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President’s Message

It is hard to believe another year has flown by and it is time for the annual meeting again. As usual, the membership meeting will be held between sessions of our November tournament. This year’s tournament will be held at the Iliff School of Theology from November 3-5th.

I would like to ask all of you to thank the members of board who have worked so tirelessly to help bridge prosper in the Denver area. The number of hours each person devotes to the bridge world may astonish the average player.

- **Ed Yosses** has done a fantastic job of managing the money as the Unit Treasurer. He also has been running the unit’s Mentor Program and took on the unit’s part of the Front Range Challenge for 2023.
- **Carol Gumpert**, our Unit Secretary, has been extremely busy this past year. She has worked on unit flyers and communication, is the liaison between the unit and the ACBL, and takes and publishes the board meeting minutes. In addition, she has worked with our new tournament site to make parking a bit easier. Unfortunately, Carol is not running for re-election this year. We are going to miss her contributions.
- **Vivian Heggie** recently passed away. She had been a valued member of the board who has published all the Table Talks prior to this, designed and printed our flyers, and sent our messages concerning tournaments. RIP Vivian!
- **Rita Simas** has been responsible for all the hospitality at our tournaments, which is a huge job. She also headed the Jan Janitschke Award committee this past year.

IN MEMORIAM

9/2022 – 8/2023

Margaret Barber
 Dolly Hauge
 Vivian Heggie
 Pat Henke
 Arturo Herrera
 Gary Logan
 Pat Mittenthal
 Carole Moore
 Vance Nelson
 Cal Newlin
 Hermine Scechs
 Carol Wendt

- **Paul Perkowski** hires and supervises all the caddies for our tournaments. Paul also found our new sectional tournament site.
- **Don Boyarsky** recently was appointed by the board and has assumed the role of Vice-President. Don, along with Wayne Eckerling, chaired the 2023 Regional Tournament and will be co-chairing the 2024 Regional as well.
- **Kevin Stansbury** is our Supply Chair. He makes sure we have the supplies needed at the tournaments. He is also redesigning our stanchions to upgrade our equipment.
- **Kathy McMahon** has done a fantastic job running the IN program. Her enthusiasm has resulted in the best IN tournaments we have held in years. Please see Kathy's article about the upcoming IN Sectional.
- **Kathleen Kelly** is our Sectional Tournament Chair. She works extraordinarily hard to bring you the best possible experience for tournament bridge.
- **Penny Coffman** served as the Legal Counsel until June of this year; her contributions to the unit over the years have helped the unit in more ways than can be mentioned.
- **Susan Grauer** (not a voting member) recently resigned from the board to become our new Legal Counsel. Susan's work on partnership and the Front Range Challenge has ensured a smooth transition to the new chairs.
- **Jennifer O'Neill** (not a voting member) is Unit 361's District 17 representative. She works harder for bridge, both the unit and the district, than anyone else I have seen.
- **Margaret Devere** (not a voting member) is the unit's Webmaster. The small fee Margaret receives for keeping the website up to date does not begin to cover her contribution to the unit.

Please thank every one of these fantastic board members next time you see them. Without their hard work, bridge in the Denver area would not be thriving again.

Our annual election will be held during the November Sectional. Please see the article later in this issue concerning the slate of candidates and the election procedures.

Thank you all for participating in the greatest game in the world! We could not do it without you!

Volunteer of the Year

Over the past year, Bob Murphy has been a stellar volunteer for all of our Bridge Tournaments, not just on the day of events, but in numerous trips to the storage facility to help look for lost items or re-arrange crate contents. Bob not only was our Number 1 Volunteer, but he performed his tasks with a positive, can-do attitude and willingness to



handle both large and small jobs. Bob arrives for the early-morning daily duties and also stays to do the late night pack-up of the equipment and supplies. For these reasons, the Unit 361 Board voted to award Bob Murphy the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award at the November Sectional. Please thank Bob for a "Volunteer Job Well Done"!

Fall I/N Sectional !!!

It's coming soon! The Denver Intermediate/Novice Fall Sectional is October 7-8 at Denver Metro Bridge Studio, 5250 Leetsdale Drive in Denver, CO. It is your opportunity to earn silver points and it's limited to those with less than 499 points.

Preregistration is highly recommended because space is limited. To preregister go to www.denverbridge.org. On the home page just scroll down to the August 5th section. The Denver IN Sectional is described here. Select the **Click Here** button to access the preregistration form. This will guarantee you an entry. We understand that sometimes your plans change. If you have preregistered, we just ask that you tell us if you



Fall Open Sectional

Fall in all its glory is all around us. We must not forget to put the Denver Fall Bridge Tournament on our calendars: November 3-5. Our venue once again is the Iliff School of Theology on the University of Denver campus.

