

The Kibitzer

Newsletter for Duplicate Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 360

Summer, 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Unit 360 By-Laws detail the procedure for the Board of Directors elections. To summarize, the Board shall be made up of eight members with four members being elected each year for a two-year term. An election committee shall be formed by August 1st to form a slate of candidates with an election to be held early in December with the results announced at the Annual Meeting. The committee shall consist of a board member, a club owner and a unit member.

This year's election committee consists of Claudia Busch Lee, Shirley Scott and Pam Bricker. The four board members up for election are Claudia Busch Lee, Dave Loring, Ed Gardner and Bob Wagstaff. Dave Loring has chosen not to run for re-election.

The past two years we have been unable to hold an election due to having only one or two candidates for one or two positions.

The By-Laws outlines an election procedure with six or more candidates for the four positions with members voting for up to four of those individuals. Fortunately, this year we will be able to have an election. Details to follow.

If you would like to run for the Board of Directors, there is still time to be a candidate. Just let one of the three election committee members know about your interest in being a candidate.

Achievements:

Junior Master (5 pts):

Dick Licciardi

Lyn Francis

Stephen Windom

Club Master (20 pts)

Carol Hurt

Bill Hurt

Richard Bachet

Deborah Delong

Patricia Rodriguez

Sectional Master (50 pts):

Tami Kephart

Regional Master (100 pts):

Andrew Maverick

Anne Maverick

Margaret Willard

NABC Master (200 pts):

Ron Bliss

Linda Hayden

Phyllis Miley

Bronze Life Master: (750 pts)

Robin Spaulding

Silver Life Master (1000 pts):

Davis Bennett

Stephanie Jensen

John Allman

Ruby Life Master (1500 pts):

Bruce Kolisek

Conrad Waggener

Gold Life Master (2500 pts):

Rande Short

Sapphire Life Master (3500 pts):

Cheryl Schwartz

HELP WANTED BUILDING MANAGER

Roger Williams, who is our current Building Manager, is stepping down from this position. Roger has been the Building Manager for several years and has done an extraordinary job.

We are in need of a new Building Manager. Roger has agreed to help the new Building Manager transition into the position.

If interested in becoming the Building Manager or in learning more about the position, please contact Roger Williams at 719 332 5706 or Bob Wagstaff at 719 575 0878.

JOB DESCRIPTION

In order to clarify what the Building Manager does, Roger provided the following description.

I have been the Bridge Center's Building Manager for five years, and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed the experience. I believe that we card players are privileged to have such a wonderful facility. It has been my honor to keep it operating and comfortable. My primary duties have not been to perform repairs but rather to organize and oversee skilled contractors who keep our building in good condition. I have a list of those contractors and will work with the new Building Manager to ensure a smooth transition.

DONATION CARD DEALING MACHINE

Jeff Rapp donated a new card dealing machine to the Bridge Center. The machine gives us a new machine to supplement our two functioning though aging machines. Thank you, Jeff. Very generous.

MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has created a marketing subcommittee to better market the Bridge Center. Howard Donaldson is chairing the committee. Other committee members include Brenda Bocek, Dave Loring, Jody Wyss, Murlene Williams and Bonnie Bagley. If you have interest and/or expertise in marketing, please contact Howard Donaldson regarding joining the committee.

HELP WANTED and NEEDED

Help continues to be needed on the pre-tournament cleaning crew. The job description includes working for a couple of hours on the Sunday before our sectional tournaments.

Tournaments require a great deal of preparation. Having a clean room for the tournament is important and tournament co-chair Mark Bishop could use some help. Please consider being a crew member or chief.

DEATHS/LOSSES

Recently we have had four of our members pass away. They are Jeanne Downing, Sarah Howell, Carol Hansen and Fran Pilch.

While deaths are not usually announced in the Kibitzer, the number of people we have lost in a short time, I think, is unusual and has had an impact on many people.

LONGEST DAY

The Colorado Springs Bridge Center again this year celebrated the Longest Day raising \$8045.50 for Alzheimer research. We had three games with 35 tables throughout the day.

