

TABLE TALK

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March Sectional Tournament

As tournament chair for Unit 361, I can't begin to thank all the participants who cooperated so wonderfully with the mask and vaccination requirements the ACBL has in place for all sanctioned tournaments. We all would have been happy to forego the masks, but the health of all players is our first priority.



The Spring Sectional, March 4-6, 2022 will be held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25960 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora. See the schedule on Page 2. Let's encourage all of our bridge friends to attend.

Any suggestions on how to improve our Sectional Tournaments are always welcomed by the Board. Hope to see all of you in March for another fun a bridge weekend.

Kathleen Kelly
Tournament Chair

April 299 I/N Tournament



Mark your calendars for the Spring 299 I/N Tournament, April 9-10, 2022 will be held at the Denver Metro Bridge Studio, 5250 Leetsdale Drive, Denver. See page 3 for details.

Let us all spread the word to our novice and non-life masters with 299 or fewer masterpoints about having a fun two days playing bridge and enjoying the challenge of competition with their peers.

Arjun Singh
Tournament Chair

DENVER UNIT 361 - SPRING SECTIONAL

March 4-6, 2022

NOTE NEW LOCATION

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora, CO 80016

***** Masks and Proof of Vaccination required *****

See Denverbridge.org for latest Covid protocols

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

10:00 AM

10:00 AM & 3:00 PM

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Lunch on your own

Beginner Pairs

Stratified Pairs Bracketed Teams

Stratified Non-Life Master (NLM)

Pairs

Single Session

Single Sessions

Double Session

Single Sessions

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

10:00 AM

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Lunch on your own

Beginner Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

Stratified NLM Pairs

Single Session

Double Session

Single Sessions

Single Sessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Lunch provided with team entry

Bracketed Teams

Play Through

Beginner Pairs:

0-20 masterpoints. No player over 20 masterpoints.

NLM (Non-Life Master) Pairs:

0-500 masterpoints. No Life Masters. No player over 500 masterpoints.

Open Pair Stratification:

A=2000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750. Pairs stratified by average masterpoints.

Bracketed Teams:

Stratified by average masterpoints. Top three winners in each bracket will receive overall awards. Teams play only teams in their bracket. Brackets may be handicapped.

Friday Teams:

Balanced at Director's discretion.

Sunday Teams:

7 rounds of 7 boards.

Groups of 8 depending on attendance.

Tournament Chair:

Sectional@denverbridge.org

Partnerships:

Partners@denverbridge.org

Tournament Director:

Sam Stoxen

Entry Fees: \$12 per session for active ACBL/ABA members, \$120 per Sunday team
Free play for ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints. ACBL youth and junior (age 25 and under) discount.
Small additional fees for lapsed members. See our tournament pricing page or a tournament contact.

Denver Unit 361 Sanction Number 2203341

Scent free event – Please be considerate of your fellow players

NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OR DRUGS ALLOWED

Denver Spring 299er Sectional

www.DenverBridge.org

April 9 - 10, 2022

Proof of Vaccination Required

Newcomers Welcome – Players with 0-5 masterpoints play free
Special Pairs Game Sunday Afternoon – Masterpoint limits apply
Limited Space – Reservations Recommended – First 32 Tables Guaranteed an Entry
Questions/Reservations: email IntermediateNovice@DenverBridge.org

Silver Masterpoints Awarded

SATURDAY

4/9/2022

9:30 AM

Coffee, tea, muffins, bagels

10:00 AM

Stratified Pairs (single session)

Complimentary light lunch and dessert served between sessions.

2:30 PM

Stratified Pairs (single session)

SUNDAY

4/10/2022

9:30 AM

Coffee, tea, muffins, bagels

10:00 AM

Stratified Double-session Swiss Teams

(play through, lunch and dessert included in card fees)

Note: This is a two-session event; teams MUST play in both morning and afternoon sessions.

2:00 PM

NEW PLAYER GAME: Single session pairs - masterpoint limits apply. Reservations recommended - limited space. Come with a partner or we will find you one.

Entry Fees: \$10 per session for active ACBL/ABA members; \$104 per Sunday team (fee includes lunch). Free plays require a \$6.50 lunch fee for Sunday teams.
See our tournament pricing page for information on lapsed and non-ACBL members.

Stratifications

Based on average pair or team masterpoints; stratifications may be adjusted based on attendance A=200–300; B=100–200; C=0–100; only players with less than 300 points
Arjun Singh

Tournament Chair

Partnerships

Susan Grauer, **303-807-8688** - Partners@DenverBridge.org
[DenverBridge>PartnerForm](#)

Questions / Reservations

IntermediateNovice@DenverBridge.org

Location: Denver Metro Bridge Studio
5250 Leetsdale Drive, Denver CO 80246 ■ 303-757-4774

Sanction No. SN 2204318
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Milestones

NEW LIFE MASTER

Kay Christensen

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

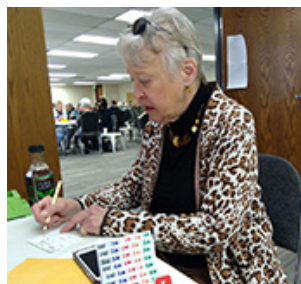
Nancy Murray

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Mr Paul C Nelson

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Mr Timothy P Watson



Kay - Hard at work plotting next opponent downfall!

Ace of Clubs Winners

0 - 5	Randy McClure	35.71
5 - 20	Mrs Hindi L Wilson	48.51
20 - 50	Jonas Brodie	48.52
50 - 100	Nanette Fishman	94.70
100 - 200	Molly K Walsh	174.36
200 - 300	Mary K Sharp	133.12
300 - 500	Mrs Paula B Boyd	156.24
500 - 1000	Denise Klein	281.68
1000 - 1500	Mr Eric A Mead	108.81
1500 - 2500	Jennifer J O'Neill	226.63
2500 - 3500	Mr Robert Vetter	147.07
3500 - 5000	Mr Robert Lupton	148.42
5000 - 7500	Mr Jerry T Ranney	204.56
7500 - 10,000	Spencer D Jones	118.27
Over 10,000	Mrs Flo Newlin	130.88

Mini-McKenney Winners

0 - 5	Randy McClure	35.71
5 - 20	Mrs Hindi L Wilson	48.51
20 - 50	Jonas Brodie	48.52
50 - 100	Nanette Fishman	94.70
100 - 200	Molly K Walsh	182.64
200 - 300	Mary K Sharp	157.59
300 - 500	Mrs Paula B Boyd	158.96
500 - 1000	Denise Klein	370.40
1000 - 1500	Mr Eric A Mead	119.47
1500 - 2500	Jennifer J O'Neill	279.13
2500 - 3500	Mr Robert Vetter	186.46
3500 - 5000	Mr Robert Lupton	163.60
5000 - 7500	Mr Jerry T Ranney	222.32
7500 - 10,000	Spencer D Jones	144.51
Over 10,000	Mr. Brad Moss	634.33

Obituaries

11/21 Robert Frishman Aurora

4/21 Mrs Carol Warner Lone Tree

A psychologist was doing family therapy and asked the parents if they fight very much. The parents said, "No, we never fight or raise our voices".

The Therapist asked the children the same question and they answered, "Are you kidding? They fight all the time".

"Oh, and what do they say when they have a fight?", the Therapist asked.

The kids answered, "why the heck did you play that trump, You know I have the Ace!!!".

New Unit 361 Board Members



Susan Grauer

Chair: Partnership / Front Range Challenge

In my first college English class the professor required each student to stand up and tell the class about ourselves. The first thing I said was that I enjoyed playing games. In 1978 I started to learn to play bridge because my Husband played. I came to love what everybody else loves about the game and was bored if I played anything else. Subsequently, as an unemployed school teacher and single mother of two I had to figure out how to earn a living. Attending law school cut into my bridge playing time. I retired in 2021 after practicing law for 29 years and have now added mahjongg and pickle ball to my recreational calendar.

Because I was the Conduct and Ethics chairperson for Unit 361 for more than a decade before being presently recruited to serve on the Unit's Board of Directors, I had a fair sense of how much work is done by the board members to promote Bridge participation and education, and organize and run tournaments and special events. Having recently attended a few board meetings, it is clear to me that the present board members are caring, dedicated to their tasks and hard-working. I aspire to add my personal and professional knowledge and experience to contribute to the work they do. I am most grateful for the many dear friends, acquaintances and interesting people I have come to know and continue to meet as a result of being involved with duplicate bridge.

Arjun Singh

Chair: I/N / Education



I grew up in a joint family of my grandparents, father and mother, four uncles and their families. By the age of about nine, I made the decision, unimaginable for a boy in my situation, to find a way to leave the village and build a better life for myself and my future family. I asked my grandfather to allow me to go to school for as long as possible, and he obliged.

