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SPRING 2010 **DENVER BRIDGE NEWS** 

From Ruth Pana, Denver Unit 361 President

Welcome to our new Unit 361 Board members!! Carol Levinson, Secretary, Rob Vetter Sectional Chair, Jim Calhoun, Newer Player and Education chair and Jerry Marrs, Membership chair.

Returning board members have taken up their duties: Maxine Divine is hard at work on hospitality, Don Heitler is keeping track of the money, Jerry Newcomb is preparing us for the regional, Carol Wendt is overseeing caddies and also getting ready for our sectionals and week-long regional, and Chuck Anderson is waiting for your call if you need a partner for any of the sectionals or regional tournament.

Other Unit members who serve on ACBL district and national committees: Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney are on the District 17 Board; Frank Queen serves as a member of the ACBL Board of Governors.

The ACBL Denver Unit 361 was awarded a \$5000 grant on behalf of its designated charity for 2009, Families First. Thanks to all the bridge players who participated in the charity events at clubs throughout 2009.

#### CONGRATULATIONS



JACK LARKIN GRAND LIFE MASTER



From Jerry Newcomb. Unit 361 Vice-President. Regional Chairman

It's time to start thinking about our Denver Rocky Mountain Regional tournament, May 25-31. (See enclosed flyer). We've added a single session Swiss team game on Wednesday.

Another change from last year relates to team and pair masterpoint averaging. The ACBL recently changed the way stratifications can be determined. This vear all events will be stratified according to the average points of the team or pair within each flight. For example, in a normal stratified event, the team or pair masterpoints will be averaged and the team or pair placed in the appropriate stratification for masterpoint awards. For stratified team or pair events, the stratifications are: A for 2000+ points, B for 750-2000 points, and C for 0-750 points. I/N events will be stratified according to pair average.

In strati-flighted events, the flights (A/ X and B/C/D) are determined by the highest point holder in the pair or on the team. Any team with a player who has more than 2000 points will be required to play in the top flight. Once the flights are determined, the stratifications within each flight will be determined in the same manner as described above. Within the A/X team flight, any team with a point average less than 5000 is placed in the X strat. Within B/C/D, any team with point averages between 1250 and 2000 will play in the B strat, teams with point averages between 750-1250 will play in the C strat, and teams with point averages below 750 will play in the D strat.

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Grand Life Master Jack Larkin

Grand Life Master is a
Bridge Player with over 10,000
points. Unit 361 member Jack
Larking has played bridge for over
40 years and has won numerous
Awards.

Emerald Life Master (7500) Merrell Anderson Anita Heitler

Diamond Life Master (5000) David Caprera

Gold Life Master (2500)
Bill Allegar
Jeanne Achziger
Debra Dallas
Pat Drew
Dom Di Felice
Spencer Jones
Curt Soloff
Peggy Ware
Paula Warren

Silver Life Master (1000)
Bradley Brehmer
Carolyn Eisen
Virginia Folladori
Sara Novachek
John Osher
Robert Paris
Michael Schneider
Gregg Silveira

Bronze Life Master (500)
Richard Belt
Lian Bonds
Marion Brum de Barros
Marilyn Buck
Thomas Burger
Judith Cozzens
James Dulan
Monty Grubbs
Suzanne Humphreys
Bonnie Matzkus
Merl Needham
Jean Pershall
Jay Silverberg
Margaret Wagenbach

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Look for the form in the Unit 361 Directory or go to www.acbl.org.

#### DENVER UNIT 361 I/N SPRING SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



## April 10-11, 2010

Aurora Board of Realtors 14201 E. Evans Drive

#### Saturday, April 10, 2010

10:00 am Stratified Pairs (Single session)

A: 200-299; B: 100-199; C: 0-99 0-5 may be a separate event)

2:15 pm Lecture

3:00 pm Stratified Pairs (Single session)

A: 200-299; B: 100-199; C: 0-99 0-5 may be a separate event)

#### **Sunday, April 11, 2010**

10:30 am Swiss Team Playthrough

&TBA (Victory Points)

A: 200-299; B: 100-199; C: 0-99

Lunch will be catered

ACBL members with 0-5 points play free.

Pairs: \$7.50 Sunday Swiss Teams: \$72 per team, includes lunch

All points are silver.

The traveling Susan Dittmer Memorial Trophy is awarded to the person awarded the most masterpoints.

Director: Alice Kinningham Tournament Chairman: Jim Calhoun 303.431.4160 Partnerships: Chuck Anderson 303-733-2040

#### NEW LIFE MASTERS

Marlene Adam
Betsy Abruzzo
Floyd Bilderback
Sandy Bolton
Jim Francis
Linda French
John Gallagher
Mary Hess
Shelley Joseph
Elneta Justice

David Meeker
Helene Pearl
Marsha Shaw
Cornelia Snyder
Ann Stolfa
Antonio Vila
Carol Ward
Mildred Williams
Yayoun Zee



Awarded to: Lois Jurgens of Centennial, Colorado WELCOME
CASTLE ROCK BRIDGE CLUB
Mondays 1:00 pm
Manager,
Marge McDonald 303-688-9032
Director, Curt Soloff

Partnerships
Louisa Allen 720-733-9690



Pictured are Marge McDonald and Denny Leatherman

**Around town.**..there are lessons available at several club locations—Denver Metro Bridge Studio, House of Cards, the Bridge Club and once monthly at Castle Rock Bridge Club. Contact a board member to update all club and teacher lessons on our website, denverbridge.com. Alice Kinningham, Unit 361 member and retired ACBL National Director is hosting a cruise to Alaska in August. Call Alice for more information.

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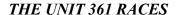
We are planning to delight you once again this year with exceptional hospitality. The hotel renovations are complete, so the Renaissance is ready to provide us with free parking, excellent dining, and comfortable playing space.

If you would like to stay at the hotel, the bridge rate is available through May 4. Peruse the attached flyer, get yourself and partner and plan to play often.

Volunteers are always needed to help with manning the hospitality desk, partnerships, photography, set up and tear down. Contact the Chairman if you are willing to help.

The Grand National Teams will be held in Las Vegas this year and will be back in Denver next year. Qualifiers who play in Las Vegas will receive a mileage allowance.

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### 2009 ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS (Most masterpoints at clubs)

Jared Johnson, Rookie of the Year (0-5)
Nancy Rainwater, Junior Master (5-20)
Shirley Hammond, Club Master (20-50)
Robert Vetter, Sectional Master (50-100)
Kenneth Slump, Regional Master (100-200)
Carol Ward, NABC Master (200-300)
James Dulan, Life Master (300-500)
Michael Holmes, Bronze Life Master (500-1000)
Penelope Coffman, Silver Life Master (1000-2500)
Paul Witonsky, Gold Life Master (2500-5000)
En T. Hay, Diamond Life Master (5000-7500)
Chuck F. Henke, Emerald Life Master (7500-10,000)
Jan P. Janitschke, Grand Life Master (10,000+)

### 2009 MINI-MCKENNEY AWARDS (Most masterpoints overall for 2009)

Jared Johnson, Rookie of the Year (0-5)
Nancy Rainwater, Junior Master (5-20)
Shirley Hammond, Club Master (20-50)
Robert Vetter, Sectional Master (50-100)
Leslie Williams, Regional Master (100-200)
Carol Ward, NABC Master (200-300)
Thomas Burger, Life Master (300-500)
Jon Brandon, Bronze Life Master (500-1000)
Garth Yettick, Silver Life Master (1000-2500)
Tom Breed, Gold Life Master (2500-5000)
David Caprera, Diamond Life Master (5000-7500)
Allen Kane, Emerald Life Master (7500-10,000)
Jan P. Janitschke, Grand Life Master (10,000+)

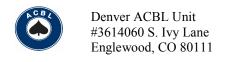
#### 2009 Director's Trophy

(Denver unit player winning most masterpoints for overall awards in the various stratified 299er events at Denver's 4 sectionals) Kathleen McCool

#### BARRY CRANE'S TOP 500 From Unit 361

David Caprera
En Hay
Anita Heitler
Jan Janitschke
Spencer Jones
Allen Kane
Cal Newlin Jr.
Donald Vancil
Peggy Ware
Garth Yettick





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#### DENVER UNIT 361 UPCOMING DENVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

April 10-11, 2010 Spring 299er Sectional, Aurora Board of Realtors

May 25-31, 2010 Rocky Mountain Regional, Denver Renaissance Hotel

July 8-11, 2010 Summer Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

October 9-10, 2010 Fall 299er Tournament, Aurora Board of Realtors

November 11-14, 2010 Fall Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds

January 6-9, 2011 Winter Sectional, Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall