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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Larry Matheny

Is our game going to fade away as our current members get older? Well, there are still many of us who want this game to remain healthy and for this to happen, we must continue to recruit new members into our local clubs. There are many bridge players out there who are either intimidated by duplicate or simply haven't been properly introduced to our game. Or, maybe they have tried duplicate and didn't like the "atmosphere". I'm afraid this is far too often the reason. And such news travels fast and is perhaps our worst enemy.

How do we solve this dilemma? We know there is no silver bullet for this old problem, but we can start by getting new players to our games and then treating them kindly. The many conventions, alerts, and other rules that aren't used in their neighborhood games are frightening enough; we don't need to include rudeness.

Let's also look for other ways to assist new players. Perhaps we could have a mentoring program where experienced players would spend time with newer players. Or, help by simply asking a new member to play in one of our club games. If they are willing to learn, we should be anxious to teach.

There is a survey in this newsletter. Please use it to give the Unit Board your ideas on ways to improve our game. Be candid and when you submit a complaint, try to include a solution. And then go out and have fun at your local club.



## Tournament Results

### January GN Teams Unit Game

A Grand National Teams qualifying game was held Saturday, January 7th, in Loveland. Fourteen teams played, including 4 teams of 199ers. The team of Steve Turner, Neil Petrie, Larry Matheny, and Jon Gustafson won all 6 rounds, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and 5.83 red/gold points. Players brought their favorite snacks and home-baked goodies and we all stuffed ourselves while playing. Thanks to everyone for coming out to play and bringing such great food. Congratulations to those who qualified for the next level game in March in Las Vegas.

### Overall Results

Score	A	B	C	
150	1			Jon Gustafson, Larry Matheny, Neil Petrie, and Steve Turner
128	2	1		Judy Davis, Carol Irvin, Julie Larson, and Billie Turner
101	3/4	2/3		Marsha Effner, Joyce Glittenberg, Carol Hjelte, and Rita Koch
101	3/4	2/3	1	Bill Dorin, Bill Follis, Marilyn Pultz, Brad Simmons and Sue Simmons
100	5/6	4/5		Marlene Aranci, Ken Nelson, Barbara Gustafson, Stella O'Neill
100	5/6	4/5	2	Joan Buhlmann, Eric Kronwall, John Krueger, and Bruce Sellers
91			3	Janet Clark, Carol Shafer, Marge Webster, Richard Webster



## Northern Colorado Winter Sectional

Winter Sectional Tournament Beats Super Bowl!

By Marilyn Pultz

Uh, just kidding. Our Winter Sectional Tournament was held February 3-5 at The Ranch in Loveland. There were 210 pairs and 31 Swiss teams who played during the 3-day event, including 84 pairs of 199ers. Great turnout everyone! Now, if we could only get the NFL to move the Super Bowl . . . ah well, just dreaming of bigger and even better tournaments we could have.

Neil Petrie won the trophy for the Northern Colorado Unit player winning the most masterpoints during the weekend – 21.38 MP (see photo). And Neil was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in MP winnings – quite an achievement. Congratulations and enjoy your trophy!

Another great result is that 32 of the top-100 masterpoint winners for the tournament are Northern Colorado Unit players. Congratulations to each of you. See specific results below.

And as needs to be done even more often, our sincere thanks to the tournament committee, headed by Bill Stoltey, for doing such a good job first time out of the box. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you for bringing your favorite homemade goodies to enhance the hospitality we provide to all the players who come to our tournament. We're becoming known for our food as well as our competitive playing.

### Friday Afternoon Results – Open Pairs – 42 pairs

#### A B C

1		Jeanne Gray – Jeanne Achziger
2		Anita Heitler – Jean Grunwald
3		David Caprera – Don Heitler
	1	Dave Appel – Michael Schneider
	2	Michael Jalving – Stanley Imhoff
	3	1 <b>Maryann Baumann – Peggy Martin</b>
		2 <b>Ramona Baker – Sue Simmons</b>
		3 <b>Eric Kronwall – Bill Stoltey</b>

