

TABLE TALK

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE • UNIT 361

Fall 2015

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UNIT PRESIDENT LETTER

Joan Kushner

This has been a whirlwind of a year! The Board has worked on innovating our tournaments and on initiating projects to bring in new members to our exciting game of Bridge. Members are enjoying the new format of our Swiss Team events and Web movements at Sectionals; the very successful PRO/AM game at this year's Regional and a new Mentor program at our local Club games. We have 30 mentors playing with their mentees already! Changes have already been planned to have a Mixed pairs game Thursday night of the January Sectional and, a decision has been made to raise our entry fees from \$10.00 to \$11.00. The cost of living expenses has finally touched our pocketbooks.

JERRY RANNEY ran a seamless Regional this Spring. He added this to his current position of District 17 Board Member. I commend him, not only on his phenomenal organizational skills but on his CONSTANT positive and up-beat attitude which was absolutely infectious! CAROLYN NEWCOMB compiled the daily bulletins and CAROL LEVINSON helped raise money for our Charity event.

Of course, the BIG NEWS is Denver hosting the NABC Tournament November 26th - December 6th. Our Unit alone has over 30 volunteers working this exciting event that rarely takes place in Colorado. Keep checking the website for updates on the tournament.

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PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

DON HEITLER

Don Heitler was born and raised in Denver. He and his twin brother Dean were the oldest of 5 siblings. He is no stranger to competition, with many golf and tennis trophies on his shelf. He graduated from Amherst College, received an MBA from Columbia and became a CPA. Bridge was just another intellectual challenge for him and he treated the game as a college course, reading and studying everything he could find. He enjoys solving bridge problems and will eagerly try new conventions that help in this process.

Don and his wife, Anita, lived in New York when they were first married. They played social bridge against many very fine players including Anita's parents who were both life masters. They also competed in many tournaments. His favorite story is that they survived the first two cuts of a regional event. The reward was to play in the final where every opponent had written a book. Of course they lost the event, but his attitude then and now is that you always learn from playing against the best players.

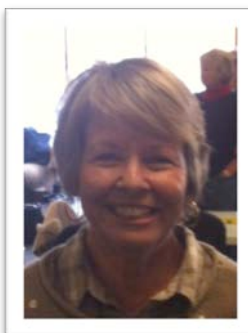
Don now has over 10,000 master points. He has won many sectional and regional events always giving credit to his partners and teammates who have contributed to his success. He competes to win, but will always help and encourage newer players to improve. Don also has donated many hours to serving on the unit board and is treasurer of the 2015 fall national to be held in Denver.



2015 CANDIDATES FOR DENVER UNIT 361

JEANNE ACHZIGER

I have been our Unit's Bridge Board for the past two years serving in the capacity of Hospitality Chairperson. I have learned a lot in that time about the intricacies of organizing and managing a bridge tournament. It is an immense responsibility to put on Regionals and Sectionals and it definitely requires a team of people who put forth a lot of dedication and effort. I have very much enjoyed this role and would like to continue helping with tournaments through the next couple of years.

**JIM CALHOUN**

My passion is getting bridge to school students. I have taught in the Elementary, Junior High, and High School. I am working to conduct a 2016 Summer Bridge Camp for school students of all levels in the Denver Unit area. I would consider it both an honor and a pleasure to represent you on the Denver Unit 361 Board for 2 more years

**RICK GARDNER**

I have been playing and enjoying the outstanding game of duplicate bridge since 1996 and have served previously as a board member and board president for the Ogden UT unit. I enjoy working with others to forward the game of bridge and look forward to participating and working with the current and incoming board members to continue the fine traditions Denver and Colorado duplicate bridge has to offer.

**NANCY RASSBACH**

For many years I have been the recipient of the hard work of many people in the bridge community. When I retired last year, I felt that it was my turn to "give back" some of what bridge has given to me. I hope to help find ways to get young people in our community to give bridge a try, so that our beloved pastime doesn't become one of those things that people see only in old movies, like pay phones.

