

# Board Talk

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

The Grand National Teams event sponsored by your Boulder Unit attracted nine teams to the Senior Center for a spirited competition directed by Tom Monikowski. The qualifiers have an opportunity to go on to the Las Vegas Regional and try their luck at the next level or at one of the buffet lines! Remember that it is our volunteers who make events like the GNT possible.

Check your calendars, the Boulder Bonanza Spring Sectional is coming on fast. For players with fewer than five masterpoints, there is no entry fee! The flyer for the slate of events indicates that Mid-Chart conventions will be allowed in the A/X flights on Friday evening and in the Sunday teams. Players using Mid-Chart conventions have some requirements to fulfill. See my Note on Mid-Chart conventions, page 4 below, and visit the ACBL web site ([www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)) for additional details and for updated convention charts.

A reminder to the culinary artists among us: we look forward to sampling those delicious recipes at the Boulder Bonanza goodie tables!

Congratulations to our many recipients of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards!

*John Bortins, President*

## CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

Gary Greene is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 11. He'll miss the Denver sectional this weekend, but he's

vowing to come back to the clubs even as early as March 19! Jean Dolan is home recovering from a surgery of her own. We wish her well, and hope to see her soon.

*Suzanne Jones*

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

*From now on, at least through 2004, this newsletter will print corrections to the directory. Please notify Karen Renne of any additional corrections or address changes. Note that membership ranking codes shown here or in the directory are accurate as of **October 1, 2003** and only for Unit 359 members.*

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## KUDOS

Congratulations to new Silver Life Masters Jeanne Gray and Jim Hoerlein and new Bronze Life Master Bill Kutscher, and to Joanna Chau, who won the Friday evening Stratified Pairs in Pueblo, playing with Jim Hall of Pueblo.

## GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

March 7, 2004

The unit held a single session stratified Grand National Teams qualifying event on March 7 with nine teams attending. The overall winners:

- 1/2A. Rich Laver, Gary Greene, Gary Steiner, Mike Perlman  
1/2A,1B. Bill Brackett, Jim Johnson, Anne Vincent, Vince Bates  
3A. Suzanne Jones, Kay McKenna, Bertie Wetzler, Elise Myers  
4A. Linda Sundbye, Fred Herring, Marilyn Hughes, Brandon Sheumaker  
2B. John Bortins, Nancy Benamati, Ed Yosses, Reiko Raese

*Bill Brackett, Ass't Tournament Chair*

## ACBL UNIT 359

**Treasurer's Report**  
3-01-04

**Last Checking Balance:**  
**\$6,540.70**

### Income:

ACBL Membership 163.26

**Total Income:** **163.26**

### Expenses:

Directory 2004, printing  
256.48  
Newsletter printing, postage  
342.28  
Spring 2004 Fairgrounds deposit 100.00  
Spring 2004 Fairgrounds rental  
1,200.00  
Tournament clock  
410.00  
McKenna Cup engraving  
10.27  
Christmas party, final expenses  
142.65  
Mini-McKenney awards  
42.67

**Total Expenses:**  
**2,504.35**

**New Checking Balance:** **4,199.61**  
**Savings:** **3,806.43**  
**Total Assets:** **8,006.04**

*Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer*

## UNIT UPDATE

The annual Spring Boulder Bonanza will be held April 30-May 2. A tournament schedule is included with this newsletter. Sign-up slips for food donations and other contributions will soon be appearing at the local club games.

This year, Sunday's lunch will **NOT** be pizza. Instead, we'll have wraps prepared by a private caterer.

Another innovation: at this tournament we will offer FREE BOOKS. Please bring your mysteries, romances, serious fiction, frivolous fiction, and non-fiction to the Wednesday and Friday clubs between now and April 30. Pat Lucas and Suzanne Jones will see that they're put out for the taking. Feel free to toss in your old bridge books, too!

