



the cost must be within our budget of around \$4500 for the three-day event. If you have viable suggestions that meet these criteria, please contact a board member.

- The May Rocky Mountain Regional tournament was one of the best attended regionals in the country. Thanks to Don Boyarsky and Wayne Eckerling for lending their expertise to chair the tournament.
- Vaccination processes were planned and implemented for all our tournaments, according to ACBL mandates. Kathleen Kelly initiated the process for our sectional tournaments, and Marion Brum de Barros volunteered and was instrumental in achieving the task at our Regional.
- Our Table Talk has excelled under the direction of Vivian Heggie.
- We held two IN (Intermediate/Novice) sectionals in the past year. Plans are in the works for an even better tournament this fall on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The board successfully filled three vacancies during the past year.
- Though the Unit's budget was able to absorb some slight losses from our tournaments, we hope to increase attendance and are looking forward to reduce costs in the upcoming year.
- We hope to increase attendance and cut costs enough in the upcoming year to add to the coffers.
- In remembrance of Sam Stoxen, Sam's Game was implemented. The game allows newer players to partner with more experienced players in a team game atmosphere. Sam's Game is being continued by club owners, with some of the proceeds being returned to the unit's mentor program. Donations from the inaugural game are being held in the District's Educational Fund and are available for use by the unit's educators. Any bridge educator wishing to access some of these funds should contact Jennifer O'Neill.
- The mentor program has continued to thrive. The unit pays the mentor's card fees for up to four sessions of club bridge with a mentee. The mentor must be approved by the coordinator, Ed Yosses, prior to playing in the program. Anyone interested in being either a mentor or a mentee should contact Ed Yosses and he will get you set up.
- An online partnership desk has been implemented, making it easier for players to find and contact partners.
- The website has been updated in a timely manner, and is a great source of information for all of our members.
- The Front Range Challenge has been resumed. This year all four units in the front range will participate. The game is being held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

The time is quickly approaching for our annual member meeting. It is held every year on the Saturday of our November Sectional, which is Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> this year. During the meeting, the election of board members for the upcoming year occurs. The meeting will start at 2:00 on that Saturday. I urge all of you to attend.

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## Election

Serving on the board is both a commitment and rewarding at the same time. This past year the board overcame many post-COVID obstacles to keep the bridge community viable. We hope this next year continues to provide opportunities to ensure bridge remains an affordable, fun activity for our many members. Below is the slate of candidates for the upcoming election in November (in alphabetical order). All are current members of the board.

- **Julie Clark**

Currently, I am the President of the Board of Directors. I have served as Vice-President, Secretary and Caddy Chair in the past. In the last four years, I have learned a great deal about how the ACBL works, the role of our District/Region representative and some of what is needed to successfully provide bridge opportunities to our membership. That being said, I learn something new everyday and would like to be able to continue to help make sure our game survives in the Denver area.



During my tenure as President the Denver Board of Directors has worked on overcoming the obstacles presented by Covid and an aging membership in our promotion of bridge. We have successfully held four sectionals, two intermediate/novice (IN) tournaments and a regional tournament in the past year. Sam's Game, a mentor/mentee game held in honor of Sam Stoxen was created and implemented by the board. Denver has been instrumental in restarting the Front Range Challenge. In the next year, the Denver Board will host a Regional IN tournament, hold the annual Regional tournament in May, expand the mentor program and host four sectionals. I would like the opportunity to continue participating in promoting these activities and to explore other avenues for supporting bridge in the area.

- **Kathleen Kelly, BA, MA**



I was lucky to have spent 35 years teaching H S Mathematics, 29 of them at Niles West H S in Skokie, Il, a northern suburb of Chicago. During those years I coached the Math Team, sponsored the Pom Pon squad, was a member of the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Assoc.), and was elected union VP of our teachers union. I served on the executive board of the union and was involved in contract negotiations and grievance settlements.

When we first retired in 1999, my husband Bob Murphy and I split our time between Ireland and Sun City Center, Fl. We both volunteered with the SCC Emergency Squad. Bob was a First responder and ambulance driver and I was an EMT. That 14 years of service was a very rewarding and learning experience. We had more time while in Ireland to pursue our bridge interests.

Bob and I began our duplicate bridge life when we married in 1990 and immediately became bridge fanatics. When retired, we helped the bridge club in SCC by taking charge of the food at the clubs annual Sectional Tournament. I believe that to have a viable Bridge Unit requires the commitment of its members. I will be happy to serve the Unit in whatever capacity needed.

- **Kathy McMahon**



I started work life as a public school teacher and ended it as an attorney. I retired about 6 years ago and shortly after that I started to learn bridge. I hope I never stop learning it. I also love gardening and cooking. My husband Kevin does NOT play. He retired and focused on artistic things like ceramics and photography. He says he is the only non bridge playing spouse who has learned to explain the Jacoby 2NT convention. I was appointed to the board in June 2022 and my desire is to give back to the bridge community because I have received so much from all of you. Also I want to represent the wishes of the lower points players since I am one of them.

. So far my current position on the board is the Intermediate-Novice tournament chair. I am also on the Education Committee.

- **Paul Perkowski**



Like many, I started playing bridge in college. I had a wonderful teacher who had learned the game from his Grandmother. We played a very old fashioned system - even without Jacoby transfers! Any breach in etiquette was gently admonished with “That would be frowned upon in finer bridge clubs. Fortunately, this isn’t one of them.” Fast forward years later and I still love this game I now have played or studied seemingly every bridge convention under the sun. Just ask if you’d like some advice. And I sincerely hope that our newer members find our club as welcoming as what I received when I started. I hope to continue to serve on the Board to be of service to our club and an ambassador of the “King of card games.”

- **Rita Simas**



I currently serve as your Hospitality Chair, and I am running for a second term. Why you ask? Well, I believe I have a knack for this challenging job especially in light of our need to grow our game out of this pandemic. As you know, attendance is down, and we all need to work together to recover our attendance levels to 2019 levels and beyond (to steal a phrase from Buzz Lightyear). Please give me or any of the Board Members any ideas that you may have to grow our game. Our Hospitality Budget increases as attendance increases, so I am looking forward to continued growth over the next two years.

Now for my background, a company transfer from Los Angeles brought me to Denver in 2007 as part of the Boeing and Lockheed merge of their Rocket programs. I have fallen in love with this city and state, and I have elected to retire here. I am currently remodeling my Sloan’s Lake home and look forward to returning to frequent visits to the tables early next year. I also plan on traveling across the USA to attend National, Regional, and the occasional Sectional tournament.

In addition to playing bridge, I am an active volunteer in various non-profit activities as well as holding a variety of elected positions within the Democratic Party organizations here in Colorado. I collect colorful art and enjoy searching second hand stores for unique, memorable objects de art and architecture. I share my home with an older Border Collie mix, Piper, and a shy rescue kitty named Sherlock.

Anyone not on the ballot who wishes to run for the Unit 361 Board can get on the ballot by obtaining signatures of at least 10 voting members of the unit and submitting the application to the Unit 361 Board at least 14 days prior to the election, which would be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If this occurs, a paper ballot will be printed and the election will take place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Unit Secretary, Carol Gumpert, along with two other unit members of her choice will count the ballots after the voting period ends.

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## **Milestones**

### **NEW JUNIOR MASTERS**

Barbara A Elek   Robert J Malone  
Robert Millen   Anne Schuster

### **NEW CLUB MASTERS**

Gloria D Ginsberg   Shannon Goeser  
Nick Riley   William R Schultze

### **NEW REGIONAL MASTER**

Steve Rait

### **NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS**

Kathy Taigen

### **NEW LIFE MASTER**

Jim Saracino

### **NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER**

David Cowan   Peter Bemski   Carol Kingery

### **NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER**

Diann Miller   R Dean Porter  
Richard Grier   Daniel Braucher

### **NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER**

Mark Henderson   Michael Hellman   Alice Klesinger

### **NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER**

Julie Clark   Donna Givner   Jerry Marrs

### **NEW EMERALD LIFE MASTER**

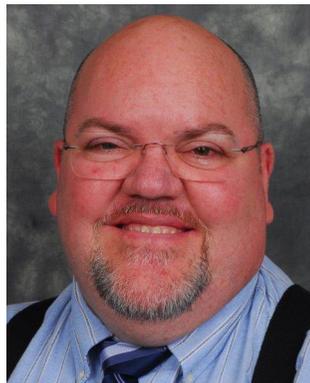
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# New Unit 361 Board Members

## Kevin Stansbury

Kevin was appointed to the Board in 2022. He serves as the Supplies Chair.



## Paul Perkowski

Paul was appointed to the Board in 2022 to fill the position of resigned member Arjun Singh. He is standing for re-election at the November Meeting.

## Newly Reinstated Mentor Game

The Unit sponsors a “Mentor” program designed to facilitate newer players (those with fewer than 300 master points) playing with players inclined and capable of helping newer players advance.

The program is detailed on the Unit website ([denverbridge.org](http://denverbridge.org)) but essentially simply pays the card fee for a mentor who plays with a qualifying newer player. The mentor is expected to offer appropriate guidance to the mentee.

Mentees may arrange for their own mentor, ask a Unit board member for assistance in finding a mentor or consult a club manager for such assistance.

