

Board Talk

From the President

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359:

Thank you one and all! The Boulder Spring Bonanza Sectional Tournament at the Boulder County Fairgrounds set a modern record for attendance. The volunteers who set up the tournament and tore it down afterwards did a magnificent job. The many people who contributed excellent snacks and funds for drinks and supplies merit our thanks for their generous spirit in keeping the rest of us well and truly satisfied. The Sunday pizza was made on site and that's about as fresh as it gets! Well run and well attended make a very good Boulder Sectional for us all.

The Denver National is getting closer and closer. Unit 359 will host a Boulder Day at the sectional. Tuesday, 22 Nov 05, is ours! Of course, there is now some work to do. What shall we show and tell about Boulder Unit 359 to the rest of the bridge world?

As to the National, you might have noticed the Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon or Silver Ribbon qualifications in your masterpoint summary. These qualifications enable you to enter the elite events. Do consider doing just that. You will experience a level of bridge play and demeanor at table that may astonish and invigorate you and your partner.

Defense at a suit contract is not the same as defense at notrump!

John Bortins, President

Farewell to a Friend

After a relatively brief illness, Sue Everest passed away on June 9. She played bridge in Boulder for over twenty years, in her own inimitable style. We will certainly miss her. (See Sue Jones' story on page 2.)

Sue was born on Columbus Day in 1920. She grew up in San Antonio TX. In 1942 she married Howard Everest, who was a "ferry pilot" during World War II. The Everests had one child, a daughter, Marilyn.

Sue edited an Oklahoma City newspaper for many years, and edited books as well. In Boulder she worked until her late 60s as an accountant and manager for an electronics company.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 1, at Sue's old address: 3160 Iris, Boulder, in the club house for her apartment complex. Everyone is encouraged to attend, remembering that Sue would have wanted us to go on to the Friday afternoon game afterward.

Based on an interview with Rosemary Anderson, by Karen Renne, newsletter editor

Directory Update

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Kudos

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Master Betty Jacobson, and to the only Boulder player who was truly outstanding in the Pikes Peak Regional last month: Suzanne Jones, who won several Bracket I knockouts and achieved a total of 85.95 points as a result. Bracket II knockout wins were posted by Karen Renne and Carter Dorrell on Wednesday and by Paul Haynes, Kate Yates, Denise Desbarats and Bill Burlage on Saturday.

See Regional Highlights, on page 4.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

A Little History

When the Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) was started at the Niwot Grange in 1995, Sue Everest was among its most loyal supporters. Retired and on a limited income, she nonetheless managed to bring a treat each time she played there: pickled herring (!), various baked goods, and of course a ton of real cream (courtesy of her breakfasts at McDonald's), trying to make playing on Fridays as appealing as she could.

Sue, a long-time Life Master, was a seat-of-the-pants player who enjoyed the game with a gusto many of us should envy. A fierce competitor at rubber bridge as well as duplicate, she enjoyed success at both. Generous with her time, she was always happy to play with any level of player, from beginner up. And she was always ready to give a ride to the game to anyone who needed it.

Suzanne Jones

NAP Qualifying Game

The Unit sponsored a club-level North American Pairs game on Sunday, June 5, at the West Boulder Senior Center. Overall winners were:

- 1A. Bill Brackett – Larry Dolan
- 2A. Tom Stack – Gary Greene
- 3A. Suzanne Jones – Kay McKenna
- 4A/1B. Jeanne Gray – Dolores Landwehr

- 5A/2B. Maud Greer – Judith Furtney
- 3B. Susan Freeman – Karen Renne
- 1C. Pat Baird – Zetta Feder
- 2C. Barbara Yoshimura – Sunny Gilbert

All those who qualified (not just the overall winners) may enter the District 17 final at the Aspengold Regional in Ruidoso NM, Oct. 7-8.

Mike Morter, Special Events co-chair

Club News

Longmont Bridge Club

The club will hold an NAP qualifier on June 16.

Marlene Aranci

Wednesday and Friday Clubs

Club championships will be held at the Wednesday Club on June 15 and at the Friday Afternoon Club on June 24.

Suzanne Jones

Niwot Bridge Club – A 0-200 Novice Game

The Tuesday night game has been growing. We have ten tables now, stratified into “B,” for brand new players, and “A,” for others.

All novice or newer bridge players are invited to join the fun of playing computer dealt hands with the friendly Tuesday night players. Partners are provided.

Call Jim Steele at 720-887-4694 or e-mail James.Steele@att.net or better yet, just try it out! Tuesday nights at the Niwot Grange starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is just \$5.00 per person.

Jim Steele

Spring 2005 Bonanza

Attendance was good again this year, despite rainy weather and a deep chill in the playing area on Friday. The overall winners:

- FRI AFT STRAT OPEN PAIRS (70 pairs)
- 1A. **Suzanne Jones** – Anita Heitler
 - 2A. **Jim Steele** – Chuck Reed
 - 3A. Frank Queen – Virginia Johnson

- 4A. **Tom Stack – Gary Greene**
- 5A. Lorraine Witonsky – Paul Witonsky
- 6A,1B. **Maud Greer – Judith Furtney**
- 2B,1C. Sung Mae Bleck – Carol Bertz
- 3B. **Jeanne Gray – Jim Hoerlein**
- 4B,2C. Michael Schneider – Dave Appel
- 5B,3C. **Mary Roble – Jane Baryames**
- 6B. Steve Blatter – Deborah Segal
- 4C. Sally Hughes – Gay Ostrander
- 5C. EllaMargaret Cron – Patricia Weinberg
- 6C. **Nettie Ashbee – Denise Desbarats**

FRI EVE FLT A/AX OPEN PAIRS (31 pairs)

- 1A,1X. **Linda Sundbye** – Fred Herring
- 2A. Allen Kane – En Hay
- 3A. **Suzanne Jones** – Anita Heitler
- 4A. Ernie Skolnick – Dan Marthaler
- 5A. Jan Janitschke – Robert Zinn
- 6A. Shirley Scott – Chris Champion
- 2X. Jon Gustafson – Larry Matheny
- 3X. Forest Clark – Dave Rankin
- 4X. Nancy Rassbach – Walter Rassbach

FRI EVE STRAT - FLT B/C/D PAIRS (40 pairs)

- 1B,1C. **Denise Desbarats – Nettie Ashbee**
- 2B,2C. **Vince Bates – Sandy Straus**
- 3B,3C,1D. **Steve Dike** – Suzanne Rupert
- 4/5B. **Sue Caulfield – Jim Zuboy**
- 4/5B,4C. Dave Appel – Michael Schneider
- 6B,5C. **Jenny Glendinning – Tim Auckland**
- 6C,2D. **Ray Weitzel – Tom Thomas**
- 5C,1D. **Thomas Thomas – Ray Weitzel**
- 3D. David Thayer – Rena Thayer
- 4D. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderback
- 5D. David Zwonitzer – Kym Zwonitzer

SAT AFT 199ER PAIRS (25 pairs)

- 1D. **Kamilla Macar – Ellen Tallman**
- 2D,1E. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderback
- 3D. Deborah Segal – Robert McKenzie
- 4D,2E. Roger Kincade – Linda Harder
- 5D. EllaMargaret Cron – Patricia Weinberg
- 6D,3E. Thomas Burger – Jack Purdy
- 4E. Joan Zuboy – Martha Lee
- 5E. Carolyn Borus – Judith Cozzens
- 1F. Nancy Rattman – Jim Rattman
- 2F. Carey Lowe-Curry – Susan Lowe

SAT STRAT OPEN PAIRS (78 pairs)

- 1A. **Linda Sundbye** – Fred Herring
- 2A. Jan Janitschke -- Robert Zinn
- 3A,1B,1C. James and Kristi Endelicato

- 4A. Chuck Henke – Allen Kane
- 5A. Dennis Goldston – Merrell Anderson
- 6A,2B. Roberta Vider – Marilyn Graham
- 7A. Tom Lenahan – Laurah Limbrick
- 8A,3B. **Woody Dillinger – Ben Baron**
- 4B. Peggy Ware – Tom Monikowski
- 5B. Bob Reinman – Jeff Cathrall
- 6B. **Anne Vincent – Vince Bates**
- 2C. **Bill Kutscher – Andrea Kutscher**
- 3C. Michael Jalving – John Gallagher
- 4C. **Rick Clelland – John Hart**
- 4C. Steve Rogers – Jim Gresham
- 5C. **Joanna Chau** – Christina Werner

SAT EVE 199er PAIRS (11 pairs)

- 1D,1E. Judith Cozzens – Molly Kienker
- 2D. Karen Gurwitz – Cornelia Snyder
- 3/4D. Merl Needham – Jay Silberberg
- 3/4D,2E. **Christie Osthoff – Hans Osthoff**
- 3E. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderback

SUN FLT A/AX SWISS (26 teams)

- 1A,1X. Marilyn Hughes, Laurah Limbrick, Tom Lenahan, Debbra Hyatt
- 2A. **Broma Lou Reed, Suzanne Jones,** Judy Randel, Bruce Cobb
- 3A. Walter Rassbach, Nancy Rassbach, Dennis Goldston, Merrell Anderson
- 4A. Hachy Pennell, Roger Pennell, Norma Sands, Ernie Young
- 5/6A. **Kathy Ragland,** Pat Henke, Jack Larkin, Carolee Larkin
- 5/6A,2X. Robert Saponas, Shirley Scott, Spencer Jones, Joseph Barrett
- 7A. Jayesh Goyal, Anita Heitler, Don Heitler, Ken Stuckey
- 8A. **Janet DeGrazia,** Allen Kane, En Hay, Chuck Henke
- 3X. **Clint Heiple, Woody Dillinger,** Paula Warren, Harriet Berenbaum
- 4X. **Reiko Raese, John Bortins,** Nancy Benamati, Earl Tackman

SUN FLT B/C/D SWISS (31 teams)

- 1B. Shirley Gates, Lois Cunningham, Maryann Baumann, Carol Bronder
- 2B,1C. **Bill Kutscher, Andrea Kutscher,** Sue Simmons, Bradley Simmons
- 3B. Margaret Devere, Brandon Sheumaker, Martin Gutschenritter, Gilbert Merrill
- 4B. **Joanna Chau,** Bob Reinman, Jeff Cathrall, Eleanor Gendill

5B,2C. Wendy Turk, Shirley Schley,
Carole Carlson, David Carlson
6/8B,3/4C,1/2D. Carolyn Borus, Molly Kienker,
Elizabeth Abruzzo, Judith Cozzens
6/8B,3/4C,1/2D. Claire McCormick, Robert
McKenzie, Janie Braverman, Jay Silberberg
6/8B. Marilyn Bost, Brad Wilson,
David Macey, Ginny Macey
5C,3D. Betty Adler, Frank Baca,
David Meeker, Floyd Bilderback
6/7C. Sharon Anderson, Helen Kosley
Carline Snell, Elaine West Fry
6/7C. Joan Mager, Penelope Coffman
Michael Schneider, Dave Appel

Opening Leads Are Hard

In Chandler (senior regional) a mini-expert (after a complicated auction by the opponents) led a club out of turn. After declarer had gratefully accepted, making the slam (which would have failed on a heart lead), he screamed at his partner: "You idiot! Why didn't you double for a heart lead?"

His partner stoically replied, "I should have doubled to remind myself to lead a heart?"

Then a week later at Gary's club, toward the end of a similarly complicated auction, the slated-to-be opening leader emphatically doubled for a spade lead (doubtless to remind himself to lead a spade) and (you guessed it), his partner dutifully lead a spade . . . out of turn. (Refused, thus making six.)

Suzanne Jones

Treasurer's Report

5-20-05

Checking Balance Forward: \$ 2,981.95

Income:

Unit game entries	234.00
Sectional entry fees (281.5 tables)	1 0,376.00
Sectional non-member fees	3.00
Sectional cash donations	180.00
Membership reimbursement	<u>395.33</u>

Total Income: **11,188.33**

Expenses:

Spring 2005 Sectional

Forum Ad	75.00
Sanction fee	855.76
Directors	2,967.95
Hand records	112.00
Free Plays	246.00
Caddies	450.00
Kitchen help	450.00
Food, soft drinks, supplies	770.24
Sunday pizza	998.00
Donation to 2005 NABC	563.00
<u>Other Expenses</u>	
Newsletter printing and postage	216.16
New tables (6)	168.59
Unit game rental (June 5)	137.50
Unit game director	50.00
Unit game sanction fee	47.25
Unit game food	32.65
Registration fee, non-profit status	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses	8,165.10

Final Checking Balance **6005.18**

Final Savings Balance **3,927.60**

TOTAL ASSETS **9,932.78**

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

Regional Highlights

Congratulations to all the Boulder players who played well at the Pikes Peak Regional in Colorado Springs. In addition to the winners mentioned on the first page, Shirley Rowe's team won Flight B in the Board-A-March on Thursday; Judith Bower and Gail Ferguson won a 199er event on Friday; Paul Haynes and Kate Yates won the afternoon side game on Saturday; and Joanna Chau won Flight B in the Sunday open pairs.

The top masterpoint winners from the Boulder unit were:

1.	Suzanne Jones	85.95
2.	Karen Renne	37.07
3.	Carter Dorrell	33.06
4.	Jeanne Achziger	27.27
5-7.	Linda Sundbye	22.43
5-7.	Clint Heiple	22.43
5-7.	Woody Dillinger	22.43

8.	Sandy Straus	18.88
9-10.	Anne Vincent	17.71
9-10.	Vince Bates	17.71
11.	Judy Clark	16.76
12.	Joanna Chau	14.22
13.	Shirley Rowe	12.35
14-15.	Paul Haynes	11.92
14-15.	Kate Yates	11.92
16.	Denise Desbarats	9.88
17.	Bertie Wetzler	9.87
18.	Bill Burlage	8.77
19.	Jeanne Gray	8.55
20.	John Massman	8.16

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

How Many Matches?

Your Unit Board intends to establish a policy regarding the length and number of matches in the Sunday Swiss Team at future Boulder Bonanzas. Should it be six nine-board matches, or seven eights?

If you feel strongly about this issue, we want to hear from you. Please let us know your feelings by mail or e-mail. Send your comments to

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As we see it, here are the considerations involved: first, nine-board matches mean 54 boards total, vs. 56 boards with eight-board matches. With nine-board matches, there is one less round to score as well. Bottom line, according to Director Alice Kinningham: a six-match event is about forty-five minutes shorter.

Second, winning an eight-board match gets you .30 matchpoints, vs. .34 MP for a nine-board match. Do the math and you'll see that the potential take is higher with eight-board matches.

Third, many players may feel they have a better chance to win playing seven matches than playing six matches. And after an early blitz, a team has more time to rally back with seven matches.

Finally, policy or no policy, Alice tells us that with fewer than twenty teams, it can be difficult to run an event with eight-board matches. In the last match, it is often hard to match teams with similar records. Thus, even though we intend to have eight-board matches, if there are fewer than twenty teams in any strat, it may be necessary to switch to nine-board matches anyway. If we announce nine-board matches upfront, we can publish a predictable, earlier end time for the event.

(At the 2005 Spring Bonanza, we had 26 teams in A/X and 31 in B/C/D.)

Bill Brackett, Tournament Chairman

Some Interesting Stats

Based on fifty Wednesday and Friday hand records (1800 hands), E-W were somewhat more likely than N-S to have more than half the high card points:

E-W > 20 points	46.4%
N-S > 20 points	44.3%
Both = 20 points	9.3%

Furthermore, E-W had more points than N-S on twenty-seven of the fifty days.

Among hands with at least twenty points, 39.5% had 20-22 points; 34.3% had 23-25 points; 21.6% had 26-29 points; and 4.6% had 30 or more points.

A given hand (E, W, N, or S) had a void 57 times in 1800 hands, or once every 31.6 deals.

In these 1800 hands, the distribution of cards held by opponents did not correspond to the theoretical expectation. Even splits were less common than expected when five cards were missing, and more common when four cards were missing:

Split	Actual %	Theoretical %
3-2	66.4	67.8
4-1	30.0	28.3
5-0	3.6	3.9
2-2	43.4	40.7
3-1	48.4	49.7
4-0	8.2	9.6

Gary Greene

What A Hand!

This deal came up in Gary's game on May

9. North dealt. As **East** I held:

♠ A Q 10 5 4
♥ ---
♦ Q 7
♣ K 9 8 6 4 3

The auction:

N	E	S	W
4♦	4♠	pass	4N
pass	6♥	pass	7♥

My 6♥ bid showed one keycard for spades, with a heart void. So there I was at 7♥, void in the suit!

Partner (**West**) held:

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 6 4 3 2
♦ --
♣ A J 7 5

North had nine diamonds to the king, two small in each major, and a club void, while **South** held:

♠ K J 8 6 3
♥ J 8 5
♦ A J
♣ Q 10 2

As you see, 7♥ is only defeated with a club lead and can't be beaten played by **West**. **South** led the ♦ Ace, so we got 1510, a top at the time.

With hearts breaking 7♣ is cold from either side.

Bill Brackett

Willie's Green Chili

1. 4 lbs pork shoulder (or 3 if you don't want it too meaty)
2. 8 big long Anaheim peppers (light green)
3. 3 big Poblano peppers (dark green and glossy)
4. (optional - some hot peppers to taste (Serranos or Jalapeños) – using only the peppers noted above is nice and mild)
5. (optional or in addition – use Hatch's green chilies (Costco) – one big can with the others or two big cans without the others – well drained)
6. 8-10 tomatillos
7. 1 big onion or 2 medium
8. 2 big mangoes (ripe or almost ripe)
9. 1 cup of cheap white wine
10. 2-3 cans of chicken stock (go for Swanson's low sodium – better you can control the salt)
11. flour for dredging pork
12. 2-500 garlic cloves (whatever you want – the taste mellows dramatically as you simmer)
13. cumin to taste - add as you go
14. ground cardamom to taste – add as you go but much less than the cumin
15. 1 tsp. or so of oregano (not too much)
16. pinch of nutmeg
17. 1 lime
18. olive oil for sautéing (or whatever – not butter)
 - a. Chop up onion and caramelize in big sauté pan then put off to one side (thin long slices with the grain). Add some of the spices while you are doing this. Onions caramelize quicker if you add a spoonful of sugar (go ahead and do it).
 - b. Meanwhile, cut up pork into 1 inch cubes and dredge in flour. Brown in same pan as onions in small batches and put off to one side. Don't be afraid to use lots of oil. Pork shoulder is fatty and you will need to skim the fat off near the end anyway.

- c. Word on the spices: add the cumin and cardamom in three batches – once at the beginning, once in the middle when you bring almost the whole thing up to boil, and once more at the end.
- d. Deglaze the pan with the wine and most of the chicken stock. Save one of the cans to add while cooking in case the mixture gets too dry.
- e. If you want to roast the chilies and remove the skin, please do so. Excellent but not necessary if you don't have the time or inclination. After a long simmer, you won't notice the skins.
- f. Chop up all the chilies (coarse) and add them into the wine and chicken mixture. Bring to boil, put a lid on and simmer. Don't forget to scrape out all the seeds, and that white stuff. Seeds are awful in chili. I know that's where the heat is BUT if you need mucho heat just use more hot chilies (they're small).
- g. Chop (coarse) up the tomatillos.
- h. You can add salt and pepper during this but watch the salt. The chicken stock has salt in it so add extra salt carefully. You are not the department of highways in the winter.
- i. When all the chilies have softened, add the onions and the pork and the tomatillos and simmer. Add more spices (cumin mostly) now.
- j. If the mixture gets too thick add more chicken stock. I always end up doing this – set the thickness to your taste.
- k. After a couple of hours, skim the fat then chop up the mangoes and add them with some more cumin and cardamom. Taste for salt and sweetness. Squeeze in your lime, simmer a little more and it's done.
- l. You can add drained white beans to this if you want but it isn't necessary.
- m. Sorry about the quantities. I do it all by ear and try NEVER to measure anything. That way, it's different every time.

Sweetness mellows heat. So if you make it too hot, try adding more mangoes or a spoonful of sugar. If the sweetness is too much for you, squeeze in a little more lime. If not hot enough, add some cayenne. If too thin, reduce with the lid off for awhile. Watch you don't turn the mangoes to mush so add them when you are happy with the thickness. You know the drill.

Garnish with a dollop of sour cream in the middle of the bowl and sprinkle with some chopped up cilantro or green onion. This stuff keeps well in the fridge. You can make it the day before and add the mangoes before you serve (you don't even need to add mangoes). Works well served in a big coffee mug with a soup spoon.

Willie Gray

Mark Your Calendars!!

June 16	Longmont Club NAP qualifier
June 20-26	Las Vegas Regional
July 7-10	Denver Summer Sectional
July 12-18	Summer NABC -- Atlanta GA
Aug 15-21	Phoenix Regional
Aug 5-7	Grand Junction Sectional
Aug 26-28	Fort Collins Sectional
Sept 8-11	Colorado Springs Sectional
Sept 16-18	Cheyenne Sectional
Oct. 3-9	Aspengold Regional

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