Pat Hoadley
- 4C. Ellen Tallman – Pete Tallman

ACBL UNIT 359

Treasurer's Report

1-1-05

Last checking balance: \$ 4,671.47

Income:

- Holiday party dinners (47) 1,096.00
- Holiday party entry fees (37) 222.00
- Fall Bonanza deposit – refund 100.00

Total Income:

1,418.00

Expenses:

- Newsletter printing, postage 247.65
- Holiday party, last payment 500.00
- Holiday party director 106.00
- Fall Bonanza truck rental 403.99
- Fall Bonanza caddies 540.00
- Fall Bonanza flyers 40.44
- Expenses, Broma Lou Party 11.51
- Remembrances: Rita, Eric 69.67
- ACBL bridge supplies 132.07
- Other supplies 90.22

Total Expenses

2,241.55

Final Checking Balance:

3,947.92

Savings:

3,872.72

Total Assets:

7,820.64

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

BOULDER TEAMS WIN IN DENVER

Two Boulder non-Life Masters won the Flight A knockout at the Denver sectional last week! With the help of teammates Jim Hoerlein and Bertie Wetzler, Jenny Glendinning and Tim Auckland (who had less than 600 points between them as of Oct. 1) won all three matches against much more highly ranked players.

On Sunday, Larry Dolan, Tom Stack, and Gary Greene of Boulder won the Flight A/X Swiss team event, playing with Bill Allegar of Denver.

And one of Boulder's newest members, Steve Dike, won Flight C in the Swiss team event, playing with Vince Botarelli.



Flight A winners at the Denver Winter Sectional Knockout: Jim Hoerlein, Bertie Wetzler, Jenny Glendinning and Tim Auckland.

new prize for "B" players

Beginning this year, "Flight B" players will be eligible for the **RITA ALKONIS MEMORIAL PRIZE**, funded by Irene Hyatt in memory of Rita Alkonis, who died on November 15, 2004. This is a cash prize for the Boulder Unit member in this category who earns the most masterpoints between January 1 and November 15 each year. The Unit Board will define "Flight B" and determine the amount of the annual award. A more detailed announcement will appear in the next newsletter.

BIDDING PROBLEM

Here's a hand that caused problems at many tables during the Saturday evening session at the Denver Winter Sectional

West (dealer):	East:
a --	a KT7654
♥ AQJ8765	♥ --
♦ A	♦ Q83
♣ AQJ65	♣ T982

Better players sitting West opened this hand 2♣, rebidding hearts after East bid 2♦ and often getting to a reasonable club slam. I decided that this was only an 8-trick hand, worth a Namyats bid but not 2♣, so I opened 4♣, showing long hearts and an 8-trick hand. Partner responded 4♥, accepting the transfer, but because it was such a good hand I couldn't let it go. So I cue-bid 4♠, hoping to learn that partner had the club king or a void of his own . . . and partner passed. North said, forcefully, "How can you pass that bid?" but it was too late and I had to play 4♠, down four.

[North had the A♠ and the K♣, South had the K♥ and five spades to the QJ. West can make 4♥ or 6♣, but **not** 4♠.]

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As of January 1, 2005, we had 217 dues-paying members (19 more than last year), consisting of 29 Rookies (0-5), 12 Junior Masters (5-20), 14 Club Masters (20-50), 15 Sectional Masters (50-100), 18 Regional Masters (100-200), 11 NABC Masters (200-300) and 118 Life Masters.

As of October 1, 2004, our Life Masters included one Grand Life Master (over 10,000)–Broma Lou Reed; one Diamond Life Master--Suzanne Jones; ten Gold Life Masters (2,500-5,000)–Larry Dolan, Gary Greene, Rich Laver, Jane Mehegan, Kay McKenna, Gary Steiner, Kathy Ragland, Roger Plowman, Marvie Lou Voss, and Bertie Wetzler; and 36 Silver Life Masters (1,000-2,500).

The top masterpoint holders were:

1. Broma Lou Reed	10,026
2. Suzanne Jones	6,094
3. Jane Mehegan	3,294
4. Kay McKenna	3,206
5. Marvie Lou Voss	3,136
6. Gary Steiner	3,093
7. Gary Greene	2,879
8. Roger Plowman	2,855
9. Kathy Ragland	2,740
10. Bertie Wetzler	2,722
11. Richard Laver	2,555
12. Larry Dolan	2,544
13. Linda Sundbye	2,407
14. Charlie Anderson	2,137
15. Robert Sherman	2,055
16. Brigitte Shaw	2,009
17. Dolores Landwehr	1,977
18. Harvey Voss	1,964
19. Gary Logan	1,951
20. Reiko Raese	1,939
21. Jim Steele	1,759
22. Sharon Baumann	1,734
23. Jeanne Achziger	1,728
24. Michael Perlman	1,722
25. Lillian Smith	1,720
26. Tom Goodwin	1,443
27. Stephanie Nelson	1,362
28. Karen Renne	1,316
29. Clint Heiple	1,312
30. Ellen Freedman	1,307
31. Marty Freedman	1,295

32. Elise Myers	1,282
33. Janet deGrazia	1,281
34. Tom Stack	1,191
35. Betty Coulon	1,189
36. John Bortins	1,177
37. Jo Phillips	1,142
38. Pat Sherman	1,131
39. Jeanne Gray	1,131
40. Donna Plowman	1,101
41. Jim Hoerlein	1,094
42. Sue Caulfield	1,085
43. Betty Marosey	1,083
44. Bonnie Corl	1,063
45. Martha Allen	1,053
46. Jean Adams	1,043
47. Judy Clark	1,029

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Jan 15	GNT qualifier, Fort Collins
Jan 17-23	Albuquerque Regional
Feb 7	Boulder Bridge club championship
Feb 4-7	No. Colo. Sectional, Loveland
Feb 4-6	Grand Junction 299er Sectional
Feb 17	Longmont club championship
Feb 18-20	Pueblo Sectional
Feb 22-24	District 17
STAC	
Mar 2	Wednesday club championship
Mar 5-6	Colorado Springs 199er Sectional
Mar 10-13	Denver Spring Sectional
Mar 10-20	Spring NABC, Pittsburgh PA
Mar 4-10	Senior Regional, Mesa AZ
Apr 8	FAC club championship
Apr 15-17	Grand Junction Sectional
Apr 22-25	Colorado Springs Sectional
Apr 9-May 1	Boulder Spring Bonanza
May 2	Boulder Bridge club championship
May 2-8	Western Conference STAC
May 24-30	Pikes Peak Regional, Colo. Spgs.
June 9	Longmont club championship
June 20-26	Las Vegas
Regional	

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