The Unit will only reimburse the clubs for 4 sessions between a specific mentor and a mentee but mentees may have 2 separate mentors under this program in a calendar year. Essentially free bridge lessons at the table!

For additional information or questions, review the article on the website or contact the Mentor/mentee program chairperson, Ed Yosses at [edyosses@aol.com](mailto:edyosses@aol.com) or 720-416-6316.

See you at the tables.

# Denver Fall 299er Sectional

www.DenverBridge.org

## October 8 - 9, 2022

**Proof of Vaccination Required**

New Players Welcome – Players with 0-5 masterpoints play free  
Limited Space – Reservations Required – First 32 Tables Guaranteed an Entry  
Reservations: <https://denverbridge.org/unit-361-in-tournament-registration/>

### Silver Masterpoints Awarded

*Come with a partner or we will find you one.*

#### OCTOBER 8th

9:30 AM Coffee and tea. Light snacks available.  
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs (single session) *Lunch between sessions*  
2:30 PM Stratified Pairs (single session)

#### OCTOBER 9th

9:30 AM Coffee and tea. Light snacks available.  
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs (single session) *Lunch between sessions*  
2:30 PM Stratified Pairs (single session)

### First Place Trophy for player winning most masterpoints at this Sectional

Entry Fees: \$12 per session for active ACBL/ABA members. \$4 additional fee for lapsed members.  
Lunch is free if you sign up for both sessions on a day. Free plays and 1/2 day participants require a \$6.50 lunch fee.  
Those who are not ACBL/ABA members must become members in order to play in a tournament. You can purchase one of the regular memberships. Alternatively, a 120-day guest membership is available at no charge.

#### Stratifications

Stratifications may be adjusted based on attendance A=200–299; B=100–199; C=0–99.

#### Tournament Chair

Kathy McMahon, [IntermediateNovice@denverbridge.org](mailto:IntermediateNovice@denverbridge.org)

#### Partnerships

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

#### Online Partnership Desk:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA62BA1FECE9-denver1>

#### Questions

[IntermediateNovice@DenverBridge.org](mailto:IntermediateNovice@DenverBridge.org)



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

Sanction No. SN 2210313  
*Scent-free event — Please be considerate of your fellow players*

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# Front Range Challenge

October 16, 2022

Denver Metro Bridge Center

A “friendly” Swiss Teams event contested between Units 361, Boulder 359, Colorado Springs 360 and Northern Colorado 363.

Team Captains representing Unit 361 are as follows:

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Strat A = 3001 +    | DiFelice, Dom    |
|                     | Jones, Spencer   |
| Strat B = 1501-3000 | Givner, Donna    |
|                     | Gardener, Rick   |
| Strat C = 751-1500  | Stansbury, Kevin |
|                     | Sewell, Joe      |
| Strat D = 0-750     | Christensen, Kay |
|                     | Eckerling, Wayne |

We wish them all the best of cards, play and luck!



# DENVER UNIT 361 - FALL SECTIONAL

## November 4 - 6, 2022

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

\*\*\* Proof of Vaccination required \*\*\*

See Denverbridge.org for latest Covid protocols

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Pre-purchase lunch available

|                    |                                  |       |                 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM           | Beginner                         | Pairs | Single Session  |
| 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM | Stratified                       | Pairs | Single Sessions |
| 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM | Stratified Non-Life Master (NLM) | Pairs | Single Sessions |

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Pre-purchase lunch available

#### 2:15 PM

#### ANNUAL MEETING

|                    |                                  |       |                 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM           | Beginner                         | Pairs | Single Session  |
| 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM | Stratified                       | Open  | 2 Session Event |
| 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM | Stratified                       | Open  | Single Sessions |
| 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM | Stratified Non-Life Master (NLM) | Pairs | Single Sessions |

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Lunch provided with team entry

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| 10:00 AM | Bracketed Teams | Play Through |
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## Silver Points awarded at all Sectionals

**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.

**Sunday Bracketed Teams:**

Top three winners in each bracket will receive overall awards. Teams play only teams in their bracket. Brackets may be handicapped. 7 rounds of 7 boards. Groups of 8 depending on attendance.

**Tournament Chair:**

Sectional@DenverBridge.org

**Partnerships:**

Partners@DenverBridge.org

**Online Partnership Desk:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA62BA1FCE9-denver1>

**Tournament Director:** Theresa Venhuis

**Entry Fees:** \$13 per session for active ACBL/ABA members, \$136 per Sunday team (lunch included).

Free play for ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints.

\$8 Sunday lunch fee required for Free play participants.

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 2211327

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**NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OR DRUGS ALLOWED**



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