

DAILY BULLETIN

Denver's Rocky Mountain Regional

Sponsored by ACBL District 17 and Unit 361

President's welcome

Welcome one and all to the annual Rocky Mountain Regional Bridge Tournament cohosted by District 17 and Unit 361. It is good to see all of you and we hope you have fun and enjoy the experience here in Denver.

All events will be contested in the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel. As you walk in, there will be a Registration desk front and center, along with a partnership board. Please register, and if in need of a partner utilize the board right away. We will also have whiteboards and other signage throughout the hotel to help locate the event you are playing in. Don't hesitate to inquire at the Registration desk if you have any questions.

There will be plenty of opportunity for food between sessions either in the hotel (coupons will be distributed during the tournament for use in the hotel) or in various local eateries.

A big shout out to those that make this tournament possible: Wayne Eckerling (tournament chair), Pam Root (hospitality chair), Dan Marthaler (caddy chair), Jennifer O'Neill and Shelbie Bastiaans (Pro/Am), Susan Marshall (speakers), Bob Stansbury (setup and supplies), Vard Nelson (photography and partnership), Margaret Devere (daily bulletin), and Jerry Ranney (backup and support).

The play schedule continues to be oriented to a daytime layout with the main games at 10am and 3pm. The night games are scheduled for 7:30pm (except for today), and include a Fast Pairs Series and two team games – bracketed and Swiss – each spread over two nights.

Notable highlights include the traditional kickoff Pro/Am Pairs at 1pm, Charity Pairs at 1pm and 7pm today, and Board-A-Match on Friday. Pairs, KOs, and Gold Rush Pairs, and team events are contested each day. The GNTs

kick off on Friday the 25th and the Tournament culminates on Memorial Monday with the A/X/Y Swiss and 0–3000 Bracketed Gold teams.

If you are looking for a break from the table:

- The Rockies open a home series against the Cincinnati Reds starting on Friday the 25th.
- The Denver Zoo, Botanic Gardens, and Museum of Nature and Science all offer wonderful time away from the table.

A few friendly reminders:

- Use of electronic devices is prohibited in the playing area.
- When calling for a Director, it's "Director Please."
- Be courteous to your opponents and partners. All games are Zero Tolerance.
- Remember to have Fun!

*Rick Gardner
President, Unit 361*

Today's schedule

11:30	Registration and Information desk open
1:00	Pro/Am Pairs
	Charity Open Pairs
7:00	Forest Clark Memorial Charity Pairs
	Mt Harvard 299er Charity Pairs
	Mt Elbert Bracketed Teams (1 of 2)

Pro/Am Reception outside the main playing area after the evening games. See you there! (Don't forget to use your coupons.)

Forest Clark Memorial Charity Pairs



Forest Clark, longtime Denver bridge player and supporter of the game, died in August 2017 at the age of 90. The Tuesday evening charity pairs game has been named the Forest Clark Memorial Charity Pairs, in appreciation of his 40+ years of support for the game and for Unit 361.

If you have played in Denver clubs or tournaments for any length of time, you have played against Forest. Not only a player of the game, Forest contributed his legal expertise to draft Unit 361's incorporation papers in 1976, then served as the unit's legal counsel from 1982 until his death.

Forest attended – how many board meetings? well, 11 a year times 35 years is 385 – so more than 300 board meetings, plus innumerable special meetings, phone calls, and quick conversations here and there. Forest brought a balanced, well-intentioned, calming approach to the issues he dealt with, and always had the good of the unit and the game in mind.

Farewell, Forest. We will miss you.

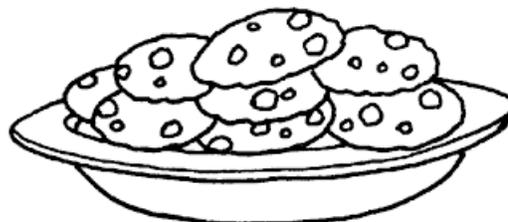
2018 charity: JDRF

Proceeds from the Forest Clark Memorial Charity Pairs, plus donations, will be sent to JDRF.