**TOM WEST**

I began playing bridge at the age of 12 sitting in when my parents played against my aunt and uncle. They had a running score in the millions. I played at the student union on my first day at college and my first duplicate at the end of the school year. I moved to Norwalk, CT where I played some and became a certified director. We moved to the Denver area (Parker) in 2013, I was delighted to find a large bridge community. Now I look forward to giving back to the game. I'm particularly interested in youth bridge and partnership matters.



ATTENTION! MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES

*Permission is required to include your contact information in the directory.

- Is **YOUR** contact information correct in the Directory?
- Have you moved?
- Is your phone number current?

IF **NOT**, please contact ACBL directly at:

Call: (662) 253-3132

Email: addresschange@acbl.org

Website: www.acble.org

(Use the form in the ACBL Bulletin)

The Denver Unit gets its membership data directly from the ACBL. Updates must be provided by no later than December 31, 2015.

**UPDATES MUST BE
REQUESTED BY YOU!**

ANNUAL MEETING

**UNIT 361**

On Thursday, November 12, 2015 the annual membership meeting will take place at 6:45 p.m.

Each year 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, Margaret Devere was selected chair of the nominating committee. The committee included Unit 361 members Ruth Pana, Phil Debus, Nancy Rainwater, Georgiana Butler and Paul Ossip.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100 • Checking at Wells Fargo 27,676.63

110 • Savings 59,185.94

Total Checking/Savings 86,862.57

Total Current Assets 86,862.57

Other Assets

170 • Jefferson County Fairground Dep 500.00

185 • Prepaid Tournament Expense 413.74

Total Other Assets 913.74

TOTAL ASSETS 87,776.31

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

200 • *Accounts Payable 341.00

Total Accounts Payable 341.00

Other Current Liabilities

232 • Accrued Liabilities 300.00

Total Other Current Liabilities 300.00

Total Current Liabilities 641.00

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Equity

390 • Retained Earnings 93,404.93

Net Income -6,269.62

Total Equity 87,135.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 87,776.31

Income:

Dues 4,649

Directory 550

Interest 26

Other income 88

Tournaments:

January (3,947)

March (1,776)

Spring I/N (340)

Regional 6,988

July (4,845)

Fall I/N (484)

November (2,746)

Front Range Challenge 393

Expenses:

Admin (1,794)

Directory (1,930)

Table Talk (1,880)

District 17 Reps (1,500)

Mentorship (861)

Education (25)

Membership (178)

Trophies/Gifts (523)

Web Development (83)

Total (10,218)

TABLE COUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

I/N October, 2014 73.5

November, 2014 538

January, 2015 468

March, 2015 500.5

I/N April, 2015 73.5

July, 2015 507.5

Regional, 2015 2,161.5



IN MEMORIAM

Sara Novachek

Maurice Larue

Joan Madrid

Marvin Stone

Frank Rhea

Sharlene Rhea

Victoria Giusti

Judith Katchen

Shirley Gates

Mickey (Mildred) Pomeranz

DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Ad space is sold on a first-come basis. The unit prints 1,150 directories annually, so your advertising dollars go a long way.

AD RATES:

\$300 – Full Page

\$150 – Half Page

\$50 – Business Card

Please provide CAMERA-READY ART
Contact Bonnie Smith (303) 797-3572

UNIT 361 MILESTONES

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Richard Way
 Penny Taylor
 Marty Caplan
 Barbara Carpenter
 Anjenette Cooper
 Carol Gumpert
 Jeffrey Haber
 Jared Johnson
 Joan Rader
 Patricia Zavadil
 Steve Lehman
 Frank Burcham
 Pat Burcham

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500)

Leah Mach
 Donna Barrow
 Ravi Batra
 Vivian Heggie
 James Culhane
 Christine Gasser
 Julie Leman
 Kate Bastien
 Tommie Kadotani
 Jennifer O'Neil

SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000)

Merl Needham
 Kathleen Zipp
 Shirley Heinsohn

GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500)

Robert Lupton
 Paul Ossip

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000)

Pat Henke
 Edwin Hagerman
 Skip Carson

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

Don Heitler

*We attempted to compile a complete list of milestones from December 2013 through August 2014. If we inadvertently omitted your name, we apologize.

2015 GOODWILL APPOINTMENTS

SHELBY BASTIAANS & CAL NEWLIN

Were appointed to the ACBL Goodwill Committee

2015 DENVER REGIONAL AWARDS

LOU NEFF TROPHY

(Unit players winning the most masterpoints at the Regional)

MARILYN EBER
 JAN JANITSCHKE

FRANK THORWALD TROPHY

(199er Unit players winning most masterpoints at Regional)

SHIRLEY MOSCHETTI
 SHIRLEY MERRITT

2014 COLORADO VICTORY TROPHY

(Awarded to player who won most masterpoints in upper division events at all Colorado Sectional Events)

SPENCER JONES
 PEGGY WARE

UNIT #361 NEWER PLAYER SECTIONAL AWARDS 2014

DIRECTOR'S AWARD

(299er player winning most masterpoints in 299er events at four Denver Sectionals)

PAT BURCHAM
 BILL BURCHAM

I/N SUSAN DITTMER AWARD

(299er player winning most masterpoints at 299er I/N sections)

FALL 2014
 VARD NELSON | FRANCES NELSON

SPRING 2015
 MICHAEL RENBARGER | LYNN RENBARGER

UNIT 361 TOP MASTERPOINT ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIT 361 TOP 250

August 1, 2015

1 Jan Janitschke	18811	43 Forest Clark	4232	85 George Becker	2904
2 Judy Randel	16605	44 Jeffrey Holligan	4214	86 Gregory Charlton	2830
3 Brad Moss	13822	45 Eric Swanson	4197	87 Haisam Osman	2803
4 David Caprera	13596	46 Jan Benninghoven	4106	88 Jerry Newcomb	2769
5 Allen Kane	12152	47 Donald Boyarsky	4055	89 Geri Bonds	2735
6 Chuck Henke	11654	48 Irene Hyatt	4004	90 Robert McKenzie	2721
7 Bruce	11465	49 Jane Ranney	3981	91 Gerry Schechter	2681
8 Flo Newlin	11039	50 Susan Grauer	3978	93 Robert Lupton	2680
9 En Hay	10999	51 Nancy Rassbach	3966	94 Joe Jenkins	2656
10 Anita Heitler	10782	52 Dom DiFelice	3895	94 Bill Fox	2642
11 Cal Newlin Jr.	10680	53 Carolee Larkin	3871	95 Paul Ossip	2577
12 Don Heitler	10264	54 Paul Witonsky	3867	96 Carolyn Newcomb	2576
13 Hachy Pennell	9081	55 Jared Johnson	3858	97 Steve Evans	2567
14 Virginia Gunter	8839	56 James Roof	3837	98 Richard Berger	2539
15 Marilyn Eber	8684	57 Loie West	3816	99 Per Hedly	2511
16 Anne Brenner	8355	58 Jeanne Achziger	3752	100 Milton Shioya	2466
17 Merrell Anderson	8190	59 Tom Schmied	3727	101 Patricia Miller	2456
18 Warren Garrett	8110	60 Marilyn Hughes	3703	102 John Bugay	2415
19 Roger Pennell	7835	61 Pat Drew	3667	103 Margaret Devere	2411
20 Garth Yettick	6931	62 Joyce Sloop	3590	104 Barbara O'Grady	2398
21 Vivian Kilstrup	6821	63 Paula Warren	3586	105 Beverly Sanders	2394
22 Steven Parker	6594	64 Bill Allegar	3516	106 Judy Goldstein	2309
23 Patricia Norman	6533	65 Harriet Berenbaum	3505	107 Lawrence Goodfellow	2301
24 Spencer Jones	6360	66 Nona Dale	3495	108 Gary Morrison	2288
25 Norma Sands	6258	67 Roberta Vider	3477	109 Kendall Rabe	2259
26 Peggy Ware	5987	68 Curt Soloff	3473	110 Virginia Sewall	2251
27 Dick Duff	5569	69 Bob Martin	3451	111 Carol Bertz	2244
28 Bonnie Smith	5543	70 Mary Anne Pixley	3448	112 Carol Ward	2241
29 Ernie Young Jr.	5517	71 Debra Dallas	3379	113 Marilyn Ballon	2215
30 David Warner	5441	72 Alice Kinningham	3373	114 Donita McKanna	2203
31 Charles Reed	5394	73 Harley Bress	3340	115 Vincent Castrigano	2202
32 Donald Vancil	5340	74 Roy Weinstein	3184	116 Stanley Imhoff	2195
33 Gerald Oehm	5301	75 Jeannene Dipaolo	3172	117 Jonathan Hellman	2191
34 Skip Carson	5183	76 Penelope Coffman	3119	118 Susan Charczenko	2178
35 Edwin Hageman	5071	77 Dolly Hauge	3097	119 Tom Monikowski	2170
36 Pat Henke	5035	78 Ralph Cox	3015	120 Sung Mae Bleck	2163
37 Gail Gottlieb	5015	79 Richard Friedman	3013	121 Bill Beard	2138
38 Jerry Ranney	4988	80 Carolyn Borus	3002	122 Joan Curran	2115
39 Ernest Skolnik	4862	81 Sara Novachek	2993	123 Walt Newcomb	2111
40 Frank Queen	4712	82 Marie Smerjac	2981	124 Bonnie Janzen	2073
41 Fred Herring	4501	83 Mary Gsell	2953	125 Roger Miller	2061
42 Dan Marthaler Jr	4402	84 Karen Trujillo	2943	126 Jon Brandon	2056

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127 Robyn Hedly	2020	169 Theresa Venhuis	1562	211 Rey Pana	1264
128 Marilyn Bost	1999	170 Elizabeth Yager	1555	212 James Toepfer	1249
129 Sheila Wimer	1975	171 Gregg Silveira	1552	213 Shelbie Bastiaans	1247
130 Debra Hyatt	1968	172 Joe Sewall	1538	214 Sherry Clint	1234
131 Judith Ude	1961	17 Jerilyn Vanatta	1536	215 Sandra Koller	1226
132 Irene Harlow	1932	174 Anne Hayes	1527	216 Don Nelowet	1222
133 Nancy Benedict	1920	175 Michael Schneider	1511	217 Helen Cox	1221
134 Virginia Folladori	1911	176 Diane Winship	1510	218 Betty Adler	1218
135 Michael Holmes	1896	177 Marilyn Graham	1508	219 Kathleen Kelly	1218
136 Lori Beard	1894	178 Carolyn Eisen	1501	220 Nick Charczenko	1212
137 Tom West	1891	179 Judi Greene	1501	221 Shirley Gates	1204
138 Sheryl Siegel	1878	180 Brian Hayenga	1491	222 Robert Murphy	1204
139 Mildred Adams	1875	181 Beth Nelowet	1489	223 Frank Baca	1197
140 Eleanor Gendill	1872	182 Beth Etzenhouser	1486	224 V Robert Albert	1195
141 Alice Perlmutter	1862	183 Claire Whitman	1474	225 Kim Powers	1193
142 Chuck Goudey	1853	184 Edward Yosses	1468	226 Sam Stoxen	1188
143 Robert Vetter	1832	185 Julie Clark	1466	227 Lianne Walliser	1183
144 Marvel Heinsohn	1824	186 Eileen Schoen	1439	228 Jean Wolfe	1176
145 Judith Jadin	1810	187 Sheila Johnston	1437	229 Maxine Divine	1173
146 Betty Wells	1794	188 David Porter	1417	230 Martha Gagliano	1167
147 Valerie Lager	1793	189 Thomas Burger	1403	231 Kris Klamut	1157
148 Blair Young	1784	190 Gregory Eyerly	1400	232 Gloria Truell	1152
149 Lawrence McManus	1746	191 Karen Cox	1397	233 Marty Reeves	1149
150 Robert Paris	1746	192 Toni Krueger	1384	234 Georgia Wilson	1143
151 Jerry Marrs	1734	193 Margery Brumley	1382	235 Janice Pequette	1135
152 Norma Austermann	1707	194 Michael Jalving	1379	236 Susan Cuff	1133
153 Craig Biddle	1707	195 Donna Givner	1369	237 Eleanor Flanders	1133
154 Steven Blatter	1701	196 William Kutscher	1368	238 Bette Matthews	1126
155 Hurlon James Dulan	1658	197 Shirley Leff	1358	239 Ray McLean	1121
156 Roger Neumann	1655	198 Shirley Schley	1354	240 Carol Bronder	1117
157 Bettie Marosey	1648	199 Virginia Pedersen	1345	241 Roger Pearce	1110
158 Joann Miller	1628	200 Bradley Brehmer	1344	242 Suzanne Noyes	1105
159 John Swenson	1620	201 Sanjoy Dasgupta	1342	243 Jeanne Thurman	1105
160 Hedy Buckstein	1616	202 Gerald Benedict	1341	244 John Holcomb	1101
161 Lorraine Witonsky	1614	203 Sally Adams	1334	245 Shirley Heinsohn	1085
162 Joan Thompson	1609	204 Virginia Dummer	1322	246 Norita Wiegand	1085
163 George Everitt	1598	205 Clyde D'Arcy	1321	247 Rosemarie Thunell	1083
164 Jeffrey Brown	1585	206 Ginger Roe Anderson	1302	248 Victor King	1079
165 Tod Mucci	1584	207 Steven Adams	1300	249 Molly Kienker	1079
166 Ann Beezley	1572	208 Eva McGinnity	1293	250 Maria Aragon	1055
167 Rita Jacobsen	1569	209 Richard Gardner	1285		
168 John Osher	1563	210 Ruth Pana	1266		

