

TABLE TALK

Denver Unit #361 of the American Contract Bridge League
Spring 1999

Unit News

by Susan Dittmer, Unit 361 President

Thank You

Norma Sands has served faithfully as Appeals Chairman for Unit 361 for several years. Norma has provided excellent committee judgments. She owns a Bridge Teaching Studio here in Denver, possibly the only one in the country. She has taught many of you how to compete at the bridge table. She is a published writer, a regular guest speaker at our Regionals and a worthy opponent at the bridge table. Norma ... Unit 361 thanks you for your time and support to bridge. Members of the ACBL please extend a thank you to Norma for a job well done.

We welcome the new Appeals Co-Chairmen Flo Newlin and Eric Swanson.

Eric Swanson and Margaret Glasner completed their terms on the Unit Board in December and we wish to thank them for all their time, efforts and ideas in assisting with our Unit Board. Board members for the current year are listed to the left on the nameplate.

Bylaws Review Committee members are Bruce Cobb, Chairman, Anita Heitler, Marilyn Hughes, Karen Renne, Bill Allegar, Skip Carson, Carolyn Newcomb, Lois Schmeid and Mary Touris. If you have something to share on the Bylaws, please contact any of the above committee members.

A Tournament breakdown requires many hands. We thank everyone for helping make the task easier. We appreciate when you fold up bidding boxes, pickup, or do anything that makes the job finished earlier. Thanks.

We would like to extend a special

thank you to Marvel Heinsohn. Our board meetings are held at his club on the first Tuesday of the month. His goodwill keeps bringing smiles ... even the night our board members got stuck in the elevator and the firemen had to be called before our meeting started. Thanks Marvel for all your support.

2005!

Why 2005? News, News, News! Denver has been awarded a Fall National Tournament in 2005. So stick around, we need you to participate. We plan to put Denver back on The Bridge map. An IDEA Brainstorming Committee is forming this summer. We need you and your ideas, so call Susan Dittmer 303-617-8585 to volunteer your ideas and join the committee. One of the biggest decisions for the 2005 Tournament will be the selection of Chairman or Co-Chairmen. You will be informed when the draft will take place in years to come. We will need every one of our members to make this the success we know it can be. So plan to be here for the happening in 2005.

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**Pull-Out Schedule for the
Rocky Mountain Regional,
May 25-31, 1999
Put it on your fridge!**

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CALLING ALL NEWER PLAYERS . . .

Bridge is fun. It is challenging, frustrating, absorbing, rewarding, but we keep coming back because we know it is **fun**. You meet the most interesting people playing bridge. And we always enjoy meeting more interesting people at the games.

The Denver Bridge Unit is interested in encouraging newer players to start enjoying the game that keeps all of us coming back. Bridge is a game of steps, and we each progress at our own rate. If you are a newer player, or maybe just someone who wants to learn more about the game and get better, the Unit is here for you. Mentors are available to help you get a leg up. We can match you up with a player who has taken that next step. Mentors are intended to be a source of information — pointers or tips. You could call your Mentor to get help with an auction that gave you trouble, or discuss a hand where other people made an

overtrick, or ask a question about defense. A Mentor may play with you occasionally. If you think a Mentor could help you, or if you would like to offer your services as a Mentor, please call Newer Player Coordinator, Arlene Jones at (303) 745-9873.

The Denver Unit is also planning the Spring 199er Tournament where players with fewer than 200 masterpoints can compete in stratified events. This year's tournament is scheduled for April 17th and 18th at the Aurora Board of Realtors. Saturday the 17th we will host a two-session stratified pair game, and Sunday the 18th there will be a double session team game. Plan to come with your favorite partner or your favorite team and join in the fun.

If you want to play but need a partner or a team, call Arlene Jones. There will be prizes for all who place in the events. But the main attraction will be the **fun**.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Is one of your regular partner acting a bit strange? Looking disinterested, annoyed, giving you puzzled looks? Has your partner's old girlfriend just moved back to town and the two of them want to do everything together, including playing bridge? Is your partner leaving for a month-long cruise in the Caribbean? Did your partner just have surgery and needs six weeks of home rest before he can resume play? Would your regular partnership benefit from the two of you taking a little break from each other? You are not alone, there are many local bridge players who find themselves in these situations and whose game might benefit from playing with a new partner.

