

Board Talk

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

It is snowing right now, which means the Spring Boulder Bonanza is coming and soon we can congratulate the 2005 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners! We can also look forward to goodies from the many talented chefs in our membership and to tasty pizza on Sunday. Players with fewer than 5 masterpoints still get the no-entry-fee deal! You daring Mid-Chart players competing in the A/X flight on Friday evening and in the Sunday teams are respectfully reminded there are some requirements to fulfill. See the ACBL web site (www.acbl.org) for updated convention charts.

With four ACBL sanctioned club games Boulder Unit 359 is fortunate indeed. Come on by and see for yourself how the directors create a pleasant atmosphere for our enjoyment whilst playing bridge. You B players can get off to a fast start for the Rita Alkonis Award prize, which is based only on masterpoints won in Unit 359 clubs.

The creative juices are flowing in the Unit Board members, which is perhaps a sign of Spring impending or it might be a resonance with the members and friends of Boulder Unit 359. Is there a shared enthusiasm for a Pro-Am event, Friday Knock Outs, additional Unit games or other interesting notions? Corral a board member or set an ambush with email and let us know.

Always have cards for the hand partner heard you bid!

John Bortins, President

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following corrections to your 2006 directory, and notify Karen Renne of any additional corrections, which will be published in the June newsletter.

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KUDOS

Boulder players—especially Jeanne Gray--did well at the Northern Colorado sectional in February. Jeanne won the Friday afternoon pair game **and** the Flight B pairs on Saturday, with Jeanne Achziger and Vince Bates, respectively. Kate Yates and Paul Haynes won the BCD Swiss on Sunday. Jeanne also won a Flight B pairs game at the Albuquerque Regional, playing with Margaret Devere of Denver.

At the Denver winter sectional, Marty and Ellen Freedman, Anne Vincent and Judy Hardie won Flight B on Thursday, and Boulder teams won two of the KO events: Jim Hoerlein, Bill Brackett, Tim Auckland and Jenny Glendinning in Bracket II; Woody Dillinger, Ben Baron, John Sutherland and Carl Hartness in Bracket III.

Suzanne Jones won the double-session pair game in Pueblo last month, with Judy Randel, and Rich Laver and Gary Greene won

the Swiss team event, playing with Walter and Nancy Rassbach of Westminster. Suzanne and Judy also won a KO at the Albuquerque Regional.

CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

Carol Hansen, one of Unit 359's oldest members, is ill with cancer and needs all our best wishes for her recovery.

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Treasurer's Report

3-02-06

Last Checking Balance:	\$4,171.68
Income:	
Unit Game entries	260.00
Kay McKenna bequest	5,000.00
Interest (savings)	<u>39.95</u>
Total Income:	5,299.95
Expenses:	
Newsletter printing, postage	199.64
Holiday party prizes	68.49
McKenna cup engraving	10.00
Unit Game Rental	125.00
McKenna Cup engraving	10.00
Unit game sanction fee	52.50
Unit game director	50.00
Supplies	30.54
New tables (8) & chairs (32)	551.50
Total Expenses:	1,087.67
Final Checking Balance:	3,344.01
Final Savings Balance:	<u>9,038.34</u>
Total Assets:	12,382.35

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

UNIT UPDATE

The annual Spring Boulder Bonanza will be held **May 5-7** this year. A tournament schedule is included with this newsletter. Watch for sign-up slips for food donations and other contributions at the local club games.

Mike Morter, Tournament Chair

CLUB NEWS

Wednesday Club and FAC News

In a couple of weeks or so, in April, construction will begin at St. Andrews church. The bridge game, however, **WILL GO ON**. The church is going to stash us in the basement. **Warning:** players who have difficulty walking will have to negotiate rather steep stairs, so they should plan on leaving a little early.

We will have to put up with the inconvenience for a few months(!), but when it's done, we'll have a wonderful playing area.

Suzanne Jones

Longmont Bridge Club

We still need more players! Please come and help keep Boulder's only "open" night game alive. Remember starting time is 7:00 p.m.

April 13: Club Championship

May 11: STAC game

May 25: No game, Denver Regional

June 29: NAP game

Marlene Aranci

Niwot Bridge Club News

The club meets at 6:25 p.m. on Tuesdays, for a pre-game "show" by the man of Steele. The 0-200 novice game usually starts about 6:45 with pre-dealt hands, hand records, and a handout with suggested bidding for each hand.

Winning pairs receive a prize (usually a used bridge book). The refreshments, said to be the best in the west, are absolutely free.

All this fun costs only \$5.00 per person. Mentors (over 200 masterpoints) are welcome.

For information or a partner, call Jim Steele, director and host, at 720-887-4694, or e-mail james.steele@att.net.

Jim Steele

"Board Talk" is edited and published by Karen Renne five times a year. Unit members are urged to contribute to its content. Send e-mail submissions to karenrenne@att.net

MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS FOR 2005

The Mini-McKenney standings for the most masterpoints won in 2005 in each category:

Rookie (0-5)	
Sally Ann Rhea	39.10
George Hearne	23.13
Laurie Simons	22.46
Junior Master (5-20)	
Mike Morter	28.25
Kamilla Macar	19.78
Bob Ferguson	10.71
Club Master (20-50)	
Darwyn Herbst	20.97
Pete Tallman	15.12
June Bock	13.47
Sectional Master (50-100)	
Steve Dike	57.91
Pat Soukup	45.12
Gail Ferguson	36.98
Regional Master (100-200)	
Jenny Glendinning	72.57
Zetta Feder	44.91
Arlene Hunter	38.31
NABC Master (200-300)	
Tim Auckland	68.50
Leona Schuler	53.96
Bernadine Bubla	41.08
Life Master (300-500)	
Denise Desbarats	92.24
Kate Yates	53.39
Betty Jacobson	44.93
Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)	
Joanna Chau	152.41
Bill Brackett	147.46
Vince Bates	124.64
Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)	
Reiko Raese	322.11
Jim Hoerlein	283.45
Jeanne Gray	210.64
Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)	
Gary Greene	189.65
Roger Plowman	155.57
Jean Grunwald	143.00
Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)	
Suzanne Jones	487.64

Grand Life Master (10,000+)
Broma Lou Reed 32.51

ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS FOR 2005

The Ace of Clubs standings for the most masterpoints won in club games in 2004:

Rookie (0-5)	
Sally Ann Rhea	23.34
Laurie Simons	20.06
George Hearne	16.32
Junior Master (5-20)	
Mike Morter	19.62
Kamilla Macar	9.40
Bob Ferguson	6.40
Club Master (20-50)	
Darwyn Herbst	19.59
Pete Tallman	6.81
Ellen Vineski	5.89
Sectional Master (50-100)	
Steve Dike	32.04
Pat Soukup	19.86
Gail Ferguson	15.27
Regional Master (100-200)	
Jenny Glendinning	36.53
Zetta Feder	24.41
Rick Clelland	24.02
NABC Master (200-300)	
Bernadine Bubla	34.74
Tim Auckland	32.46
Leona Schuler	21.39
Life Master (300-500)	
Denise Desbarats	33.43
Betty Jacobson	26.92
Kate Yates	26.71
Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)	
Jim Zuboy	72.40
Bill Brackett	58.40
Judy Hardie	52.83
Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)	
Reiko Raese	62.38
Jean Adams	61.56
Jim Hoerlein	61.21
Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)	
Gary Greene	92.10
Larry Dolan	82.07

Gary Steiner	61.95
Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)	
Suzanne Jones	22.75
Grand Life Master (10,000+)	
Broma Lou Reed	10.39

MASTER CLASSES ON PLAY OF THE HAND

Chuck Henke is beginning a new series of master classes on Monday, March 20, 2006, at The First Christian Church in Boulder (right before the Boulder Bridge Club game), and continuing through April 24. See registration form in this issue.

THANK YOU!

Unit 359 thanks Forrest Williams for his generous contribution of a big box of used bridge books, all in excellent condition. They are going where they will do the most good: to the winners in the Niwot novice game, who will receive these books as prizes.

Karen Renne, newsletter editor

Ferguson and Julie Leman won Flight C in the senior pairs, and Sally Ann Rhea and Karen Herz won Flight B in the 299er pairs. Sunny Gilbert and Barbara Yoshimura won a 0-50 pair event on Monday, and in another I/N event on Saturday afternoon, Barbara Ellington won Flight A and Greg Newcomb, playing with former Unit 359 member Robin Elliott, won Flight D.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 30-April 9	Spring NABC, Dallas TX
April 7-9	Grand Junction T-Rex Sectional
April 8-9	Denver 299er Sectional
April 24-30	Senior Regional, Mesa AZ
April 27-30	Colorado Springs Sectional
May 5-8	Boulder Spring Bonanza
May 8-14	Great Western Spring STAC
May 23-29	Rocky Mountain
Regional	

MORE NABC RESULTS

Delayed congratulations to our newer members who won several events at the Fall NABC in Denver: On the first Friday, Gail