

The Kibitzer

Newsletter for Duplicate Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 360

Spring, 2024



President's Message

The message this time is a brief one.

THANK YOU to all the members who have recently volunteered including mentors, cleaners, recyclers and Longest Day workers.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the recent Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs and Virtual Ace of Clubs award winners and to Jeanne Schleicher for her Barry Crane Top 500 achievements and Tom Goings on achieving Diamond Life Master.

FAREWELL to Karen Campbell who is leaving with our best wishes and strong appreciation for her long-time work in Unit 360.

SPECIAL THANKS to Kay, Tom and John for covering so many games allowing us not to have to cancel games.

Bob Wagstaff

Achievements:

Junior Master (5 pts):

Michael Varner

Sectional Master (50 pts):

Joe Bricker

NABC Master (200 pts):

Mark Bishop

Advanced NABC Master(300pts)

Steve Lebel

Life Master: (500 pts)

Jim Wyss

Bronze Life Master (750 pts):

Nancy Teel

Ruby Life Master (1500 pts):

Therese Koller

Sapphire Life Master (3500 pts):

Marilee Van Arsdale

Diamond Life Master (5000 pts)

Tom Goings

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

In response to requests to provide help in finding partners, a partnership committee has been formed. The committee will assist in finding partners for regularly scheduled weekly games, though not for our sectional tournaments.

The committee is as follows:

Maureen Tuttle 719 640 1985 299er game

(mhtuttle@gmail.com)

Sandy Bateman 919 221 8213 499er game

(slb7814@gmail.com)

Diane Black 719 475 2685 Open games

(BalloonBlack@comcast.net)

Partnership requests should be directed to the committee person as indicated above. Please thank these individuals for volunteering.

After a member contacts the partnership committee person indicating a desire to find a partner, an email will be sent to the current members corresponding to the particular game being requested, i.e. 299er, 499er or open game.

If you are looking for a partner, please contact the membership committee member when you receive the email.

HELP WANTED

A volunteer position is available to manage the Bridge Center bookshelves. This includes the shelves in the hallway at the north end of the building and the shelves inside at the north end of the building. The duties include organizing, sorting, discarding and cleaning to provide enough order to allow for better usage and a better appearance. Maureen Tuttle is currently doing this task, but she is additionally doing supplies for the Bridge Center and being Crew Chief for the pre-tournament cleaning crew. In the interest in spreading our workloads, a volunteer is needed. Please contact Bob Wagstaff.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you, JoAnne Santa, for recently cleaning the ice machine. Cleaning the ice machine had fallen between the cracks post-COVID and needed doing. As this ice machine is different from the one that JoAnne had cleaned when she was Building Manager, she researched and performed the cleaning task giving us a clean machine and preventing long term damage to it.

Thank you to the newly formed pre-tournament cleaning crew headed by Crew Chief Maureen Tuttle and including Steve Lebel, Kathy Dawson, Claudia Busch Lee, Chas and Kathy Barrett, Sanjiv Damle, Lora Lou Gillespy, Judy Hummel, Miriam Spivey, Dave and Ellen Loring, and Judy Varner. The cleaning crew will ensure a pre-tournaments deep cleaning and relieve the tournament committee of this additional task.

DIRECTORS COURSE

ACBL offers a director's course and Unit 360 reimburses the cost of the course. If interested in taking the course to qualify to be a director, please speak with Kay Brock or Phoebe Lostroh who have both recently taken the course.

RECYCLING

Judy Hummel and Bob Wagstaff are interested in reviving the recycling program. The bin for collecting aluminum cans has been moved out from under the clothes racks to a more visible location and a large box has been placed for recycling paper. Currently we are not recycling plastic bottles. Please don't place plastic bottles in the bin for aluminum cans. People interested in helping with this effort please speak with Judy or Bob.

BARRY CRANE TOP 500

The ACBL member who has accumulated the most masterpoints during the calendar year wins the Barry Crane Top 500 race. Jeanne Schleicher won 534.82 masterpoints in 2023 placing her 244th in the Barry Crane Top 500 players. In 2024, as of April 9th she ranked 159th with 173.42 points.

CONGRATULATIONS Tom Goings on achieving Diamond Life Master.

In case you didn't know, a Diamond Life Master is a Life Master with 5000 Masterpoints (at least 1000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 250 must be gold or platinum).

KAREN CAMPBELL

Karen Campbell is moving to North Carolina. She is a long time Unit 360 member who has served in many capacities including president and club owner. She has additionally done many behind the scenes tasks of which most people have no knowledge including but not limited to monthly cleaning the dealing machines, providing website backup to Jeff, and being a repository of knowledge of how things work such as the need to plug in the Bridge mate system after sectional tournaments.

Karen's quiet presence will be missed while her long-time work continues to be appreciated. Thank you, Karen, for all you contributed to Unit 360.

YES YOU CAN

Sometimes you know a member's first name, but not last name and want to find them in the phone directory.

Jeff recently explained that the person can be found on the website searching by first name.

Here's how:

Step 1: On the membership home page click on the membership tab on the left column.

Step 2: Look again on the left column and click on the member area tab.

Step 3: Log in with your password.

Step 4: Click on the member list tab at the top.

Step 5: Type in the first name in the search box.

Yes, there are several steps, but it works.

QUOTES – USEFUL OR NOT

You can't play bridge scared.

Toshi

Bridge is a game of mistakes.

Bob Somppi

If you're thinking of winning or losing, you've already lost.

Serena Williams

THE LONGEST DAY

The Longest Day is an annual Unit 360 fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association. This year the Longest Day will be held on Thursday, June 20th. There will be three games at 9:00 am, 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm with lunch being served between the early game and the 12:30 one.

The games will be \$7 with the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's fund through ACBL. Thanks to the directors who are again donating their time.

Mary Elizabeth Ruwell is the chair. You can speak with her regarding donations for the silent auction and for volunteer opportunities. Please tell her if you know of possible donors for gift cards, time share weeks, or if you have something you think would be appropriate. Her telephone number is (719) 216-6511 and her email is mer@ophidian.com. Thank you, Mary Elizabeth, for taking on this responsibility a second time.

Prior to the Longest Day, Alzheimer's information will be posted on a bulletin board at the Bridge Center. The information will include the latest medical progress as well as numbers to call for help or to know more information.

2024 U360 Spring Sectional April 18 - April 21

There were 144 players and 147.5 tables as compared to the 2023 Spring Sectional which had 150 players and 147.5 tables.

Winners:

Thursday Evening: Flight A Judy Hummel/Kim Caley/Margie Schrader/Mel Levine

Flights B, C Fred Cannon – Lee Brown – Danuta Brown -Claudia Busch Lee

Friday Morning 299ers:

D Carol Hansen - Sarah Howell

E, F Susan Gaston – Peggy Yockey

Open Pairs: A Dom Di Felice, *Denver CO* - Linda Sundbye, *Broomfield CO*

B: Jay Silverberg, *Denver CO* – Michael Shedd, *Brighton, CO*

C: Chris & Laurie Steuri, *Denver CO*

Saturday Morning 299ers: D,E: Susan Gaston – Peggy Yockey

Open Pairs: A: En Hay - Allen Kane, *Highlands Ranch CO* B: Jim Hurley – Lorna Perkins C: Mark Benford, *Boulder CO* – Anne Schuster, *Englewood, CO*

Sunday Teams: Bracket A: En Hay /Allen Kane, *Highlands Ranch CO* – Joe Pieper, *Longmont, CO*
- Dennis Goldston

Bracket B: Marilee Van Arsdale – Jason Thebe – Chris & Laurie Steuri, *Denver*

Bracket C: Linda Priboth/Kathryn Carsen/Louise Forsyth/Karen Ruffin

Top Masterpoint Winners: 26.44 En Hay and Allen Kane

Top Unit 360 Masterpoint Winner: 20.47 Dennis Goldston

Many thanks go to: Mark Bishop, Right Hand Man

Dawn Neeley, Kitchen Supervisor

Jeff Rapp, Reservations & Board Duplication

Bob Somppli, Caddie

Maureen Tuttle, Supplies and Cleaning Supervisor

Theresa Venhuis, Director

The Unit 360 Fall Sectional is Thursday, September 5th – Sunday, September 8th to again be held at the Colorado Springs Bridge Center. **Plan now to attend!**

Bonnie Bagley Tournament Chair

MENTOR PROGRAM

The purpose of the mentor program is to introduce players to a game above the level they normally play. For players in 299er and 499er games, that means playing in open games. For players in the 0-50 game, that means playing in the 499er game. The newer player (Mentee) will have an opportunity to pair with a more experienced player (Mentor) for four (4) club games. The mentor can share their love of the game and the mentee can gain bridge knowledge and confidence. The program is part of our Unit 360s education mission and will be supported with Unit funds.

HOW DOES YOUR MENTOR/MENTEE PARTNERSHIP GET STARTED?

Contact the Mentor Program Coordinator to register for the partnership. Include the names of the Mentor and Mentee and your contact information. Registering in the Program confirms that both players agree with the program guidelines.

The Mentor will receive a booklet of four tickets to be delivered to the game director in lieu of payment of the game fee, so the Unit can correctly reimburse Club Owners for the Mentor's game fee. Failure to provide a ticket to the game director will require the Mentor to pay the game fee.

Unit 360 wants the Mentor Program to be a great experience for everyone. We all know that in life, not all relationships work out. Although this program is based on a four-game commitment, if compatibility is an issue, either the Mentor or the Mentee can dissolve the partnership. Please notify the Program Coordinator, and we will cancel the registration and try to find a better fit.

Paul Gefreh, Mentor Program Coordinator pgefreh1@earthlink.net, 719 659 0248

The full explanation of the Mentor Program can be found on the Bridge Center website on the left-hand column of drop downs on the home page and on the Mentor Program bulletin board on the east wall of the Bridge Center near the kitchen area.

Treat the Bridge Center Like Your Dining Room

Thank you to all who have help keep the Bridge Center clean and tidy especially those who:

1. Take their cups and glasses over to the kitchen area after playing---once you touch it, it's your responsibility.
2. Throw their candy wrappers, napkins, paper plates and Kleenex away.
3. Push in their chairs after their last match.
4. Clean up anything that spilled.
5. Our Directors should not have to clean up after us.

It's our bridge home; take pride in leaving it the way that you found it.

**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**



Boulder Bonanza Sectional April 26-28

Denver Regional May 21 - 27

Penticton Regional June 10 - 16

Prescott NLM 749er Regional June 21 - 23

Denver NLM 749er Regional July 12 - 14

Toronto NABC July 18 - 28

Phoenix Regional August 12 - 17

Colorado Springs Sectional Sept. 5 - 8

Taos Regional September 23 - 29

Las Vegas NABC Nov. 28 - December 8



Ellen Loring 5-20 MP Mini McKenney/Ace of Clubs



Fred Cannon Bronze Life Master Life Master 750MP



Claudia Busch Lee 50-100 Mini McKenney/ Ace of Clubs



Marilee Van Arsdale Sapphire Life Master 3500MP



Kathy Dawson 20-50 MP's Mini McKenney, Ace of Clubs & Virtual Ace of Clubs Awards



Mel Levine 5000-7500 Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs Awards



Joe Luk 10,000 Ace of Clubs Award_ Dennis Goldston Mini McKenney & Virtual Ace of Clubs



Sam Taylor 1000-1500 MPS Mini McKenney Award_ Bruce Kolisek Ace of Clubs Award



Nancy Teel Bronze Life Master 750 MPs



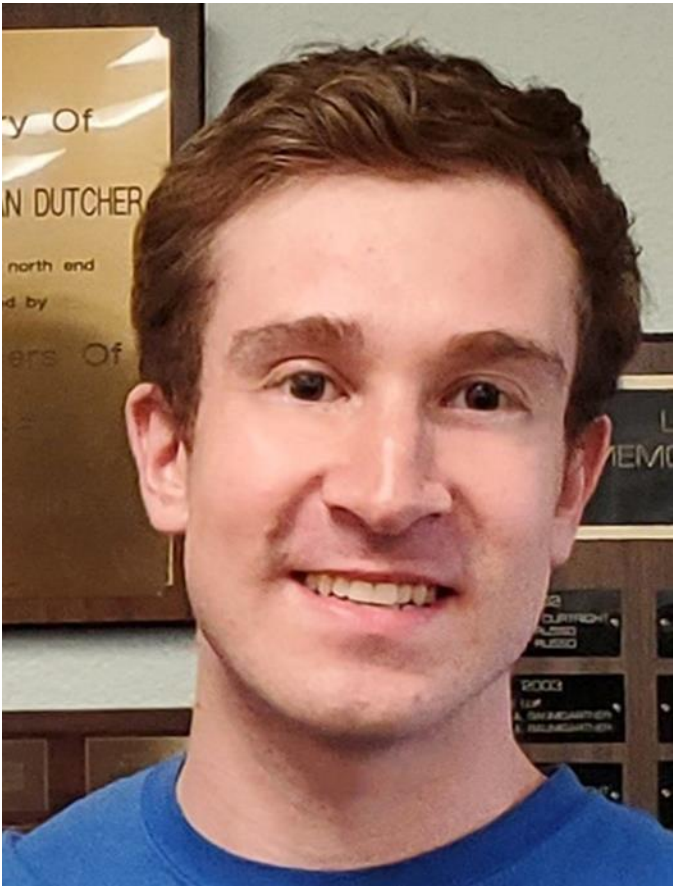
JEANNE SCHLEICHER 2500-3500 MPs Mini McKenney & Virtual Ace of Clubs Award