The message is: *"Don't quit playing just because there is a temporary problem or*

interruption with one of your partnerships or regular games."

Keep in mind that I do partnerships all year long, not just at the Denver sectionals and Rocky Mountain Regional tournaments. I regularly match people up for ordinary club games, special games, and even for local tournaments in Boulder, Colorado Springs,



Pueblo, Fort Collins and Greeley. When I pair people up, my first concern is that they will be personally compatible, and if so, good bridge will follow.

Feel free to call me if you have any partnership needs. Also, if you know of someone who has recently relocated to the Denver area who wants to play duplicate, please have them contact me at home: Marilyn Hughes, (303) 771-3280, work: (303) 871-2438, or via e-mail: mahughes@du.edu.

BRIDGE GOES TO SCHOOL

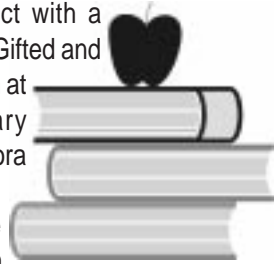
The Education Committee of the Denver Bridge Unit proudly reports that it has succeeded in accomplishing one of its most basic goals: getting a bridge program started in a Public School.

Marilyn Hughes, chairperson of the unit's Education Committee, reports that she made contact with a teacher from the Gifted and Talented program at Iowa Elementary School in the Aurora Public Schools.

Marilyn, Dave Warner and Don

Boyarsky met with the teacher, Jobeth Clark, to offer the Unit's assistance in getting students acquainted with duplicate bridge. Jobeth was receptive to the idea and has made duplicate bridge instruction one of the "projects" in which her students can participate. Don Boyarsky is the teacher who instructs 11 students (and one teacher) every Tuesday for one hour. The class is made up of ten fourth graders, one 3rd grader, and Jobeth. Don started by teaching the students to play spades, a simple card game in which spades are trump, and players bid, follow suit, and take tricks. He was able to introduce the class to the concepts of bidding, following suit, trump and suit promotion before they actually tackled duplicate.

The class is going very well. Mrs. Clark reports that there are other students at Iowa Elementary who would like to participate in the class. Don has used a suggestion from one of Zia Mahmood's books to get the students playing hands: the cards are dealt out, everyone counts their high card points and the pair with the most points becomes the declaring side. Of that pair, the person with the most high card points becomes declarer. When dummy comes down the declarer determines what he/she thinks the contract should be. The opening leader gets to see the dummy before leading. Marilyn, Don and the Education Committee want to thank Dave Warner for his inspiration, confidence, ideas about how to get a program started, and his strong feeling that bridge instruction is most appropriate at the elementary and middle school level.



District 17 Rocky Mountain Regional Bridge Tournament

May 25-31, 1999 • Denver, CO

Tuesday, May 25

7:30pm Mt. Wilson Charity Pairs (single session)
Castle Peak Charity Knockout Teams
(2nd-4th rounds, Wed.-Fri. mornings)

Wednesday, May 26

9:00am Castle Peak Knockout Teams (2nd session)
Challenger Point Continuous Pairs (1 of 5)

1:00pm Grays Peak Knockout Teams (1st session)
Mt. Yale Stratified Pairs (1st session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (1 of 6)

7:30pm Grays Peak Knockout Teams (2nd session)
Mt. Yale Stratified Pairs (2nd session)
Kit Carson Peak Horizontal Pairs (1st session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (2 of 6)

Thursday, May 27

9:00am Castle Peak Knockout Teams (3rd session)
Capitol Peak Knockout Teams (1st session)
Challenger Point Continuous Pairs (2 of 5)

1:00pm Grays Peak Knockout Teams (3rd session)
Crestone Needle Stratified Pairs (1st session)
Maroon Peak Board-A-Match Teams (1st session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (3 of 6)

7:30pm Grays Peak Knockout Teams (4th session)
Crestone Needle Stratified Pairs (2nd session)
Maroon Peak Board-A-Match Teams (2nd session)
Kit Carson Peak Horizontal Pairs (2nd session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (4 of 6)