After the seventh grade, a few proposals for my marriage had come to my grandfather. One of them was accepted without any input from me. I was told that my grandfather wanted to see me, his first grandson, married before his death; he did die within two years after my marriage. Thus, I became a married

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boy at the age of thirteen years and four months, as I was about to enter eighth grade in middle school.

Because I did well in high school, my admission into the top agriculture university in India was automatic. I spent three years there. I successfully applied for admission and a fellowship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I came to USA in 1964 at the age of 21 to be a scientist in genetics, with \$43, a small suitcase of clothes, and a \$632 loan obtained in India to pay for airfare.

After college graduation and several years of post-doctoral studies, I took a senior scientist position at Genentech in California, where I worked for twelve years. Later I accepted a position at the National Renewal Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, from where I retired in 2013 after 14 years. I started playing, and later learning, duplicate bridge in open games at Joe Sewall's club on February 7, 2014.

Despite some disappointments and difficult periods in my life, I am happy with my professional and personal accomplishments. My younger son, a surgeon at Yale Medical School, is married to a physician; they live in Connecticut with their 3 amazing children. My daughter, an emergency physician, is married to a physician at the University of Rochester; they live nearby with their 2 amazing children, and my oldest son is the Research Compliance Officer at the Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco. I hope that my last breath will be with the feeling that I had a life that was well-lived.

I was recruited to the board because a few board members knew that I love bridge. Bridge has become my pastime (without which my life will be even more boring than it already is). I enjoy playing at clubs and in tournaments. I have met hundreds of interesting people from all the US states and many countries at about 50 regional and National tournaments. I am committed to use my time on the board to serve the Unit 361 bridge community in every way I can.



Grand National Teams

Want a chance to win an entry to a National event? Need some gold points? Flight C players want to play in a regional event for free? You are in luck! The Denver 2021 Regional has been named as the host for the Grand National Teams (GNT) District 17 finals. The event will take place on May 28 – 29, 2022.

The GNTs consist of four flights: 1) Championship – participants can have an unlimited number of masterpoints; 2) Flight A – players with 0 - 6000 masterpoints; 3) Flight B – limited to 0 – 2500 masterpoints and; 4) Flight C – players with 0 - 500 masterpoints, who are not a Life Master. All masterpoint totals are determined by what a player had as of August 6, 2021.

All first-place teams at the District 17 Finals will receive a \$2000 subsidy from District 17 to attend the National finals July 13 -17 in Providence, RI. The first two days of entry fees for Flights A, B & C are waived by ACBL. District 17 covers the entry fees for the Championship Flight and for any Flight A, B or C teams that progress to the third day and further.

If more than eight teams compete in either Flight B or Flight C, the District 17 can have both the first and second place teams compete at the national level. There is currently no provision for stipends for second place teams.

Qualification to compete at the District 17 finals is required for Championship, Flight A and Flight B players. ACBL has stipulated the club qualifying period ends February 28, 2022. Flight C teams can register and play without qualifying. **Pre-registration by May 15, 2022 is required.** Championship, Flight A and Flight B teams should mail \$112 (made out to District 17) to Bonnie Bagley, 7285 Ross Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 before that date. The entry fee for Flight C is being covered by District 17, so the team captain should email the roster to Bonnie Bagley at bon1bon@comcast.net prior to the deadline.





Pro/Am Regional Event

*Want to play with the Tiger Woods, John Elway,
or Michael Jordan of the bridge world?*

*Let them give you their secrets
and share their game?*

Bridge is the only sport that lets you play with the pros of the game!

The largest Pro/Am event is scheduled to return to a face-to-face format on Tuesday, May 24, 1PM at the Denver Regional, and is now open for pre-registration <https://denverbridge.org/tournaments/tournament-schedule/regional/proam-signup/>.

The Pros review the Am's convention card, talk and then play a game with them. A short hand analysis and reception will follow the game. This premiere event is highly anticipated each year by the amateurs. Win Point awards, and the winning Ams will also receive trophies.

See you there!

Jennifer O'Neill

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The Jan Janitschke Award

Nomination Process Now Open

Complete details about the selection process and the submission forms are available at <https://denverbridge.org/members/jan-janitschke-award-nomination/> Watch your emails for further information.

We had terrific participation last year and are hoping even more members will be part of this important event this year.



The word "finesse" is defined as a refined gesture or articulation incorporating a delicacy of manipulation.

If one doesn't understand that, under no circumstances attempt to have it explained by bridge players.