

Board Talk

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From the President

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 359,

It is with great happiness that in the name of Unit 359 I add to the flood of congratulations flowing to Boulder's Broma Lou Reed, who has achieved the distinction of Grand Life Master. Everyone is invited to our special game on October 10, honoring Broma Lou's achievement.

Feeling that nip in the air reminds me that the Fall Boulder Bonanza is nearly upon us. You'll find all the details in the flyer included in this newsletter. It's time for the folks using Mid-Chart conventions to get properly prepared to use those conventions in the Flight A events, where other A players are just waiting for you to try your special brand of bidding. I look forward to seeing you there!

The approach of 2005 means that the masterpoint races are soon to be decided. Unit Board elections are also coming up. Our retiring board members have worked hard so that we all can enjoy the many fine events put on by the Unit. These fine volunteers need to be replaced. Please consider running for a rewarding spot on the Boulder Unit Board!

If no suit game is left in sight, just bid 3NT!

John Bortins, President

Convalescent's Corner

We're happy to report that Kay Hudson is recovering from a stroke and looking good at the bridge table again.

We Honor Colorado's New Grand Master:



Broma Lou Reed

Unit 359 will honor its own Broma Lou, the second Grand Master in Colorado bridge history, at a special game next month. Broma Lou achieved 10,000 masterpoints at the Grand Junction sectional in August. She met the other requirement by winning a national event—the Women's Board-a-Match teams--in 1990.

We will celebrate Broma Lou's achievement at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2004, at the Broker Inn, 555 30th St., Boulder. The game will begin at 1:30.

Jeanne Gray, Special Events Coordinator

Kudos

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Master Jim Johnson and new Life Master Ann Martinez.

And to Suzanne Jones, who won the two-session pairs game in Grand Junction with Broma Lou last month, and the Sunday team game as well (assisted by Ken Stuckey and Dennis Goldston).

Joanna Chau won the District 17 Flight C Grand National Teams in Las Vegas in June, playing with Bruce Sellers, Ted Witt, and Brandon Sheumaker.

Joanna and Bruce also won Flight D in the Friday evening pairs in Loveland (No. Colo. Sectional) in June. Vince Bates and Sandy Straus won Flight C in the same event, and Judith Hardie and Denise Desbarats won Flight B in the two-session event on Saturday. Boulder players also scored well in the Sunday teams: Donna and Roger Plowman, Jeanne Achziger, and Chuck Goudey in A/X, and Bill and Andrea Kutscher, with Margaret Devere and Martin Gutschenritter, in B.

Vince and Sandy also won Flight B in the two-session pair game at the Denver sectional in July. Charlie Anderson, Gary Steiner, Mike Perlman and Rich Laver won the Stratiflighted Swiss team event in Denver, while Jim Hoerlein and Bertie Wetzler won A/X, playing with Dave Rankin and Marilyn Hughes of Denver.

At the second Loveland tournament, in August, Jeanne Achziger and Dolores Landwehr won the Friday evening pairs. Bill Brackett, Jim Johnson, Anne Vincent, and Judy Hardie won the A/X teams on Sunday.

Club News

Wednesday Club and FAC

Kay McKenna won Flight A and the dinner for two in the FIRST HALF 2004 MASTERPOINT RACE. Kaye Birmingham won Flight B and Nettie Ashbee won Flight C; both won bridge books as well.

Suzanne Jones

Niwot Novice Game

Boulder’s only sanctioned novice game is going strong, with at least five tables every Tuesday evening. After a short class at 6:30, the fifteen-board game starts at 7:00. Rules are relaxed, and everyone has a great time.

Jim Steele

ACBL Unit 359

Treasurer's Report

Sept. 1, 2004

Last checking balance: 4,891.65

Income:

ACBL membership 141.14

Total Income: 141.14

Expenses:

Newsletter printing, postage 380.82

Postage, cards 16.96

Fall Fairgrounds rental 1,200.00

Flyers for Fall Bonanza 75.04

Unit game, net loss 125.00

Total Expenses: 1,628.07

Final checking balance 3,404.72

Final savings balance 3,847.27

Total Assets 7,251.99

Jim Hoerlein, Treasurer

North American Pairs

The Unit held a single session North American Pairs club qualifying event on Saturday, July 24, with 9 tables in play. The overall winners:

1A. Broma Lou Reed – Suzanne Jones

2A. Gary Greene – Larry Dolan

3A,1B. Judy Furtney – Joan Stern

4A,2B. Jim Zuboy – Andy Johnson

5A,3B. Ruth Johnson – Bud Johnson

4/5B. Bill Brackett – Jim Johnson

Nettie Ashbee – Betty Coulon

1/2C. Jenny Glendinning – Tim Auckland

Kamilla Macar – Ray Wetzler

Bill Brackett, Ass't Tournament Chair

A Short History of Broma Lou Reed

Broma Lou's duplicate bridge career began in 1958. In 1960, when she had only about twenty masterpoints, she and her partner, Kay LaVelle, won a four-session open pairs event at the Denver Regional, earning 50 red points and a trip to a national tournament. Broma Lou became Life Master # 4202 in 1962. In 1963 she began playing with Suzanne Jones, a partnership that is still active --and highly successful--today.

After she retired from teaching business at Fairview High School, Broma Lou won a national championship, the Women's Board-a-March in 1990, and placed second in the North American Women's Swiss in 1993. She and her team placed third in the national team trials to represent the United States in international competition. She has played in five World Bridge tournaments, most recently in 1998 in Lille, France with Suzanne Jones.

A five-time winner of the Colorado Victory Trophy (awarded to the Colorado player who wins the most masterpoints by placing first-third overall in Colorado sectionals), Broma Lou is a formidable opponent. No matter how deadly her defense and declarer play, however, she is invariably gracious and charming at the table.

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor, with a lot of help from stories written by Jared Johnson and Anne Vincent.

McKenna Cup Leaders

The leaders heading into the Fall 2004 Bonanza are:

1.	Suzanne Jones	19.40
2/3.	Jeanne Achziger	11.54
2/3.	Chuck Goudey	11.54
4.	Larry Dolan	10.10
5.	Anne Vincent	9.74
6.	Linda Sundbye	9.00
7.	Gary Greene	8.85
8.	Vince Bates	8.43
9.	Kay McKenna	7.83

10. Rick Clelland

7.43

Master Classes Begin October 4, 2004

Chuck Henke will teach his Master Class Part III—"Mastering the Defensive Side of Bridge"—in Boulder. Classes will be held every Monday at 10:00 AM at the First Christian Church, 950 28th St., Boulder. Advance registration is required. Call Chuck at 303-755-4106, or e-mail chhe80012@att.com. The series includes six classes, ending Nov. 8.

Chuck is Colorado's only Blue Ribbon Pairs winner. He has won many regional and sectional events and has been awarded the Colorado Victory Trophy four times.

Chuck is also an excellent teacher. He prepares seven hands for each two-hour lesson and allows plenty of time for play and post-mortem. I took Parts I and II in his series, on bidding and declarer play. Not only were the classes most enjoyable, but also they improved my game. Highly recommended!

Karen Renne, Newsletter Editor

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sept 15	Wednesday club championship
Sept. 17-19	Cheyenne Sectional
Oct. 1-3	Montrose Black Canyon Sectional
Oct. 4-10	Tucson Regional
Oct. 10	Broma Lou Reed Grand Master Party
Oct 15	FAC club championship
Oct. 15-17	Pueblo Fall Sectional
Oct. 22-24	Boulder Bonanza Fall Sectional
Oct. 25-31	Las Vegas Glitter Gulch Sectional
Nov. 1	Boulder Bridge Club championship
Nov. 11-14	Denver Fall Sectional
Nov. 18-28	Fall NABC, Orlando FL
Dec. 8	Wednesday club championship
Dec. 12	Boulder Unit Annual Holiday Party

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