Friday, May 28

9:00am Castle Peak Knockout Teams (4th session)
Capitol Peak Knockout Teams (2nd session)
Challenger Point Continuous Pairs (3 of 5)

1:00pm Mt. Democrat Knockout Teams (1st session)
Longs Peak Qualifying Pairs (1st session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (5 of 6)
Grand National Teams

7:30pm Mt. Democrat Knockout Teams (2nd session)
Longs Peak Barometer Pairs (2nd session)
Little Bear Peak Continuous Pairs (6 of 6)
Grand National Teams

Saturday, May 29

9:00am Capitol Peak Knockout Teams (3rd session)
Sunlight Peak Compact Knockout Teams
(1st & 2nd sessions)
Challenger Point Continuous Pairs (4 of 5)

1:00pm Mt. Democrat Knockout Teams (3rd session)
Mt. Evans Stratified Pairs (1st session)
Pyramid Peak Knockout Teams (1st session)
Mt. Elbert Continuous Pairs (1 of 4)
Grand National Teams

7:30pm Mt. Democrat Knockout Teams (4th session)
Mt. Evans Stratified Pairs (2nd session)
Pyramid Peak Knockout Teams (2nd session)
Mt. Elbert Continuous Pairs (2 of 4)
Snowmass Mtn. Swiss Teams (single session)
Grand National Teams

Sunday, May 30

9:00am Capitol Peak Knockout Teams (4th session)
Sunlight Peak Compact Knockout Teams
(3rd & 4th sessions)
Challenger Point Continuous Pairs (5 of 5)

1:00pm Pikes Peak Strati-Flighted Pairs (1st session)
Pyramid Peak Knockout Teams (3rd session)
Mt. Elbert Continuous Pairs (3 of 4)
Grand National Teams

7:30pm Pikes Peak Strati-Flighted Pairs (2nd session)
Pyramid Peak Knockout Teams (4th session)
Mt. Elbert Continuous Pairs (4 of 4)
Grand National Teams

Monday, May 31 — Memorial Day

10:30am Quandary Peak No-Break Flighted Swiss Teams
A—Unlimited; B—0-1000; C—0-300

Flighted Events: A—Unlimited; B—0-1000; C—0-500
Stratified Events: A—1000+; B—500-1000; C—0-500
Continuous Pairs: 0-300, 300+

Newer Player Schedule

Tuesday, May 25

7:30pm 99er Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 26

1:00pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

7:30pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

Thursday, May 27

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7:30pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

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1:00pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

7:30pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

Sunday, May 30

1:00pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

7:30pm Stratified 99er Pairs (single session)

Monday, May 31 — Memorial Day

10:30am No Break 99er Teams (double session)

Stratification: A—50-100; B—20-50; C—0-20

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Tournament Director-in-Charge	Max Hardy
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DISTRICT 17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS—1999

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CONTINUOUS PAIRS

We are running continuous pairs in three separate events; mornings (5 sessions—Challenger Point), weekdays (6 sessions—Little Bear Peak) and weekends (4 sessions—Mt. Elbert). You may play in one or more of these single sessions, however, you must play in at least two sessions in the same event to place in the overalls. Scores are individual, therefore you can play with different partners.

HOSTHOTEL

Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center

7800 East Tufts Ave. (I-225 and I-25 SE)

Denver, CO 80237

(303) 779-1234 • 1-800-233-1234

Reservations: \$86.00 per single/double

(Rate is guaranteed until April 24, 1999)

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ENTRY FEES

\$8.50 All Events

SPECIAL FEATURES

- ♠ Outstanding Playing Facilities
- ♥ Warm Western Hospitality
- ♣ Special Games for Newer Players
- ♦ Gifts, Food
- ♠ Guaranteed Partnerships
- ♥ Great Book Display
- ♦ Daily Bulletins
- ♠ Celebrity Speakers

LEARNING THE GAME OF BRIDGE

Well-known bridge players will speak on various topics 45 minutes prior to most sessions. Check the daily bulletin for details.