JDRF, formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, is the leading global organization funding research to end Type 1 diabetes (T1D). The organization was founded in 1970 as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Later, to emphasize the strategy for ending the disease, the name was changed to the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*. Today, an equal number of children and adults are diagnosed with T1D – approximately 110 people per day. So, a few years ago, the name was changed again, to JDRF.

Since inception, JDRF has contributed more than \$2B to T1D research. JDRF is currently funding more than 70 human clinical trials of potential T1D therapies. Approximately 80% of JDRF expenditures directly support T1D research and research-related education.

This year's charity cookiemeister is Betsey Wilson. Thanks from all of us:)



Wednesday's schedule

10:00 am	299er Pairs (1 of 1)
	Blanca Peak Side Game Series (1 of 5)
10:00 am and 3:00 pm	Gold Rush Pairs (1&2 of 2)
	La Plata Peak Pairs (1&2 of 2)
	Mt. Antero Bracketed KO's (1&2 of 4)
2:15 pm	Speaker: Dave Caprera
3:00 pm	299er Pairs (1 of 1)
	Mt. Lincoln Stratified Swiss (1 of 1)
	Mt. Yale Side Game Series (1 of 5)
7:30 pm	Mt. Elbert Bracketed Teams (2 of 2)
	Torreys Peak Fast Pairs Series (1 of 5)

Interesting hand? Funny story?

Share it with the rest of us. Talk to the Daily Bulletin editor, Margaret Devere, or email your story to her at margaret@devere.net.

A word about the schedule

One of the first things that happens after every regional: People get together to analyze what went well and what could be improved. At the two most recent Denver regionals, the Daylight Pairs overwhelmingly outdrew the 1:00 and 7:00 Open Pairs. Also, it seemed that starting a new KO every day was resulting in dilution of the events.

So, this year, we're trying something new! Actually, several things new:

- Rather than running two-session events at 1:00 and 7:00, we're running two-session events at 10:00 and 3:00.
- For people who want to play at night, there's a Fast Pairs game every night, and two-session team games that run on consecutive evenings. Except for the first night, all evening games start at 7:30.
- There is no KO overlap. If you didn't happen to advance in your KO (due to extremely bad luck, of course), there are single-session Swiss games and bracketed team games to keep you occupied until the next KO starts.

Please let us know how you like it. We want to make you happy:) Find one of the Denver board members, or send an email to tournamentchair.denverregional@gmail.com.

Bracketed teams – what's that?

You may have noticed that this year's schedule contains many more bracketed team events than formerly. Here's how they work:

- When entries are complete, the directors divide the teams into brackets according to average masterpoints. The ideal bracket size is eight, but there may be some variation depending on field size and distribution.
- Within each bracket, each team plays every other team.
- Points are awarded within each bracket. At this regional, the three top teams in each bracket will win gold points.

Speakers

We always have great speakers. This year's lineup:

Wednesday	Dave Caprera	Sleeping on the Couch
Thursday	Flo Newlin	Doubling Artificial Bids: Lead-directing or Not?
Friday	Robert Todd	What to Say to Opener's Rebids
Saturday	Dennis Dawson	Guerrilla Bridge
Sunday	Brad Moss	Q&A

All talks will be at 2:15 in the main playing area (downstairs ballroom). Come brush up on your bridge!

Note: Every now and then, a couple of speakers swap dates, or change their topics. Check the Daily Bulletin for any updates.

Food and drink

We have arranged with the hotel to provide a quick and easy lunch buffet in the Fifty300 restaurant on the mezzanine. There will be two buffet lines for faster service. Fifty300 is also open for breakfast, and for dinner from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. The dinner options include "Quick Bites" for people who are playing the evening game.

Elevate Lounge is open for sandwiches and drinks from 4:00 pm to midnight, and for lunch on Tuesday.

The hotel is also providing Grab-n-Go stations in the lobby and the ballroom foyer, for breakfast and lunch Wednesday through Monday.



Food and drink (cont)

If you want to go off-site, there are several options on Quebec, some within walking distance.

- Go directly across Quebec to get to the Stapleton food scene.
- Go a couple of blocks south to the 29th Street Town Center and its restaurants.

