



# The Kibitzer

Newsletter for duplicate bridge players in the Pikes Peak region [www.bridgewebs.com/coloradosprings/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/coloradosprings/)

## President's Letter

Karen Campbell

Our Longest Day was very successful. We raised \$7061.87. A big thank you to all the workers. A special thanks to those who were not members of the committee but saw something that needed to be done and did it. Randy and Tammy shared their experience with Alzheimer's. I was sitting next to Tammy, and when he mentioned their trip to Italy her face changed to a big smile. This year was very meaningful to me as my sister Anne, who you know from her running the kitchen during sectionals has been diagnosed with dementia.



Why are we locking the doors? The last month we have had three incidents where strangers have come in looking for a handout. At home I keep my doors locked as I assume most of you do. There has always been some concern that we could be easily robbed during a game. If you need to go out once the game has started there are drop down door stops that you can put down. There is also a doorbell at the main entrance.

Our election committee has been formed. Please don't run if you see John Ochsner or Shari Carnelli approaching you. One of the Club Owners will also be added to the

committee. Serving on the board does not take a lot of time. We meet 6 times a year and have been successful at keeping meetings to a bit over an hour. We currently meet on the second Thursday of every other month at 3:30 pm. Note that over half of our club members have less than 300 points, but currently only one of the 8 board members has less than 300 points. If you would like to serve please give your name to John Dukellis so he can pass it on to the election committee

Our Fall Sectional will be August 29, to September 1. Plan to play now. I am hoping we can put together a semi-permanent committee so we don't have to BEG! I've been doing beverages for 5 years now. Once you learn a job it's easy to keep doing it. We will not be having a Fall Regional in 2020. The hotels have priced us out of the market.

If you belong to the Nextdoor Network please let me know in which area of town. We advertised the Longest Day event at Jason's Deli and had two players come because of the ad. We plan to start advertising our classes and special events. You can send me an email or catch me at the club.

See you at the tables.

Karen  
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## Farewell to Joyce

Joyce Truitt has called all of her partners and cancelled all of her games. She knows that she can no longer compete in the open games. Her partners are good friends and would never say they don't want to play with her, but Joyce does not want to put that burden on them.

Bridge is more than just a game to Joyce and a lot of us. We see our family every year, or month or week, but we spend more time in the bridge world. Withdrawing from bridge leaves a big hole in our life, but it does not need to be that way. There is an ACBL bridge game that Joyce can still compete in. More importantly, it will fill that hole. Unfortunately, we use an awards system to determine what events a player can play in. Why can't we use a rating system to determine what events a player can play in?

I am not saying that Joyce has Alzheimer's, but she shares some of the symptoms. The ACBL does a lot for the unfortunate victims of Alzheimer's, but they can and should do more to keep them in the game of bridge. The ACBL runs the show, but they work for us. If enough of us, from all units, talk to our representatives on the ACBL Board of Directors, we can make a difference. Maybe not for Joyce but for the tens of thousands of players who will be in her position.

Goodbye Joyce, we love you.

Chris Champion

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### Interested in Becoming a Club Director?

If you would like to learn to be a Club Director, talk to John Dukellis. He would be happy to help you learn about the process.

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## Longest Day

The Longest Day activities were a great success this year! Thanks to my great committee, including Jodi Wyss and Deb Kirkendall, who did the baskets for the raffle along with Sue Podczervinski; Nancy Podczervinski; Jean Brackett; and Joy Brown, who headed the silent auction, Jodi and Deb organized play and lunch at Jason's Deli. It was my pleasure to organize the food. I want to thank everyone who brought yummy treats to share with all the players! Thank all of the people that made donations at both events. It is so much fun to hold an event in a club that sees something to be done and so many of you jump up to help! Thank each and every one of you that always help.

Shari Carnelli.

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## Silent Auction

Thank you to all members and nonmembers who donated and bought through Silent Action for Alzheimer's Longest Day. We raised \$2,117 for the cause. Way to go Unit 360!

Joy Brown

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## District 17 NAP Scheduling

The North American Pairs starts as grassroot games at clubs each year so folks can qualify for the second round held at a District 17 regional. The top pairs in A, B and C strats in the District get to go to the NABC finals. The top three places get a check to help cover travel expenses.

Normally, the district stage competitions are all held at one regional. This year will be different. The B and C strats district finals will be in Taos on Friday and Saturday,

September 27 and 28th. But,...the **A flight district finals** have been rescheduled for the Albuquerque regional on Saturday January 25, 2020 because of conflicts with international bridge events.

Note, D17 encourages Flight C players to participate. If you are a non-life master and have less than 500 masterpoints you can play for free in the District level competition.

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### Strike Gold Denver Non-Life Master Regional



Congratulations to Unit 360 Players Dennis and Sharon Kruse who were the top masterpoints winners with 13.83 MP's at the Strike

Gold Denver Non-Life Master Regional

... and to Jim Wyss, who was 5<sup>th</sup> with 9.22 MP's, and to Randy Rush, who was 8<sup>th</sup> with 8.76 MP's.

Well Done!!!

Bonnie Bagley

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### Eddie Kantar's Bridge Tips – Warm-Up

[kantarbridge.com/tips.htm](http://kantarbridge.com/tips.htm)

Another example of Bridge Tips from Eddie Kantar:

- 9 The figure to focus on during the defense is the number of tricks you need at any given moment to defeat the contract. Defense is based on this figure.

## In Our Thoughts

Lillian Shealy passed away July 15<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her family and friends.

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

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## Member Recognition

Photos provided by Bonnie Bagley



New Life Master  
SUSAN CALLAHAN



New Life Master  
SHARON KRUSE

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