



The Kibitzer

Newsletter for duplicate bridge players in the Pikes Peak region
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President's Letter

Karen Campbell

I'm very happy to start another year as president of Unit 360. I want to thank everyone for their support.

Beginning February 1, all unit games, GNT and NAP qualification games will be \$5.00. The Lucile Godfrey KO tournament will also be \$5.00 a person (\$20 a team). This is possible because John Grossman is directing as a volunteer. John Ochsner is chairman of the Lucile Godfrey. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club. Please take the time to sign up your team. This makes it possible for Jeff, our hospitality chairman, to arrange for lunch and snacks. We will also be giving out "Ace of Club" and "Mini-McKenney" awards. You will find more information on the web page.

How's your play? You can see your last 50 games on the unit web page. Go to "Personal Analysis" and click on your name.

Can you give someone a ride? We are in the process of creating list of members in different area who can give a member a ride to the Bridge Center. Look for sign-up sheets on the snack table.

See you at the Bridge table.

Karen



Board of Directors!

Thanks to Betty Davis and Jim McRae, who have completed their terms on the Board. Welcome to John Oschner and Jeanne Schleicher, who were elected at the December Annual Meeting.

Current Board members are:

Karen Campbell, President
Kim Caley, Vice President
Jeanne Schliecher, Secretary
Linda Nicholas, Treasurer
Jeff Rapp, Hospitality
Shari Carnelli, Membership
Don Washburn, Director-at-Large
John Oschner, Director-at-Large

From the Treasurer

Dear Unit 360 Members,

As reported at the Election Game, which was also our Annual Meeting of the Board, Unit 360 is doing quite well financially. In spite of the many large dollar improvements/purchases over the last three years, our cash has increased to \$94,310 at the end of 2018, and our 2018 Net Cash Profit was \$20,209.

The Board, at its meeting on January 10, approved a \$1 decrease in table rent (25 cents per person) for the club owners. The Directors are the backbone of our games, and we need to make it desirable to maintain and/or get new directors as needed. They understand that should there come a time when we must have more revenue, we will increase their rent rather than raise table fees for members.

The Board has also stipulated that the Directors must be more vigilant in leaving the playing area clean and picked up after each game. Your help in this is a must. PLEASE do not leave trash at the tables at the end of the game.

To benefit the members, the Board also approved the subsidizing of Unit games and GNT/NAP games. The player fee for playing in these games, beginning February 1, 2019, will be \$5, i.e., Unit game playing fees will decrease from \$6 to \$5, and GNT and NAP games will decrease from \$7 to \$5. The extra fees the Club owner incurs in the form of sanction fees will be subsidized by the Unit. (Note: for this year the STAC game fee will remain at \$7.)

We are hoping we can continue these changes into 2020 and beyond.

Linda Nicholos
Unit 360 Treasurer

Old Cards

After the last round is completed always throw away old, dirty, sticky cards.

News from 4 Aces DBC - Shirley Scott Director

New Club

As of January 1, 2019 Jim Black and Bill Curtis have taken over the Thursday Afternoon 12:30 game. Their club is called B and C Bridge Club. I'd like to wish them many happy directing days and thank you everyone for your support over the years that I have directed on Thursday Afternoon. I will continue to direct the Monday and Wednesday 12:30 games and as always appreciate all your helpfulness. Little courtesies like picking up after yourself or reminding someone who forgets, throwing some salt on ice by the door, letting the director know you noticed something that needs to be taken care of, etc. make a huge difference to directors and make for a very happy environment.

Also due to this change I now will have a Swiss team format on the second Wednesday of every month.

From the ACBL Alert Chart

"ANNOUNCEMENTS: An announcement is one word (e.g.: transfer) or short phrase (e.g.: 15 to 17 - or whatever your agreed upon NT range) which tells the opponents directly the meaning of partner's call. When bid boxes are in use, the Alert Strip or Alert Card is tapped and the partner says aloud the required statement." This has been an ACBL rule since 2012 although most directors and players are unaware of it. (I wasn't either until recently.) I think it can be very helpful because due to surrounding noise or hearing difficulties it is possible to miss the announcement. When an announcement is accompanied with placing the alert card on the table it is more likely that you will be aware of the announcement even if you didn't hear it.

Happy Bridging!

In Our Thoughts

Jack Rinehart has died. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Please call Diane Black with any information about the health of our members: 475-2685

Bridge Center on the Web

It's been a year since we started our new web page. The final step was to move our ColoradoSpringsBridge Domain name a new host that could provide us with an auto redirect to Bridgewebs/coloradosprings. If you type in ColoradoSpringsBridge you will go seamlessly to the current web. We felt it was important to keep the original Domain live. With an ever changing Internet it was important to keep our options open.

What's on our Web

I did a recent survey and Results is what most members go to the web for. Because our current web is easy to run, and we have more than one person who can do updates you will find coming events on the main page. When D11 closed recently the web showed the Bridge Center was closed by 7 that morning. It also lists special games. You can find a partner. Last August I answered a "Find a Partner" and now have someone I play with twice a month. You can look at Member News and see Life Master events and 70% games.

Power Ratings

Power Ratings has moved from ColoradoSpringsBridge to its own site, BridgePowerRatings. We have a link on the left side bar to the new site. Also if you have it bookmarked it should do an auto redirect to the new site.

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