

Board Talk

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

I have enjoyed getting to know and working with many of you over the past six years. I will miss being a part of the Board, but look forward to continued participation in unit activities. We have a wonderful group of board members for the coming year and I thank them in advance for the donation of their time and energy.

We received 22 Holiday Party survey responses out of approximately 200 members. Thank you to those of you who responded. We will use the feedback to plan the party for 2004.

We appreciate all support and feedback given to the board. I have a request regarding feedback to board members. First, please remember that you are speaking to a person who is volunteering with little or no compensation. Second, please phrase your comments as constructive criticism and in a respectful way. We do take all suggestions to the board and use that feedback to make the best decisions that we can.

Andrea Kutscher, President

UNIT UPDATE

The new directory will be out in early January. Copies of the unit database will soon be available at the local bridge games for corrections and changes. Be sure to update or add your e-mail address.

The annual Holiday Party will be held at the Millenium Hotel on Sunday, December 7.



New Life Masters Win Friday afternoon Pairs

Cobe Venner and Bob McLean, who own barely 600 masterpoints between them, won the Friday afternoon game at the Fall Bonanza. A complete list of winners appears on page 3.

Kudos

Congratulations to Joanna Chau, who married Ken Stuckey in September and recently became a Life Master, and to new Life Master Bob McLean and new Bronze Life Master Andrea Kutscher.

Congratulations also to Rick and Jeanne Clelland, the proud parents of a new baby girl, Valerie Ann.

Rich Lavr and Bob Sherman, playing with Bill Allegar and Don Vancil, won Flight A/X in the Denver Sectional Swiss Teams, while John Bortin's team, including Woody Dillinger and Clint Heiple, won Flight B.

CLUB NEWS

Snow Days

Snow is on the way, we hope, but to avoid the disappointment of slogging to the bridge club only to find the game canceled, turn on your TV. If the Boulder Valley Schools are closed on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, the game is canceled that day

Holidays

All afternoon games (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) will run as usual during Thanksgiving week and Christmas week. Turkey will **not** be served on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Wednesday Club and FAC News

The Wednesday and Friday clubs will hold sectionally-rated STAC games on December 10th and 12th. The entry fee is \$6.50 per game.

The annual holiday pizza party for the Wednesday/Friday clubs will be on Wednesday, December 17th.

Suzanne Jones

New Novice Game in Niwot

Jim Steele's EasyBridge class at the Niwot Grange began with fifteen tables on Sept. 30. He now has six to eight tables playing in a sanctioned twelve-board game, with an entry fee of \$4.00. After he completes the EasyBridge series in December, he will continue to offer a novice (under 20 masterpoints) game at the Grange on Tuesday evenings, starting Jan. 6.

NAOP UNIT FINAL

The Boulder Unit held its first North American Open Pairs final on November 1 at the Niwot Grange, with 5 1/2 tables in play. The winners:

- 1A/1B. Ginny Steele – Ken Nelson
- 2A/2B. Clint Heiple – Woody Dillinger
- 3A/3B. Jeanne Achziger – Chuck Goudey
- 4A. Gary Greene – Larry Dolan
- 1C. Jenny Glendinning – Tim Auckland

- 2C. Vita Wolfe – James Dulan
 - 3C. Paula Giarratano – Gail Ferguson
- Bill Brackett, Special Events Chair*

TREASURER'S REPORT

11-01-03

Last Checking Balance: \$ 3,472.50

Income:

ACBL membership	96.50
Unit Game	248.00
Fall Bonanza entries	10,365.50
Fall Bonanza cash donations	<u>153.18</u>
Total Income	10,863.18

Expenses:

Score Card Ad – Spring 2003	100.00
Newsletter	123.82
Unit Game expenses	154.39
Tournament supplies	376.55
Fall Bonanza expenses	6,411.15
2005 NABC Hospitality Fund	<u>582.00</u>
Total Expense	7,747.91

Final Checking Balance	6,587.77
Savings Account	<u>3,786.33</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	10,374.10

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

We are sorry to learn of the death of Jack Jevons, who was a longtime member of the Boulder Bridge Unit. Jack was very active in helping the Unit and supporting the game of bridge. For many years, he provided legal advice to the Unit at no charge. He helped write our by-laws and helped us attain our non-profit status.

Our thoughts are with Bill Burlage, who suffered a heart attack the week of the Fall Bonanza and is still recovering.

Anne Vincent, Secretary

FALL 2002 BONANZA

The Fall 2003 Bonanza had 291 tables in play, compared with our record of 298 in Fall 2001 and 262 in Fall 2002. Thanks to all who helped run a successful tournament! Names of winners follow. Unit members are in boldface.

Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs

- 1A,1B,1C **Bob McLean – Cobe Venner**
2A. Jan Benninghoven – Vince Castrigano
3A. **Rich Laver – Mike Perlman**
4A,2B Marlene Aranci – Dawn Foltz
5A. Tom Gay – Joe Luk
6A. Ginny Steele – Stella O'Neill
3B. **Elle Vann – Rene Daignault**
4B. Bill Fitch – Spencer Jones
5B **Ruth Johnson – Willis Johnson**
6B,2C Bruce Sellers – Ted Witt
3C. Clement Jacobson – John Grossman
4C. **Wayne Densmore – Sharon Herchenroeder**
5C. Donald Davis – Sandra Davis
6C. Richard Murray – Donna Murray

Friday Evening Flight A/X Pairs

- 1A **Suzanne Jones – Kay McKenna**
2A. **Gary Steiner – Rich Laver**
3A En Hay – Charles Reed
4A,1X. Ginny Steele – Stella O'Neill
5A,2X. Chris Beals – **Bill Brackett**
6A. Gail Gottlieb – Irene Hyatt
3X. **Jeanne Gray – Birte Ayer**
4X. Bill Fitch – Spencer Jones
5X. Jerry Ranney – **Reiko Raese**
6X. **Jim Steele – Karen Renne**

Friday Evening B/C/D Pairs

- 1B. Bill Beard – Lori Beard
2B. **Kaye Birmingham – Kay Hudson**
3B,1C. Douglas Watt – Norman Watt
4B,2C. John Grossman – Clement Jacobson
5B,3C. Margaret Devere – **Joanna Chau**
6B,4C,1D. Sally Hughes – Sandra Koller
5C,2D Ted Witt – Brandon Sheumaker
6C. **Bob McLean – Cobe Venner**
3D. **Arlene Hunter – Donald Hulander**
4D. **Zetta Feder – Brigitte Bunevich**
5D. **Ellen Tallman – Pete Tallman**

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A. Flo Newlin – Cal Newlin

- 2A. Fred Herring – Stephen Evans
3A. **Bob Sherman – Gary Steiner**
4A. **Bertie Wetzler – Jane Mehegan**
5A. Dave Caprera – John Van Ness
6A. Ken Stuckey – Dennis Goldston
7A. Chuck Henke – Allen Kane
1B. Laurah Limbrick – Brandon Sheumaker
3B. Barbara O'Grady – Steve Blatter
4B. Ed Yosses – **Sue Caulfield**
5B. Stan Imhoff – Wayne Grosso
6B. Steve Rogers – Jack Clough
1C. Bruce Sellers – **Joanna Chau**
2C. Douglas Watt – Norman Watt
3C. John Gallagher – Mike Jalving
4C. **Nettie Ashbee – Denise Desbarats**
5C. Harold David – Alberta David

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

- 1D. Roger Pearce – Sherry Clint
2D,1E,1F Carol Gumpert – Carol Condit
3D,2E,2F. Earl Balliet – James Schatzman
4D,3E,3F. Bud Raabe – Carol Raabe
5D,4E. Ella Cron – Justin Cislighi
5E. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderback

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams

- 1A. Flo Newlin – Cal Newlin – Chuck Henke Allen Kane
2A. **Harvey Voss – M'Lou Durbin-Voss – Donna Plowman – Roger Plowman**
3/4A. Steve Turner – Jon Gustafson – **Rich Laver – Gary Steiner**
3/4A. Tom Monikowski – **Suzanne Jones - Broma Lou Reed – Judy Randel**
5A. Dave Ruttner – **Linda Sundbye – Ken Stuckey – Dennis Goldston**
6A. Jack Larkin – Carolee Larkin – **Kathy Ragland – Pat Henke,**
7A/1X. Jerry Ranney – Jane Ranney – Don Little – Bill Fitch
2X. **Bill Brackett, Jim Johnson, Elise Myers, Bill Horton**
3X. Ken Nelson – Ginny Steele – **Karen Renne – Jim Steele**

Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams

- 1B. Julie Clark – Laurah Limbrick – Lori Beard – Bill Beard
2B. **Jim Hoerlein – Bill Burlage – Jean Adams – Andy Johnson**
3B,1C. Jo Anne Grundy – Sandra Koller –

Sally Hughes – Sharon Skadron

- 4B. Mary Lou Phipps – Duane Wall – Stan Imhoff – Wayne Grosso
- 5B. Chuck Donaldson – Madonna Donaldson Jim Walker, Daryl Dietrich
- 6/7B. Ginny Macey – Yvonne Quintal – Doris Lockhart – William Lockhart
- 6/7B,2C. Brandon Sheumaker – Ted Witt Sung Mae Bleck – Bruce Sellers
- 3C. Douglas Watt – Norman Watt – Richard Kommsrusch – Bill Stoltey
- 4C. Judy Helfer – Carol Wendt – Shirley Gates – Michael Shedd
- 5C,1D. Steven Wainz – Marlene Kienker Leah Mach – Patty Weinberg
- 6C. **Nettie Ashbee – Mary Roble Julie Leman – Gail Ferguson**
- 2D. Kim Powers – Greg Stander – Marilyn Pultz – Bill Follis
- 3D. Beulah Jones – Robert Janssen Diane Boyer – Eileen Peterson

FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS KITCHEN

Thanks again to unit members for a wonderful showing of food donations. We had an outstanding amount donated at this fall tournament, particularly homemade foods. I was able to play bridge at all the sessions so I did not see much of what you brought. But I want to give special mention to Ann Johnson who shopped for and prepared two days worth of raw veggie trays, sour cream dip for veggies and chips, and dozens of chocolate chip and macaroon cookies, and fudge (as usual). We reimbursed her cost and appreciate all her labor.

Special thanks also to Pat Lucas for many dozens of homemade cookies – chocolate-peanut cups, banana, lemon, etc., which she brings to every tournament, and to Jeanne Gray for making huge pots (Friday and Saturday) of penne and sausage. Suzanne Jones brought buckets of tuna and egg salad for sandwiches, and Marlene Aranci brought several loaves of pumpkin bread. And when Nettie Ashbee is here, she always brings two days worth of hot bean dip and chips, which is appreciated by the vegetarians who stay away from the sausage. Many of us are burned out on preparing deviled eggs, but thanks to Jean Grunwald, we had a big

pan of those as well, which emptied in probably less than a minute.

Ellen Tallman

McKenna cup leaders

Rich Laver has definitively won the McKenna Cup this year, for the most points won in the two Boulder Bonanzas. Runners-up are listed below:

1. Rich Laver	38.31
2. Gary Steiner	33.35
3. Bill Brackett	22.79
4. Jim Johnson	22.65
5. Suzanne Jones	17.29
6. Bob Sherman	16.40
7. Bill Horton	14.97

Henke's master class is good value

Six Boulder players enrolled in Chuck Henke's advanced class here in October, and all six felt that they learned a lot. Chuck offers pre-dealt hands designed to require specific techniques, such as strip and endplay, squeeze, and dummy reversal. After each hand is played, he leads a discussion of the bidding and play, then distributes a hand record with a written analysis.

As one of the six, I can certainly recommend Chuck's classes to anyone interested in improving his or her declarer play. He is offering Part II at the Bridge Club in Denver, a six-week series beginning Nov. 22.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Nov 20-30	Fall NABC – New Orleans
Dec 7	Boulder Unit Annual Holiday Party
Dec 10	Wednesday club championship
Dec 15	Boulder Bridge Club Holiday Party
Dec 17	Wednesday & FAC Club Party
Dec 8-14	District 17 STAC
Jan 8-11	Denver Winter Sectional
Jan 19-25	Albuquerque Regional

UNIT ELECTIONS

The following bridge players are running for the Boulder Unit 359 Board of Directors. Members of the Boulder Unit will find a ballot enclosed with this newsletter. Please vote for three candidates and return your ballot to John Bortins, 220 McCaslin Blvd. # 205, Louisville CO 80027, or bring it to the Holiday Party.



Jeanne Gray

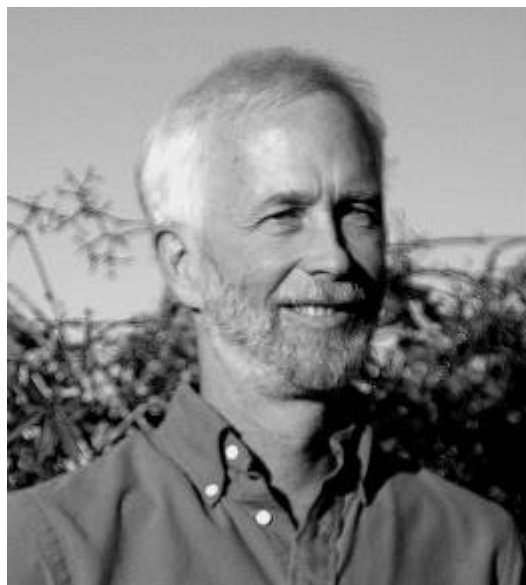
Native of Toronto, bridge bum, ex-art director, tennis star wannabe.



Mary Roble

Long-time Boulder resident, married with two grown children. I worked in the

community as a nurse until I retired four years ago. I took up bridge in earnest and began club bridge three years ago. I appreciate the Unit and the support and welcome given so freely to a newcomer. I'm happy to do my part in the Unit's work.



Jim Hoerlein

My wife Julie (who is trying Jim Steele's Easybridge) and I have lived in Boulder since the 1960s and we love it here. We enjoy climbing in the mountains, hiking in the desert, and traveling to new places. I returned to CU with the kids a few years ago and completed a degree in accounting. I also began playing bridge again after a thirty-year vacation. I would enjoy the opportunity to serve with the dedicated members of the board.

Editor's Note: As Jim volunteered to take Chris Harrop's place on the board earlier this year, he is already serving as treasurer.

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