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DENVER BRIDGE NEWS

FALL 2008

From Ruth Pana, Denver Unit 361 President

This has been another record-breaking year for Denver Unit 361. Our Regional Tournament had 2,212 tables— 200 more tables than 2007. Over the Memorial Day week there were six regional tournaments sponsored by the ACBL.—Champaign, IL (751 tables), Minneapolis, MN (1,174 tables), New York, NY (1,330 tables) and Cleveland, OH (1,028 tables). Only Raleigh, NC (2,553 tables), surpassed our total. The Rocky Mountain Regional continues to be a great bridge-playing tournament. And a special thanks to Chairman, Jerry Newcomb; Charity Chairman, Barbara Webster; Partnerships, JoAnn Miller; Hospitality, Maxine Divine; Caddies, Carol Wendt (Carol just came aboard in May to take over the caddy responsibilities); Bulletin editor, Carolyn Newcomb; and the other Unit 361 Board members and unit volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the regional.

In addition to the 2008 Rocky Mountain Regional we had sectionals in January, March and July and an Intermediate/Novice Sectional in April. All of the sectionals broke records with the July Sectional breaking the all-time record with a final table count of 537. The I/N sectional had 121 tables, another record-breaking attendance.

Unit 361 seeks to provide a wonderful bridge-playing experience. Lunch is provided daily at our sectionals with a catered lunch on Sunday for our Swiss Team players. The **Directors**, along with tournament chair, Don Boyarsky, supply chair, Lew Dorough, Hospitality chair, Maxine Divine, Membership chair, Merl Needham and Partnership chair, JoAnn Miller and other board members provide what we think is the **Best in the West**. The caddies assist the directors and the board and they are truly awesome. **WHAT ENERGY!!!**

Special Thanks to long-time board member, **Shirley Gates**, who is retiring from the board.

Shirley has been treasurer for the past three years. And thanks also to **JoAnn Miller**, Partnership chair for this past year and the 2007 Unit Board Secretary.

If you would like to **volunteer** at any of our sectionals or our regional in May please contact a board member. Help is needed before and after sessions or in preparation for the tournament. You can volunteer in the following areas at the sectionals and regional: **Set up, Cleanup, Hospitality, Partnerships, and Photography.**

At the I/N Tournament in April **THE TRAVELING SUSAN DITTMER MEMORIAL TROPHY** was awarded for the most masterpoints earned. The winners were **Sunny Gilbert** of Boulder, CO and **Barbara Yoshimura** of Lyons, CO. Congratulations! And a thank you to Gerry Schechter who volunteered to help with the tournament.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS: Bill Johnson, NAP chair, reports that if you have qualified to play in the NAP at the **COLORADO SPRINGS REGIONAL OCTOBER 6-12**, the "B" stratifications will be on Friday and the "A and C" stratifications will be on Saturday. The venues for the North American Open Pairs are two-session events. Good luck to everyone!!!

Go to the Unit's website for updated tournament information and also check Jared Johnson's column on "Bridge" in the Denver Post on Sundays.

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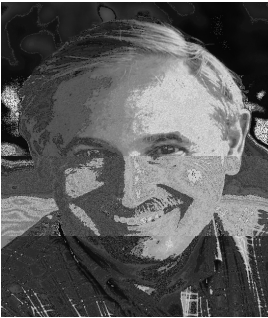
Chuck Anderson

I would be new to the board and look forward to working and supporting the Denver Unit. I have played bridge since I was in Junior High School and am much newer to the game of Duplicate. I'm still active in Residential Real Estate and have been with Perry & Co. for 37 years.



Maxine Divine

For the past 2 years I have served on the Unit 361 Board as the Hospitality Chairman. I've enjoyed being a part of this hardworking team of people, and would be pleased to continue this effort.



Don Heitler

I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. I received my MBA from Columbia U. , am a CPA and a Diamond Life master. I have played in the Mixed Pairs World Championships with my wife, Anita. We have four daughters and seven grandchildren. I have previously been on the board and was treasurer of the recent Denver National Bridge Tournament. I am looking forward to serving once again on the Board.



Jerry Newcomb

I have served on the board for the last two years. My primary responsibility was as Regional Tournament Chairman and assisting with supplies for the Sectional tournaments. I have enjoyed serving on the Board and would be pleased to continue for another two years.



Ruth Pana

For the past two years I have served on the



AN- NUAL M E E T I N G

On Thursday, November 6, the annual membership meeting will take place at 6:45 pm.

Each year at this time we have our Fall Election, selecting candidates to serve on the Denver Unit 361 Board of Directors for two-year terms.

In accordance with Unit 361 By-laws Don Boyarsky, Unit 361 Vice-President, chaired the nominating committee for the selection of the (5) open positions for the 2008-2009 Unit 361 Board of Directors. He would like to thank the following Nominating committee members: Mary Fulton, Roger Miller, Merl Needham and Michael Schneider for their help in the selection process.

The candidates seeking office are listed on this page. Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday!!!

TIME CHANGE SURVEY

On Saturday, November 8th you will be given a survey to assess preferences for starting times of games on Saturdays only. As always, the Unit's Board of Directors

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Certificates of Deposit	\$45,356	\$0
Checking	\$595	\$0
Savings	\$14,248	\$41,994
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$60,199	\$41,994
Other Assets		
Certificates of Deposit		
Restricted Funds - NABC	\$10,522	\$10,000
Prepaid Rent: Jefferson Cty Fairgrounds	\$1,000	\$1,000
Jefferson County Fairground Deposit	\$200	\$200
Total Other Assets	\$11,722	\$11,200
TOTAL ASSETS	\$71,921	\$53,194
LIABILITIES	\$0	\$0
Restricted Funds - NABC	\$10,522	\$10,000
EQUITY	\$61,399	\$43,194
TOTAL LIABILITY AND EQUITY	\$71,921	\$53,194

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND CASH FLOWS

	2008	2007
INCOME AFTER DIRECT EXPENSES:		
Newer Player Tournaments	\$405	\$362
November Sectional Tournament	\$1,411	-\$304
January Sectional Tournament	\$1,404	\$1,070
March Sectional Tournament	-\$731	\$1,094
July Sectional Tournament	\$1,469	\$3,183
Regional Tournament	\$15,030	\$9,812
Membership Dues	\$3,431	\$3,403
Interest Income	\$857	\$1,473
Other Income	\$1,700	\$3,737
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,977	\$23,830
INDIRECT EXPENSES:		
Administrative	\$938	\$464
Capital Equipment Replacement	\$596	\$730
Bank Charge	\$70	\$0
Directory	\$1,194	\$2,031
District 17 Rep Expenses	\$750	\$1,000
Front Range Challenge	\$96	\$0
Table Talk	\$2,455	\$2,617
Trophies and Gifts	\$322	\$521
Web Hosting	\$465	\$310
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,885	\$7,673
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$18,091	\$16,157

ASK THE EXPERTS

"What is your best tip for newer players?" asks Merl Needham, Membership chair

"My own philosophy is to be consistent in bidding, don't fight with partner and stay positive even after making some awful bid or play."

Sandy Koller

"Our advise to any bridge player is "Count, Count, Count!! Count your points, Count the dummy's points, count distribution, count winners, losers, count what you might take on defense. And when you are dummy, always be counting something. This will help you when you are active as declarer or defender."

Cal and Flo Newlin

"**COUNT!!!** Keep counting, and count everything. Whether you are declarer or defender, your opponents' bids or lack thereof, give you information and sometimes very precise information."

Jan Janitschke

"Always hesitate before you play to the first trick, whether declaring or defending a hand. If winning the trick, be sure you know what you are going to do next. As declarer, decide where you want to be. As defender, decide what you are going to do next. More errors are made at trick one than at any other trick. Remind yourself of the bidding and count the outstanding points." *Anita Heitler*

"In a suit contract, you should try to minimize losers. In a no trump contract, you should maximize winners. Therefore when declaring a suit contract, think nimble, precise operations with minimal losses. When declaring a no-trump contract, think Omaha Beach at Normandy. Keep pushing those troops

A LOOK AT THE WORLD OF DOUBLES

By Anita Heitler

Players new to the duplicate scene may be overwhelmed by the extensive use of the word “double” in competitive auctions. Rarely, is the double meant to be for penalties. The challenge, therefore, is for a partnership to agree on the meaning of the double within the context of the auction. Even experts disagree on the fine points, as noted in the August Bridge Bulletin article, “Your Call.” The word take-out, is exactly as implied. Take me out of this bid, unless you can set the opponents. You must have great length and strength in their suit to pass.

Low level doubles of suit bids are for take-out. If partner doubles and the opponents bid and partner doubles again, the repeat of the double is still for take-out. In fact, if the opponents have found suit agreement below the level of 2NT, there is a very good chance that a part score can be made by the side that hasn’t bid yet. Therefore, a double in balancing seat asks partner to bid and should not be construed as penalty. The point count requirement for a first round double need not be met. If you bid or overcalled and partner did not respond, a double still asks him to bid. This double is not for penalty. In these situations, the person who doubles does not have the suit that has been bid.

