

# Board Talk

## From the President

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

Our board members have been busy with projects for the Unit. Thank you to Bill Brackett for organizing another fine unit game and to Gary Steiner for directing. Also, thanks to Karen Renne for her continuing efforts with the newsletter and other matters. Additionally, Rick Geertz, Bill Brackett, Ellen Tallman, and Reiko Raese are gearing up for our upcoming Boulder Bonanza in October.

In this issue, you'll find a questionnaire about our annual meeting and party. I would like to share some background information about our past decisions.

In the last few years, several board members have made exhaustive searches of local restaurants, hotels, and service organizations for more reasonably priced sites and meals. Factors involved in the site selection include a large room and chairs for the bridge game; parking; price; and the willingness of sites to work with us for an event like ours. For various reasons, the Millennium House has continued to be the best alternative.

I personally feel that we cannot significantly vary the cost and quality unless we choose to have a different style of dinner or forego the dinner. Although final decisions rest with the board, input from our members is vital and we want to base our decisions on the wishes of the majority of our members. Please complete the attached questionnaire and send it to me or give it to another board member.

We will soon be electing new board members for our unit. Our nine members each serve for three years, with three members rotating off the board each year. Serving on the board is a rewarding experience, providing an opportunity to work with others and learn about the workings of the ACBL. Our board works as a team, sharing various responsibilities. Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone you would like to recommend.

We have a new opportunity to support anew bridge players in our community. Jim Steele has volunteered to organize and direct an EasyBridge program in Niwot. (See ad on back page.) Please help him by telling potential new players about this program.

*Andrea Kutscher, President*

## Correction!

Back in July, when we produced the flyer for the Fall Boulder Bonanza, we (the board) thought that Alice Kinningham would direct it, because that's what ACBL in Memphis told us. We apologize, abjectly, to **Bob Woodward**, who will actually direct the fall tournament. An updated flyer appears on page 4.

*Karen Renne, Publications Chair*

## Convalescent's Corner

Our condolences to the family of Jo Ann Fankhauser, who recently passed away.

## Kudos

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Masters Kathleen Ellard and Laurie McClure, and to new Life Masters Marianne Thornburg and Cobe Venner.

And to Marty Freedman and Zetta Feder, who won the first single-session event at the Grand Junction Sectional last month . . . and went on to place second in the two-session event the next day.

At the Colorado Springs sectional last weekend, a Boulder team consisting of Pat and Bob Sherman, Anne Vincent and Vince Bates, placed second in A/x and tied for third in A.

## ACBL Unit 359

### Treasurer's Report

Sept. 1, 2003

Balance Forward:

\$5,522.57

Income:

Fairgrounds security deposit 300.00

ACBL membership 143.62

**Total Income:** \$ 443.62

Expenses:

Newsletter printing 130.25

Bulk mailing 100.00

Postage, misc.

38.40

Flyers for Fall Bonanza 75.04

Fairgrounds rental 1,200.00

Fairgrounds security deposit 300.00

EasyBridge 500.00

Remembrances 25.00

Senior center, for unit game 125.00

**Total Expenses:** \$ 2,493.69

Balance Forward: \$ 3,472.50

1<sup>st</sup> Bank Savings: \$ 3,771.49

**Total Assets** \$ **7,243.99**

*Ellen Tallman, Treasurer*

## Manners!

We often forget them in the heat of combat. HOWEVER, please refresh yourselves:

As a defender, DO NOT (ever, ever, ever) reach and sort out the dummy. Ask the dummy to spread the cards. You could lose a limb—or a digit.

NORTH is in charge of the boards. DO NOT move them. Don't even TRY.

*Suzanne Jones*

Players should always use the "Alert" card in their bidding boxes, in addition to saying "Alert" when partner's bid is alertable. Not all of us hear as well as we once did . . .

*Gary Steiner*

## Club News

### Wednesday Club and FAC

After a number of Flight B wins but unlucky draws, Jim Hoerlein finally came up a winner for dinner for two in the FIRST HALF 2003 MASTERPOINT RACE. Bernie Bubla won Flight C and Harvey Voss won Flight A and bridge books for their efforts.

Kay and the girls (Elise, Bertie, and me) go about once a year to a sectional-vacation. We've marauded Thermopolis, Rapid City, Durango, Montrose, Cheyenne, and Scottsbluff. And we have had great times!

We had yet another such great time in Scottsbluff last year. BUT we told EVERYONE how wonderful it was, and those turkeys came! Lots of Colorado tournament players showed up. But we gottum anyway. Kay was third Friday night, won on Saturday, and was second (by a whisker) on Sunday. (Hey, she is Boulder's first Life Master.)

