

# Board Talk

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Boulder Bridge

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

This has certainly been an exciting summer with many bridge activities and tournaments to choose from. I hope you have enjoyed all that you have participated in!

We are looking forward to the Fall Boulder Bonanza and to the December Holiday party. Please plan to attend them both, if you can. The Boulder Bonanza promises to be a really good tournament and Chris Harrop will be tournament chair while Bob Herz assists him prior to retiring from the board. As always, the tournament will be the result of much hard work and many contributions of time, money, and food by the members of our unit, as well as by board members.

Now is also the time to consider if you would be interested in running for the board. We will have three positions on the ballot in December; so please let me or one of the other board members know if you are willing to run. In addition to the work involved, it is a lot of fun and a chance to get to know some very nice people a little bit better.

Many warm wishes to all the great people we have in our unit!

*Anne Vincent, President Unit 359*

## UNIT UPDATE

Bob Woodward is retiring from directing and the Fall Bonanza may well be his last turn at directing our tournaments. Be sure to wish him well when you see him in October.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Bonanza. A tournament schedule is included with this newsletter.

*Linda Sundbye, Newsletter Editor*

## CLUB NEWS

### Longmont Club News

Win Gold at the Longmont Duplicate Club. Win Gold! Longmont Duplicate is holding the Instant Matchpoint game on Wednesday, September 12 at the Niwot Grange at 7pm. Cost is \$7.00.

I wish to thank all my players for their courtesy at the table in welcoming and helping new duplicate players at the Thursday evening game. It is your attitude that makes a most enjoyable evening game of bridge.

Anyone interested in bridge lessons contact Marilyn Bost at 303-627-8711.

*Marilyn Bost*

### Wednesday Club and FAC News

The winners of the First Half Masterpoint Race for the Wednesday and Friday clubs were: Flight A, Kay McKenna; Flight B, Jim Hoerlein; Flight C, Pat Hoadley. The winner of the drawing for dinner for two at the Olive Garden was Pat Hoadley. Kay and Jim received books for their efforts. The new contest began July 1 for those who hope their partners play a little better.

*Suzanne Jones*

## KUDOS

Congratulations to new Life Masters Andrea Cain, Bill Kutscher, Sandy Straus, Nettie Ashbee, Betty Jacobson and Laurie McClure, and new Bronze Life Masters Joan Stern, Elle Vann and Bill Horton.

## CONVALESCENT'S CORNER

Best wishes to Jeanne Gray and Kate Yates for a speedy recovery from their recent surgeries. Best wishes to Judy Hardie for a speedy recovery from her knee surgery and to Sandy Straus from her foot surgery. Best wishes to Lloyd Hansen who is recovering from a broken hip and sprained arm. Best wishes to Clara Lemons for a speedy recovery and return to the bridge table. We have missed seeing Betty Gardner at the bridge table. She is having knee problems and may need a knee replacement operation.

Long time bridge player Harry Lund passed away recently, our condolences to the Lund family. Our condolences to Alice Kinningham whose mother passed away recently.

## ACBL UNIT 359

### Treasurer's Report

9-01-01

Balance Forward:	\$6932.79
Income:	
ACBL Membership	<u>153.00</u>
Total Income:	\$153.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	67.64
Chairs and racks	3569.97
April Unit Game	24.45
Postage, misc.	169.28
Fall Bonanza	200.09
Remembrances	<u>22.55</u>
Total Expenses:	\$4053.98
Balance Forward:	\$3031.81
CD 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank	\$3540.18

*Ellen Tallman, Treasurer*

## MCKENNA CUP LEADERS

The leaders heading into the Fall 2001 Bonanza are:

1. Gary Steiner	13.91
2. Broma Lou Reed	13.44
3. Richard Laver	12.95
4/5. Bob McLean	12.02
4/5. Cobe Venner	12.02
6. Michael Perlman	11.75
7. Linda Sundbye	10.15
8. Bob Herz	9.06
9. Andrea Cain	8.53
10. Jim Zuboy	8.01
11. Vince Bates	7.96
12. Andy Johnson	7.64
13/14. Ellen Freedman	7.17
13/14. Marty Freedman	7.17
15/16. Pat Sherman	7.02
15/16. Bob Sherman	7.02