Marilee Van Arsdale 3500-5000 MPs Mini McKenney & Virtual Ace of Clubs Award_ Margie Schrader Ace of Clubs Award



Mary Olson 7500-10,000 Virtual Ace of Clubs Award_ Judy Hummel Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs Award



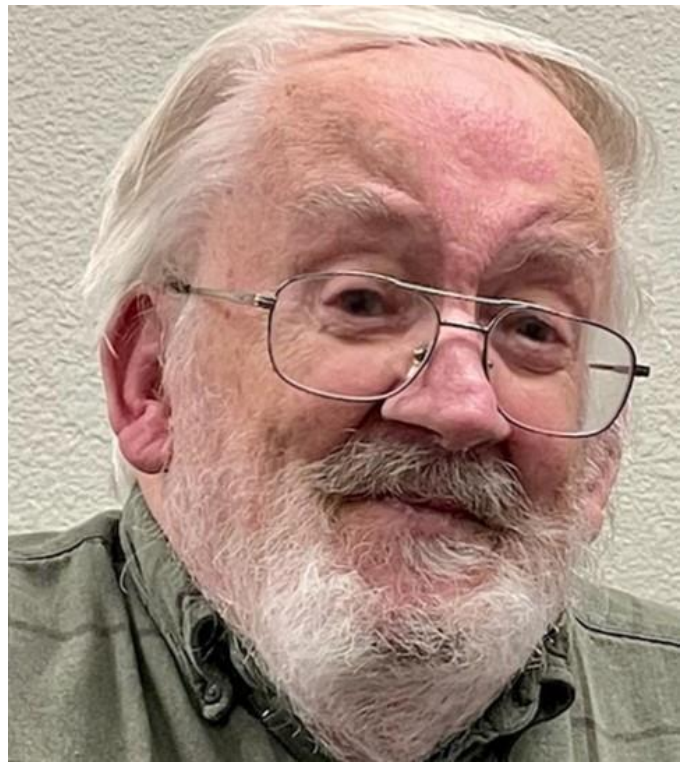
Mike Hellman Gold Life Master 2500 MPs



Don Patterson Diamond Life Master 5000 MP



Pat Towle and Helen Kosley 75.7% game March 29



Tom Goings Diamond Life Master 5000 MP's



Friday open pairs C: Chris/Laurie Steuri



Friday open pairs B: Michael Shedd/Jay Silverberg



Roy Nachand and Ron Bliss 75% game April 16



Friday Morning 299ers Carol Hansen/Sarah Howell



Friday and Saturday 299'ers: Peggy Yockey/Susan Gaston



Friday Open Pairs A: Dom DiFelice/Linda Sundby



Saturday Open Pairs A: Allen Kane/En Hay



Thursday Swiss Teams B and C: Fred Cannon, Claudia Busch Lee, Danuta and Lee Brown



Sat. Open Pairs C: Mark Benford/Anne Schuster



Saturday Open Pairs B: Lorna Perkins/Jim Hurley



Thursday Swiss Teams A: Judy Hummel, Mel Levine, Margie Schrader, Kim Caley



Saturday pm. Section B: Bill Longfellow/David Simpson



Sunday Bracketed Teams A: Allen Kane/En Hay/Dennis Goldstein (not pictured Joe Pieper)



Sunday Bracketed Teams C: Linda Priboth/Kathryn Carsen/Louise Forsyth/Karen Ruffin



Sunday Bracketed Teams B: Chris/Laurie Steuri Marilee Van Arsdale/Jason Thebe

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