*Rick Geertz, Tournament Chair*

## CLUB NEWS

### Wednesday Club and FAC News

The Western Conference STAC will be held Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews. Sectionally rated with lots of silver points available! Entry is \$6.50 per person per sectional.

The Rocky Mountain Regional is coming soon! It's not too early to start making your games, and remember, neither the Wednesday nor the Friday club will meet during the Regional (May 25-31).

*Suzanne Jones*

### Niwot Bridge Club News

Newer players are invited to come and enjoy the Tuesday night duplicate game at the Niwot Grange. This is the only novice game available in the north metropolitan area. It's sanctioned as a 0-20 masterpoint game, which means that only those with 0-20 masterpoints can win more points, but others are welcome to

come and play. The game starts with a lesson at 6:30 PM and always ends by 9:30 PM, usually playing 15 boards. The entry fee is \$4.00 per person. Boards are pre-dealt, and hand records are provided.

These games are run to provide a relaxed game for newer players and give them a chance to learn the game by playing it. A partner will be provided for anyone who comes without a partner.

*Jim Steele*

## MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS FOR 2003

The Mini-McKenney standings for the most masterpoints won in 2003 in each category:

### **Rookie (0-5)**

Anders Pettersson	49.52
Gail Ferguson	20.38
Kamilla Macar	6.59

### **Junior Master (5-20)**

Judith Bowers	14.64
Pete Tallman	10.37
Wayne Densmore	1.05

### **Club Master (20-50)**

Mary Roble	31.50
Darwyn Herbst	30.01
Patricia Soukup	18.37

### **Sectional Master (50-100)**

Zetta Feder	55.03
Betsy Fowler	53.97
Larry Fowler	39.03

### **Regional Master (100-200)**

Joanna Chau	227.74
Leona Schuler	33.30
Jenny Glendinning	33.20

### **NABC Master (200-300)**

John D. Massman III	82.77
Kaye Birmingham	76.17
Denise Desbarats	64.91

### **Life Master (300-500)**

Anne Vincent	133.53
Vince Bates	122.50
Andrea Kutscher	95.66

### **Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)**

Jim Hoerlein	235.23
Jeanne Gray	196.73

Bill Burlage	192.75
<b>Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)</b>	
Reiko Raese	292.65
Rich Laver	207.28
Charlie Anderson	198.66
<b>Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)</b>	
Gary Steiner	201.39
Gary Greene	151.65
Roger Plowman	144.57
<b>Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)</b>	
Suzanne Jones	387.29
Broma Lou Reed	291.40

## ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS FOR 2003

The Ace of Clubs standings for the most masterpoints won in club games in 2003:

### **Rookie (0-5)**

Anders Pettersson	11.53
Gail Ferguson	5.73
Kamilla Macar	4.47

### **Junior Master (5-20)**

Pete Tallman	8.27
Judith Bowers	6.60
Olivia Briggs	.67

### **Club Master (20-50)**

Darwyn Herbst	24.23
Mary Roble	20.03
Vince Botarelli	9.30

### **Sectional Master (50-100)**

Zetta Feder	18.41
Rick Geertz	15.73
Rick Clelland	11.07

### **Regional Master (100-200)**

Joanna Chau	38.63
Jenny Glendinning	29.07
Eleanor Flanders	24.85

### **NABC Master (200-300)**

Kaye Birmingham	37.22
Bernadine Bubla	36.30
Denise Desbarats	33.94

### **Life Master (300-500)**

Vince Bates	38.73
Nettie Ashbee	37.66
Andrea Kutscher	34.71

### **Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)**

Jim Zuboy	87.35
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Jim Hoerlein	67.23
Jeanne Gray	63.07
<b>Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)</b>	
Larry Dolan	77.66
Brigitte Shaw	74.31
Harvey Voss	57.32
<b>Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)</b>	
Gary Greene	78.09
Kay McKenna	62.45
Roger Plowman	58.32
<b>Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)</b>	
Suzanne Jones	42.71
Broma Lou Reed	21.74

- ♥ T95
- ♦ J54
- ♣ AT5

The auction:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2C
Pass	3C	Pass	3NT

