

Board Talk

From the President

Dear Members,

The Spring Boulder Bonanza was a resounding success. Many thanks to all the bridge players who attended and made contributions of food and/or money. Thanks also to the bridge board without whose time and effort the tournament could not take place. Special recognition to Tournament Chair Chris Harrop and Assistant Tournament Chair Rick Geertz. They did a marvelous job of overseeing, organizing and making sure everything happened as planned. Special recognition to Ellen Tallman who purchased the food and supplies for the tournament, made food contributions, and interviewed and hired our kitchen assistant Carol (who also did a great job!). Bravo Ellen, Chris, and Rick!

This has been a good season for bridge and we anticipate many tournaments, games and unit games in the future.

Have a wonderful spring and summer.

Warmly,

Anne Vincent, President Unit 359

Kudos

Congratulations to new GOLD LIFE Master Gary Greene.

Congratulations to new grandmothers Anne Vincent whose granddaughter Zoie Anne was born on April 16 and Karen Renne whose granddaughter Georgianna was born on May 1.

Congratulations to Rick Clelland, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at CU -

Boulder, for receiving the 2002 Teacher Recognition Award. He was one of four faculty honored this past year.

Convalescent's Corner

Longtime bridge player Phyllis Howie recently passed away, our condolences to the Howie family. And our condolences to Jean Grunwald and to Betty Coulon both of whose mothers recently passed away.

Best wishes to Jim Steele and Bonnie Corl for a speedy recovery from their respective surgeries and illnesses. And we are glad to see that Clara Lemons is back at home from Boulder Manor and back at the bridge table.

Club News

Boulder Bridge Club

Gary Steiner will be happy to play during the Monday game with anyone who comes without a partner provided that a half table is not formed.

ACBL Unit 359

Treasurer's Report

6-01-02

Balance Forward:	\$2181.80
Income:	
March Unit Game	236.00
Bonanza donations	142.57
Spring Bonanza	9177.10
ACBL Membership	<u>215.73</u>
Total Income:	\$9771.40
Expenses:	

Newsletter	119.08
Postage, misc.	47.85
Spring Bonanza	6139.28
Bulk mailing annual permit	
125.00	
March unit game	<u>75.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$6506.21

Balance Forward:	\$5446.99
1 st Bank Savings:	\$3629.84

Ellen Tallman, Treasurer

Unit Game

The unit will hold a single session North American Pairs club level qualifying event on Saturday, June 15 at 1pm at the West Boulder Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe Avenue.

The event is stratified and costs \$13.00 per pair. Free coffee, soda and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Karen Renne at 303-816-0750 or e-mail at karenrenne@worldnet.att.net.

Schmaling Donates Boards

A set of 36 duplicate bridge boards was recently donated to our unit by Jo Schmaling. Thank you Jo. We really appreciate your contribution.

Anne Vincent, President Unit 359

Spring 2002 Bonanza

We had a record 278 tables in play compared with 245 in spring 2001 and 227 in spring 2000.

The following are the winners from the Spring Sectional. Unit members are in boldface.

Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs (89 pairs)

- 1A. Tim Hartshorn – Susan Grauer
- 2A,1B. **Artie Weiss** – Ken Wanamaker
- 3A. Bill Allegar – **Larry Dolan**
- 4A. Warren Garrett – Virginia Gunter
- 5A. Dave Ruttner – Toshi Yingst
- 6A. **Suzanne Jones** – **Kay McKenna**
- 2B. Robley Mangney – Vickie Thomas
- 3B. Barbara Gustafson – Dawn Foltz

- 4B. Jim Spurlin – Clyde D'Arcy
- 5B,1C. **Nettie Ashbee** – **Bernie Bubl**
- 2C. Jane Komrusch – Richard Komrusch
- 3C. Rod Southworth – Mary White
- 4C. Peter Miller – Rita Koch
- 5C. **Vince Bates** – **Sandy Straus**
- 6C. **Rick Geertz** – **Tracy Dolsen**

Fri Eve Flt A/AX Open Pairs (40 pairs)