The flyer, with all the events and times, can be found on the Denver Bridge website: denverbridge.org.

We follow all ACBL COVID guidelines and protocols.

Join us and enjoy the competition of high-quality bridge and the social contact of friends.

can't come. And, if you haven't preregistered, you can always walk in to any of the games. However, there is a possibility that we will be at capacity. You can also select a second **Click Here** button to access the tournament flyer for game times and fees.

Need help finding a partner? There are several options. You may send an email to Partners@DenverBridge.org. You may sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA62BA1FCE9-denver1>. Any other questions, please contact Kathy McMahon, Tournament Chair, at IntermediateNovice@denverbridge.org. Make your plans now. We hope to see you there!

New Role: Volunteer Coordinator

Putting on our tournaments is a big job, and we are pleased to announce that Joan Curran has agreed to take on the Unit 361 Volunteer Coordinator role. Joan will recruit a cadre of bridge players who want to give back to the community and help continue to make our tournaments a success.

The Unit needs volunteers to help set up and pack up the equipment and supplies, as well as help with the day-to-day operations during the tournaments. We have seven major tournaments each year (four Open Sectionals, two Intermediate/Novice Sectionals, and our week-long Memorial Day Regional Tournament). The workload has become overwhelming and we need more volunteers to help. Thanks, Joan, for stepping up, and when she calls on you, we hope you will be able to help. As we all know, many hands make light work. Thanks in advance for helping us field our Bridge Tournaments throughout the year.

Wanna Be a Director?

Introducing the Unit 361 Director Initiative

Unit 361 encourages any unit member to become a qualified tournament director – we always prefer to work with local directors if we can. To that end, for the remainder of 2023 and through 2024, Unit 361 is sponsoring a Director Initiative. The unit will reimburse your costs for director course materials and director tests, once the test is passed.

Here is a quick description of the various forms that bridge directing can take, along with information on getting started. If you are interested, [email the president of Unit 361](#) to inform us of your plans, and keep the unit posted as you progress.



What and How

- **Club Director:** Qualified to direct games at any club, to direct Intermediate/Newcomer tournaments, and to direct bridge games on cruises. Materials are available from Baron Barclay. Watch here for online course dates: <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/director-courses/>. The course fee including test is \$50; test only is \$15. Compensation is by agreement between the parties.
- **Tournament Assistant:** Qualified to be hired by a local tournament organizer to help out at a sectional or regional tournament. People who have passed this test are generally approved to run an Intermediate/Newcomer sectional tournament. There are no materials or training program. The test fee is \$50. For more information about the test, contact Tony Greene: tony.greene@acbl.org. Compensation is by agreement between the parties.
- **Local Sectional Director:** Qualified to run Local Sectional tournaments (a new tournament type). Must be qualified as a Club Director or Tournament Assistant, then pass the Local Sectional Director test. Go here for more information and to register: <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/director-courses/>. Materials are provided after registration. Compensation is by agreement between the parties.
- **ACBL Tournament Director:** Qualified to direct events at sectional, regional, and national tournaments (depending on experience and seniority). It is not necessary to be a club director first. In Unit 361 (and the rest of the western USA), interested persons should contact Matt Koltnow: matt.koltnow@acbl.org. The applicant must pass a test and an audition, both free. Compensation starts at \$16/hour, and expenses (transportation/mileage and per diem) are covered.

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

September 2022–August 2023

LIFE MASTER (500 MPs)

Donna Agee
Jennifer Burton
Mark Burton
Bob Roman
Salma Saeed
Mary Sharp

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (750 MPs)

John Coil
William Foss
Piotr Gawron
Carol Kingery
Shirley Miller
Mary Sharp
Rita Simas
Penny Taylor

RUBY LIFE MASTER (1500 MPs)

Michael Hellman
Denise Klein
Alice Klesinger
Sandra Koller
Eleanor Larson
Pam Root
Dan Stern
Kathleen Zipp

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER (3500 MPs)

Debra Hyatt
Roy Weinstein

SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000 MPs)

Mary Alter
Nancy Alvarado
Marion Brum de Barros
Mary Lynn Darcy
Wayne Eckerling
Donald Fuerst
Vivian Heggie
Melvyn Klein
Kathleen Ludwig
Carma Meng
Donna Rasmussen
William Rawlings
Mary Ann Rose
Jay Silberberg
Kevin Stansbury
Annette Woodward

GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500 MPs)

Nancy Benedict
Julie Clark
James Dulan
Jennifer O'Neill
John Osher
Paul Perkowski
Susan Wheeler

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 MPs)

Debra Dallas
Nadine Quigley

EMERALD LIFE MASTER (7500 MPs)

Dan Marthaler

Election for the 2024–2025 Unit Board

Unit 361's election for the 2024–2025 term of the Board of Directors will be held on November 4, 2023 during our fall sectional.