### Friday Afternoon – 0-200 Pairs – 26 pairs

#### D E F

1	1	1	<b>Ron Alexander – Walter Hutton</b>
2			<b>Louise Dalke – Gerrilou Martin</b>
3			Gayle Miech – Anita Hilim
4	2	2	<b>Julie Wertz – Rena Hansch</b>
5	3		<b>Tom Roberts – Donna Roberts</b>

### Friday Evening Open Pairs – 40 Pairs

#### A B C

1		<b>Neil Petrie – Steve Turner</b>
2		Bill Allegar – Gary Greene
3		<b>Jon Gustafson - Larry Matheny</b>
	1	<b>Julie Larson – Carol Irvin</b>
	2	Dave Appel – Michael Schneider
	3	Michael Jalving – Stanley Imhoff
	4	1 <b>Ramona Baker – Sue Simmons</b>
		2 <b>Mark Spaeth – Larry Mason</b>
		3 <b>Doug Watt – Norman Watt</b>

### Friday Evening 0-200 Pairs – 14 Pairs

#### D E F

1	1	1	Paul Nelson – Janet Nelson
2			<b>Richard Dendor – Brad Simmons</b>
3	2	2	<b>Ron Alexander – Walter Hutton</b>
4	3		<b>Jane Boulter – Beth McGregor</b>

### Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs – 28 Pairs

#### D E F

1	1		<b>Larry Martin – Joan Buhlmann</b>
2			<b>Louise Dalke – Gerrilou Martin</b>
3	2	1	<b>John Krueger – Melvin Rueppel</b>
5	3	2	Judith Beggs – Bob Bastiaans

### Saturday Open Pairs – 44 Pairs

#### A B C

1		Joseph Barrett – Shirley Scott
2		Roger Neumann – Roger Plowman
3		Jean Grunwald – Suzanne Jones
	1	Vincent Bates – Jeanne Gray
	2	<b>Gregory Foltz – Dawn Foltz</b>
	3	Mary Lou Phipps – Audrius Mizeikis
	1	John Posluszny – Merl Needham
	2	Michael Holmes – Michael Shedd
	3	Phyllis Imholte – Judith Katchen

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## Sunday Swiss Teams – A/X – 12 Teams

### A X

- 1 **Jon Gustafson, Neil Petrie,  
Larry Matheny, Steve Turner**
- 2 Don Heiter, Anita Heiter,  
Suzanne Jones, Jean Grunwald
- 3 Clint Heiple, Gary Steiner,  
Jim Hoerlein, Woody Dillinger
- 4 1 Brandon Sheumaker – Margaret Devere  
Fred Herring – Marilyn Hughes
- 2 **Marlene Aranci– Barbara Gustafson  
Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy**
- 3 John Bortins, Nancy Benamati,  
**Steven Rogers, Marion Draughon**

## Sunday Swiss Teams – B/C/D -- 13 Teams

### B C D

- 1 Katelin Yates, Paul Haynes,  
**Larry Mason, Peter Miller**
- 2 Andrea Kutscher, William Kutscher  
**Doug Watt, Norman Watt**
- 3 1 Steven Dike, Barbara Ellington,  
Sally Ann Rhea, Ruth Gussman
- 4 2 Dick Cable, Barbara Cable,  
Lori Silveira, Greg Silveira
- 3/5 1/2 **Richard Dendor, Ramona Baker,  
Sue Simmons, Bradley Simmons**
- 3/5 Gay Ostrander, Joann Miller  
Christine Gasser, Sally Huges
- 3/5 1/2 **George Varra, Elizabeth Varra,  
Ron Alexander, Walter Hutton**



Congratulations and the trophy for the most masterpoints by a Unit 363 member go to **Neil Petrie**. He placed in the overalls in every event he entered and won two events, the Friday Evening Open Pairs and the Sunday Flight A Swiss Teams.

## Sectional Masterpoint Ranking

### No Colo Winter Sectional MP Race

- 1 22.40 Jean Grunwald, Golden CO
- 2 **21.38 Neil Petrie, Fort Collins CO**
- 3 **18.68 Jon Gustafson, Fort Collins CO**
- 4 **18.51 Steven Turner, Greeley CO**
- 5 **15.81 Larry Matheny, Loveland CO**
- 6 15.79 Anita Heitler, Englewood CO
- 7 14.30 Suzanne Jones, Boulder CO
- 8 12.12 Don Heitler, Englewood CO
- 9 11.75 Shirley Scott, Colorado Spgs CO
- 10 11.75 Joseph Barrett, Colorado Spring CO
- 11 11.35 Jeanne Gray, Boulder CO
- 12 9.41 Roger Neumann, Englewood CO
- 13 9.41 Roger Plowman, Lafayette CO
- 14 9.31 Jeanne Achziger, Denver CO
- 15 **7.43 James Zuboy, Loveland CO**
- 16 7.12 Chuck Henke, Aurora CO
- 17 **7.06 Lawrence Mason, Fort Collins CO**
- 18 7.04 William Kutscher, Longmont CO
- 19 7.04 Andrea Kutscher, Longmont CO
- 20 **6.90 Barbara Gustafson, Fort Collins CO**
- 21 **6.78 Bill Stoltey, Fort Collins CO**
- 22 6.11 Brandon Sheumaker, Golden CO
- 23 6.11 Fred Herring, Aurora CO
- 24 6.11 Margaret Devere, Denver CO
- 25 6.11 Marilyn Hughes, Englewood CO
- 26 6.05 Gary Greene, Longmont CO
- 27 5.82 Paul Haynes, Boulder CO
- 28 5.82 Katelin Yates, Erie CO
- 29 **5.82 Peter Miller, Fort Collins CO**
- 30 5.77 Woody Dillinger, Golden CO
- 31 5.77 Jim Hoerlein, Boulder CO
- 32 5.77 Gary Steiner, Boulder CO
- 33 5.77 Clinton Heiple, Boulder CO
- 34 **5.75 Walter Hutton, Fort Collins CO**
- 35 **5.75 Ronald Alexander, Fort Collins CO**
- 36 5.48 Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO
- 37 **5.30 Douglas Watt, Loveland, CO**
- 38 5.30 Norman Watt, Englewood CO
- 39 5.15 Bill Allegar, Denver CO
- 40 4.98 Vincent Bates, Boulder CO
- 41 **4.89 Sue Simmons, Greeley CO**
- 42 **4.89 Ramona Baker, Greeley**
- 43 **4.58 M. Aranci, Fort Collins CO**
- 44 4.58 En Hay, Littleton CO
- 45 4.45 Michael Schneider, Denver CO
- 46 4.45 Dave Appel, Denver CO
- 47 4.43 David Caprera, Evergreen CO
- 48 **4.39 Dawn Foltz, Fort Collins CO**
50. 3.96 Ernest Skolnik, Denver CO

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# Coming Events

The following Unit sponsored events are coming up in the next few months. Our playing site is the **All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3448 Taft Avenue, in Loveland**. There is great close-in parking and the playing site is smoke-free and roomy. The Unit maintains a calendar of coming 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. Access the calendar through: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge/>

## Spring Pairs Championship

**EVENT – SPRING PAIRS UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**DATE – SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2006**  
**STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND ~2:30**  
**STRATS – A (UNLIMITED), B (1000), C (300)**  
**ENTRY FEE – \$5/PERSON EACH SESSION**  
**PIZZA, SALAD, AND SOFT DRINKS FOR \$7 PER PERSON WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN SESSIONS.**

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**THERE WILL ALSO BE A BRIEF MEETING TO RECOGNIZE THE 2005 ACE OF CLUB AND MINI-McKENNY WINNERS.**

## STAC PAIRS GAME

**EVENT – SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS**  
**DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006**  
**STARTING TIME – LESSON AT NOON, GAME AT 1:00**  
**ENTRY FEE - \$6/PERSON**  
**EARN SECTIONAL POINTS WHILE COMPETING AGAINST OTHER DISTRICT 17 PLAYERS.**

## WORLDWIDE PAIRS GAME

**EVENT – PAIRS GAME PLAYED AROUND THE WORLD.**  
**DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006**  
**STARTING TIME – 1:00 PM**  
**ENTRY FEE - \$8/PERSON**  
**YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EXCELLENT BOOKLET WITH THOROUGH ANALYSES OF THE HANDS.**

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# Player's Notes

## Lebensohl over Weak 2-Bids

Here is a common auction that can cause you problems:

LHO	PARD	RHO	YOU
2♠	DBL	P	3♣

Your partner often has a difficult decision if he has extra values. Since there is such a wide point range for your minimum response (0 to about 8 or 9 pts.), he doesn't know if it's safe to bid on. The lebensohl convention was created to help you give partner a more accurate description of your strength in these situations. After an opponent opens a weak two-bid and your partner makes a takeout double, your bid of 2NT is lebensohl. It says nothing about notrump. It asks partner to bid 3♣, and you can then pass, sign off in a suit, or make another descriptive bid.

### Weak hands (0-6 pts.)

The lebensohl 2NT is most useful when you have a very weak hand and want to sign off in a suit that is **lower in rank** than the preempter's suit. If your suit is **higher** in rank than the preempter's suit (i.e., LHO opens 2♥ and you have spades), you make your "normal" minimum bid at the 2-level. But if you would have to go to the 3-level to make a minimum bid in your suit, you start with 2NT to relay partner to 3♣. You can now pass if clubs is your suit, or bid another suit. The auction will go:

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
2♠	DBL	P	2NT
P	3♣	P	P (or 3♦ or 3♥)

The doubler will accept your relay with any hand of up to about 18 playing points, but he can refuse it if he has a very powerful hand. With a hand that will make game opposite an average of about 4-5 points in your hand, he should refuse the relay and make another descriptive bid.

### Medium-strength hands (7-10 pts.)

If you bid a suit at the 3-level (instead of using the 2NT sequence), it is encouraging, but not forcing. It shows a hand with constructive values (a good 7 to about 10 pts.), but not enough to jump to game. Doubler can pass with a minimum or bid on with extra values.

You can also use the lebensohl 2NT to invite when your suit is higher in rank than the preempter's suit. If LHO opens 2♥ and you have spades, you can sign off in 2♠ if you're weak. If you instead use the lebensohl 2NT sequence, it shows invitational values (8-10 pts.). This full auction would be:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
2♥	DBL	P	2NT
P	3♣	P	3♠

If LHO opened 2♦, you can use the sequence to invite in hearts or spades.

### Forcing hands (11+ pts.)

The lebensohl 2NT sequences above all show limited values. If you have invitational or forcing-to-game strength, your jump responses can all retain their standard meaning.

Here are some examples of lebensohl:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
2♥	DBL	Pass	?

♠43 ♥7542 ♦J1053 ♣K84 -- Bid 2NT (lebensohl). Over 3♣, you'll bid 3♦ to show the very weak sign-off hand.

♠J5 ♥Q654 ♦Q64 ♣Q753 -- With lebensohl, you can't make a natural 2NT bid. This is a very poor 7 pts. so evaluate it down and use the Lebensohl 2NT. You'll pass partner's 3♣.

♠K52 ♥732 ♦AJ643 ♣75 -- Bid 3♦ to show constructive values. If partner has extra values, he'll bid on.

♠AQ83 ♥742 ♦K873 ♣J9 -- Bid 2NT (lebensohl). You plan to invite by bidding 3♠ over partner's 3♣.

♠AQ1084 ♥4 ♦A1097 ♣1073 -- Bid 4♠. This hand is too good for a lebensohl sequence, which partner can pass.

### Specialized uses of lebensohl

Lebensohl can be a beneficial addition to your system if you limit it to just the standard treatments above. If you want to adopt some more advanced uses of the convention, you can add special sequences to distinguish between different types of forcing and invitational hands. We don't have the space here, so you will have to do the homework.

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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.

Larry Matheny

Unit 363 RECAP Editor

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# Player's Notes

By Larry Matheny

To be successful at the bridge table, complete concentration is essential. To accomplish this, it is vital to keep your emotions in check and sometimes that can be difficult. Here is an example from a few years ago where my partner let an opponent upset him.