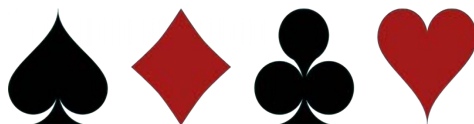
GAMES IN THE DENVER AREA

Heather Gardens – Aurora
John Osterberg 720.535.1038

Castle Rock Bridge Club
(Monday Evenings)
Georgiana Butler 303.810.8504

Norma Sands Bridge Studio
Norma Sands 303.850.9403

Denver Country Club
Invitational (Tuesday Afternoon)
Ginger Stokesberry 303.399.4934



UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

October 10-11, 2015
Fall I/N Tournament House of Cards

October 17, 2015
Front Range Challenge Colorado Springs House of Cards | Unit 361

November 12-15, 2015
Fall Sectional Jefferson County Fairgrounds | Exhibit Hall

November 26- December 6, 2015
North American Bridge Championships
Denver Sheraton Hotel

January 7-10, 2016
Winter Sectional Jefferson County Fairgrounds | Exhibit Hall

March 10-13, 2016
Spring Sectional Jefferson County Fairgrounds | Exhibit Hall

April 9-10, 2016
I/N Tournament TBA

May 24-30, 2016
Regional Tournament Denver Renaissance Hotel

CONT... Unit President Letter, Joan Kushner

This year we will be saying final thank yous to Board members PAT HENKE, BONNIE SMITH and MARILYN BALLON. They were responsible and reliable throughout their tenure. New candidates for the Board are depicted on the next page of this publication. It will be a smooth transition as Bonnie, Pat and Marilyn will help the newly elected Board members with their roles.

Again, I want to thank the extraordinarily hard-working MARGARET DEVERE, SHIRLEY HEINSOHN, JIM CALHOUN, JEANNE ACHZIGER, PHIL DEBUS and AL KANE. FOREST CLARK, SUSAN GRAUER and PENNY COFFMAN continue to consult and advise us with their years of wisdom and experience.

I have been extremely proud to represent our Unit. We have an exemplary reputation for hospitality and the smooth running of our tournaments. This is solely attributed to the hard-working members of the Board whom I thank from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you,
Joan Kushner
President, Denver Unit 361

A LITTLE BRIDGE HUMOR... ENJOY!