A nominating committee met in order to submit candidates for the upcoming election. The members of this year's committee were Donna Givner, Margaret Devere, Phil Debus, Julie Clark, and Elly Larson.

There are five positions open for the 2024–2025 Board. The committee believes the candidates listed here are excellent choices to run for the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in running for the board ...

Anyone who would like to run for the Board of Directors can petition the Board to join these candidates on the ballot. A petition signed by at least ten members in good standing in Unit 361 must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least two weeks prior to the election. The deadline for submitting such a petition is October 21, 2023. In the event such a petition is received, paper ballots will be printed with anyone who successfully petitioned to be on the Board and the five candidates listed below. Voting will occur on November 4, 2023. The five people receiving the most votes will be elected to the 2024–2025 Board of Directors.

Candidates

Nancy Alvarado

I am excited about joining the Unit 361 Board because I love tournament bridge and would like to help those working to keep the Denver bridge community thriving.



In my bridge career, I started as a total beginner in 2013 and worked my way up to Silver LM in 10 years. After retiring from my job as a Professor of Experimental Psychology at Cal Poly Pomona, I was a Club Manager and Director in Riverside, CA. I was not a board member (conflict of interest) but I volunteered in various ways, doing partnership at our sectional, helping with hospitality at the Riverside Regional, as an ACBL certified teacher, and writing the Unit 537 monthly District 22 newsletter column. I transferred our club games to BBO during covid by setting up and directing a virtual club. When face-to-face bridge returned in 2021, I moved to CO (to be closer to family). Now, my bridge goal is to play more, travel and visit tournaments, so I am very happy that bridge is coming back strong in Denver.

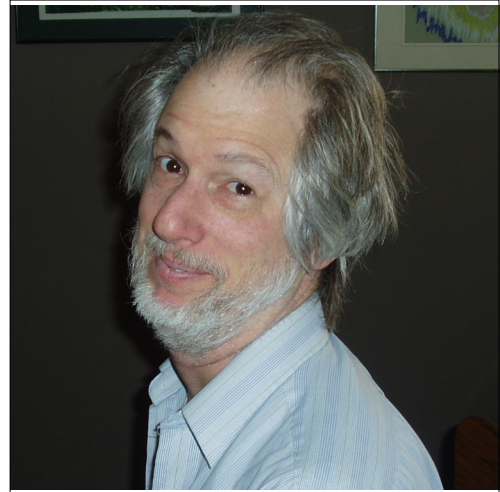
I appreciate how welcoming people have been to me over the past two years and have enjoyed making new friends. I think bridge is fun, but even more fun if I can be involved behind the scenes, so I want to help.

Don Boyarsky

I have served on the board twice since the mid-nineties and served as Regional co-chair for the last two years. I have served as Supply Chair, Sectional Tournament Chair, 299er Chair and Vice President in the past.

I have played Bridge in Denver for 30+ years and am recently retired.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Unit board again.



Jay Silberberg

I started playing bridge in college (self-taught from Goren's book) and continued for a while after moving to Colorado almost fifty years ago. Then I took a long break to raise our daughters. I started back playing duplicate bridge 20 years ago. While I always played in tournaments along the Front Range, I began to travel to tournaments starting with the Austin NABC.



I *finally* (ask my wife) retired August 2022 after 39 years as a finance and accounting manager. As I started playing at clubs again this year, I really enjoyed seeing everyone again at the table and playing with a lot of new partners at a lot of different experience levels. And that spurred me to want to serve our local bridge community by joining the Unit Board.

I'm particularly interested in supporting newer players and encouraging them to continue to play this great game. Besides bridge, my wife and I are beginning to travel more, and our five grandkids in town keep us busy.

Kevin Stansbury

My parents taught me bridge back in high school, but then college, family, and work got in the way for many years while I moved around the country on different mineral and metal processing sites.

However, when I moved back to Denver, I wanted something that my father and I could do together, so we started playing duplicate bridge together. Playing with my father has always been a joy and will continue to be, win or lose, as long as we can be together at the table.

I've enjoyed helping the local bridge community by picking up chairs and tables at the sectionals and regionals, and even assisting to teach some brand-new players from the start of my time going to bridge tournaments. My father worked several years on the board and I helped him when I could, and when he left the board, I was planning to fill in. However, travel with work and some other commitments always interfered. A little over a year ago, I was asked to join the board and agreed to take the plunge into working on the unit board. I was welcomed as part of the bridge support community and have continued doing what I can to help grow bridge in the Denver area. The tasks that I can do are limited due to my work commitments, but the board has worked together to continue to put on solid events and I appreciate the opportunity to continue to work together to help the Denver bridge community.