MASTERPOINTS

Championship Events—GOLD/RED;
0-300 Flighted—RED; One-session Events—RED

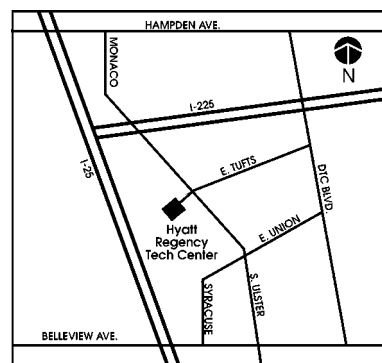
NEWER PLAYER EVENTS

All newer player events (0-99) are sponsored by Western Conference. All newer player events are single session except Monday's 99er teams.

SMOKING POLICY: Nonsmoking with breaks.

COMPACT KNOCKOUTS: Teams limited to four members only.

PARKING: You can self-park for \$2 per day with in and out privileges. Valet parking is available for \$5 per day with in and out privileges.



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CONGRATS WINNERS!

January 1999 Sectional

**Thursday Evening Teams
Flight A**

Debra Dallas, Earl Tackman,
Larry Dolan, Bill Allegar

Flight B

Judy Hummel, John Ledet,
Jerry Curtright, Bonnie Bagley

Flight C

Melvyn Klein, Roberta Klein,
Beverly Tezak, Rudy Tezak

**Friday Afternoon Pairs
Flight A**

Dave Caprera, Dave Mickle

Flight B

Cleo Downey, Marie Portz

Flight C

Mike Meltzer, Brian Meltzer

Friday Afternoon 99er Pairs, D, E & F

Bill Johnson, David Carlson

Friday Evening Pairs

Flight A

Chuck Henke, Larry Sullivan

Flight B

Arlene Jones, John Hughes

Flight C

Greg Carlson, Spencer Jones

Flight D and E

Stanley Gueldenzopf, Jamey Jamison

Saturday Afternoon/Evening Pairs

Flight A

Richard Laver, Linda Sundbye

Flight B

Bob Martin, Carl Steinhauser

Flight C

Marilyn Baily, Robert Reinman

Saturday Afternoon Side Game

Flight A, B & C

Margaret Wagenbach, Helen Onsager

Saturday Evening Side Game

Lois Ann Cummings, John Swenson

Saturday Evening 49er Pairs

Ellen Muller, Larry Pedde

Sunday Swiss Teams

Flight A

Merrell Anderson, Marilyn Eber,
Bruce Cobb, Jared Johnson

Flight B

Marilyn Bost, Ginny O'Toole,
Judith Jadin, George Everitt

Flight C

Robert Herz, Andrea Cain,
Tom Sonnleitner, Donald Patterson

Flight D

Monty Grubbs, Ann Grubbs,
Sherry Clint, Michael Kahn

TRADING LOSERS

by Marvel Heinsohn

Most of us have heard of playing a loser on a loser. Rarely, taking a loser which doesn't exist to provide a discard of another loser can be a winning strategy. You can play for a long time and not see this kind of play. You might not even recognize it unless you have seen it in the literature of this great game. It came up in a club game.

Dealer West
E-W Vulnerable

	♠	Q854		
	♥	KT5		
	♦	JT753		
	♣	5		
♠	A63		♠	KT7
♥	A87		♥	6432
♦	8		♦	A9
♣	KT642		♣	AQJ6
		♠	J92	
		♥	QJ9	
		♦	KQ642	
		♣	43	

Auction:

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♥	2♦
2♥	4♦	5♣	All pass

Lead: K♦

Sure 3NT is a lot easier, but as you may have noticed, the opponents did not cooperate. As you might imagine, a diamond was led, and the outlook was not exceedingly bright. Looks like we only have 10 winners, six ♣s, one ♦, one ♥, and two ♠s. We also appear to have three losers: one ♣ and two ♥s.

Suppose, however, you duck the diamond lead. On a diamond continuation you can discard a heart, play the heart ace and concede a heart. Win the continuation and ruff a heart to set up the thirteenth for a spade discard. That's trading a loser for a loser.