## UNIT GAME

**AUGUST 4, 2001**

The unit held a single session stratified unit game with 9 tables in play. The overall winners:

1A,1B.	Kate Yates – Paul Haynes
2A,2B.	Joan Stern – Betty Jacobson
3A.	Gary Steiner – Richard Laver
4A,3B.	Bill Horton - Ralph Cox
5A,4B.	Bud Johnson – Ruth Johnson
5B.	Vince Bates – Anne Vincent

*Vince Bates, Special Events Co-Chair*

## TALES FROM TORONTO

Quite a few bridge players from the Boulder Unit were at the Nationals in Toronto in July. Those attending include Vince Bates, Sandy Straus, Marvin Straus (non-bridge playing spouse), Maud Greer, Chris Harrop, Kathy River, Reiko Raese, Jim Steele, Karen Renne, and myself. Kathy River attended prior to leaving for Japan to spend six months with her brother.

I had a chance to bid a game of four hearts in support of my partner Vince Bate's 3♥ preemptive bid with a void in hearts in my hand. No, I did not do this though I should have since it made 4♥ cold. Plus it would have been a good bridge story to tell. Jeanne Gray - in her own words- "broke the team game rule to make your game before going for an overtrick." Her team was succeeding in the mini-Spingold knockouts and Jeanne tried for an overtrick without first drawing trumps and her team was knocked out. (Jeanne gave me permission to share this story with you.) On a more positive note, Jeanne Gray's team then returned to play in the other knockout games and won a knockout by 101 IMPs. Way to go! Maud found a great yarn shop and enjoyed making many trips there.

There was record attendance at the tournament, the convention center was super, and the people were friendly. It was a terrific tournament.

*Anne Vincent*

## BRIDGE ATHLETES PLAN FOR THE OLYMPICS

You are probably aware that both bridge and chess are competitive sports that are being considered for inclusion in the Olympics. The World Bridge Federation plans to hold exhibition matches in Salt Lake City before the start of the 2002 Winter Olympics and hopes to get bridge into the 2006 games in Turin, Italy. Board member John Corruthers says, "We're exercising our brains rather than our legs or arms." If included, bridge and chess will be part of the summer Olympics since the rules for the winter Olympics will allow only sports played on ice or snow. Actually, one of us could qualify in both bridge and chess and participate in both Olympic events (sort of like a triathlon). Bridge Olympic athletes will be required to submit to the same drug testing as other athletes. Don King, Billy Jean King's ex-husband, is trying to get bridge classified as a sport (rather than a game) in order to boost bridge's popularity and appeal to newer "athletes" who might want to take up the sport.

Dick Little, a member of the Olympic Board says, "We always thought that sport should involve some element of physical skill." But both bridge and chess are considered "endurance" sports since they involve grueling matches that can last hours and are mentally fierce. A Toronto lawyer Eric Murray points out that bridge "is second to boxing in the number of deaths - you know, all the heart attacks and such."

I, for one, have changed my self-image and now consider myself an athlete rather than a player. How about you? Anyone interested in a little Olympic competition?

*Anne Vincent*

## KATHY'S KORNER



*Kathy Ludwig, Vice President*

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

Sep 19            Wednesday Club championship  
Sep 21-23            Cheyenne Sectional  
Sep 28-30            Pueblo Sectional  
Oct 5-7            Montrose Sectional  
Oct 6-7            Denver Fall 199er Sectional  
Oct 8-14            Tucson Regional  
Oct 19            FAC Club championship  
Oct 26-28            Boulder Fall Bonanza  
Nov 1            Longmont Club championship  
Nov 5            Boulder Bridge Club championship  
Nov 8-11            Denver Fall Sectional  
Dec 3-9            Western Conference STAC  
Dec 9            Boulder Unit Annual Holiday Party  
Dec 12            Wednesday Club championship

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