

# Board Talk

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## From the President

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359:

Congratulations to all for another successful Boulder Spring Bonanza Sectional Tournament. Our volunteers, with Tournament Chair Rick Geertz leading the way, did a great job setting up the tournament, running the background activities and putting everything away for next time. Did you like the changed Sunday fare? From the warm comments shared by tournament participants, the new menu was greatly appreciated by many. Board Member Jeanne Gray championed this delicious alternative to the ubiquitous pizza and fixings. Let's also thank the many people who contributed tasty treats or cash for drinks and supplies! Congratulations again to the many willing hands who made this a smoothly run and memorable Spring Bonanza.

If you're going to go down, go down in a major!

*John Bortins, President*

## Kudos

Congratulations to new Gold Life Masters Rich Laver and Larry Dolan; new Bronze Life Masters Vince Bates and Nettie Ashbee; and New Life Masters Chuck Goudey and Denise Desbarats.

And to the Boulder players who were outstanding in the Denver Regional last month: Sandy Straus and Judy Clark won Flights A and B in the Thursday two-session stratified pairs, while John Massman III won Flight B in the

Daylight Stratified Pairs that day, playing with Galen Hesson of Washington. Bill Brackett and Jim Johnson, playing with Clyde D'Arcy and Jim Spurlin, won Flight B in the two-session Board-A-March on Friday. Several Boulder teams won knockout and other team events. See story on page 4 below.

*Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor*

## NAP Qualifying Game

The Unit is sponsoring a club-level North American Pairs game on Saturday, July 24, at 1:00 p.m. at the West Boulder Senior Center, 9<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe. Those who qualify are eligible for the Unit Final, which will be held this fall.

*Bill Brackett, Special Events co-chair*

## Directory Update

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## In Memoriam

Keith R. MacDonald, a long-time member of our Unit, died recently at the age of 79. At the time of his death he was a resident of Louisville CO. He is survived by his wife, Alice, three daughters and a son.

*Anne Vincent, Secretary*

# Club News

## Longmont Bridge Club

Jim Johnson and Anders Pettersson had a 70 percent game in April, eleven tables in play. Gary Steiner and Mike Perlman were 15<sup>th</sup> among 400 Flight A pairs in the Western Conference STAC on May 6, while Tim Auckland and Jenny Glendinning were 4<sup>th</sup> in C with a 59 percent game.

The Longmont Bridge Club will sponsor an NAP club-qualifying game on July 1 and again on August 12.

*Marlene Aranci*

## Spring 2004 Bonanza

Attendance increased by almost thirty tables over last spring's tournament, despite rain, snow and fog at the beginning of the weekend. The new Sunday lunch—veggie and chicken wraps with pasta salad--was well received, and we were especially pleased with the excellent service provided by our new kitchen staff.

### FRI AFT STRAT OPEN PAIRS (73 pairs)

- 1A. **Suzanne Jones – Kay McKenna**
- 2A Chris Champion – Shirley Scott
- 3A, 1B. **Judith Hardie – Denise Desbarats**
- 4A, Tim Hartshorn – Susan Grauer
- 5A. Marilyn Eber – Bonnie Smith
- 6A Allen Kane – En Hay
- 2B, 1C. Sue and Robert Williamson
- 3B. Don Little – Jim Spurlin
- 4B,2C. Laurah Limbrick – Ted Witt
- 5B. **Marty and Ellen Freedman**
- 6B. **John Bortins – Andy Johnson**
- 3C. Nadine Hood – Patricia Gale
- 4C. **Susan Freeman – Larry Hulse**
- 5C. **Bob McLean – Cobe Venner**
- 6C. Bobby and Mary Farris

### FRI EVE FLT A/AX OPEN PAIRS (32 pairs)

- 1A. Anita Heitler – Jean Grunwald
- 2/3A. Allen Kane – En Hay
- 2/3A,1X. **Brigitte Shaw – Dorothy Heil**
- 4A,2X **Linda Sundbye -- Fred Herring**
- 5A. Chuck Henke – Kathy Ragland
- 6A,3X. **Jeanne Gray – Joe Luk**

- 4X. **Reiko Raese – Ed Yosses**
- 5X. **Larry Dolan – Earl Tackman**
- 6X. Don Vancil – Bill Allegar

### FRI EVE STRAT - FLT B/C/D PAIRS (35 pairs)

- 1/2B,1C. **Joanna Chau – Christina Werner**
- 1/2B. Jim Spurlin – Don Patterson
- 3B. Ron Sills – Don Little
- 4B,2C. **Andrea and Bill Kutscher**
- 5B. **Jim Hoerlein – Anne Vincent**
- 6B. **Marty and Ellen Freedman**
- 3C. Sue and Robert Williamson
- 4C. **Leona Schuler – Pat Soukup**
- 5C,1D. **Thomas Thomas – Ray Weitzel**
- 6C. **Cobe Venner – Bob McLean**
- 2D. Sue and Brad Simmons
- 3D. Marilyn Pultz and Bill Follis

### SAT AFT 199ER PAIRS (16 pairs)

- 1D,1E,1F. **Bob and Gail Ferguson**
- 2D,2E. Mona Hamilton – Noel Pazour
- 3D. **Paula Giarratano – Bev Schumacher**
- 4D,3E. Jay Silverberg – James Dulan
- 5D,4E. Steven Wainz – Patricia Weinberg
- 2F. **June Bock – Olivia Briggs**
- 3F. Gina Bengel – Bettina Nangle

### SAT STRAT OPEN PAIRS (83 pairs)

- 1A. Don Boyarsky – Chuck Henke
- 2A. Gail Gottlieb – Susan Grauer
- 3A. **Suzanne Jones – Jean Grunwald**
- 4A. **Jim Steele – Karen Renne**
- 5A. **Chuck Goudey – Jean Achziger**
- 6A. Dennis Goldston – Merrell Anderson
- 7A. Tom Schmied – Bob Martin
- 8A. Walter and Nancy Rassbach
- 1B,1C. **John Hart – Rick Clelland**
- 2B. **Bill Brackett – Jim Johnson**
- 3B. Nancy Benamati – Marion Draughon
- 4B. Martin Gutschenritter – Margaret Devere
- 5B,2C. Judith Jadin – George Everitt
- 6B,3C. **John Massman III – Brian Agnes**
- 4C. Steve Rogers – Jim Gresham
- 5C. **Joanna Chau – Christina Werner**
- 6C. Michael Jalving – John Gallagher

### SAT EVE 199er PAIRS (8 pairs)

- 1. Sally Hughes – Sandra Koller
- 2. Steven Wainz – Patricia Weinberg
- 3. **Paula Giarratano – Judith Bowers**

Reed and Doris Drago, who are recovering from surgery.

- SUN FLT A/AX SWISS (22 teams)
- 1A. Ken Stuckey, Allen Kane, Anita and Don Heitler
  - 2A. Flo and Cal Newlin, Fred Herring, Stephen Evans
  - 3A. Norma Sands, Phil Michaelson, Roger and Hachy Pennell
  - 4/5A. Bruce Cobb, **Linda Sundbye**, Tim Hartshorn, Dave Ruttner
  - 4/5A,1X. **Gary Greene, Larry Dolan**, Don Vancil, Bill Allegar
  - 6A. **Rich Laver, Gary Steiner, Bob Sherman**, Tom Schmied
  - 7A. **Suzanne Jones, Janet deGrazia**, Tom Monikowski, Peggy Ware
  - 2X. **Chuck Goudey, Jean Achziger, Roger and Donna Plowman**
  - 3X. Tom Lenahan, Dick Duff, Barbara O'Grady, Bob Martin
  - 4X. Don Little, Don Patterson, Ron Sills, Julie Clark
- SUN FLT B/C/D SWISS (32 teams)
- 1B,1C. **Vince Bates, Anne Vincent, Eleanor Flanders, Paul Flanders**
  - 2B. **John Bortins, Clint Heiple, Woody Dillinger**, Nancy Benamati
  - 3/4B,2/3C. Hal Sanchez, Michael Schneider, Penelope Coffman, Leah Heggie
  - 3/4B,2/3C, 1D. Gina Bengel, Ravi Batra, Bettina Nangle, Abhay Kale
  - 5B,4C. Michael Jalving, John Gallagher, Stan Imhoff, Wayne Grosso
  - 6/7B,5/6C, 2D. Frank Baca, Betty Adler, Floyd Bilderback, David Meeker
  - 6/7B,5/6C. **Joanna Chau**, Christina Werner, Brandon Sheumaker, Ted Witt
  - 3D. David Cromley, Clara Bunning, Eileen Peterson, Robert Janssen