Scoring: Matchpoints

<p><b>Dir N</b> <b>Vul E-W</b></p> <p>♠ A65 ♥ A873 ♦ ♣ AK9843</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>♠ Q8 ♥ J42 ♦ AJ107 ♣ J765</p>	<p>♠ K10943 ♥ 109 ♦ Q98432 ♣</p>	<p>♠ J72 ♥ KQ65 ♦ K65 ♣ Q102</p>	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♦*</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>6♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>7♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	West	North	East	South		1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass	
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\*Splinter

**BIDDING:** Our opponents had just overbid to a slam and brought it home on two finesses. If that wasn't bad enough, East was gloating. As we started on the second of three hands I could tell my partner in the North chair was very angry. His splinter bid of 4♦ showed a big hand with diamond shortness and heart support. I realized my diamond king was very likely worthless so I signed off in 4♥. Still agitated, my partner next cue bid 4♠. I knew he must have a great hand with a good club suit so I jumped to the slam. However, my partner was not done and gave East a dirty look as he carried on to the grand slam.

**PLAY:** The ten of hearts was led and assuming normal breaks, I could only count eleven tricks: 1 spade, 4 hearts, and 6 clubs. The trumps had to be 3-2 and my only other source of tricks would be diamond ruffs in dummy. The problem was lack of entries to my hand. My only choice was to use the club suit so I won the heart lead in dummy and played another to my hand. It appeared West was now out of hearts. I ruffed a diamond in dummy followed by a club toward my hand. I stuck in the ten, closed my eyes, and I won the trick as West showed out. I then ruffed another diamond and came back to my hand with the club queen to draw the last trump.

Now it was on to the third hand and East was very angry...



# Alert Procedures

From Steve Turner

(The 3rd of a series on the subject of Alerts)

## PART III: PRE-ALERTS

Pre-Alerts are designed to act as an early warning system of any unusual methods for which the opponents may need to prepare. Pre-Alerts must be given before the auction period begins on the first board of a round or match.

### 1. "TWO-SYSTEM" METHODS

Some pairs vary their system by position, by vulnerability, or a combination of the two. While this is legal, it is also something the opponents may need to know ahead of time. One example of this is agreeing to play a forcing-club system not vulnerable and "two over one" vulnerable. Minor variations such as varying notrump range or jump overcall strength by vulnerability do not require a pre-Alert. These methods still require normal Announcements (notrump ranges, transfers, or Alerts (forcing Stayman over some notrump ranges) when appropriate.

As an aside, please note that it is not legal to vary your system during a session for subjective reasons, such as skill level of the opponents, which you happen to be playing at the time, or which member of the partnership is making the call. You may, of course, alter your defenses in response to the opponents' methods.

### 2. SYSTEMS BASED ON VERY LIGHT OPENINGS OR OTHER HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE METHODS

If it is your partnership's style to routinely open hands with fewer than 11 HCP, preempt with very weak (frequently worse than Qxxxx) suits, and/or overcalls with fewer than 6 HCP at the one level, the opponents must be pre-Alerted.

### 3. SYSTEMS THAT MAY BE FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAMILIAR TO THE OPPONENTS

Players are expected to be prepared for the vast majority of systems they may encounter at the bridge table. Common methods include either strong or weak notrumps with or without five-card majors. The forcing opening bid will most often be an artificial forcing opening of 1C or 2C.

When you play a system structured along different agreements than these, you should draw the opponents' attention to your convention card before the round begins. In short, if you play a system that most players would not immediately recognize (such as a canapé system) or one the opponents may wish to discuss before the auction begins (a 10-12 NT range with distributional requirements for minor-suit openings, for example), you are required to pre-Alert the opponents.

## PART IV: DOUBLES, REDOUBLES, AND PASSES

Except for those doubles with highly unusual or unexpected meanings, doubles do not require an Alert.

1S - P - 4C (splinter bid) - Dbl If this double asks for the lead of any suit other than clubs, an Alert is required.

1H - Dbl or 1D - P - 1S - Dbl If either double is penalty or lead directing only, an Alert is required.

3H - Dbl or 3H - P - P - Dbl If either double is penalty, an Alert is required.

Passes or redoubles with highly unusual or unexpected meanings require an Alert.

1C - P - 1S - Dbl - Rdbl If redouble shows three-card spade support rather than a good hand, an Alert is required.

1S - P - 2C - 2S - P If the pass says "I do not want a spade lead on defense, an Alert is required.

## PART IV: NOTRUMP OPENINGS, RESPONSES AND REBIDS

### Conventional notrump openings and overcalls require an Alert.

Systemically unbalanced or conventional 1NT openings or overcalls by an unpassed hand, when permitted, and openings at the two level or higher with an unusual range or conventional meaning, require an Alert.

Example: 1C – P – 1S – 1NT If this shows the other two suits, an Alert is required.

HOWEVER, after P – 1C – P – 1S – 1NT NO Alert is required.

### Natural 1NT opening bids require an Announcement.

Example: 1NT (showing 12-14 HCP) Partner says immediately, “twelve to fourteen”.

Example: 1NT (showing 15-17 HCP) Partner says immediately, “fifteen to seventeen”.

Example: 1NT (showing 14 HCP with a five-card suit to 17 without a five-card suit) partner says immediately, “fourteen plus to seventeen minus”.

Natural 1NT overcalls in the range of 14 to 19 HCP require neither an Alert nor an Announcement. If the top or bottom limit of the natural overcall is out of that range or conventional by an unpassed hand, an Alert is required.

TO BE CONTINUED.



## Pre-dealt Hands and Hand Records

By Larry Matheny

The subject of pre-dealt hands from a computer program arouses a great deal of debate. It seems to be a love-hate subject. For some, to be able to take a hand record home for later review and discussion with their partner is of great value. Others feel the hands generated by the program are skewed beyond normal expectation and somehow affect the results of the contracts. In reality, the computer hands are completely random and actually give a truer distribution than those created by the imperfect shuffling of humans. (I have reviewed this with Brent Manley at ACBL and have tons of data on this if anyone is interested.)

In the past two months alone I have encountered more eight and nine card suits from cards shuffled by people than I would ever expect from a computer. It is noteworthy that during this period I have not heard a single person comment on these wild hands. However, if you get two or more hands with seven card suits dealt by the computer, there is always someone who screams that the computer has struck again.

The ACBL has used computer dealt hands for decades. This allows the hands to be duplicated across the sections in order to give a fair comparison of scores while also providing the players hand records for discussion during the dinner break. There is no doubt as bridge continues to move into the electronic age that pre-dealt hands are going to be the norm. I urge everyone to keep an open mind and take advantage of the hands records; they are useful learning tools.



## UNIT 363 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Your Unit Board is seeking input regarding ways to improve our bridge environment. Please take the time to complete this survey letting us know your likes and dislikes. Simply remove this page from the newsletter (or print it if you receive an on-line copy) and give the completed survey to any club manager, board member, or mail it to Larry Matheny at the address shown at the end of the newsletter. You may sign the form or remain anonymous. Please return the survey by April 30, 2006. Thank you in advance for your help.

Before the survey begins, here is some background on our organization. The ACBL is made up of 25 districts and we are one of 23 units that comprise District 17. Each unit is responsible for the various club games and unit games as well as the sectionals held each year. This survey will focus on those three categories.

### Local Clubs

In which games do you play regularly? Check all that apply.

- Ft. Collins Monday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_
- Ft. Collins Tuesday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_
- Greeley Wednesday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_
- Ft. Collins Wednesday Night \_\_\_\_\_
- Ft. Collins Thursday Night \_\_\_\_\_
- Ft. Collins Friday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_
- Greeley Friday Night \_\_\_\_\_

B. What more do you want from the local clubs?

- 1. Lessons Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_
- 2. Mentors Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_
- 3. More team games Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_
- 4. Other (please specify)

C. Do you prefer pre-dealt hands with hand records? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_

D. Do you like won-loss or Victory Point scoring for the team games?

Win-loss\_\_\_\_ Victory Points \_\_\_\_ No Opinion\_\_\_\_

E. Are you satisfied with your local clubs? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_

F. How can we improve our local clubs?

## Unit Games

- A. What starting times do you prefer for the two-session games?
1. 9:30 and 2:30 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. 1:00 and 6:30 \_\_\_\_\_
  3. 10:00 and 3:00 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What location do you prefer?
1. Elks club in Ft. Collins \_\_\_\_\_
  2. All Saints church in Loveland \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do you like a lesson before the session? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_
- D. For two-session events, do you prefer: (rank your choice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)
1. Catered meals \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Going to restaurants \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Pot-Luck \_\_\_\_\_

## Sectional Tournaments

- A. Are you satisfied with The Ranch as our location? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_
- B. What changes do you recommend for our sectionals?

**Other Comments – Please let us know what we can do to improve.**

# MILESTONES

## **BIG GAMES REPORTED (JAN 2006-MAR 2006)**

JAN 12, 2006 70.45% LOUIS DALKE – GERRILOU MARTIN

## **MASTERPOINT MILESTONES**

### **JUNIOR MASTER – 5 MASTERPOINTS**

CURTIS CRAMER  
WALTER DALKE  
WALTER GATES  
WALTER HUTTON  
MIRIAM JOHNSON  
THEO MEYER  
FRANK NECKEL  
KAY NECKEL  
LLOYD PARKER  
JOHN SUTHERLAND  
LUCILLE TAKES  
JULIE WERTZ

### **CLUB MASTER – 20-50 MASTERPOINTS**

RONALD ALEXANDER  
MARILYN ROBERTS  
GEORGE VARRA  
LINDA WYATT

### **SECTIONAL MASTER – 50 Masterpoints**

John Krueger  
Larry Martin  
Elizabeth Varra

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

JANE CLARK  
STEVEN EGGLESTON

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

DARRELL WYATT

### **BRONZE LIFE MASTER – 500 MASTERPOINTS**

SANDRA DAVIS

### **GOLD LIFE MASTER – 2,500 MASTERPOINTS**

LARRY MATHENY

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Lolita Gefroh  
Patricia Gossman  
Walter Hutton  
Patricia Markley  
Trudy Owen  
Shirley Smith  
Suzy Smith  
Al Walsh  
Kathleen Zimmerman

## **Transferred into Unit**

Kurt Freund  
Twila Slesnick  
Timothy Watson

## **NEW BRIDGE CLUB OPENS IN ESTES PARK**

John Krueger is the manager of the new duplicate club in Estes Park. They meet at 1:00 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the Methodist Church, 1509 Fish Hatchery road. This is an open game and is stratified. Please call 970-577-0657 to reserve a spot or request a partner.

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# 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

*Choice City Duplicate Bridge Club*

SENIOR CENTER – 1200 RAINTREE DRIVE

MARLENE ARANCI ----- 223-0046

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

*FORT COLLINS DUPLICATE PLAYERS CLUB*

Elk's Lodge – 140 East Oak

Ginny Steele-----224-5761

Wed – 6:45-----Open, Teams 1<sup>st</sup> Wed

The Fort Fun Bridge Club

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 305 E. ELIZABETH STR.

Marilyn Pultz & Bill Follis-----970-980-5366

[FunBridge@comcast.net](mailto:FunBridge@comcast.net)

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

NOTE: DURING APRIL, LESSONS AT 5:40 BUT NO SUPPER.

The RECAP  
% Larry Matheny  
941 Alexandria Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538-1573

## BRUSH

*FORT MORGAN BRIDGE CLUB*

DON MITCHELL -----842-4719

1<sup>st</sup>, 3rd Mon – 6:30 -----Carroll Building----- Invitational

Wed – 12:30 ----- Carroll Building----- Open

## NIWOT

LONGMONT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

THE LEFTHAND GRANGE - 2ND & FRANKLIN

MARLENE ARANCI-----223-0046

THUR – 7:15----- OPEN

## GREELEY

JUNE EWALD-----506-0863

*THE GREELEY CLUB*

NEW FRONTIER BANK – 2425 35<sup>TH</sup> AVE

Wed – 12:00----- Open Game

New Frontier Bank – 2425 35<sup>th</sup> Ave

Fri – 6:45 -----Open Game

## Estes Park

Estes Park Duplicate Club

Methodist Church – 1509 Fish Hatchery Road

John Krueger-----970-577-0657

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays-1:00-----Open, Stratified

Call to reserve a spot or partner.

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