

Board Talk

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Members of Unit 359,

Our Unit continues to be active with daily games and special events. Many thanks go to Bill Brackett, with the able assistance of Jim Steele and Karen Renne, for making our recent Grand National Team event a success.

Although each unit is required by the ACBL to hold Grand National Team and North American Pair events, many units are struggling with having sufficient participation to hold them. The District 17 Board is currently looking into ways, such as having smaller units combine their games and providing improved facilities at the next level, to revitalize these grassroots events. We are fortunate that our members have an opportunity to qualify, particularly as the subsequent GNT District Final will be held at the Denver Regional.

Gary Steiner has graciously agreed to direct another of our special events, the annual Holiday Party, for the last several years and donate his fee to an organization of his choice. One of these organizations is Heifer International, which provides livestock and agricultural training to some of the most impoverished people in the world. For example, a \$30 gift provides a poor family with a package of bees and a hive. The hive will supply the family with honey to eat and sell, and with beeswax for candles and cloth printing. (Information from Family Fun-Parenting Magazine)

Last but not least, this year's spring Boulder Bonanza will be held May 2-4 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont.

Colorado NABC Co-Chairmen Roy Weinstein and Bob Wingard have expressed their appreciation to our unit for voting to support the Hospitality Fund with a 50-cent increase per session at the remaining sectionals before the Fall 2005 NABC. We hope to see all of you at the Bonanza in May!

Andrea Kutscher, President

KUDOS

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Master Anne Vincent and new Life Masters Pat Hoadley and Kaye Birmingham.

CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

Our thoughts are with Earl Tackman, who is still recovering from the illness that sent him to the hospital shortly after our GNT game on February 22.

CORRECTION!

The January newsletter contained an erroneous list of overall winners at the **HOLIDAY PARTY** on December 8. Here is the correct list of winners, with apologies from your editor:

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| 1A. | Gary Greene -- Kal Grunwald |
| 2A. | Linda Sundbye -- Fred Herring |
| 3/4A. | Jeanne Achziger -- Chuck Goudy |
| 3/4A. | Jim Steele -- Karen Renne |
| 1B, 1C. | Pat Hoadley -- Joyce Austin |
| 2B. | Bonnie Corl -- Sandra Straus |
| 3B. | Jean Adams -- Jim Hoerlein |

4B, 2C. Doris Drago – Frankie Rader
 3C. Mark Ronlov – S. Ronlov

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS February 22, 2003

The unit held a single session stratified Grand National Teams qualifying event on March 2 with 13 teams attending. The overall winners:

- 1A,1B. Bill Brackett, Bill Horton, Jim Johnson, Ralph Cox
- 2A. Suzanne Jones, Kay McKenna, Bertie Wetzler, Elise Myers
- 3A, 2B. Karen Renne, Jim Steele, Earl Tackman, Jim Spurlin
- 4A,3B. Sue Caulfield, Dawn Foltz, Greg Foltz, Ed Yosses

Bill Brackett, Special Events Co-Chair

ACBL UNIT 359

Treasurer's Report 3-01-03

Balance Forward:	\$5,327.46
Income:	
ACBL Membership	163.25
GNT receipts	<u>364.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 527.25
Expenses:	
Newsletter	123.40
Mailing labels	24.00
USPS	100.00
Directory 2003	274.03
GNT expenses	315.53
Coffee urns, extension cords	240.49
Miscellaneous	<u>224.86</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,302.31
Balance Forward:	\$4,552.40
1 st Bank Savings	\$3,721.26

Ellen Tallman, Treasurer

CLUB NEWS

Longmont Bridge Club News

The Longmont Bridge Club thanks Kay McKenna for her generous donation.

Boulder Bridge Club News

Kay McKenna is leading the race for the Boulder Bridge Club trophy. The Plowmans have the highest-scoring game in Flight A so far this year, while Jean Adams and Jim Hoerlein are leading in Flight B, and Paula Giarratano and Kamila Macar, in Flight C.

Gary Steiner

Wednesday Club and FAC News

The contribution of Nettie Ashbee and Judy Hardie is gratefully acknowledged. They purchased a terrific new carpet for the playing area, thus enhancing our environment and improving our standing with St. Andrews Church.

Suzanne Jones

TALES FROM THE CRYPT (ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL)

Beware the Naked Lady.

After Mike Passell's using my head for a football in the morning knockout, my partner and I head for the Board-A-Match with some relief. As Ken (Stuckey) put it, "At last we get to play against people who make mistakes."

Fateful words.

A couple of rounds go by with not much happening when I open a vulnerable 1NT and pard transfers me to 2H:

Q	10	K	4
7	9	10	3
5	8	8	
	6		
	5		

A	Q	A	A
J	7	5	J
9		2	6
8			5

The Little Old Man on my left tables the diamond Q. Oh, joy unbounded! With that lead(!) no diamond loser, one in spades, maybe three hearts, and only one in clubs. A little fearful of a diamond ruff, I duck a club to get to dummy to try to hold my heart losers to two if I can catch Jx on my right.

The Little Old Lady on my right wins the club and puts back a low heart. Okay. I duck, and the LOM wins the J and plays back a low heart. LOL plays low, I win my bare Q and sniff the air. Maybe the LOL on my right died during the play and that's why my bare Q wasn't beheaded. Or she is saving the heart K for a souvenir of the tournament. Yeah, that's probably it. Probably ducked, thinking I was down to the bare A. Anyway, things aren't going too bad. Looks like I can endplay somebody in the spade suit after a successful finesse, so I play a diamond, confidently insert the 10, and LOSE to the J! More than a little disconcerted, I follow to the diamond return while the LOM pitches a low spade. Okay, all is not lost. He probably doesn't have the K of spades, and they have failed to make their high hearts separately. All that remains is to ruff a club, hook the spade, ruff another club and lead a heart, hopefully endplaying one of my moribund opponents. Accordingly I play the A of clubs and ruff a club in dummy. But when I hook the spade, my LOM nabs the J of spades, tables the A, then the K of hearts, drawing all my trumps (sob!) and cashes two clubs to set me TWO VULNERABLE, -200.

At the other table my teammate overcalled a NT over 1C (by my hand) and worked her tail off to make 2NT for a measly 120 (for the loss).

I'd like to report that my LOM was somebody anybody had ever heard of--but such was not the case. I found myself actually looking forward to getting back to the KO's where at least I know the names of the people who back a truck over me.

Suzanne Jones

UNIT UPDATE

The annual Spring Boulder Bonanza will be held May 2-4. A tournament schedule is included with this newsletter. Donation sign-up slips for food, etc will soon be appearing at the local club games.

Rick Geertz, Tournament Chair

MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS FOR 2002

The Mini-McKenney standings for the most masterpoints won in 2002 in each category:

Rookie (0-5)

Gail Ferguson	3.89
Ken Ritchart	2.73
Jonathan Dings	2.18

Junior Master (5-20)

Joanna Chau	103.81
Mary Roble	17.23
Darwyn Herbst	13.82

Club Master (20-50)

Larry Fowler	37.55
Betsy Fowler	37.55
Patricia Soukup	6.46

Sectional Master (50-100)

Rick Geertz	28.89
Zetta Feder	23.42
Rick Clelland	17.06

Regional Master (100-200)

Vince Bates	132.39
Jenny Glendinning	55.88
Denise Desbarats	45.96

NABC Master (200-300)

Anne Vincent	146.50
Pat Hoadley	77.95
Bernadine Bubla	76.47

Life Master (300-500)

Bill Burlage	160.06
Andrea Kutscher	88.36
Bill Kutscher	81.38

Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)

Jim Hoerlein	189.44
Clint Heiple	151.02
John Bortins	135.57

Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)

Charlie Anderson	352.85
Reiko Raese	229.03
Mike Perlman	155.62
Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)	
Gary Steiner	185.28
Kay McKenna	99.32
Marvie Lou Durbin-Voss	96.65
Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)	
Suzanne Jones	446.94
Broma Lou Reed	422.22

Donna Plowman	60.66
Jim Hoerlein	58.84
Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)	
Roger Plowman	66.67
Gary Greene	64.00
Brigitte Shaw	62.88
Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)	
Kay McKenna	70.65
Jane Mehegan	56.42
Gary Steiner	44.78
Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)	
Suzanne Jones	47.43
Broma Lou Reed	35.39

ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS FOR 2002

The Ace of Clubs standings for the most masterpoints won in club games in each category in 2002:

Rookie (0-5)

Gail Ferguson	1.50
Kamilia Macar	1.26
Ken Richart	1.26

Junior Master (5-20)

Joanna Chau	34.48
Vince Botarelli	11.62
Darwyn Herbst	9.13

Club Master (20-50)

Larry Fowler	13.25
Betsy Fowler	12.95
Patricia Soukup	5.35

Sectional Master (50-100)

Zetta Feder	18.41
Rick Geertz	15.73
Rick Clelland	11.07

Regional Master (100-200)

Jenny Glendinning	35.60
Demose Desbarats	31.49
Vince Bates	31.08

NABC Master (200-300)

Anne Vincent	39.33
Bernadine Bubla	36.44
Tim Auckland	35.91

Life Master (300-500)

Nettie Ashbee	36.48
Bill Burlage	34.20
Sandra Straus	25.20

Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)

Jim Zuboy	84.37
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ALBUQUERQUE WINNERS

Boulder Unit 359 players did well at the 2003 Albuquerque regional in January. The top masterpoint winners were Suzanne Jones, with 49.14 masterpoints, and Jim Hoerlein and Bill Burlage, with 46.22 masterpoints apiece.

Jim and Bill won Flight B in the morning side game series on Tuesday and came in fourth in B in the Board-A-March on Wednesday, playing with Anne Vincent and Vince Bates. The same two pairs scored again on Thursday, when Anne and Vince won Flight B in the open pairs, while Jim and Bill were second. Jim and Bill were second in the Sunday B/C/D Swiss teams, playing with Bill and Andrea Kutscher.

The big news in the Board-A-March was that new Life Master Kaye Birmingham, playing with Joyce Austin, Shirley Rowe and Virginia Moore, placed second in Flight B.

Like Kaye, Pat Hoadley became a Life Master at the Albuquerque Regional. Pat's team won a knock-out event on Wednesday (she was the only Boulder player on her team.)

Nettie Ashbee and Denise Desbarats won Flight C in the Stratified Senior Pairs on Wednesday, while Jeanne Achziger and Dolores Landwehr finished third in A in the Open Pairs that day. On Saturday, Woody Dillinger and Clint Heiple were second in B in the Open Pairs.

Suzanne Jones, playing with Ken Stuckey, Bruce Cobb of Denver and Judy Randel, finished second in the top bracket of the

compact knock-out event that ended on Saturday.

OTHER TOURNAMENT NEWS

Fort Collins

Vince Bates and Sandy Straus turned in their usual stellar performance at the Fort Collins sectional: first in Flight B on Friday afternoon and second in Flight B on Friday evening.

On Saturday, Sue Caulfield and Edward Yosses won Flight B in the two-session event, also coming in third in Flight A. Our newest member, Anders Pettersson, won Flight A, playing with Marilyn Bost of Aurora.

Rich Laver's team, with Denver players Walter and Nancy Rassbach and Tom Schmied, was second in Flight A in the Sunday Swiss, while Jeanne Gray, Judith Furtney, Roberta Vider and Rathin Basu finished second in B/C.D.

Pueblo

Only one Boulder player did well at the Pueblo sectional at the end of February. Broma Lou Reed was second in the two-session Saturday pairs event, playing with Steve Kemic of Los Alamos NM.

Denver

At the Denver Spring Sectional last weekend, Boulder players scored well in almost every event. Larry Sullivan and Kathy Ragland were second in Flight A of the Thursday evening Swiss teams, playing with Pat and Chuck Henke of Aurora. On Friday afternoon, Rich Laver won Flight A, playing with En Hay of Littleton, and Paul Haynes was second in Flight B, playing with Bob Martin of Morrison.

Joanna Chau's team won Bracket B in the Friday morning knock-out. In the two-session event on Saturday, Rick Clelland and John Hart won Flight C, while Suzanne Jones and Janet DeGrazia were second in Flight A.

Results of the Sunday Swiss teams were not available at press time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Mar 6-16	Spring NABC, Philadelphia
Mar. 24-30	Las Vegas Sectional
Apr 2-6	Mesa AZ Senior Regional A
Apr 11	FAC club championship
Apr 11-13	Grand Junction Sectional
Apr 24-27	Colorado Springs Sectional
May 2-4	Boulder Spring Bonanza
May 5-11	Western Conference STAC
May 5	Boulder Bridge club championship
May 20-26	Denver Rocky Mountain Regional
Jun 6-8	Durango Sectional
Jun 12	Longmont club championship
Jun 23-29	Las Vegas Regional

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