

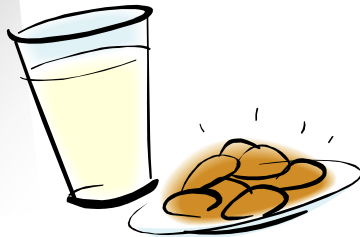


DENVER'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL

Sponsored by Unit 361 and District 17

Gary Zeiger, Director in Charge

Tuesday, May 23, 2017



Charity Chair, Carol Levinson, organized volunteers to bake the wonderful cookies. Enjoy!! Our local charity is Denver Hospice. To make a personal donation, see Carol or any Denver Unit Board member.

President's Welcome

Welcome to the *n*th Rocky Mountain Regional, cohosted by District 17 and Denver Unit 361. We're delighted that you're here! (I have no idea what *n* is. If anybody knows, please tell me.)

If you've looked ahead at the schedule, you've noticed that we've followed the lead of many other regionals, shifting to a primarily 10:00 and 3:00 schedule. Evening games are at 7:30, so you'll have time to go out for dinner and reset your bridge brain. Table counts at our 2015 and 2016 regionals showed a strong preference for day games, so we're hoping that this will accommodate the majority of our players. For those players who cannot make day games, there's a variety of evening games, including a Fast Pairs series, so you were not forgotten. Please give any feedback on this schedule to the tournament chair, Jerry Ranney – our goal is to make you happy.

And, speaking of Jerry Ranney, this is the third year that he's chaired the regional, and we are immensely grateful to him for both his work and his expertise. If you need to know anything, just ask Jerry.

Or – you can ask anybody who's wearing an Ask Me ribbon. These

volunteers will do their best to answer your question or point you to someone who can.

A regional tournament is a major undertaking, and couldn't happen without many people contributing time and effort. A short list: Nancy Rassbach, who has organized all the caddies and is managing the Pro/Am. Jennifer O'Neill and Mary Ann Rose, who also worked on the Pro/Am. Pam Root, who is managing the hospitality and registration functions. Carol Levinson, charity chair. (This year's charity is the Denver Hospice. Historically, our regionals have contributed ~\$500 to the selected charity.) Bob Stansbury, setup and supplies. Vard Nelson, photographer and partnership. Dianne Vanoss and Susan Marshall, IN program and speakers. Carolyn Newcomb, Daily Bulletin editor. Wayne Ecklerling, tournament co-chair, who has done a bit of everything. Thanks to all of these people, and all of their recruits.

If you want to take some time away from the table:

- ◆ The Colorado Rockies are in town from May 26 to May 30.
- ◆ The Colorado Symphony Orchestra is playing Mahler and music from Star Wars.

- ◆ The Denver Center for the Performing Arts is staging *The Secret Garden*, among other offerings.
- ◆ It's a beautiful time of year for a drive up to Rocky Mountain National Park or down to Garden of the Gods (if you're feeling adventurous, take the back way over Rampart Range Road). If you want to stay local, try the Denver Botanic Gardens – about fifteen minutes from the playing site.
- ◆ Denver continues to expand its food and craft beer scene. In fact, there's a craft brewery one block from the playing site, and I can personally vouch for the two products I've tried.

Friendly reminders: Be sure to check the Daily Bulletin for last-minute changes. Keep your cell phones turned off and out of sight while you're at the table. Be considerate of other players with regard to perfume and smoking, don't forget to alert, call the director to resolve any issues (a director call is NOT an accusation), be courteous to your opponents and especially your partner. Don't forget to enjoy yourself! See you at the table.

Margaret Devere
President, Denver Unit 361

Today's Schedule



1:00 p.m.

Pro/Am Pairs
single session

Charity Open Pairs—
single session

7:00 p.m.

Mt Massive Charity
Pairs—single session

Mt Harvard 199er
Charity Pairs—single
session

Mt Elbert Knockout
Teams-Round 1 of 4
(continues Wednesday at 10, 3 and 7:30)

See Daily Bulletins and a link to results at www.denverbridge.com

The Pro-Am reception will follow the game at 4:30 p.m.

Hospitality

Stop by the Hospitality Desk in the hotel lobby to enter our drawing, pick up a registration packet, and get a restaurant recommendation.

Enjoy the tournament. Volunteers are wearing a ribbon. Ask anything.

FREE PARKING

The parking garage is free to bridge players this week.

CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is strictly forbidden in the playing area.

Photographer



Winners & New Life Masters

Please get your picture taken. Meet Vard Nelson, our official photographer, at the Partnership Desk. You can also send us a selfie at carolynnewcomb@yahoo.com with winner's names and ACBL numbers from left to right and the event. Your photos will appear in the District 17 Scorecard and, if we can, in the Daily Bulletin.