## Convalescent's Corner

Our condolences to Clara Lemons, whose husband, Delmar, recently passed away, and to Pat Sherman, who recently lost her brother. And our thoughts are with Dorothy Heil, who is seriously ill, and with Broma Lou

## Treasurer's Report

6-01-04

<b>Checking Balance Forward:</b>	\$
<b>4,199.61</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	
Sectional entry fees (275.5 tables)	
10,112.00	
Sectional cash donations	
146.29	
Membership Reimbursement	
<u>153.46</u>	
<b>Total Income:</b>	
<b>10,411.75</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b><u>Spring 2004 Sectional</u></b>	
Flyers and Scorecard Ad	114.69
Directors, hand records, sanction	
3,658.71	
Free Plays	
352.00	
Caddies	430.00
Kitchen help	
450.00	
Refreshments	
719.14	
Sunday food	
1,625.00	
Truck rental and table rental	
332.78	
Donation to 2005 NABC	
551.00	
<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>	
Newsletter printing and postage	253.00
New tables (8)	
374.52	
Bridge supplies	316.55
Net loss from Unit game	
17.32	
Registration fee, non-profit status	
25.00	
Deposit for Holiday Party	
<u>500.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,719.71</b>

<b>Final Checking Balance</b>	<b>4,891.65</b>
<b>Final Savings Balance</b>	<b>3,825.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,717.40</b>

*Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer*

## The Eleanor Venture

The Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley has established The Eleanor Venture, a grant to support a personal travel experience for a teacher from a public or private school located within the boundaries of the St. Vrain School District. The grant is named for **Eleanor Flanders**, founder and president of the Foundation.

Eleanor has been active in the Longmont community for many years. She served eight years on the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education and formed the Education Foundation in 1985, near the end of her board service.

*Submitted by Sue Everest*

## Regional Highlights

Congratulations to all the Boulder players who distinguished themselves at the Denver Rocky Mountain regional in May. In addition to the winners featured on our first page, an all-Boulder team won Bracket 2 in the first compact knock-out event: Jim Hoerlein, Anne Vincent, and Bob and Pat Sherman. Bill and Andrea Kutscher, Joanna Chau and Margaret Devere won Bracket 2 in the second compact knockout. Linda Sundbye, Fred Herring, Clint Heiple, and Woody Dillinger won Bracket 2 in a two-day knockout, as did John Bortins and Nancy Benamati, playing with Judy Hummel and Jerry Curtright of Colorado Springs. Bill and Andrea also won Flight B in a single-session Swiss team event, playing with John Massman III and Galen Hesson of Washington. And Joanna and Margaret won Flight D in the Memorial Day teams, playing with Michael Schneider and Dave Appel.

The top masterpoint winners from the Boulder unit:

1.	Linda Sundbye	46.49
2.	John Bortins	43.19
3.	John Massman III	35.34
4-6.	Andrea Kutscher	33.05
4-6.	Bill Kutscher	33.05
4-6.	Anne Vincent	33.05
7.	Jeanne Achziger	31.88
8.	Clint Heiple	27.27
9.	Chuck Goudey	26.83
10.	Woody Dillinger	26.16
11.	Reiko Raese	24.96
12/13.	Bill Brackett	24.87
12/13.	Jim Johnson	24.87
14.	Vince Bates	23.96
15.	Joanna Chau	15.18
16.	Sandy Straus	14.72
17.	Jim Hoerlein	14.47
18.	Jeanne Gray	13.79
19.	Gary Steiner	12.22
20.	Tom Stack	11.96
21.	Rich Laver	11.71
22.	Judy Clark	11.20
23.	Nettie Ashbee	11.19
24/25.	Bob Sherman	11.02
24/25.	Pat Sherman	11.02

*Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor*

## Counting Good!

Early in their bridge education, new players tumble onto the necessity of counting trumps. There is nothing quite like the feeling that runs from toes to scalp when LHO pops up with the trump 7 at trick 12, when one might have led the trump 8 instead of the last heart. Aha, let's count trumps forevermore!

You might have noticed that more advanced players mutter under their breath, flick their fingers, look skyward, or make other strange moves. Most time, these involuntary responses are not triggered by the standard of bridge you have forced these stalwarts to endure at table. These folks are twitching because they're counting. Everything and all the time!

Rest easy. It's often not necessary to complete count out a whole set of hands, but whether on defense or offense your bridge will

improve when you learn to count more than just the trumps. But how can this be accomplished?

In their "Countdown to Winning Bridge," Tim Bourke and Marc Smith propose that it is more efficient to count live cards than dead ones. Live cards are those in the hidden hands. For example, with diamonds as trump, on defense you hold five spades and see four spades in dummy. Is it not clear that the hidden hands have four spades together? You don't even have to count to thirteen to keep track of the spades in the hidden hands! As play proceeds and the hidden hands play spades to tricks, deduct as necessary to keep track of spades remaining in the hidden hands. By the way, this works for trumps too.

Any method that works for you is just fine. If you don't have one, save some mental energy and give this method a try. And get ready to hear "Well done, Partner."

*John Bortins, President*

## Never Give Up

Here's an inspiring story about Fred Hamilton, inducted last year into the Bridge Hall of Fame and this year, the tenth person ever to go over 30,000 masterpoints. Back in 1959, when Hamilton wasn't even a Life Master, he played the following hand in six spades, against Easley Blackwood:

*Dummy:*

♠ K 10 4  
♥ Q 7 4  
♦ J 8 5 3  
♣ A K 7

*Declarer:*

♠ 7 6 5 3 2  
♥ A K J  
♦ A K  
♣ Q J 2

The opening ♦10 lead went to the jack, queen, and ace. Hamilton led a club to his queen, and now it was time to go after trumps. He led the ♠ 2, and Blackwood had to make a decision. It appeared to him that Hamilton had a singleton ♣Q and was getting back to dummy to

discard a loser or two on the top clubs. So Blackwood did exactly what Hamilton wanted him to do—he went up with the ♠A, dropping his partner's jack, and led a diamond to his partner's king.

But Hamilton had that card. He led a trump to the king and down came the queen from East. Making six spades.

Blackwood's comment to Hamilton: "Young man, if you ever learn to bid, you're going to be a hell of a player."

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## Mark Your Calendars!!

June 10	Longmont club championship
June 11-13	Durango Sectional
June 18-20	Ft Collins Early Summer Sectional
June 21-27	Las Vegas Regional
June 23	Wednesday club championship
July 1	Longmont club NAP qualifier
July 8-11	Denver Summer Sectional
July 12-18	Summer NABC; New York NY
July 15	Longmont Charity game
July 24	Boulder Unit club-level NAP game
Aug 2	Boulder Bridge Club championship
Aug 3-8	Phoenix Regional
Aug 12	Longmont club NAP qualifier
Aug 13	Friday Afternoon Club championship
Aug 13-15	Grand Junction Sectional
Aug 20-22	Fort Collins Sectional
Sept 9	Longmont club championship
Sept 9-12	Colorado Springs Sectional
Sept 15	Wednesday club championship
Sept 17-19	Cheyenne Sectional

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