If you're up for a drive, Northfield, Eastbridge, and the Stanley Marketplace are five minutes away and offer a variety of dining options, from fast to fine.

- To get to Northfield, go north on Quebec, cross I-70, and turn right.
- To get to Eastbridge, go east on Martin Luther King (the major east-west street south of the hotel) and continue for about a mile. It's right there.
- To get to the Stanley Marketplace – well, this is a little more involved – you'd better look it up.

And of course there are other options just a short drive away – Denver has a great food scene – whatever you do, don't go hungry!

Coupons

Last year we experimented with handing out coupons that were good for all food and drink at the hotel. This was very well received, so we're doing it again. This gives you complete control over when, where, and what!

You'll find a \$5 coupon in your registration goodie bag. Coupons will also be handed out at the Pro/Am game, on the final day, and on an occasional basis throughout the week.

In addition, a number of local restaurants have donated dining coupons. There will be a drawing on Friday, between the first and second sessions. Put your name in the hat at the Registration desk, and watch the Info board to see if you won.

Please note:

- The hotel does not allow any outside food or beverage to be consumed in its food outlets, which include the lobby, Elevate Lounge, Fifty300, and event space.
- The hotel does not provide change for coupons.

Drawing for restaurant coupons

Be sure to register at the Registration desk, and put your name in the hat to win a coupon to a local restaurant.

Here's the restaurant list:

- In Northfield:
 - Bar Louie
 - Jim 'n Nick's Bar-B-Q
 - La Sandia Cantina
 - Red Lobster
 - Texas Roadhouse
- A few blocks west:
 - Cherry Tomato
 - Oblio's Pizzeria

All of these restaurants are a 10-minute drive or less from the playing site.

The drawing will be held around 2:00 pm on Friday. You don't have to be present to win – we'll track you down.

Disciplinary process – special presentation

Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder, will present “Lunch and Learn – Navigating the ACBL Disciplinary Process” on Friday between the morning and afternoon sessions. He will give an overview of Zero Tolerance, Player Memos, and what happens when a player is called before a disciplinary committee.

Robb is a Grand Life Master. He has lived in Arizona since 2004. He was a member of the District 17 Board of Directors until being hired by ACBL as National Recorder in September 2017. He has been a member of the ACBL Laws Commission since 2006. He is a member of the ACBL and District 17 Goodwill committees. Besides bridge, he loves music and baseball.



*Robb Gordon with Bonnie Bagley,
San Diego NABC*

Disciplinary process (cont)

This talk is recommended to everybody who is involved with the disciplinary process at the club, unit, or district level. The presentation will be in Longs Peak, and is open to all, but space is limited. So grab a sandwich, and then grab a seat.

Email address current and working?

Does the ACBL have your correct email address? Have you perchance marked emails from the ACBL as spam?



If no to the first, or yes to the second, you will not be getting the Daily Bulletin via email, and you'll also be missing everything that the ACBL, the district, or the unit is trying to send you.

To resolve this problem:

1. Go to www.acbl.org.
2. Click **MyACBL** (top of window).
3. Click **Update My Information**.
4. Click **Update My Contact Information**.
5. Enter or re-enter your email address.
6. Click **Submit**.

Please make sure this is working – we don't want to spam you but we do want to communicate, and most of our communications will be electronic from now on.

Tournament directors

We are fortunate to have an excellent TD staff, many of whom have been here for years.

Director In Charge is Gary Zeiger from Phoenix. Other TDs:

Dianne Barton-Paine	San Francisco
Eric Bell	Las Vegas
John Gram	Boise
Patty Holmes	Las Vegas
Ken Horwedel	Las Vegas
Bill Michael	Florissant
Sam Stoxen	Denver
Theresa Venhuis	Denver
John Worley	Fort Collins

D17 news

District 17 customer service desk

Something new! District 17 will be hosting a customer service desk during the tournament. Learn more about the new digital publication, *D17 ScoreCard*. Ask a question. Give us feedback. Meet a D17 Board member.