UNIT #361 MINI-MCKINNEY WINNERS

Rookie of the Year — Dan P. Stacy
 Jr. Master — Albert L. Kriznar
 Club Master - Laurah A. Limbrick
 Sectional Master — Dick Duff
 Regional Master — Marcia Horwitz
 NABC Master — Judith Jadin
 Life Master — Gerry Schechter
 Bronze Life Master — Donald Boyarsky
 Silver Life Master — En Hay
 Gold Life Master — Bruce L. Cobb
 Diamond Life Master — Robert Baptist
 Grand Life Master — Jan Janitschke

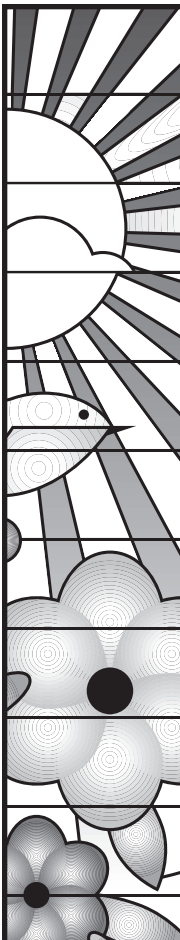
UNIT #361 ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

Rookie of the Year — Ivan Keller
 Jr. Master — Larry Wheaton
 Club Master - Robert Opitz
 Sectional Master — Dick Duff
 Regional Master — Muriel Cibull
 NABC Master — Gladys Helmer
 Life Master — Gerry Schechter
 Bronze Life Master — Nona Dale
 Silver Life Master — Eric Swanson
 Gold Life Master — Bruce L. Cobb
 Diamond Life Master — Jack Larkin
 Grand Life Master — Jan Janitschke

COLORADO VICTORY TROPHY — 1998

Allen Kane





Denver Spring Sectional Bridge Tournament March 11-14, 1999

Greek Orthodox Center • 4610 E. Alameda Ave.

Thursday, March 11, 1999

7:30pm *Stratified Swiss Teams*
A-750+; B-300-750 (A & B play together);
C-0-300 (C plays separately)

Friday, March 12, 1999

1:30pm *Stratified QnPais (single session)* (0-300, 300-1000, 1000+)
Stratified 9nPais
7:30pm *Stratified QnPais (single session)* (0-300, 300-1000, 1000+)
Stratified 9nPais

Saturday, March 13, 1999

1:00pm *Stratified QnPais (1st session)* (0-300, 300-1000, 1000+)
9nPais (single session)
7:00pm *Stratified QnPais (2nd session)*
9nPais (single session)

Sunday, March 14, 1999

11:00am *Stratified Swiss Teams*
A-Unlimited (separate event);
B-300-750; C-0-300 (B & C play together)
9nPais (if enough teams available)
Break between matches with lunch served

Entry Fee: \$7.50

Sunday Teams: \$72.00 per team, includes meal
Non-Smoking with breaks

Director in Charge: Alice Kinningham

Tournament Chairman: Bruce Cobb (303) 758-1617

Partnerships: Marilyn Hughes (303) 771-3280



Denver Unit 361
Novice-Intermediate
Bridge Tournament (0-200)

April 17-18, 1999

Aurora Board of Realtors
14201 E. Evans Dr. • Aurora, CO 80014

Saturday, April 17, 1999 – Bring a snack to share

12:15pm Lecture
1:00pm Stratified Pairs
A-100-200; B-50-100; C-0-50 (0-5 may be separate event)
6:15pm Lecture
7:00pm Stratified Pairs
A-100-200; B-50-100; C-0-50 (0-5 may be separate event)

Sunday, April 18, 1999

10:30am Swiss Teams Play-through – Lunch provided
A-100-200; B-50-100; Victory Points; C-0-50; Win/Loss

All points awarded are Silver. Prizes for all who place.

\$6.00 per session for Pairs

\$60.00 Swiss Team Event per team, lunch included

Partnerships – Connie Collins (303) 989-7484

Tournament Chairman – Arlene Jones (303) 745-9873



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Upcoming Events on the 1999 Bridge Calendar:

March 11-14, 1999

Spring Sectional

April 17-18, 1999

1999er Tournament

May 25-31, 1999

Rocky Mountain Regional

July 8-11, 1999

Summer Sectional

November 11-14, 1999

Fall Election Sectional



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