*So, what did Paul lead? The King of Spades! Jim was bewildered!! What was Paul's spade holding? Jim misjudged the entire hand, taking only nine tricks when most of the other declarers took eleven. Why did Paul lead the King? "From the bidding it sounded as if declarer may have had a singleton Queen of Jack, and I hoped to smother it." He's right even when he's wrong.*

**Karen Renne, Editor**

## NOTES FROM ALBUQUERQUE

Boulder players turned out in force for the Albuquerque Regional in January, and some of us did very well indeed! Jim Hoerlein, Vince Bates, Anne Vincent and Bill Burlage won the Bracket 3 knockout on Tuesday, and Denise Desbarats and Judy Hardie won the Flight B Senior Pairs on Wednesday. Jeanne Gray, Bertie Wetzler, Dolores Landwehr, and Jeanne Achziger made it all the way to the semi-finals in a Bracket 1 knockout, only to lose by 3 IMPs to Paul Soloway's team on Friday.

Speaking of Paul Soloway, the following story appeared in the tournament newsletter on Saturday and is reprinted here with permission of Jo Crumley, the original author.

*You've all heard the expression "getting waylaid." Well, at bridge we get "solowayed." It happened to Jim Steele and he lived to tell the tale! On Wednesday evening during the Board-A-Match event, he and his partner played the following board against Paul Soloway and his partner, Geoff Hampson.*

**North** (Geoff)

- ♠ J32
- ♥ 8764
- ♦ QT8
- ♣ KJ4

**West** (Karen)

- ♠ AT86
- ♥ 2
- ♦ K962
- ♣ Q932

**East** (Jim)

- ♠ Q7
- ♥ AKQJ3
- ♦ A73
- ♣ 987

**South** (Paul)

- ♠ K954

## A NOTE ON MID-CHART CONVENTIONS

Here are a few things to keep in mind, courtesy of the ACBL, while there is time to get prepared!

When using a method permitted by the Mid-Chart but not by the General Convention Chart, a pair is required to pre-Alert the method(s), have a written description of the method(s) available for the opponents, and except for those methods authorized by sections 2, 3, and 10 under "ALLOWED," have a copy of the approved, suggested defense available for opponents. Approved defenses are available in the ACBL defense database at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org), or write to the Chief Tournament Director at [chief.tournament.director@acbl.org](mailto:chief.tournament.director@acbl.org). A defense to a method which requires the above pre-Alert may be referred to during the auction by both pairs.

**John Bortins, President**

## MASTER CLASSES CONTINUE

Chuck Henke will continue his excellent and highly worth-while master class series with six classes on "The Defensive Side of Bridge," beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday, April 5, 2004, at The First Christian Church in Boulder

(right before the Boulder Bridge Club game), and continuing through May 10, 2004. The cost is \$90 per person for six lessons, including course materials. Register with Chuck by phone at 303 755-4106 or email, chhe80012@att.net.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar. 8-14     Glitter Gulch Sectional, Las Vegas  
Mar. 11-14             Denver Spring Sectional  
Mar. 18-28             Spring NABC, Reno NV  
Mar. 29-Apr. 4         Senior Regional, Mesa AZ  
Apr. 9                     FAC club championship  
Apr. 16-18             Grand Junction Sectional  
Apr. 17-18             Denver 199er Sectional  
Apr 22-25             Colorado Springs Sectional  
**April 30-May 2         Boulder Spring Bonanza**  
May 3             Boulder Bridge Club championship  
May 3-9             Western Conference STAC  
May 25-31     Denver Rocky Mountain Regional  
June 10             Longmont club championship  
June 19-21             Fort Collins Sectional  
June 21-27                     Las Vegas  
Regional  
June 23             Wednesday Club championship

### FLASH!

Inside this newsletter you'll find a complete 2004 calendar listing as many bridge events as were known to your editor last week. It isn't perfect, and it's not in your directories, but maybe it will help.

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