Doubles of preemptive bids are for take-out. The partnership must decide how high. (What does a double of a 4 spade opening bid show?)

Doubles of artificial bids tend to be lead directing. Common low level artificial bids

are Stayman and transfers after NT openings. Doubles of these bids imply length as well as strength, as partner may elect to compete when the opponents want to play at a low level in their suit. A double of the answer to Blackwood, or a cue bid on the way to slam implies the ace or king and asks for the lead of that suit.

Penalizing the Opponents with Penalty doubles of low level contracts can be extremely rewarding. However, by partnership agreement, direct doubles of low level suit contracts are for take-out. How, then, can the opponents be doubled for penalties? The partner of the person who doubles, passes, and thus converts the take-out double to a penalty double.

Partner has opened with a suit, and RHO makes a suit overcall. In order to look for penalties, you must have a long and strong holding in the overcalled suit, 8+ high card points, and a misfit with partner’s suit. If you are playing negative doubles, your pass is forcing and when partner re-opens with a double, you pass. He may elect to bid a suit if his hand is not suitable for defense.

Partner has opened with a suit and RHO overcalls 1NT. A double here is a penalty double. You must have at least 9 high card points, a fit with partner or a good suit of your own to lead. Dummy should have very few points. Declarer will have to play everything out of his hand. (Note: suit bids in this auction are nonforcing and competitive. A raise of partner’s suit is also competitive and shows a bad hand with little prospect of game or defeating 1NT.

About the Author: Anita is a Unit 361 member, a Diamond Life Master and a Bridge lecturer.

TOP MASTERPOINT HOLDERS AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2008