The new digital D17 ScoreCard

The new *D17 ScoreCard* has replaced the tabloid newspaper that was mailed to members. This digital bi-monthly is designed for easy reading on your desktop, laptop, tablet, or cell phone. Links can be found on the District 17 website homepage and many Unit websites. Players can install an iPhone or Android app to jump to the current edition with one finger.

Going digital allows *ScoreCard* to offer links to unit websites, flyers, hotel reservations and much more. The switch to digital also saves District 17 about \$60,000 per year in printing and postage. Stop by the D17 information desk to see a demonstration of *ScoreCard*.

Tournament business

Daily Bulletin going to ebulletin

This year, in an effort to save money and simplify the process, the Wednesday-Monday Daily Bulletins will be emailed early in the morning to everyone who played during the previous 48 hours. Assuming, of course, that the ACBL database has your correct email address. (If it doesn't, update it ASAP.)

If you don't have email, or you didn't play, you can access all the bulletins from the Denver website:

www.denverbridge.com>Results>Regional Bulletins.

Note: This is our first time doing this. I'm asking for forgiveness in advance for any glitches.

Information, AKA "Where's my game?"

In an effort to minimize confusion, we have increased tournament signage significantly. Game times and locations will be posted here and there around the playing site, along with helpful stuff like "on the Mezzanine."

And you can always ask the helpful people at the Registration desk. The Registration desk will be staffed from 9:00-9:45, 1:30-2:45, and 6:30-7:15. On Tuesday, it will be open at 11:30.

Results

As always, you can get game results at the playing site a few minutes after the game ends. You also have two electronic options:

- Check your email for a message from ACBL Live.
- Go to live.acbl.org. From there, you can enter your name and get your individual results, or you can drill down to the game and see the complete result set.

Results will NOT be available via BridgeResults, and there will not be a link to results from the Denver bridge website.

Photography

Did you win an event today? Or did you make Life Master today? We'd love to put your picture in the bulletin.

There are two ways to do this:

- Stop by the Photography table (same area as Registration) with your partner/teammates, and get your picture taken. The Photographer will be available before each event, from 45 minutes before until 10 minutes before.
- Use the photo from the FastResults database. If it's there already, great! and you don't have to do anything else. If not, stop by the Photography table and get your photo taken. Provide your full name and ACBL number, and we'll load the photo for you.

Parking and transportation

Parking in the hotel parking garage is free to all bridge players. (If the gate is closed, go ahead and take a ticket. You won't be charged.)

The hotel offers a free shuttle to the Central Park light rail station. From there, you can get downtown or back to the airport when the time comes. Inquire at the hotel front desk for shuttle details.

Stratification

Events are stratified whenever attendance permits. Stratification and bracketing is calculated by average pair/team masterpoints. Top brackets may be handicapped.

Event type	Stratification
Gold Rush Pairs (no player over 750 masterpoints)	0-200/500/750
Stratified Open Pairs opposite Gold Rush Pairs	0-1500/3000/+
299ers (no player over 299 masterpoints)	0-100/200/299
Monday A/X/Y Swiss	0-4500/7000/+
Monday Bracketed Gold Teams (no player over 3000 masterpoints)	0-3000
All other Bracketed Teams	No masterpoint limit
Other stratified events	0-750/3000/+

Conduct and ethics

The Rocky Mountain Regional is a Zero Tolerance zone. If you have any concerns about the conduct or ethics of another player, you can:

- Call the director at the time
- Speak to any director at a later time
- Speak to the tournament chair
- Speak to either the D17 or the Unit 361 president
- Speak to the Unit 361 conduct and ethics chair, or the D17 or Unit 361 recorder

For more information, read this article:

www.denverbridge.com>Admin>Ethics & Recorder.

Tournament feedback

Please let us know what you liked or didn't like about our tournament. All information and suggestions help us improve the next one. Talk to one of the Denver board members or send your comments to tournamentchair.denverregional@gmail.com.

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Pam Root	Hospitality
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For contact information, go to the Denver unit website:

www.denverbridge.com.

* Off-board position

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Notes

My brilliant plays

My not-so-brilliant plays

My partner's brilliant plays

Things I'll do differently next time

How many beers my partner owes me

How many beers I owe my partner

Plans for dinner

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday