



The Kibitzer

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

Karen Campbell

Every Month ACBL sends us statistics on our membership. We (Unit 360) currently have 390 ACBL members. This is down five members from January. This number does not include non-members of ACBL who play in our Unit. Last month we had 295 different players attend at least one game. This includes players who are members of other units and non-members of ACBL. This number does not include guests who have not registered on our web page.



How does the membership break down according to rank, that is number of points and a Life Master or above? Of our members, 144 are Life Masters and 246 are not. Sixty-three percent of our members are not Life Masters.

Unfortunately, we will not be having a Regional Tournament in October 2020. We were scheduled to have a Regional in even years and a Fall Sectional in odd years. After much work by Bonnie, it was determined the local hotels had priced us out of the market. There was no way we could break even on costs. The good news is we will have a Fall Sectional in 2020. Our Sectional last month was very successful. Susan Krassy and her team did a great job.

On the bookshelves we have some booklets called "Welcome to the North American Bridge

Championships." These booklets are a guide to types of games and bridge etiquette. A wonderful source of information for new players. No need to play in the NAPs. You may also view or download this information at <http://acbl.mybigcommerce.com/welcome-to-nabc-booklet/>.

I also discovered a fun source for bridge "stuff" called sevennotrump.com. Take a quick look to see all they "stuff" you are missing. I placed an order and it arrived in less than a week.

Coming this Fall is the Front Range Challenge in October. We will be having our election for Board Members starting mid-November. December 14th will be our Annual Meeting, Free Lunch, Free Game and recognition of new Life Masters.

See you at the tables.

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Our Fall Sectional

Another successful sectional by the Colorado Springs Bridge Center! We had 266 tables. 1121 points were earned by 281 players. And two Colorado Springs players were in the top 15! Way to go Ed and Dorothy!

Most of our players were from the Front Range – our Colorado Springs members, the Denver area and Pueblo. But we had visitors from New Mexico, Texas, Illinois and Michigan (go David Graff!).

Comments from so many players were great. But what makes our tournament such a hit? Our volunteers from Unit 360!!!

Murlene Williams put together a hospitality spread that's become the expected norm for Unit 360. So many of you made snacks, baked goods, brought candy...the list is so deliciously long I can't begin to name all the members who added to our success. Thank you all.

John Ochsner and his group of movers do an incredible job of setting up and breaking down our tables, equipment, everything needed for a tournament.

Mary Olson, our caddy queen, does it all remotely from her summer home in Minnesota. Myrna Heimer has the partnership desk down to a snap.

We had two fabulous directors with John Worley and Theresa Venhuis. There were a few glitches and John and Tree ironed them out with ease.

The Colorado Springs Bridge Center is one lucky bridge club!

Susan Krassy



Sunday Bracketed Teams C

LEE BROWN - DOROTHY HYDEN - ED TEXEL -
JEFF RAPP

See more pictures of the winners at
<https://www.bridgewebs.com/coloradosprings/>

Newcomer's Welcome Night

John Dukellis, Shari Carnelli and Kathy Nimz are organizing a Newcomer's Welcome for Monday night and Tuesday afternoon games

and Directed Play on Thursday at 9:00. Assistance will be provided on partners and an information sheet on bridge to start out. Advertising will be used. Thank you in advance Mary Olson for your help on a flyer! This is a good time to learn bridge. Tell your friends!

Also, if you post on Next Door, that would help with advertising. Thank you!

"Learn to Play Bridge. Colorado Springs Bridge Center 901 N. 17th Street, Colorado Springs 80904. Newcomers welcome. Assistance in partners provided. Games each week on Monday evening 6:15 p.m., Tuesday 12:15 p.m. and Directed Play Thursday 8:45 a.m. The session cost is \$5.00. For Bridge Info Sheet, email kathynimz@gmail.com"

Shirley Scott

This summer at the annual ABTA (American Bridge Teachers Association) convention, which is held before the Summer NABC, Shirley Scott was honored with the "Crystal Apple" award. The "Crystal Apple" is awarded for the best teaching tip which was voted on by all the attendees.

These teaching tip awards, called the Apple Basket awards, were mentioned in the NABC Daily Bulletin and the September Bridge Bulletin. Shirley received the first-place award.

Here is her teaching tip.

Bidding, Playing, Defending, Every Hand

Wouldn't it be educational for every person at the table to bid, play, and defend every hand - N<S<E<W? This idea was adapted from a suggestion I found in the Bridge Bulletin.

Procedure

1. Have everyone take out the hand in front of them from the board.

2. Have each student lay out their hand like it was the dummy alternating red and black. Make sure the rows are almost touching and close to the guide card so there is a space in front of the

player to place the bid cards.

3. Give each player a colored 8X10 sheet of paper to cover up the hand in front of them.
4. Uncover the Dealer's hand and have everyone discuss what bid to make. Then re-cover the hand.
5. Uncover the next hand and do the same thing.
6. Continue until a final contract is reached.
7. Then uncover the hand on lead and discuss the opening lead.
8. After re-covering that hand, uncover both the dummy's and declarer's hands.
9. Make a plan and play out the hand, uncovering and re-covering all hands except dummy.

Thus, all students are discussing each of the four hands in a board.

After a short time, you can do 4 hands in an hour so each student is bidding, playing, and defending 16 hands. I use boards with certain topics we are working on -- not only bidding, but leads, carding (defense), and play of the hand or random hands with hand records.

Would You Like to Edit the Kibitzer?

I would like to step away from editing the newsletter. If you are active in Unit 360 and would like to gather and share information, please let me know. Thank you.

Mary Killoran

District 17

ACBL Board of Directors Election

By Bonnie Bagley

The election results for the D17 representative to the ACBL Board of Directors were announced Monday, September 16, ballots had to be received no later than Sunday, September 15. Three candidates filed for election: John Grossmann from Greeley CO (Northern Colorado Unit 363),

Cindy Shoemaker from Marana AZ (Tucson Unit 356) and Ed Yosses from Denver CO (Denver Unit 361). Since no candidate received a majority there will be a runoff between the top two candidates, John Grossmann and Cindy Shoemaker.

Unit Board members have received their ballot for the runoff and have 30 business days to vote. Voting will only be done digitally via email. Each of these would be an excellent BOD representative for District 17.

Candidates for the Unit Board (Election Meeting in December)

Bonnie Bagley

After my husband retired from his Air Force career, we moved to Colorado Springs and I 'found' duplicate bridge, and basically hit the ground running.



Not being sure what direction my bridge career should take, I took a teacher's course and became an accredited ACBL bridge teacher. I then took a class to become a certified ACBL club director. My path did not go in

either of those directions, instead I was guided into governance by Bob Wingard and followed his lead as a Unit Board Member, District Board Member, Western Conference Board Member and National Board Member. It has been my privilege to serve the members of Unit 360 and District 17 as their representative to the ACBL Board of Directors for nine years. Being a strong advocate of term limits and again following my political mentor, Bob, I term limited myself and am not running for reelection - my term ends December 31st. As the BOD representative I am currently an ex-officio member of the Unit 360 Board of Directors and serve as an advisor. I believe I still have a lot to contribute

and am willing to do so. My experience running tournaments can be useful and my knowledge of the 'workings' of ACBL can often help cut through red tape and get to the source. We have a unique, wonderful, friendly and welcoming environment in which to play bridge and willing volunteers to keep everything running smoothly. I am eager to continue doing my part to ensure our unit remains the best in District 17.

Shari Carnelli, incumbent



I have been Membership on the board this past two years and would like to continue for another term. I am still married to Tony and the children and grandsons are doing well. Retirement from teaching has been very good because

bridge has been so great since joining the club! I have really enjoyed working on the board and was honored to chair the Longest Day event this year. I have continued to work with partnership and keeping Tuesday and Thursday night game going. Kathy Nimz, John Dukellis and I are going to work on getting new members for the club with some new advertising and special events. Thank you for your support.

Cindi Gallagher

I am honored to have been asked to run for a position on the Unit 360 Board.



During our thirty-six-year marriage we have been blessed with two awesome daughters. Michelle and Megann worked many years as bridge caddies in Denver and Colorado Springs.

I am new to duplicate bridge; however, the learning process is fun. I am grateful that the more experienced players are willing to assist in educating us newbies.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Bud Raabe

I grew up in the Midwest and attended the University of Nebraska. I graduated with a degree in Engineering and held various engineering and management



positions with firms in Iowa and Texas before moving to Colorado Springs in 1988. Carol and I were married 1996. Our blended family includes three sons and five grandchildren and one calico cat. We love to travel, walk, hike, and play bridge. I have done volunteer work with the Colorado State Parks, Habitat for Humanity and for over ten years have helped maintain our local neighborhood city park.

We started playing duplicate after taking Easy Bridge lessons in 2003. Since we retired in 2008, we have enjoyed playing several times a week. I feel the Club continues to encourage high standards of play and fellowship and has made many positive improvements over the years. It would be an honor to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Tom Riley

It's Pay Back Time.

Thomas R. Riley will enjoy serving as your Colorado Spring Bridge Center Board Member.



Janet (my wife) and I started playing duplicate bridge in Ft. Myers, FL at McGregor Bridge Center many years ago. Our schedule has been

such that it has been difficult to play on a regular basis. We are no longer “wintering” in Florida, Mexico or Arizona. We stay in Colorado Springs year-round. I have the time and desire to be your representative.

Robin Spaulding

I set a goal to learn bridge after retiring from Colorado Springs Utilities as an energy and water conservation specialist. I have been a forester with the State of Colorado and City of Colorado Springs, fought forest fires, specialized in urban (city) forestry. I have been involved in restorative justice (putting victims and offenders together to heal the harm) since 2009. I co-facilitated a “high risk” RJ conference in the Department of Corrections and with the Department of Youth Corrections where the cases involved homicides. I also work with juveniles, school and the City of Manitou and Colorado Springs in RJ. I am a professional mediator for the BBB Southern Colorado, Small Claims Court and in private practice.

But most exciting is training my dog, Leon, to be a therapy dog and accompany me when requested by organizations and schools! And of course, I enjoy learning bridge to expand my mind and keep me young.

I believe in the statement below

“Whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation, take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” Elie Wiesel

In Our Thoughts

Our thoughts go out to friends and family of Debra Hume, who died July 31.

Condolences also to Laurie Beattie, whose husband, Herbert, died August 25th.

Judy LaCrosse fell down some stairs. Although she did not break anything, she is healing.

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

Member Recognition

Photos provided by Bonnie Bagley



Bronze Life Master PATRICIA TOWLE



Bronze Life Master MARJORIE SANDOVAL



Silver Life Master ANN COUCH

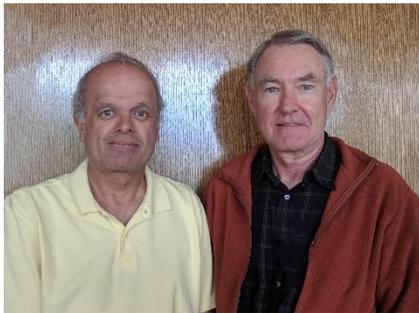


TERRY DERRING - NICK OLBERDING Tuesday
Morning, September 17 72.22%



Gold Life Master ALICE CRAIN

70% Games



SANJIV DAMLE – HAROLD FRANSON Saturday
Evening 499ers, August 10 74.58%

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