

Board Talk

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

The first Kay McKenna Boulder Fall Sectional was a success. The volunteers who put this tournament together deserve a round of applause for the fine job and the fine weather! Director Alice Kinningham withdrew from this tournament to tend her husband's health. Our prayers go out to Alice and her family.

The Fall NABC in Denver is this very month. It may surprise you to learn that an NABC is bigger than a Boulder Sectional. An NABC is the only place you can get platinum points! For those of you with Blue Ribbon qualifications, I strongly urge you to consider using these to get into the premier events. You will see first hand some great bridge and some great bridge personalities. The numerous open events also feature folks from all over the entire world of bridge. It's fabulous; it's famous; and it's fun.

It is election time again. The Boulder Unit Board will install new members to replace Board members whose 3-year terms are expiring this year. The terms of Reiko Raese, Bill Brackett and John Bortins are nearly done, but they had so much fun, they are standing for election again!

Boulder's Holiday Party and Unit Game will be a bit different in 2005. Your Unit Board has decided to repeat the format used for the game in honor of ACBL Grand Life Master Broma Lou Reed. Kaye Birmingham is spearheading the Holiday Party effort this year.

Partner always has her bid!

John Bortins, President

KUDOS

Suzanne Jones won the District 17 Flight A North American Pairs Final in Ruidoso last month, earning a trip to Dallas for the Spring 2006 NABC. Her partner is Judy Randel.

Congratulations to new Silver Life Masters Judy Hardie and Jim Zuboy.

And to Roger and Donna Plowman, who won two Bracket II KOs at the Aspengold Regional, one with Jeanne Achziger and Fred Herring, and one with Jim Hoerlein and Jeanne Gray. In September, Jim won the Friday afternoon pairs in Cheyenne, playing with Gary Greene, while Bill and Andrea Kutscher won Flight B in the Swiss teams, playing with Norman and Douglas Watt. Linda Sundbye won the Flight A Swiss at the Colorado Springs sectional, playing with Bruce Cobb, Fred Herring, and Dave Ruttner.

IN MEMORIAM

Kay McKenna, 1917-2005

On September 16, we lost one of our best-loved mentors and leaders. Kay McKenna was Boulder's first Life Master and Colorado's first female Life Master. She played bridge here for over fifty years, and until very recently was still winning club games. Her family and friends, including numerous bridge players, gathered at St. Andrews church on September 22 for a celebration of her life. We will miss her always. Suzanne Jones shares some of her memories of Kay on page 3.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

Holiday Party

This year the Holiday Party will be an afternoon affair, with coffee, a cash bar and a buffet instead of dinner. No need for reservations. It's at 1:00 on Sunday, December 11, at the Broker Inn, 555 30th St. in Boulder. The McKenna Cup and the Rita Alkonis Prize will be presented during the game.

CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

Our condolences to Denise Desbarats, whose husband died in October, and our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Chuck Rice, who recently had knee surgery.

CLUB NEWS

Boulder Bridge Club

The Boulder Bridge Club will have its Christmas party on December 19. There will be no game on Monday, November 21, due to the NABC in Denver.

Gary Steiner

Wednesday Club and FAC News

The Wednesday and Friday games will be closed during the Denver NABC. In other words, no game on Friday, Nov. 18, Wednesday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 25.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 21, a Wednesday. Plan to come early and feast on pizza and Elle's goodies.

Suzanne Jones

Longmont Bridge Club

There will be no game on November 17 or on November 24, due to the NABC. The game on December 8 will be a STAC game.

No games will be canceled in December unless there is a snow or ice storm. If in doubt

about a game, call me at 970-223-0046. I will a message about the game.

Clint Heiple and Woody Dillinger won the Club Appreciation Game on October 13, with a 59.9% game. Gary Steiner and Mike Perlman won the club championship game on October 27, with a 74.6% game. Clint Heiple and Charlie Anderson won the membership game on Nov. 3, with a 61% game.

The Longmont Bridge Club still needs your help! We need players! If your partner cancels or if you need a partner for any reason, call me at 970-223-0046. After 5:00 on game day, call 970-222-2494.

Marlene Aranci

Niwot Bridge Club

The Niwot Bridge Club meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM (except for holidays) at the Lefthand Grange, 2nd & Franklin in Niwot, CO. The game is sanctioned for players with 0 to 200 masterpoints, but we allow mentors to play with eligible newer players.

Currently we have ten or eleven tables of players who have lots of fun solving the puzzles presented by the Dealmaster hands. In addition, Director Jim Steele gives a short lesson for newer players, starting promptly at 6:30. The cost for all the fun and refreshments is \$5.00 per person.

A partner will be provided for anyone who needs one, or call me at 720-887-4694.

Jim Steele

New EasyBridge Series Starts Soon

Jim Steele will begin a series of eight EasyBridge lessons on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006. The classes start at 9:30 AM at the Boulder Senior Center, 9th and Arapahoe.

Register through the Senior Center at 303-441-3148. For more information call Jim at 720-887-4694, or e-mail James.Steele@att.net.

THANKS . . .



Dearest Bridge Friends,

A very special thank you to:

Olivia Briggs

Jane Mehegan

Michael and Penny Perlman

Elise Myers

Betty Jacobson

Ruth Johnson

Rosemary Anderson

Rick and Jeanne Clelland

Gary Steiner

Lois Quinn

These most generous players have come to Frasier Meadows to play bridge with Mae Martin, my mom. Their gift is truly helping Momma come back from a major stroke and enjoy life again. After all, life is just no fun without our bridge.

Gratefully yours,

Kate Yates

BAD NEWS

Unless you live in a tree, you know that Boulder Bridge lost the best friend it ever had when Kay McKenna left us in September. You've read the obits and now know some of the details of a life well lived.

I played only a few times with Kay before leaving the state for several years. Our results at that time weren't very remarkable. When I returned we played most Mondays in Gary's game and once a month in the Friday game (though it grieved her that we couldn't win the quarters there). And every Friday in the Boulder tournaments. I soon realized that "Sue" had two syllables and when I made an especially egregious error, Kay would look at me with horror and say "Sooo-ooo, really!"

When I couldn't attend Kay's birthday party for her 80th, I suggested that we go to some yummy place and play a sectional. We enlisted Elise and Bertie for teammates and set

off to for Thermopolis. I don't remember if we won anything there (later we were MUCH more successful), but the director in the team game hung the moniker "Boulder babes" on us, and we loved it. We had such a good time that we went to a sectional in some yummy place every year after that. I think Elise and Bertie and I (at least initially) thought it was the chance to get out of town to a lovely place, but I think for Kay it was all about the bridge.

Turns out, Scottsbluff was our favorite place (did that three times and would have done it again but it was not to be). Kay was having more and more difficulty seeing the cards and her partners had to call out the dummy to her. (BUT kings did quit morphing into jacks. As Gary pointed out to me, she was adapting!) When asked if a (Scottsbluff) player would sort cards for Kay, the last time we were there, he said, "I would be honored."

Me, too. I was honored to play with her. I hate coming home and not having Kay to call to tell her how I did. And ask, "Okay, you hold king third, two small, AKQ sixth and doubleton king, Vulnerable, and the guy on your right opens three hearts, what's your call?"

Suzanne Jones

UNIT ELECTIONS

Each year, three of the nine board members complete their three-year terms. This year, all three of the board members elected in 2003 have decided to run again. They are John Bortins, Bill Brackett, and Reiko Raese. If you're a Unit 359 member, you'll find a ballot in this newsletter with spaces to write in any candidates—up to three—you would prefer to one or more of these three incumbents. Please return your ballot to our secretary, Mary Roble, 3475 Longwood Ave., Boulder CO 80305, or bring it to the Holiday Party.

TREASURER'S REPORT

11-01-05

Last Checking Balance: \$ 6,146.25

Income:

ACBL membership reimburse	156.13
Fall sectional - entry fees	7,168.00
Fall sectional - Sunday meal	984.00
Fall sectional - cash donations	<u>196.31</u>
Total Income	8,504.44

Expenses:

Fall Sectional

Fairgrounds rental	1,140.00
Damage deposit	285.00
Sanction fee	790.96
Director fees	2,465.30
Hand records	108.90
Refreshments & supplies	715.44
Sunday lunch	862.00
Kitchen help	450.00
Caddies	510.00
Free plays	182.00
NABC hospitality	449.00
Newsletter printing & postage	116.75
Postage	259.93
Copies	<u>19.04</u>
Total Expenses	8,405.97

Final Checking Balance 6,244.72

Final Savings Balance 3,998.39

TOTAL ASSETS 10,243.11

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

KAY McKENNA FALL TOURNAMENT

Attendance was down a little this year, no doubt due to the many, many District 17 sectionals and regionals this fall. Our 224 tables were very well fed, however, and we all enjoyed the tournament. Names of winners follow. Unit members are in boldface.

Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs

1A. **Suzanne Jones – Broma Lou Reed**
2A,1B,1C Sue and Bob Williamson
3A,2B,2C **Joan Stern – Leona Schuler**

4A. **Linda Sundbye – Fred Herring**
5A,3B,3C **Ralph Cox - Jim Johnson**
6A,4B Don Little – Don Patterson
5/6B **John Bortins – Steve Rogers**
5/6B **Jeanne Gray – Vince Bates**
4C. Jack Carver – Larry Hankins
5C. **Kamilla Macar – George Hearne**
6C. **Arlene Hunter - Pat Soukup**

Friday Evening Flight A/X Pairs

1A Gail Gottlieb – Irene Hyatt
2A. Steve Turner – Larry Matheny
3A. Dennis Goldston – Toshi Yingst
4A. Jack and Carolee Larkin
5A. **Jean Grunwald – Anita Heitler**
6A. **Bertie Wetzler – Elise Myers**
1X. Joseph Barrett – Joyce Truitt
2X. Mary and Richard Olson

Friday Evening B/C/D Pairs

1B. **Jeanne Gray – Vince Bates**
2B. Margaret Devere – Laurah Limbrick
3B. **Karen Renne – Maud Greer**
4B,1C,1D. Sue and Bradley Simmons
5B,2C. Donald and Sandra Davis
6/7B. **Ed Gardner – Betty Jacobson**
6/7B. Jim and Ruth Turner
4C. **Arlene Hunter – Pat Soukup**
5C,2D. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderback
6C,3D Jack Carver – Larry Hankins
4D. Nancy and Roger Scimeca

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

1A. Ken Stuckey – Craig Biddle
2A. Don and Anita Heitler
3A. **Suzanne Jones – Judy Randel**
4A. Chuck Henke – Al Kane
5A. **Linda Sundbye - Fred Herring**
6A. Norma Sands – John Van Ness
7A,1B. Jim Wilson – Bob Reinman
2B,1C. **Andrea and Bill Kutscher**
3B. **Judy Furtney – Rathin Basu**
4B. Stella O'Neill – Bill Stoltey
5B. **Betty Coulon – Judy Hardie**
6B,2C. Michael Shedd, Ray McLean
3C. Douglas and Norman Watt
4C. Mildred Pomeranz – Judith Hunt
5C. **Nettie Ashbee – Denise Desbarats**

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

1D,1E. **Mary Roble – Judith Bowers**
2D,2E,1F George and Elizabeth Varra
3D,3E. Jane Clark – Carol Shafer

4D. **Patricia Soukup – Pete Tallman**
5D,4E,2F. **Sally Ann Rhea – Gerdur**
Kristjansdottir

5E,3F. **Mike Morter - George Hearne**
Saturday Evening 199er Pairs

1. Jay Silberberg – Steven Wainz
2. Sue and Bradley Simmons

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams

- 1A.. **Kathy Ragland – Pat Henke**
Jack Larkin – Carolee Larkin
- 2A. Warren Garrett - Virginia Gunter; Dolly Hauge – Geir Hauge
- 3A. **Suzanne Jones - Judy Randel;**
Don Heitler – Anita Heitler
- 4/5A. Dennis Goldston – Merrell Anderson;
Jayesh Goyal – Ken Stuckey
- 4/5A. Chuck Henke – Al Kane;
Flo Newlin – Cal Newlin
- 1X. Joseph Barrett – Shirley Scott;
Rob Lorck – Joyce Truitt
- 2X. **Jim Hoerlein – Bill Burlage;**
Donna Plowman – Roger Plowman
- 3X. **John Bortins – Nancy Benamati;**
Judy Furtney – Rathin Basu

Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams

- 1B. Joe Jenkins – Jim Wilson
Dave Appel – Michael Schneider
- 2B,1C. Norman Watt – Douglas Watt;
Eric Kronwall – Bill Stoltey
- 3/4B. **Ellen Freedman – Marty Freedman;**
Judy Hardie – Denise Desbarats
- 3/4B,2C. **Bob Herz – Jerry Ross;**
Cobe Venner – Bob McLean
- 5/6B **Anne Vincent – Vince Bates;**
Paul Flanders – Eleanor Flanders
- 5/6B,3C. Kim Powers – Shirley Gates
Sandra Koller – Sally Hughes
- 4C. **Andrea Kutscher – Bill Kutscher;**
Bradley Simmons – Sue Simmons
- 5C. Michael Shedd – Ray McLean;
Frank Novachek – R. Gene Lewis
- 1D. EllaMargaret Cron – Justin Cislighi;
Mary Hess – Leah Mach
- 2D. David Meeker – Floyd Bilderbeck;
Betty Adler – Frank Baca

UNIT UPDATE

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

Our directory includes people who are not members of the unit but play in our games and tournaments. If you would like to add your name to our directory, call Karen Renne at 720-887-5703 or e-mail at karenrenne@att.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov 10-13	Denver Election Sectional
Nov 17-27	Fall NABC – Denver
Dec 5-11	District 17 Holiday STAC
Dec 11	Boulder Unit Annual Holiday Party
Dec 19	Boulder Bridge Club Party
Dec 21	Wednesday & FAC Club Party
Dec. 26-31	Reno Regional
Jan 12-15	Denver Winter Sectional
Jan 16-22	Albuquerque Regional