Thanks to the three directors John Dukellis, Jeff Rapp and Shirley Scott who volunteered their time and expertise. Also, thanks to Maureen Tuttle and all the people who brought great food and lots of it. Lastly, thanks to everyone who participated, making the day a success.

TIME CHANGE

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY GAMES

The Monday and Wednesday afternoon games will begin at 12 noon beginning in August. The change is an effort to help with afternoon traffic and darkness in the winter months.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon games will remain at 12:30.

AMBASSADOR GAME

In an effort to create relationships between the 499ers and the Open players, we have had several opportunities for Ambassador Games. We have decided that we will run these once per quarter and ask that people sign up ahead of time so we can match people for ONE game. This allows for learning on both sides and for deeper relationships within our club. We ask that you step outside your comfort zone and try something new several times a year. Our next game will be a PAIRS GAME on **September 16**, a Wednesday. Please plan on signing up for this event. If you choose not to pair with a 499 person, Open Pairs will NOT BE ELEGIBLE to earn points that day.

Congratulations to Nancy Teel and Marilee Van Arsdale!!

There were 3,756 players who played in the recent D17 Summer Fun ROYAL STaC. Nancy placed number 13th and Marilee was 20th. WELL DONE! The next D17 STaC, the Falling Leaves STaC is September 14-20. Plan to play - let's have more U360 players in the Top 50. Bonnie Bagley D17 STaC Coordinator

How May I Be of Assistance?

Most often, that will be the first question I will ask when approaching your table in response to a Director Call.

Most of you know who I am by now, but for any who do not, please allow me to introduce myself. **My name is John Prescott.** I've been playing at your Bridge Center on a periodic basis for over 4 years now, but only recently moved here permanently to be close to family. Please be patient with me as I learn all your names.

Beginning in the middle of 2020, I assumed the role of Manager and Director of a very small bridge club in Seneca, South Carolina. (We felt lucky when we had more than 4 tables for a game.) I also eventually began helping with the direction of an even smaller club in Anderson, South Carolina. My role in both cases was as a volunteer.

As my prior experience has been with very small clubs, I've little experience with complex movements and team movements, so I know I have some learning to do.

For at least a couple of years now, I've been asked to help with directing your various games once I moved here permanently. As I've explained to many, and to your Board formally, I will be pleased to help in that capacity, but only as a volunteer. I am not interested in owning a game, entering into a lease with the Unit, or in any way being involved in the monetary aspects typically required of a game "owner."

But I've also explained that I am not interested in regularly directing unless I am also playing. In short, I will almost always be a playing director. I know that tends to slow a game down. I have also heard some express concern that a playing director is sometimes exposed to hands before playing them, with the implication that this will give a director an improper knowledge of a hand and thus "unauthorized information" within the meaning of the Laws. On this latter point, a painful truth is that my memory for any particular hand is usually so poor that I cannot recall the cards of a hand I just played. As to both concerns, the best solution for persons who don't like directors to play is for those persons to study for and take the director's exam and begin participating as non-playing directors themselves.

One final thought I feel it best to let everyone know: I take the ACBL's and your clubs' Zero Tolerance policy very seriously. If I hear someone berating their partner or speaking discourteously to an opponent, or if I am called to a table for that type of complaint, I will most likely give the offender one warning. But that will be the last warning that player will receive from me, ever. I will not hesitate to assess a procedural penalty with increasing levels for repeated violations. Banning players is an undesirable action for all and would be a last resort. Also, raised and/or angry voices are unacceptable.

Postmortems of hands in a voice that can be heard at other tables are unacceptable. These also will receive only one warning.

I look forward to playing with you regularly and helping by being a volunteer playing director.

PARTNERSHIP MATCHING 499ERS

Anne Maverick has volunteered to trial a new partnership matching procedure for the 499er players. The procedure will be as follows.

Individuals wanting a partner will email Anne at amaverick50@gmail.com. Anne will forward the information to Jeff, our webmaster, who will send out an e-blast to all the 499ers. If you are interested in partnering, you will contact that person.

The subject line of the email requesting a partner should have the word "partner," e.g. partner, partner needed or looking for a partner. The message format should look something like the following, using your preferred contacts:

Jane Doe [x mps] is looking for a partner for the Thursday afternoon game, June 11. Please email her at janedoe25@gmail.com or call 719 555 5555 if you can play.

A player looking for an ongoing partner could include that request in the message.

The partnership matching process has been especially difficult for 499er players as this group includes many of our newest members who do not know as many people as our more veteran open players. This procedure is an effort to improve the existing process.

Thank you, Anne, for coming forward with this idea and thank you Sheri McLaughlin who has been doing the 499er partnership matches making numerous telephone calls each time a match was requested.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Board thought it would be a good idea to have emergency contact information for those who choose to participate at the Bridge Center. Please send your Name, Emergency Contact Name, Relationship to you, Phone number of that person and relevant Medical Info (i.e. Diabetic or Pacemaker) to claudiabuschlee@gmail.com no later than August 15, 2026. An Excel spreadsheet has been created, and that information will be accessible to Directors should there be a need. This list will be updated twice a year.



Unit 360 Fall Sectional

Thurs., Sept. 3 – Sun., Sept. 6, 2026

BOB WINGEARD BRIDGE CENTER

901 N. 17th Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
719 634-7250

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

www.ColoradoSpringsBridge.com

Last minute entries allowed if space available

Jeffrey Rapp jeffrapp@comcast.net

SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday (lunch on your own - snacks provided)

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Two Session Open Pairs

(Single sessions allowed)

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

Saturday (lunch on your own - snacks provided)

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Two Session Open Pairs

(Single sessions allowed)

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

Sunday (lunch provided)

10 a.m. Bracketed Swiss Teams

(Teams are bracketed based on the team's
average masterpoints)

PARTNERSHIPS

www.ColoradoSpringsBridge.com

Bonnie Bagley bon1bon@comcast.net

SESSION FEES

ACBL Member: \$15 per session

Unpaid ACBL Member: \$19

ACBL Members with 0–5

Masterpoints Play Free

Sunday Swiss: \$150/team

**ALL teams with 1200 or less total
masterpoints entry fee is 50% off**

Thurs. - \$30.00 & Sun. - \$75.00

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD ONLY

STRATIFICATIONS

Open: A: 3000+

B: 0 - 3000

C: 0 - 1000

299ers: D: 0 - 300

E: 50 - 150

F: 0 - 50 ACBL

Director in Charge: John Worley

Tournament Co-Chairs:

Bonnie Bagley 719 593-0205



bon1bon@comcast.net

Mark Bishop 719 238-7730

bish40love@aol.com

Sanction Number 2609319

GEORGE HANZAS, ACBL GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



The 2026 Goodwill Ambassador for ACBL Units 360 and 363 is George Hanzas. George grew up in the small town of Rocky Ford in southeast Colorado where he was first exposed to the game of bridge as a child. In 1981 he moved to Stockton, California where he served his community for many years as a deputy sheriff. Wishing to expand his social circle beyond the cops and criminals he dealt with on a daily basis, he began taking bridge lessons. In 2004 after changing careers, George moved back to his home of Rocky Ford and became involved in ACBL Unit 367 in Pueblo, Colorado. He played bridge regularly in Rocky Ford and at the Pueblo club. He served on the Unit 367 board of directors from 2007 until 2011. In 2010 he was elected to the ACBL Board of Governors (now called the Advisory Council). He served on the Board of Governors for three years. In 2011 George took the ACBL director's course and was certified as a game director. He currently runs two weekly duplicate games, one in Pueblo and one in Rocky Ford. Additionally, George is a member of the Rocky Ford Elks lodge, works for a local irrigation canal company, grows garlic and makes "the best prime rib in Southern Colorado." We are lucky to have George Hanzas and his dedication to duplicate bridge keeping the game alive in southeast Colorado.

They had sworn off of Duplicate for good!
The rules and the snobs said they should.
But then George came along
Showed them how they were wrong:
Competing with fun: Understood!

In Rocky Ford all players are women,
(You might say that he has his own harem.)
And he keeps them all comin'
Though his patience is summoned,
Making lemonade out of lemon.

They say if it wasn't for Hanzas
The closest venue for games would be Kansas.
Giving last sit-outs and Reese's
We love him to pieces.
(That's a summary for all of these stanzas.)

- poem by Ed Hill



**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**



Denver 749 NLM Regional July 24-26

Denver Sectional July 24-26

Omaha Regional August 3-9

Vail Sectional August 7-9

Phoenix Regional August 10-15

Phoenix Online Regional August 15

Grand Junction Sectional August August 28-30

Colorado Springs Sectional September 3-6

Cheyenne WY Sectional September 12-13

Taos Regional September 21 – 27

Seaside, OR Regional Sept. 28-October 4

Colorado Springs 499er Sectional October 3-4

Las Vegas NABC Nov. 28 - December 8

Palm Springs Regional Dec. 8-14

*PLEASE CHECK DATES AND WEBSITE
FOR MORE TOURNAMENTS*



GNT Team: Robin Spaulding, Bob Wagstaff, Ann Sage and Paul Gefreh



First Place Bracketed Teams: Denver Regional Jared Nakamura, Claudia Busch Lee, Danuta and Lee Brown



JACKIE KELLER - SUE COAST
Friday, March 20th 499er Pairs 71%



ROY NACHAND – RICHARD BACHET
Thurs., Jan. 22 20 MP Game 70.00%



PAT ATKINSON - MARK BISHOP
Thurs., Mar. 15 20 MP Game 72.50%
Tues. June 2 499 Pairs 78.24%



JACKIE KELLER - PETER VILIESIS
Thurs., May 14 20 MP Game 72.50%
Thurs., April 30 20 MP Game 81.25%



JOHN ALLMAN - GORDON JENSEN
Tues. A.M., May 5 71.77%



MARGIE SCHRADER - MEL LEVINE
Thurs., May 7 71.50% p.m. The Longest Day 70.42%

ADVANCEMENTS



MEL WILLIAMSON - STEVE WINDOM
Thurs., May 21 20 MP Game 82.50%



Robin Spaulding New Life Master and Bronze Life Master 750 MP



MARILEE VAN ARSDALE – NANCY TEEL
The Longest Day a.m. 71.90%



Stephanie Jensen 1000MP
Silver Life Master



JACKIE KELLER – MARTHA RZASAS
Thurs., July 16 20 MP Game 71.25%



Davis Bennett 1000 MP
Silver Life Master



John Allman 1000 MP
Silver Life Master



Jeff Rapp 1000 MP
Silver Life Master



Nancy Teel 1000 MP
Silver Life Master



John Dias 1500 MP
Ruby Life Master



Conrad Waggoner 1500 MP
Ruby Life Master



Bruce Koliczek 1500 MP
Ruby Life Master



Rande Short 2500 MP
Gold Life Master



Cheryl Schwartz 3500 MP
Sapphire Life Master

THE LONGEST DAY



Directors SHIRLEY SCOTT, evening
Jeff Rapp, Afternoon
John Dukellis (not pictured)

THE LONGEST DAY



Maureen Tuttle
Volunteer Extraordinaire

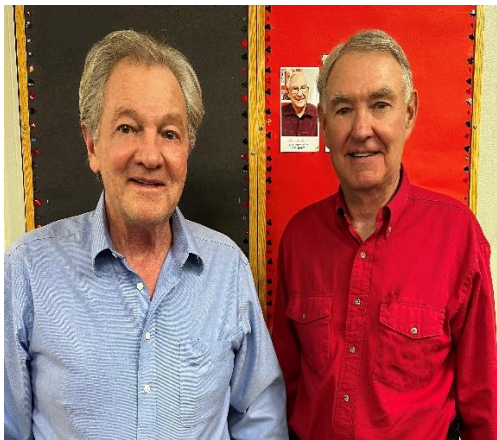
THE LONGEST DAY WINNERS



Marilee Van Arsdale/Nancy Teel a.m.



Margie Shraeder/Mel Levine p.m.



Rick Gardner/Howard Franson Evening

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