Scottsbluff is a fun time, not much of a drive, and we recommend it! (Half a roast chicken per person for your fee in the team!) Nice people, fun bridge. Y'all come! Kay will just have to deal with it.

*Suzanne Jones*

## Unit Game

The unit held a single session North American Pairs club qualifying event on Saturday, August 16, with 9½ tables in play. The overall winners:

- 1A. Mike Perlman – Rich Laver
- 2A,1B. Jeanne Achziger – Chuck Goudy
- 3A. Jean Adams – Kal Grunwald
- 4A. Suzanne Jones – Jean Grunwald
- 5A. Larry Dolan – Gary Greene
- 6A. Jess Stuart – Mary Stuart
- 2B. Bill Horton – Ralph Cox
- 3B. Vita Wolfe – James Dulan
- 4B. John Bortins – John Massman

*Bill Brackett, Special Events Co-Chair*

## McKenna Cup Leaders

The leaders heading into the Fall 2003

Bonanza are:

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Rich Laver         | 18.55 |
| 2. Bill Horton        | 14.97 |
| 3. Jim Johnson        | 14.75 |
| 4/5. Ellen Freedman   | 13.00 |
| 4/5. Marty Freedman   | 13.00 |
| 6. Bill Brackett      | 11.85 |
| 7. Gary Steiner       | 9.80  |
| 8. Ralph Cox          | 8.66  |
| 9/10. Woody Dillinger | 8.52  |
| 9/10. Clint Heiple    | 8.52  |
| 11. Linda Sundbye     | 8.30  |
| 12. Bob Sherman       | 6.80  |
| 13. Mike Perlman      | 6.66  |
| 14. Vince Bates       | 6.62  |
| 15. Anne Vincent      | 5.84  |

## The Perils of Cue-Bidding

Last month my partner and I found ourselves at a sectional in Lubbock TX, of all places to be in August, hoping for a little R & R after a week spent moving from Pine Junction to Broomfield. Halfway through the Saturday evening session I picked up this hand:

? T 7  
 ? Q 9  
 ? A Q 7 3

? A K 5 4 3

As dealer, I opened one club (we play weak NTs) and LHO bid one spade. Partner bid two spades. RHO asked me what it meant, and I said it could be a club raise or a good hand of any kind. RHO then bid three spades. I bid four clubs, and LHO asked partner what **that** meant. Partner said, “Well, it suggests more than three clubs.”

I should have recognized this as a clue, but I didn’t. LHO didn’t get it either, so she passed and partner bid four spades! Wow, something’s up, but what? RHO doubled and I, believing I had already described a decent club suit, bid five diamonds, first-round control. LHO passed again, and partner, looking cross, banged down his six-club bidding card.

LHO led the king of spades and dummy came down with:

? A x  
 ? A K J 5 3  
 ? --  
 ? Q T 9 8 7 6

Of course we’re cold for 7 clubs or even 7NT, but who knew?

In retrospect, it’s clear that a simple, straightforward approach, like Keycard or Exclusion Blackwood, would have done the job. I’m not sure what the lesson is here, but I do know I’ll probably never see a hand like that again.

*Karen Renne*

## The Annual Meeting: What Shall It Be?

Traditionally, the Unit has sponsored a holiday party at a hotel or restaurant in Boulder, with afternoon duplicate bridge followed by a formal dinner. This year, as in the past several years, this party, including our annual meeting and election of board members, will be held at Millennium House. But 2004 can be different.

Arrangements for a holiday party must be made far in advance, so we need to know your preferences now. Please fill out the short questionnaire attached to the end of this

newsletter and mail it to Andrea at the address on the questionnaire or give it to any board member at a club game or sectional.

## Mark Your Calendars!!

Sept 17	Wednesday club championship
Sept 12-14	Pueblo Fall sectional
Sept. 19-21	Cheyenne sectional
Oct 2	Longmont club championship
Oct 4-6	Montrose Black Canyon sectional
Oct 17	FAC club championship
Oct 20-26	Las Vegas Glitter Gulch sectional
Oct 24-26	Boulder Bonanza Fall sectional
Nov 3	Boulder Bridge club championship
Nov 6-9	Denver Fall sectional
Nov 20-30	Fall NABC; New Orleans LA
Dec 7	Boulder Unit Annual Holiday Party
Dec 10	Wednesday club championship

Flash! **Joanna Chau is back!**

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