- 1A. Dave Caprera – Dave Mickle
- 2A,1X. Perrie Kay Avery – Patricia Joder
- 3A,2X. Jerry Curtwright – Judy Hummel
- 4A,3X. Laurah Limbrick – Marilyn Hughes
- 5A. Jack Larkin – Carolee Larkin
- 6A. Bruce Cobb – Fred Herring
- 4X. Nancy Rassbach – Walter Rassbach
- 5X. **Bill Horton** – **Ralph Cox**
- 6X. **Steve Maurich** – Jeff Cathrall

Fri Eve Strat - Flt B/C/D Pairs (50 pairs)

- 1B,1C. **Vince Bates** – **Sandy Straus**
- 2B,1C. **Andrea Cain** – **Bill Kutscher**
- 3B. Greg Foltz – Dawn Foltz
- 4B. **John Massman** – **John Bortins**
- 5B,3C,1D. R. Stoltey – Eric Kronwall
- 6B,4C. Sue and Robert Williamson
- 5C. Carol Bertz – Nancy Benedict
- 6C,2D. Dave Appel – Judith Hunt
- 3D. Christina Werner – Margaret Devere
- 4D. Marlene Adam – Elizabeth Borman
- 5D. Shirley Gates – Joan Mager

Sat Aft 199er Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1D. Truls Ingebrightsen – Peter Miller
- 2D. **Rick Geertz** – **Chris Harrop**
- 3D,1E. Bobby Farris – Mary Farris
- 4D,2E. Martha Lee – Edythe Paige
- 3E. Marilyn Pultz – Bill Follis

Sat Strat Open Pairs (82 pairs)

- 1A. Allen Kane – Ken Stuckey
- 2A. Walter Rassbach – Nancy Rassbach
- 3A,1B,1C. Laurah Limbrick – Marion Draughon
- 4A. Don Heitler – Anita Heitler
- 5A. Mary Touris – Pat Drew
- 6A. Roy Weinstein – Dave Jeffers
- 7A. **Gary Greene** – **Gary Steiner**
- 2B. Julie Clark – Don Patterson
- 3B. **Jean Adams** – **Jim Hoerlein**
- 4B,2C. Harold David – Alberta David
- 5B. **Jim Zuboy** – **Andy Johnson**
- 6B. **Clint Heiple** – Paula Warren
- 3C. **Bill Kutscher** – **Andrea Cain**

- 4C. Michael Jalving – John Gallagher
 5C. Sandra Koller – Gay Ostrander
 6C. **Vince Bates – Anne Vincent**

Sun Flt A Swiss (25 teams)

- 1A. **Janet deGrazia, Suzanne Jones, Broma Lou Reed**, Tom Monikowski
 2A,1X. **Bill Brackett, Ralph Cox, Bill Horton, Reiko Raese**
 3A,2X. **Clint Heiple, Woody Dillinger Charlie Anderson**, Paula Warren
 4A. Jack Larkin, Carolee Larkin, Chuck Henke, Ken Stuckey
 5A. Fred Herring, Ernie Skolnick, Bruce Cobb, Gerald Oehm
 6A. Roy Weinstein, Marilyn Eber, Dave Jeffers, Tim Hartshorn
 7A. Forest Clark, Marilyn Bost, **Kathy Ludwig**, David Macy
 8A. Chuck Reed, **Paul Haynes**, Bob Martin, Dick Friedman
 3X. Chuck Goudney, **Jeanne Achziger, Dolores Landwehr, Larry Sullivan**
 4X. **John Bortins**, Steve Rogers, Nancy Benamati, Jim Walker

Sun Flt B/C/D Swiss (25 teams)

- 1B. Marion Draughon, Laurah Limbrick Julie Clark, Don Patterson
 2B. **Joyce Austin, Marianne Thornburg** Richard Peske, **Shirley Rowe**
 3B,1C,1D. Steve Eggleston, Helen Onsager Leah Heggie, Penelope Coffman
 4/5B. **Jim Hoerlein, Anne Vincent Sandy Straus, Vince Bates**
 4/5B,2C,2D. Bud Light, Edward Ott, Michael Schneider, Dave Appel
 6B. Dawn Foltz, Greg Foltz, Edward Yosses, **Sue Caulfield**
 3C. **Kate Yates, Rick Geertz Chris Harrop, Tracey Dolsen**
 4C. Marie Johnson, Elsie Pacello, Helen Vessa, Donna McMillan
 5C. Rita Koch, **Pat Hoadley**, David Osmundsen, Elaine Gilbertson