Ed Yosses



I have had continuous ACBL membership since 1975, reflecting a long-term commitment to the League and to our game. I served as Treasurer from 2006-2013 and as President in 2014 of the Northern Colorado Unit. I was the Treasurer of District 17 in 2016 and am currently Treasurer of the Denver Unit. I drafted and revised By-Laws of the Northern Colorado Unit, assisted revising the By-Laws for District 17 and assisted in revising the By-Laws for the Denver Unit. I incorporated the Northern Colorado Unit into a nonprofit corporation under Colorado law.

I practiced law for 38+ years, primarily as a municipal attorney (for Toledo, OH and Longmont, CO.) I have BA and JD degrees from the University of Toledo.

I am particularly interested in protecting and advancing the fiscal health of our Unit, growing tournament attendance, and assisting newer players to learn our great game.

100 Top Masterpoint Holders



Brad Moss	25032	Fred Herring	5333	Jerry Newcomb	3206
David Caprera	19295	Debra Dallas	5176	Thomas Mangold Jr	3196
En Hay	18838	Nadine Quigley	5046	Elisabeth Hirst	3188
Allen Kane	18770	Jeanne Achziger	4953	Margaret Devere	3148
Flo Newlin	13897	Paul Witonsky	4952	Bill Beard	3131
Anne Brenner	13811	Donald Boyarsky	4891	John Bugay	3077
Anita Heitler	13235	Robert Lupton	4751	Roger Miller	2994
Don Heitler	12494	Carolyn Borus	4529	Lori Beard	2924
Bruce Cobb	12286	Curt Soloff	4423	Kathleen Kelly	2899
Hachy Pennell	10882	Bob Martin	4384	Jonathan Hellman	2896
Warren Garrett	9482	Joan Curran	4293	Robert Murphy	2892
Stephen Linehan	9008	Don McCarthy	4196	Julie Clark	2850
Dom Di Felice	8763	Karen Trujillo	4130	Haisam Osman	2829
Spencer Jones	8723	Harriet Berenbaum	3971	Paul Perkowski	2819
Peggy Ware	8464	Jeannene Dipaolo	3935	Sung Mae Bleck	2816
Donald Vancil	8420	Robert Vetter	3871	Jennifer O'Neill	2795
Merrell Anderson	8272	George Becker	3869	Carolyn Newcomb	2786
Skip Carson	8018	Paula Warren	3863	Bill Fox	2756
Dan Marthaler Jr	7931	Jared Johnson	3858	Donna Givner	2740
Bonnie Smith	7109	Carol Ward	3837	Milton Shioya	2738
Jerry Ranney	7079	Harley Bress	3827	Jerry Marrs	2733
Steven Parker	6650	Joe Jenkins	3773	Vincent Castrigano	2715
David Warner	6647	Mary Anne Pixley	3752	Carol Bertz	2682
Frank Queen	6206	Penelope Coffman	3723	Marilyn Ballon	2658
Marie Smerjac	6055	Marilyn Hughes	3703	Mark Henderson	2657
Alice Kinningham	5897	Richard Friedman	3689	Susan Wheeler	2580
Susan Grauer	5839	Roy Weinstein	3655	James Dulan	2578
Edwin Hagerman	5813	Debra Hyatt	3637	John Osher	2566
Nancy Rassbach	5613	Paul Ossip	3622	Nancy Benedict	2538
Jeffrey Holligan	5561	Sheryl Siegel	3494	Michael Shedd	2461
Charles Reed	5487	Myra Bast	3350	Susan Charczenko	2450
Pat Drew	5440	Patricia Miller	3312	Jon Brandon	2404
Ernest Skolnik	5433	Edward Yosses	3297		
Jane Ranney	5360	Richard Berger	3276		

Unit 361 Website

In case you weren't aware, Unit 361 has a website. You can go to the website for info on unit tournaments, tournament results, local clubs, local teachers, and various other items that just might perhaps interest you.

If you haven't looked at it in a while, check it out at www.denverbridge.org. And here's a QR code in case you want to go that route.



UNIT 361 EIGHT-MONTH FINANCIAL SUMMARY JANUARY 1–SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

TOURNAMENT INCOME

-January	\$ 11,252
-March	\$ 13,272
-I/N-Spring	\$ 5,920
-Regional	\$ 90,621
-July	\$ 11,438
-July I/N-Regional	\$ 5,739
OTHR INCOME (Dues, gifts, etc.)	<u>\$ 2,729</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$140,971

TOURNAMENT EXPENSES

-January	\$ 11,076
-March	\$ 12,164
-I/N-Spring	\$ 4,573
-Regional	\$ 75,089
-July	\$ 13,076
-July I/N Regional	\$ 6,116
-November	\$ 1,410
OTHR EXPENSES (supplies, education, charity, table storage, 2024 Regional, directories, etc.)	<u>\$ 11,953</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$135,457
NET (INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	\$ 5,514