199ers: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

Gold Rush: 7: 300-750, 3: 100-300, 1: 0-100

Daylight Open Pairs w/Gold Rush Pairs: A: 3000+ B: 1500-3000 C: 0-1500

Other Stratified Events: A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750

Bracketed Knockouts: Top brackets may be handicapped.

Sunday Bracketed Teams: Bracketed by attendance.

Monday A/X/Y Swiss: A: 5000+, X: 3500-5000, Y: 0-3500

Wednesday's Games

see tournament flyer for more information



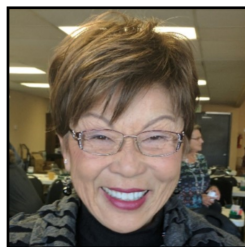
<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Time</u>
Blanca Peak Side Game Series (1 of 5 horizontal)	10
Gold Rush 0-100/300/750 Pairs	10 & 3
La Plata Peak A/B/C Pairs	10 & 3
Mt Yale Side Game Series (1 of 5 horizontal)	3
199er Pairs—Single Sessions	10 & 3
Torreys Peak Fast Pairs (1 of 5 horizontal)	7:30
<u>Teams</u>	
Mt Elbert KO Rounds 2,3,4	10, 3,7:30
Mt Antero KO Rounds 1 & 2	10 & 3
Mt Lincoln Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)	3
Mt Evans Stratified Swiss Teams—Session 1 of 2	7:30

SPEAKERS

Wednesday: Kitty Cooper won a Venice Cup World Championship, the Common Market Mixed Teams Championship, and a number of National titles. Come learn about balancing bids and the art of not "selling out" to your opponents from Kitty!



THURSDAY: Flo Newlin is a Platinum Life Master and has taught bridge to over 300 people and she says teaching has made her a better player. Listen in as Flo talks about how to evaluate your hand and the usefulness of the losing trick count evaluation method.



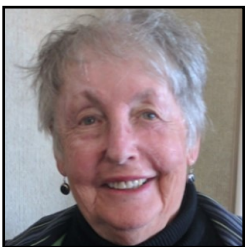
FRIDAY: Robert Todd is a professional bridge player and teacher from Tallahassee, Florida. He has posted several top 10 finishes in the National level and won the 0-10000 KO at NABC in Dallas in 2014. Join Robert as he offers advice on problem opening bids.



SATURDAY: Brad Moss is professional player well-known for being dangerous and imaginative—and as a result, he's been anointed ACBL and WBF Grand Life Master, World Champion, many-time National Champion, King of Bridge, and Player of the Year. Join Brad for a free-wheeling question and answer period!



SUNDAY: For Anita Heitler is a platinum life master who is a certified director, teaches bridge classes and enjoys helping less experienced players improve their skills and reach their goals. Listen in as Anita shares her knowledge regarding the use of penalty doubles and penalty passes and perhaps punish the opponents!



Sunday's Culebra Peak Bracketed Teams is an open event with no masterpoint limit. Each team will be placed in a bracket containing teams with similar total team masterpoints. Teams in most brackets will play a each of the other teams in their bracket, and the top three teams in each bracket receive overall awards.

The overall awards in all brackets will be a combination of Gold and Red points, with higher brackets receiving a higher percentage of Gold Points.

The Denver Hospice

Denver Hospice was founded in 1978. Today, it is Denver's leading "not-for-profit" hospice and the most frequently recommended facility of its type. Patients and families in nine Colorado counties receive comprehensive care, in skilled care facilities, group homes, in-hospital care and in-home care. The goal is to provide the very best end of life care possible and improve the quality of life for all those served. Grief counseling is open to anyone in the community, and serves more than 6,000 people each year. Unit 361 is proud to honor them as our charity this year. Please give generously to this worthwhile charity.

Tournament Staff

Gary Zeiger	Director in Charge
Jerry Ranney	Tournament Chair
Wayne Eckerling	Tournament Co-Chair
Vard Nelson	Partnership Chair & Photos
Pam Root	Hospitality & Registration
Nancy Rassbach	Caddy Chair & Pro Am
Jennifer O'Neill	Pro Am
Carolyn Newcomb	Daily Bulletin Editor
Carol Levinson	Charity Event
Dianne Vanoss	Newer Player Chair
Bob Stansbury	Set up and Supplies
Susan Marshall	Speakers
Rick Gardner	Finance
Jim Calhoun	Posters
Margaret Devere	President, Welcome Letter

Grand National Teams Update

This year's District 17 Grand National Teams (GNT) finals will be held during the Denver Regional. The GNT's were not shown in the original, printed version of the regional flyer due to a late change in venue to the Denver location. All flights will play on Friday and Saturday, May 26 & 27 at 10 am and 3 pm. In the Open and A flights only, finals will be held on Sunday, May 28, if required.

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