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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

The RECAP

April 2005

The newsletter will continue to provide **Upcoming Events, Tournament Results, Membership Milestones** and the **Club Corner**, and from time-to-time, articles of general interest to bridge players in Northern Colorado and nearby communities. Please contact the editor with any news, special events, and items of general interest including challenging and interesting bridge hands. **We would also like to encourage local authors to submit articles.**

Larry Matheny

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Unit 363 RECAP Editor

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Great New Site for Unit Games Found

Future unit games will be held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church at 3448 Taft Avenue in Loveland. There is great parking and the playing site is smoke-free and roomy. We are confident this will be a great place for our games. See the Unit game calendar for dates.



Upcoming Events

There are several Unit sponsored events coming up in the next few months. These include the **Unit Championship** game in July and the **Northern Colorado Summer Sectional** in August. Read more below. Also, the Unit maintains a calendar of

upcoming events that can be accessed over the Internet. The calendar lists all of the ACBL Nationals, District 17 Regionals and the Colorado and Cheyenne Sectionals, along with all of the unit games. The calendar can be accessed through:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge/>



SUMMER SECTIONAL

Barbara Gustafson

Tournament Chairman

Be sure to arrange your favorite partners to play in the Northern Colorado Summer Sectional August 26-28. A full schedule and details are on page 8.



DISTRICT 17 STAC WEEK MAY 2-8

UNIT STAC GAME

DATE – SATURDAY MAY 7

LOCATION – ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOVELAND

ENTRY FEE - \$6

INSTRUCTION – FREE TECHNIQUE TUNE-UP WITH LOCAL

GUEST EXPERT FROM 12:00 AM – 12:45 PM

GAME TIME – 1:00 P.M.

The Sectional tournament At Clubs (STAC) week provides an excellent opportunity to compete against the other clubs in District 17. Check with your club manager for their schedule and be sure and attend the unit game on May 7.



WORLDWIDE PAIRS GAME

DATE – SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2005

STARTING TIME – 1:00 P.M.

ENTRY FEE – \$8

LOCATION – ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3448 TAFT AVE IN LOVELAND

The bridge hands for this Worldwide Bridge Contest will be simultaneously played and matchpointed across the world—your score is based on comparisons with everyone's score around the world, not just within your local game.

The ACBL will award masterpoints based upon your local score at sectional open pair rating, ½ Red and ½ Black. Plus the two top District winners by percentage receive bonus awards. There will also be an analyses pamphlet by expert Eric Kokish. The game will be in our new location in Loveland. Be sure and mark your calendar for this one.

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2005-2006 North American Pairs Qualifying Games

CLUB QUALIFYING LEVEL:

Qualifying games will be held during June, July, and August 2005. The 2005-2006 NAP is divided into three categories:

- Flight A: Unlimited Masterpoints
- Flight B: 0-2000 Masterpoints
- Flight C: Non-Life Master with fewer than 500 Masterpoints

UNIT QUALIFYING LEVEL:

In the 2005-2006 NAP there will be no unit finals in District 17. Any pair that qualifies in a club qualifying game, whether held by a club or a unit, is eligible to play in the NAP District 17 Championship held in conjunction with the Aspengold Regional in Ruidoso NM.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:

The NAP District Championship will be held in Ruidoso, NM on October 7-8, 2005, in conjunction with the Ruidoso Aspengold Regional. District Finals will be two sessions. Flights A and C will both be held on

Saturday, October 8, 2005. Flight B will be held on Friday, October 7, 2005.

The Unit sponsored NAP Qualifying game will be held July 16th at 1 pm at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Loveland. Check the local clubs schedules at www.northerncoloradobridge.com for more NAP games.

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OTHER UNIT GAMES IN 2005

Date	Time	Game	Cost
August 13*	1:00	1 session STAC Teams	\$6.00
September 24*	1:00	1 session pairs	\$5.00

*dates are tentative, to confirm check northerncoloradobridge.com

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Tournament Results

The Northern Colorado Winter Sectional held on Feb. 4 – 6 at The Ranch was a success. The big news is that Steve Turner took home the tournament cup for winning the most points in the tournament (17.56). Neil Petrie was 2nd place winner, and overall, 15 Northern Colorado players were in the top 50 masterpoint winners for the weekend. Congratulations to each of you.



Steve Turner

Friday Afternoon Results – Open Pairs – 38 pairs

Score	A	B	
286.39	1		Chuck Henke – Pat Henke
279.07	2		David Caprera – Don Heitler
261.39	3		Darrell Wyatt – Billie Turner
231.37	1		Bill Follis – Richard Kommrusch
224.58	2		Elizabeth Coulon – Nettie Ashbee
209.15	3		Judith Hardie – Anne Vincent

Friday Afternoon – 499er Pairs – 19 pairs

Score	D	E	F	
142.17	1			Maryann Baumann – Carol Bronder
134.16	2	1	1	Jane Clark – Carol Shafer
128.27	3	2		Gayle Miech – Anita Hilim
122.64	4	3		John Poaluszny – Merl Needham
121.38	5	4	2	T Roberts – D Roberts
100.77	5	3		Jeff Kitman – Shelbie Bastiaans

Friday Evening 500/1250/+ Pairs – 46 Pairs

Score	A	B	C	
292.00	1			Pat Henke – K Ragland
274.00	2/3	1		Judith Hardie – Anne Vincent
274.00	2/3			Larry Matheny – Steve Turner
255.00	2			Joyce Glittenberg – Gladys Agan
251.21	¾			Peter Miller – David Macey
250.00	¾			Julie Larson – Dawn Foltz
240.00	1			Bill Stoltey – Eric Kronwall
231.50	2			Marsha Effner – Peggy Martin

Friday Evening 65/100/200 Pairs – 10 Pairs

Score	D	E	F	
60.50	1	1	1	Kym Zwonitzer – David Zwonitzer
59.50	2	2		Barclay VanDoren – Janet VanDoren
58.00	3	3		Sue Simone – Brad Simmons
55.00	2			Jane Clark – Carol Shafer

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs – 21 Pairs

Score	D	E	F	
136.00	1	1		Barclay VanDoren – Janet VanDoren
131.50	2			Deborah Segal – Robert McKenzie
131.06	3	2	1	Michael Zimmerman-Kim Spaulding
126.00	4	3	2	Carey Lowe-Curry-Susan Lowe
101.81	3			James Calhoun – Jean Norgaard

Saturday 500/1250/+ Pairs – 58 Pairs

Score	A	B	C	
789.50	1			Neil Petrie – Steve Turner
778.00	2			Judy Hummel – Jerry Curtright
765.00	3			Don Heitler – Anita Heitler
703.00	1			Jeanne Gray – Vincent Bates
692.00	2			Gregory Foltz – Dawn Foltz
691.50	3			Andrea Kutscher – William Kutscher
635.50	1			Michael Shedd – Ramon McLean
605.00	2			Ann McGrew – Shirley Schley
601.00	3			Marsha Effner – Peggy Martin

Saturday Evening 50/100/200 Pairs – 14 Pairs

Score	D	E	F	
74.50	½	1	1	Jean Norgaard – James Calhoun
74.50	1/2			Roger Miller – Patricia Weinberg
69.50	3	2	2	Roger Kincade – Linda Harder
63.00	3			Neal Florman – Gail Roberts

Sunday Swiss Teams – A/X – 17 Teams

Score	A	X	
88.00	1		Allen Kane , Chuck Henke, En Hay, Kenneth Stuckey
78.00	2		Fred Herring, Toshiko Yingst, David Ruttner, Linda Sundbye
76.00	3		Walter Rassbach, Nancy Rassbach, Forest Clark, Ernest Skolnik
67.00	1		Martin Gutschenritter, Gil Merrill , Brandon Sheumaker, Margaret Devere
61.00	2		Jeanne Gray, Donna Plowman, Roger Plowman, Jeanne Achziger
58.00	3		John Bortins, Nancy Benamati, Judy Hummel, Jerry Curtright
58.00	3		John Bortins, Nancy Benamati, Judy Hummel, Jerry Curtright

Sunday Swiss Teams – B/C -- 13 Teams

Score	B	C	
88.00	1		Joan Mager, Penelope Coffman, Michael Schneider, Dave Appel
84.00	2	1	Roger Miller, Patricia Weinberg, Deborah Segal, Robert McKenzie
78.00	3		Lori Silveira, Gregg Silveira, Dick Cable, Barbara Cable
61.00	5	2	Richard Dendor, Ramona Baker, Sue Simmons, Bradley Simmons
54.00	3		Roger Kincade, Linda Harder, Bonnie White, Bill Follis

Sectional Masterpoint Ranking

1	17.56	Steven Turner, Greeley CO
2	15.06	Neil Petrie, Fort Collins CO
3	12.83	Pat Henke, Aurora CO
4	12.50	Don Heitler, Englewood CO
5	11.16	Chuck Henke, Aurora CO
6	10.23	Judy Hummel, Colorado Spgs CO
7	10.23	Jerry Curtright, Colorado Spgs CO
8	7.68	Larry Matheny, Loveland CO
9	7.31	Anita Heitler, Englewood CO
10	6.33	K Ragland, Boulder CO
11	6.02	Dawn Foltz, Fort Collins CO
12	5.87	Fred Herring, Aurora CO
13	5.48	Stephen Evans, Littleton CO
14	5.32	Anne Vincent, Boulder CO
15	5.32	Judith Hardie, Lafayette CO
16	5.25	Jeanne Gray, Boulder CO
17	5.25	Vincent Bates, Boulder CO
18	5.19	David Caprera, Evergreen CO
19	4.82	Ginny Steele, Fort Collins CO
20	4.81	Gregory Foltz, Fort Collins CO
21	4.49	Kenneth Nelson, Fort Collins CO
22	4.11	Donald Boyarsky, Aurora CO
23	4.04	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO
24	3.90	Kenneth Stuckey, Arvada CO

25	3.76	Nettie Ashbee, Longmont CO
26	3.76	Elizabeth Coulon, Denver CO
27	3.66	Billie Turner, Greeley CO
28	3.66	Darrell Wyatt, Carr CO
29	3.47	Carol Bronder, Aurora CO
30	3.47	Maryann Baumann, Littleton CO
31	3.38	Robert Lupton, Aurora CO
32	3.38	Andrea Kutscher, Longmont CO
33	3.38	William Kutscher, Longmont CO
34	3.17	Richard Kommrusch, Fort Collins CO
35	3.09	Jan Janitschke, Littleton CO
36	3.09	Robert Zinn, Edwards CO
37	3.08	Joyce Glittenberg, Greeley CO
38	3.07	Barclay Van Doren, Vero Beach FL
39	3.07	Janet Van Doren, Vero Beach FL
40	3.06	Marsha Effner, Fort Collins CO
41	3.06	Peggy Martin, Loveland CO
42	2.93	Jane Clark, Fort Collins CO
43	2.93	Carol Shafer, Ft Collins CO
44	2.75	Bill Follis, Fort Collins CO
45	2.67	Jim Hoerlein, Boulder CO
46	2.67	Bertie Wetzler, Boulder CO
47	2.60	Michael Shedd, Brighton CO
48	2.60	Ramon McLean, Golden CO
49	2.39	Dick Duff, Denver CO
50	2.36	En Hay, Littleton CO

Player's Notes

SPLINTER BIDS

The splinter bid has been around for a long time but many players fail to take advantage of it. Simply stated, a splinter bid shows support for partner and shortness in the suit bid. Here is an example.

Hand #1	♠ A9				
Dir N	♥ KJ85				
Vul E-W	♦ 8				
	♣ AK8762	West	North	East	South
♠ J10643		—	1♣	2♦	2♥
♥ 107	♠ 752	Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT
♦ 5432	♥ 6	Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
♣ Q4	♦ AKQ1096	(All pass)			
	♣ 1093				
	♠ KQ8				
	♥ AQ9432				
	♦ J7				
	♣ J5				

*Splinter Bid

BIDDING: After North's 1♣ opening bid, East made a weak jump overcall of 2♦. At unfavorable vulnerability this showed a good suit with little else. South had an easy 2♥ bid and North, holding extras, jumped to 4♦. This was a splinter bid showing the values to bid 4♥ as well as a singleton or void in diamonds. That was all South needed to move toward slam. His 4NT call asked for the number of keycards (aces + trump king) and responder showed 0-3. Realizing they were missing one keycard, South settled for the small slam.

PLAY: South lost the first trick in diamonds and was able to claim the rest. To fully appreciate the value of the splinter bid, just visualize North with two small diamonds. Now North would jump to 4♥ over South's 2♥ bid and no form of ace asking would help.

HINTS FOR NEW PLAYERS

CONCENTRATE

Although difficult and tiring, it is important to continually keep your mind on the game. New players sometimes think that the “experts” are too serious, but in reality the successful players are concentrating on the game. Be friendly and polite, but when the bidding begins, concentrate on the hand.

PLAN YOUR DECLARER PLAY

As declarer, at trick one take a moment to decide how you are going to play the hand. Examine the opening lead. Is it from length or shortness? Is it time to draw trumps or do you need to use dummy's trumps to ruff losers or to establish a second suit? Review the bidding. Are the suits likely to break badly? Is one opponent marked with most of the high cards?

USE THE DEFENDERS' CHECKLIST

Review The Bidding

Before you lead, review the bidding. Does declarer have a balanced hand or perhaps a second suit that needs to be established? Does the bidding suggest a trump lead? Was the bidding strong or timid? You should not make your opening lead until you review the bidding. Decide the suit to lead and then the card.

Plan Your Defense

When dummy is spread, estimate how many cards partner will hold by adding your points and dummy's and then review the bidding to estimate declarer's. For example, when the opponents bid 1NT-3NT, if dummy has 10 points, you have 11, and declarer has 15-17 that leaves only 2-4 points for partner.

Analyze The Opening Lead

Determine your partner's opening lead. Is it from length or shortness? Should you encourage or suggest a shift? Don't cover dummy's card without recognizing partner's lead. For example, in a side suit that you hold K762 and partner leads the 9, don't play the king when the jack is played from dummy's QJ1084. You KNOW partner doesn't have the ace.

Assist Your Partner

Help partner with each card you play. There are situations where you should show the numbers of cards you hold in the suit (count), but you will usually show attitude. If you want the suit continued, play a high card. Example: partner leads the king, dummy holds 532, and you hold the A94. If you want the suit continued, play the 9; if you want a shift, play the 4. How will partner ever know what to do if you play the same card regardless of your holding?

Think Ahead

Decide in advance the card you will play in each of the suits. If you wait until the suit is led before you decide, your hesitation may give declarer a great deal of information.

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Two very important volunteers with Unit 363 are:

Barbara Gustafson	----- Sectionals -----	267-9691
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The Fort Fun Bridge Club Opens to Great Success

The Fort Fun Bridge Club held its Grand Opening on Thursday, February 17, 2005, with a 10 ½ table game and a great supper. Both experienced and new duplicate players were there, making it an exciting evening with some good bridge played. The club has met weekly since then, and has averaged 8 tables. Word has it that the food is great, and the game fun **and** competitive. Complete results and winners' photos are posted online for your enjoyment and learning, at www.NorthernColoradoBridge.com. Hand records are provided each week. At least six players have joined or rejoined the ACBL as a result of playing at the new club!! Congratulations to each of you. For more information or to reserve your supper/game, please contact Marilyn Pultz or Bill Follis at 970-980-5366 or e-mail them at FunBridge@comcast.net

Greeley Clubs Go Online with Results

The Greeley Clubs, which have had challenges with locations, days and start times are back to their original schedules, says June Ewald, director of the Greeley clubs. See Club Corner for details. Also, both the Wednesday noon club and the Friday evening club will regularly post game results online at www.NorthernColoradoBridge.com.

**NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363
2005 SUMMER SECTIONAL**

**THE RANCH
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
EXHIBITION HALL - WEST**

Concession Stand Available
Hot Lunch Between Sessions Sunday

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Two Single Session Events

STRATIFIED PAIRS..... 1:00 & 7:00

A: 1250+ B: 500-1250 C: 0-500

STRATIFIED 199'ER PAIRS 1:00 & 7:00

A: 100-200 B: 50-100 C: 0-50

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Play-through...play one or both sessions

STRATIFIED PAIRS..... 1:00 & 7:00

A: 1250+ B: 500-1250 C: 0-500

STRATIFIED 199'ER PAIRS 1:00 & 7:00

A: 100-200 B: 50 - 100 C: 0 - 50

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

STRATI-FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS 10:30 & TBA

A: 3000+ X: 0-3000

B: 300-1000 C: 0-300

Short Break, Hot Lunch Between Sessions

ENTRY FEES

\$8 per Player per Session

\$88 per team Sunday (includes hot lunch)

Rookies (0-5 points) Play Free on Friday

(Additional 50¢ if non-ACBL)

PARTNERSHIPS

Every effort will be made to accommodate
timely requests for partners. Please contact:

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Milestones

BIG GAMES REPORTED (JAN 2005-APR 2005)

JANUARY 10, 2005

70.37% NEIL PETRIE – KEN NELSON

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

CLUB MASTER – 20-50 MASTERPOINTS

PHYLLIS PETERSON, WARREN THOMAS

SECTIONAL MASTER – 50-100 – MP 5 SILVER

CAROL SHAFER

REGIONAL MASTER – 100+ MP – 15 SILVER, 5 RED/GOLD

BONNIE WHITE

NABC MASTER – 200 MASTERPOINTS, 25S, 15 R/G, 5 GOLD

MARILYN PULTZ

NEW MEMBERS

Jane Boulter, Fort Collins

Walter Gates, Fort Collins

Jane Lederer, Fort Collins

Judith Lilly, Loveland

Judy Lira, Fort Collins

Barbara Massey, Fort Collins

Beth McGregor, Fort Collins

Jim Rattman, Fort Collins

John David Sullivan, Fort Collins

Phyllis Tegtman, Fort Collins

Julie Wertz, Fort Collins

TRANSFERRED INTO UNIT

Maryann Baumann, Fort Collins (from Denver)

Sheree Cornwell, Fort Collins (from Laramie)

Ena Johnson, Fort Morgan (from Denver)

Henry Leweling, Fort Collins (from Washington)

Ruth Molnar, Estes Park (from Denver)

Jim Turner, Estes Park (from Denver)



Club Corner

Fort Collins

DAYTIME DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

ELK'S LODGE – 140 EAST OAK

Marlene Aranci----- 223-0046

Mon – 12:30 -----Elk's Lodge----- Open, standby available

May 2 District 17 STAC Game

May 30 No Game

CHOICE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

SENIOR CENTER – 1200 RAINTREE DRIVE

MARLENE ARANCI ----- 223-0046

Tue – 12:30-----Open, All ages welcome

May 3 District 17 STAC Game

FORT COLLINS DUPLICATE PLAYERS CLUB

Elk's Lodge – 140 East Oak

GINNY STEELE ----- 224-5761

Wed – 6:45-----Open, Teams 1st Wed

May 4 District 17 STAC Game

THE FORT FUN BRIDGE CLUB

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THURS – SUPPER 6:00 (RESERVATION REQUIRED) AND GAME TIME
IS 6:30. ----- 0-200 GAME

BRUSH

FORT MORGAN BRIDGE CLUB

DON MITCHELL ----- 842-4719

1st, 3rd Mon – 7:15 ----- Eban Ezer Home----- Invitational

Wed – 12:30-----Fort Morgan Country Club----- Open

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LONGMONT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

THE LEFTHAND GRANGE - 2ND & FRANKLIN

MARLENE ARANCI ----- 223-0046

THUR – 7:15----- OPEN

MAY 5 DISTRICT 17 STAC GAME

MAY 26 NO GAME- CO. SPRINGS REGIONAL

GREELEY

JUNE EWALD ----- 506-0863

THE GREELEY CLUB

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Wed – 12:00----- Open Game

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Fri – 6:45 ----- Open Game

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