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| 1. | Suzanne Jones | 67.81 |
| 2. | Charlie Anderson | 58.93 |
| 3. | Broma Lou Reed | 56.77 |
| 4. | Woody Dillinger | 50.75 |
| 5. | Clint Heiple | 50.75 |
| 6. | Tom Stack | 41.60 |
| 7. | Gary Steiner | 41.60 |
| 8. | John Bortins | 39.02 |
| 9. | Janet de Grazia | 38.83 |
| 10. | Linda Sundbye | 37.47 |
| 11. | Michael Perlman | 31.11 |
| 12. | Jeanne Gray | 30.79 |
| 13. | Sue Caulfield | 29.67 |
| 14. | John Massman III | 25.14 |
| 15. | Larry Dolan | 21.26 |
| 16. | Gary Greene | 21.26 |
| 17. | Donna Plowman | 18.59 |
| 18. | Judy Furtney | 17.78 |
| 19. | Betty Coulon | 17.39 |
| 20. | Judy Hardie | 17.39 |
| 21. | Reiko Raese | 17.01 |
| 22. | Marty Freedman | 16.89 |
| 23. | Ellen Freedman | 16.89 |
| 24. | Anne Vincent | 16.55 |
| 25. | Roger Plowman | 16.50 |

A Bridge Hand

So there you are in the semis of one of the knockouts at the Albuquerque regional. It is the second half of a tough match, and you and your partner are dealt the following hand:

♠ A J x
 ♥ x x x
 ♦ x
 ♣ A K Q 9 x x

♠ K
 ♥ A K Q T 9 x
 ♦ A Q x x x
 ♣ J

The bidding:

S	W	N	E
1♥	P	2♣	P
3♥	P	4NT ¹	P
5♣ ²	P	5♦ ³	P
5♠ ⁴	P	7♥ ⁵	

Regional Highlights

Several Boulder players achieved fame and fortune at the Denver Rocky Mountain regional in May. Congratulations to all. The top masterpoint winners from the Boulder unit:

Bid just like a couple of pros! OK, lets count the tricks: six trump tricks, two spades, a diamond, diamond ruff, and four clubs comes to, uh, 14 tricks off the top. Well, actually 13 because after you draw trumps you will have to overtake one of the black suit winners in the dummy in order to run the other winners there. Still, this should be enough and after winning the

opening club lead in hand, you realize that as long as trumps are no worse than 3-1 you are home, so you make the key play of leading ♥A so as to cater to four to the J on your right. And your foresight is vindicated when you learn that there is a 4-0 trump break! Unfortunately, it is on your left, not on your right, and after muttering a few choice remarks about the bridge gods' sick, twisted humor, you eventually go down in a grand that will make 15 out of 16 times. But the story will have a happy ending because your opponents at the other table, bless them, are just as astute as you are in finding this terrific grand slam, and go down just as ingloriously as you have, so the result is a wash, and you end up winning a close match. Don't you just love happy endings?

- [1] RKC
- [2] 0 or 3 keycards
- [3] How about the Q of trumps?
- [4] Got that too, along with the ♠K
- [5] Sounds great, let's go for it!

Vince Bates

The Perils of Gambling Three No Trump

During the Monday Swiss Team at the Denver Regional, my teammates and I encountered a very interesting hand and a very interesting result. Two of my teammates, Don Patterson (North) and Don Little (South), both of Steamboat Springs, were playing against one set of opponents one round. South opened 1♦ and West overcalled a gambling three no trump holding:

♠ x x

♥ x x
♦ Q x x
♣ A K Q 10 x x

North doubled and the hand was passed out. North/South as defenders took all thirteen tricks for a plus score for our team of +2300. Needless to say, this was one of our top boards.

Anne Vincent

True Story (From the Regional)

Playing against two very large men on a good team on the first board of our first match in the KO, third chair at equal (non) vulnerability--for better or worse-- I opened 4♥, got doubled by my LHO, and was passed out.

Dummy hit with the usual:

Janet:

♠ K 6 5
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 6

Moi:

♠ Q J 10
♥ A K Q J 9 7 7
♦ 3
♣ 9 8

Though the 9 tricks I had when dummy came down was comforting, I couldn't imagine that the opponents could make ANYTHING. Maybe 5♣. (Yeah, right. Get there, why don't you.)

However, after I ran a trillion or so hearts, our opponents (both professionals) through a series of misadventures, managed to set up the 5th diamond in the dummy for my 10th trick, and I happily sat back to watch a lively postmortem. Long after we had pulled out the next hand, our opponents continued to look searchingly into each other's eyes in disappointment and disbelief.

Finally LHO said, "She only had six hearts!"

I joined the fray: "Had seven!"

"That's way too many hearts!" LHO cried and summoned the director.

Upon CAREFUL examination we discovered that there was indeed an extra heart in the deck (another 7), and that my LHO had held fourteen cards. The director ruled that the defective deck be replaced and the board re-made.

As Janet and MOI mourned the loss of our +590 (we were a mere +50 for setting 2♥ on the replacement hand), the opponents unkindly pointed out that MOI was the one who had been looking at the two heart 7's. (Okay, gentle reader, say honest, did you notice?)

"Well, you couldn't even count past thirteen," I snarled to my large LHO.

"I never count my hand," he admitted, mildly embarrassed. "Anyway, I had great support for whatever partner bid. I was 4-1-4-5."

Fortunately, revenge came sweetly and swiftly just a board later.

All vulnerable: 1♠(MOI) - 4♦ - 5♦*(Janet) - P - 6♣** - P - 6♠ (all pass)

*Exclusion

**2 controls plus the ♠Q

Janet:

♠ K J x x x x
♥ K x x
♦ -----
♣ K x x x

Moi:

♠ A Q 10 x x
♥ 10 9 x x
♦ A J x
♣ A

LHO led the ♦K. I pitched a heart from dummy and thrashed around a bit to see if there was any play to avoid losing two hearts if the heart ace was (as seemed likely) off-side. There wasn't but it wasn't, and that was a big swing for our side.

"Wow," said our teammates (Broma Lou and Jeannie), looking at us with a mixture of awe and alarm.

Janet (obviously feeling an explanation was called for): "I bid it because I was distressed* that they took away our +590."

I'd liked to have pointed out that it was MOI's +590, but it seemed better not to--lest we get into picayune details. Like how many seven of hearts are allotted to each deck.

Didn't want to undermine team confidence.

*Not the actual word used.

Suzanne Jones

One of Those Days

You know that it is not your day when the opponent's (EW) bid to 6NT on the following hand:

♠ J
♥ K J x x
♦ Q x x x x
♣ J x x

♠ x	♠ A K Q 10 9 x
♥ A Q 10 x x	♥ x
♦ J x x x	♦ A x
♣ A Q x	♣ K x x x
♠ 8 7 x x x	
♥ x x x	
♦ K x	
♣ x x x	

Partner (North) makes the great lead of a diamond. Declarer wins the ♦A and you helplessly follow suit as declarer runs the spades. Declarer then discovers that clubs break 3-3 and he doesn't need the heart finesse after all as he takes his 12 top tricks. Unfortunately our teammates failed to find the less than 10% slam at the other table.

Linda Sundbye

Boulder Team Wins Against Top Notch Opponents

Congratulations to Boulder team members Janet deGrazia, Suzanne Jones, Broma Lou Reed and their other team members, Marilyn Eber, Denver, Jan Janitschke, Littleton, and Jean Grunwald, Golden who were successful in their knock-out event to defeat an outstanding team consisting of Rose Meltzer and Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos, CA, Kyle Larson, San Francisco, Roger Bates, Mesa, AZ, and Gary Hayden, Tucson, AZ. Way to go!

Anne Vincent

Jun 28	Wednesday club
championship	
Jul 8-11	Western Conf Swiss Team
STAC	
Jul 11-14	Denver Summer Sectional
Jul 18-28	Summer NABC; Washington DC
Aug 1	Longmont club championship
Aug 2-4	Grand Junction Sectional
Aug 5	Boulder Bridge club championship
Aug 16	FAC club championship
Aug 22-25	Fort Collins Sectional
Sept 6-8	Pueblo Fall Sectional
Sept 18	Wednesday club championship
Oct 7-13	Colorado Springs Regional

"Board Talk" is edited and published by Linda Sundbye five times a year. Contributions to its content from the members of the Unit are welcomed.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Jun 7-9	Durango Sectional
Jun 13	Longmont club championship
Jun 17-23	Las Vegas Regional

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