1 Jan Janitschke	15,764	48 Dick Duff	2,940	1,898	137 Ann Beezley	1,372	
2 Jack Larkin	9,319	49 Joyce Sloop	2,906	96 Joan Tschirki	1,877	138 Victoria Giusti	1,365
3 Chuck Henke	9,109	50 MaryAnne Pixley	2,880	97 Richard Friedman	1,843	139 Bill Beard	1,351
4 Bruce Cobb	9,084	51 Donald Boyarsky	2,860	98 Peggy Ware	1,834	140 Alice Perlmutter	1,351
5 Flo Newlin	7,805	52 Walter Rassbach	2,834	99 Roberta Vider	1,820	141 Jeffrey Brown	1,349
6 Hachy Pennell		7,472	53 Marilyn Hughes	2,823	100 Joan Gerould	1,811	142 Brandon Sheumaker
7 Allen Kane	7,450	54 Jerry Ranney	2,797	101 Claire Flater	1,803	143 Helen Moore	1,334
8 Merrell Anderson		7,393	55 Anne Brenner	2,759	102 Alan La Tuchie	1,797	144 Betty Wells
9 Cal Newlin Jr	7,348	56 Susan Grauer	2,757	103 Mary Horn	1,753	145 Laura Limbrick	1,325
10 Virginia Gunter	7,048	57 Skip Carson	2,718	104 Beverly Sanders	1,751	146 M Truelsen	1,317
11 Anita Heitler	6,815	58 Donald Vancil	2,665	105 Walt Newcomb	1,718	147 Ralph Cox	1,312
12 Vivian Kilstrup	6,793	59 Mary Gsell	2,607	106 Jerry Newcomb	1,699	148 Margaret Devere	1,312
13 Marilyn Eber	6,728	60 Nancy Rassbach	2,587	107 Donita McKanna	1,699	149 Eleanor Gendill	1,312
14 Steven Parker	6,493	61 Paul Witonsky	2,569	108 Carolyn Newcomb	1,688	150 Mary Ann Beck	1,309
15 Warren Garrett	6,488	62 Carol Lesko	2,563	109 Steven Blatter		1,668	151 Geri Bonds
16 Roger Pennell	6,249	63 Steve Evans	2,513	110 Lois Ann Cummings	1,663	152 Carol Bertz	1,298
17 Don Heitler	6,105	64 Jane Ranney	2,508	111 Susan Csikos		1,634	153 Margery Brumley
18 En Hay	5,744	65 Jeannene Dipaolo	2,506	112 Vincent Castrigano	1,606	154 Roger Neumann	1,276
19 Richard Lesko	5,533	66 Frank Rhea	2,506	113 Robyn Hedly		1,590	155 Dave Appel
20 Gerald Oehm	5,262	67 Harriet Berenbaum	2,491	114 Judy Goldstein	1,581	156 Jack Long	1,274
21 Norma Sands	5,021	68 Bill Fox		2,444	115 Norma Austermann	1,574	157 Joan Mager
22 David Caprera	4,893	69 Dolly Hauge	2,426	116 Marilyn Bost	1,559		158 Jonathan Hellman
23 David Warner	4,709	70 Dom DiFelice	2,420	117 Susan Charczenko	1,553	159 Sung Mae Bleck	1,244
24 Gail Gottlieb	4,405	71 Paula Warren	2,377	118 John Swenson		1,539	160 Katherine Shore
25 Kenneth Stuckey	4,396	72 Pat Drew I	2,309	119 Lorraine Witonsky	1,529	161 Kay Barrow	1,240
26 Charles Reed	4,362	73 Debra Dallas	2,303	120 Craig Biddle		1,524	162 Bettie Marosey
27 Ernest Skolnik	4,064	74 Thomas Lenahan	2,290	121 Penelope Coffman	1,524	163 Helen Cox	1,221
28 Tom Breed	4,038	75 Bill Allegar	2,275	122 Barbara O'Grady		1,509	164 Nancy Benedict
29 Daniel Williams	3,903	76 Alice Kinningham	2,249	123 Paul Ossip	1,505	165 Joe Sewall	1,213
30 Pat Henke	3,882	77 Lois Schmied	2,238	124 George Becker	1,489	166 Claire Whitman	1,213
31 Jared Johnson	3,858	78 Mary Fulton	2,230	125 Brian Hayenga	1,489	167 Eileen Schoen	1,210
32 Irene Hyatt	3,836	79 Doris West	2,185	126 Beth Etzenhouser	1,486	168 Marilyn Graham	1,185
33 Ernie Young Jr	3,788	80 Kendall Rabe	2,114	127 Wendy Turk		1,480	169 Shirley Gable
34 Charles Bergman	3,770	81 Gerry Schechter	2,097	128 Ken McClenahan	1,470	170 Jerry Marrs	1,166
35 Carolee Larkin	3,742	82 Bob Martin	2,084	129 Leonard Herz	1,460	171 Rita Jacobsen	1,158
36 Bonnie Smith	3,513	83 Curt Soloff	2,077	130 Marvel Heinsohn	1,452	172 Frances Fear	1,153
37 Jan Benninghoven	3,502	84 Spencer Jones	2,039	131 Hedy Buckstein	1,450	173 Stanley Imhoff	1,150
38 Fred Herring	3,349	85 Tom Monikowski	2,037	132 Helen Bergman	1,441	174 V Robert Albert	1,143
39 Forest Clark	3,304	86 Hal Ashley	2,036	133 Leon Earring	1,427	175 Diane Winship	1,135
40 James Roof	3,255	87 Larry Haas	2,028	134 Virginia Johnston	1,422	176 Vern Brown	1,126
41 Tom Schmied	3,213	88 Joan Madrid	2,003	135 William Cleveland	1,395	177 Yvonne Goddard	1,126
42 Donna Swanson	3,201	89 Harley Bress	1,999	136 Zeke Tolentino Jr		1,389	178 Beth Nelowet
43 Geir Hauge	3,195	90 Virginia Sewall	1,994			179 Lori Beard	1,114
44 Edwin Hagerman	3,100	91 L. Goodfellow	1,983			180 Janice Pequette	1,110
45 Dan Marthaler Jr	3,099	92 Karen Trujillo	1,971			181 Gary Morrison	1,107
46 Frank Queen	3,075	93 Milton Shioya	1,955			182 Dee Reed	1,096
47 Roy Weinstein	3,070	94 Steve Hay	1,904			183 Betty Stephan	1,093
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Join us for the



Denver Unit 361 Fall Election Sectional Bridge Tournament

November 6-9, 2008

Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall 15200 W. 6th Ave.

Thursday, November 6, 2008

7:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, November 7, 2008

9:00 am Friday Knockouts (Round 1)

1:00 pm Friday Knockouts (Round 2)

Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 299er Pairs

7:00 pm Friday Knockouts (Finals)

Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 299er Pairs

Saturday, November 8, 2008

1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (1st of two sessions)

Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)

Stratified Pairs (single session)

7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2nd session)

Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)

Stratified Pairs (single session)

Sunday, November 9, 2008

10:00 am & TBA Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

(A/Ax play together,

B/C/D play together)

299er Teams (if enough teams)

Lunch will be catered

Pairs: Members \$9; Non-members \$10

Sunday Swiss Teams: \$96 per team

Director: Bill Wittmann

Tournament Chairman: Don Boyarsky 303.369.7394

Partnerships: JoAnn Miller 303.233.6523

Stratification: Pairs: A+2000+; B=0-2000; C=0-750

ADVERTISING IN THE DIRECTORY

Ad space is sold on a first-come basis. The Unit prints approximately 1,100 directories annually, so your advertising dollars go a long way. The ad rates are reasonable, from \$450 for a full page to \$50 for a business card ad. Camera ready art should be provided. Contact Bill Johnson or Ruth Pana if you are interested in placing an ad in our Membership Directory. **The deadline for inclusion in the next Directory is February 5, 2009.**

CLUB NEWS

Marvel Heinsohn's **The Bridge Club** is moving to a new location. It will be operating adjacent to the **Denver House of Cards.**



These two Bridge Clubs reached an agreement to share space at 1800 W. Oxford... Milt Shioya will conduct new player duplicate bridge sessions at **Denver Metro Bridge Club**, Monday Mornings at 10:30 am. Sandra Koller's lessons are ongoing with the next set of classes slated for January. She can be reached at 303-422-5187. The classes take place at various senior and recreation centers. Judy Hunt at **The Bridge Club**, and Norma Sands at **Norma Sands Studio** conduct classes all year...Joe Sewall **Northwest Bridge Club** and Virginia Gunter, **Arvada Bridge Club**, Irene States, **Ken Caryl Duplicate Bridge Club**, Richard Nelson, **Heather Gardens Duplicate Bridge Club** offer a limited schedule of games...Consult your directories or our website, www.denverbridge.com

MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY 2009

Is your information correct in the 2008 Directory? The Denver Unit gets its membership data directly from the ACBL in Memphis. Therefore, if you need to change your information for the 2009 Directory make the corrections with ACBL



PARTNER - SHIPS...If you are in need of a partner

at a tournament, contact JoAnn Miller, at www.denverbridge.com or call her at 303.233.6523.

JoAnn says "a good partner is one that shows up on time." And she said some of the 21 best rules for being a good partner come from Marty Bergen...

Here are some:

.....Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so.

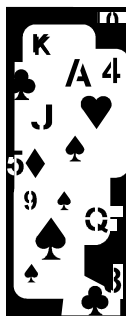
.....Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you.

.....Never discuss the hand just played

.....Remember that you and your partner are on the same side.

.....Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.

.....Do not for- g e t



A QUOTE FROM LEGEND CHARLES GOREN:

"BRIDGE is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, or show how stupid your partner is...or to prove any of the several hundred other things bridge players are so often trying to prove."

Denver Unit I/N Sectional Bridge Tournament (0-299)

October 18-19, 2008

Aurora Board of Realtors • 14201 E. Evans Drive

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Bring a snack to share

12:15pm Lecture

1:00pm Stratified Pairs (single session)

A: 200-299; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
(0-5 may be a separate event)

6:15pm Lecture

7:00pm Stratified Pairs (single session)

A: 200-299; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
(0-5 may be a separate event)

Sunday, October 19, 2008

10:30am Swiss Team Playthrough
(Victory Points)

A: 200-299; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
Lunch catered for Swiss Teams

Pairs: \$7.50 per person per session

Teams: \$72.00 per team, includes lunch

All points are silver. The traveling Susan Dittmer Memorial Trophy is awarded to the person who wins the most masterpoints.

ACBL members with 0-5 points PLAY FREE!

You can join at the tournament.

Director Alice Kinningham

Chairman Don Boyarsky 303.369.7394

Partnerships JoAnn Miller 303.233.6523

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Next "Table Talk" Deadline February 8, 2009

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SOME FAVORITE BOOKS—FROM COLORADO BRIDGE PLAYERS

For new players who have played less than a year

“Introduction to Declarer’s Play”, and “Introduction to Defender’s Play” by Eddie Kantor

“Bridge for Dummies—Second Edition” by Eddie Kantor

For Intermediate Players

“The New Standard American Bridge Updated” by Norma Sands

“25 Conventions You Should Know” by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith

“Bridge Technique Series” by David Bird and Marc Smith

Some Favorite Books of Experts

“The Expert Game/Master Play” by Terence Reese

“Killing Defense” by Hugh Kelsey

“Adventures in Card Play” by Geza Ottlik and Hugh Kelsey

2008-2009 DENVER UNIT 361 CALENDAR

October 18-19, 2008..... Fall 299er Tournament, Aurora Board of Realtors

November 6-9, 2008..... Fall Election Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

January 8-11, 2009.....Winter Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

March 12-15, 2009.....Spring Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

April 18-19, 2009.....Spring 299er Tournament, Aurora Board of Realtors

May 19-25, 2009.....Rocky Mountain Regional, Denver Renaissance Hotel

July 9-12, 2009.....Summer Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

October 10-11, 2009.....Fall 299er Tournament, Aurora Board of Realtors

November 12-15, 2009.....Fall Election Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds