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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Larry Matheny

Losing a member of our bridge community is never easy but sometimes there is a loss that is especially difficult. That is the case with the recent death of Steve Turner. On a personal note, Steve was my partner and my friend. On a larger level, Steve was our "Mr. Bridge". His contributions to the Northern Colorado Unit over the past 34 years are too numerous to list. He was always a gentleman and will be missed by all who knew him. Thank you, Steve, from all of us.

The cup presented to the unit member winning the most masterpoints in the Winter Sectional has been renamed the **Steve Turner Memorial Trophy**.



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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Record-Breaking Winter Sectional

By Marilyn Pultz

Our Northern Colorado Winter Sectional drew record attendance. We totaled 330 tables; the most ever, and up 21% from last year's Winter Sectional. What's really remarkable is that last year's Winter Sectional showed a 43% increase over 2006. Congratulations go to all who helped with a special "job well done" to co-chairs Bill Dorin and Andrea French. They did a great job organizing and coordinating, and finding lots of members to help. And thanks to everyone in the Unit who helped make this tournament a wonderful success.

We're doing a few things right – we added a Bracketed Knockout on Friday-Saturday and 199er Swiss Teams on Sunday. Players loved these events and turned out enthusiastically for them. The weather cooperated, the lunch was good on Sunday, and our snacks are becoming legendary.

Here are the tournament results.

### Bracketed Knockouts

#### Bracket Winner

- 1 **Kitty Cooper, Steven Cooper**  
David Caprera, **Varis Carey**
- 2 Bill Brackett, William Horton,  
Larry Dolan, Ralph Cox
- 3 **Walt Hutton, Ron Alexander,**  
**Andrea French – Gail Hanson**

### Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

#### A B C

- 1 Paul Witonsky, Dick Duff
- 2 Jan Janitschke, Sanjoy Dasgupta
- 3 **Jim LaForce, Dawn Foltz**
  - 1 **Rita Koch, Judith Davis**
  - 2 Barbara Gallagher, Peggy Ware
  - 3 Bob Martin, Barbara O'Grady
    - 1 Dee Warnecke, Ann Krump
    - 2 **J. Brundage, Sally Harper**
    - 3 **Warren Thomas, B. Semryck**

### Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs

#### D E F

- 1 1 1 **Rena Hansch, Valorie White**
- 2 2 2 Carol Casteel, Wendy Leonard
- 3 **Walter & Louise Dalke**
  - 3 3 Roberta Scaer, Lorry Cashatt

### Friday Afternoon Open Side Pairs

#### A B C

- 1 M. Gutschenritter, **Gil Merrill**
- 2 **Mary Evenson, Ruth Logan**
- 3 **Judith Davis, Larry Mason**
- ½ ½ Floyd Bilderback, David Meecker
- ½ ½ **George & Liz Varra**
- 3 **Fiona Freeseaman, Liz Enright**

### Friday Eve. Strati-flighted A/X Pairs

#### A X

- 1 1 Paul Witonsky, Dick Duff
- 2 2 Barbara Gallagher, Peggy Ware
- 3 3 Nancy Rassbach, Laura Rassbach

### Friday Evening 199er Pairs

#### D E F

- ½ **Joan Buhlmann, Esther Cenac**
- ½ Carol Ward, Patricia Frazier
- 3 Virginia Miller, Anita Hilim
- 2 Eric Mead, Jack Carver
- 3 2 Donald Peterson, Sandy Hensley
- 3 Carol Casteel, Wendy Leonard

### Friday Evening Strati-flighted Pairs

#### B C D

- 1 David Porter, John Gallagher
- 2 1 1 **Bill Darden, Mel Rueppel**
- 3 2 **RJ Hanna & Virginia Hanna**
  - ¾ **Robert & Judith Butcher**
  - ¾ 2 Joshua Seilaff, Carol Alameda

### Saturday Morning Open Pairs

#### A B C

- 1 1 Sandra Furman, Anne Marchant
- 2 2 1 Elizabeth Bodde, B. Stevenson
- 3 3 2 Virginia Miller, Anita Hilim

### Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

#### D E F

- 1 1 Eric Mead, Carol Ward
- 2 **Beth McGregor, Jane Boulter**
- 3 Corley Friesen, Ron Alexander
- 2 **Nancy Rattmann, Irma Maston**
- 3 **Bill & Gail Greeley**
- 1 **Rena Hansch, Valorie White**
- 2 Wendy Leonard, Carol Casteel
- 3 Rosemary Getsie, Debbie Shaffer

### Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

#### A B C

- 1 David Caprera – **Varis Carey**
- 2 Norma Sands – M. Anderson
- 3 Janet Degrazia – Jean Grunwald
- 1 Audrius Mizeikis – Joanna Chau
- 2 Peggy Ware – Spencer Jones
- 3 Laurah Limbrick – Curt Soloff
- 1 Rick Clelland – John Hart
- 2 Robert Martin – Pierre Campbell
- 3 Robert & Judith Butcher

### Saturday Evening 199er Pairs

#### D E F

- 1 **Carol Shafer, Jane Clark**
- 2 1 Carol Ward, Eric Mead
- 3 Michael Morter, George Hearne
- 2 1 S. Hammond, David Keenan
- 3 Jane Baryames, **M. Nickodemus**
- 2 Joyce Bograd, Judith Walker

### Sat Eve Strat Side Pairs

#### A B

- 1 1 **Sue & Brad Simmons**
- 2 2 Virginia Miller, Anita Hilim
- 3 Floyd Bilderback, David Meeker

### Sunday Strati-flighted A/X Teams

#### A X

- 1 **Kitty Cooper & Steven Cooper,**  
**Varis Carey** – David Caprera
- 2 Ernest Skolnik, **Jim LaForce,**  
Roger Pennell & Hachy Pennell
- 3 Chuck Henke & Pat Hencke,  
Donald Boyarsky, Paul Witonsky
- 1 Brandon Sheumaker, Dom De Felice  
Margaret Devere, Jon Brandon
- 2 **Barbara Meier, Gil Merrill,**  
**Billie Turner,** M. Gutschenritter
- 3 **Stella O'Neill, Ken Nelson,**  
**Ginny Steele,** Dolores Landwehr

### Sunday Strati-flighted B/C/D Swiss Teams

#### B C D

- 1 Rey Pana, Ruth Pana,  
Joe Marci, Kethy Marci
- 2 Nancy Benedict, Carol Bertz,  
Gerald Benedict, Joan Mater
- 3 Marty Freedman, Ellen Freedman,  
Judith Hardie, Denise Desbarats
- 1 **Walt Hutton, Ron Alexander,**  
**George Varra – Liz Varra**
- 1 Elizabeth Bodde, B. Stevenson,  
Debbie Narrod – Ann Petkun

### Sunday Stratified 199er Swiss Teams

#### D E F

- 1 Graeme Hennessey, Irene Bock,  
Mindy Smith, Thad Smith
- 2 1 1 S. McCammon, T. McCammon,  
Hans & Sandra Kuschnerus
- 3 2 Robert Martin, Debbie Shaffer,  
John Rifkin, Pamela Rifkin

Varis Carey from Fort Collins won the **Steve Turner trophy** for most masterpoints won by a unit player.

Total masterpoints: 1267.98 earned by 354  
players.

Total attendance: 330 tables.

<b>1</b>	<b>53.45</b>	<b>Varis Carey, Fort Collins</b>
2	53.45	David Caprera, Evergreen CO
<b>3</b>	<b>36.56</b>	<b>Steven Cooper, Fort Collins</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>36.56</b>	<b>Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins</b>
5	27.62	Paul Witonsky, Denver CO
6	19.51	Peggy Ware, Denver CO
7	18.63	Norma Sands, Denver CO
<b>8</b>	<b>17.97</b>	<b>James La Force, Greeley CO</b>
9	14.84	Dick Duff, Denver CO
10	14.82	Ernest Skolnik, Denver CO
11	14.77	Jan Janitschke, Littleton CO
12	14.20	Jean Grunwald, Golden CO
13	13.26	Roger Pennell, Aurora CO
14	13.26	Hachy Pennell, Aurora CO
15	13.13	Merrell Anderson, Littleton CO
16	12.78	Chuck Henke, Aurora CO
17	12.35	Spencer Jones, Denver CO
18	12.21	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO
19	11.42	En Hay, Littleton CO
20	9.84	Janet Degrazia, Boulder CO
21	9.28	Pat Henke, Aurora CO
22	9.28	Donald Boyarsky, Aurora CO
23	9.02	Garth Yettick, Denver CO
24	8.95	Nancy Rassbach, Westminster CO
<b>25</b>	<b>8.91</b>	<b>Stella O'Neill, Fort Collins</b>
26	8.86	Carol Ward, Arvada CO
27	8.46	Fred Herring, Aurora CO
28	8.09	Eric Mead, Lakewood CO
29	8.08	William Brackett, Longmont CO
<b>30</b>	<b>8.04</b>	<b>Ron Alexander, Fort Collins</b>
31	7.80	Barbara Gallagher, Littleton CO
32	7.63	Ruth Pana, Englewood CO
33	7.63	Rey Pana, Englewood CO
34	7.63	Kathy Marci, Denver CO
35	7.63	Joe Marci, Denver CO
36	7.38	Kenneth Stuckey, Arvada CO
37	7.36	Dom Di Felice, Denver CO
38	7.36	Brandon Sheumaker, Golden CO
39	7.35	Walter Rassbach, Westminster CO
40	7.29	Joanna Chau, Arvada CO
41	7.29	Audrius Mizeikis, Denver CO
42	6.96	William Horton, Boulder CO
43	6.96	Ralph Cox, Niwot CO
44	6.96	Larry Dolan, Boulder CO
<b>45</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>Walter Hutton, Fort Collins</b>
46	6.46	Laura Rassbach, Boulder CO
47	6.42	Flo Newlin, Aurora CO
48	6.42	Cal Newlin Jr, Aurora CO
49	6.33	M. Gutschenritter, North Platte
<b>50</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>Gil Merrill, Fort Collins</b>

# UNIT GAMES CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

Two Unit games have been held at the Episcopal Church in Loveland since our last report and were all well attended. We had a great turnout of 17 teams playing in the two-session GNT qualifying game (Grand National Teams) in January and the March Pairs game had 16 tables.

Results for each game are reported below:

## January GNT Qualifying Game Results

### A B C

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| 1   | Jon Gustafson, Neil Petrie, Larry Matheny,<br>Jim LaForce, Steve Turner, Bill Stoltey |
| 2 1 | Barbara Gustafson, Stella O'Neill,<br>Ken Nelson, Linda Nelson                        |
| 3 2 | Nancy Shively, Linda Agee,<br>Doris Ekedahl, Fiona Freeseaman                         |
| 3   | Eric Kronwall, Bruce Sellers,<br>Marilyn Pultz, Peter Miller                          |
| 1   | Bill Dorin, Jane Clark,<br>Bill Greeley, Gail Greeley                                 |

## March Unit Championship Game-- Overall Results

### A B C

- |     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1 1 | Gladys Agan – Ruth Roden       |
| 2   | Jon Gustafson – Neil Petrie    |
| 3 2 | Julie Larson – Ed Yosses       |
| 3 1 | Zoel Marinson – Art Walsh      |
| 2   | Bill Darden – Mel Rueppel      |
| ¾   | Martha Lee – Jerry Potter      |
| ¾   | Bobbye Semryck – Warren Thomas |

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## Coming Events

The following Unit sponsored events are coming up in the next few months. We have added a playing site for the warmer summer months. The June, July, and August games will be in the air-conditioned comfort of **St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 East Elizabeth, in Ft. Collins.** All other games will continue to be at the **All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3448 Taft Avenue, in Loveland.** 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 19, 2008**

**STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND ~2:30**

**STRATS – A (UNLIMITED), B (1000), C (300)**

**ENTRY FEE – \$6/PERSON EACH SESSION**

**PIZZA, SALAD, AND SOFT DRINKS FOR \$6 PER PERSON WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN SESSIONS.**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A BRIEF MEETING TO RECOGNIZE THE 2007 ACE OF CLUB AND MINI-McKENNY WINNERS.**

### **STAC PAIRS GAME**

**EVENT – SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS**

**DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008**

**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 7, 2008**

**STARTING TIME – LESSON AT NOON, GAME AT 1:00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE - \$6/PERSON**

**YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EXCELLENT BOOKLET WITH THOROUGH ANALYSES OF THE HANDS.**

# BEWARE OF BRIDGE

Author Unknown

Bridge is a highly contagious, progressive and incurable disease. WHO estimates there are currently between 50 and 100 million infected people worldwide. Unlike other epidemics of this scale, bridge attacks primarily in developed countries. While rarely fatal, the disease has enormous negative impact on the lives of infected individuals and on the whole society.

**Etiology** - Earlier theories assumed that bridge is an addictive drug, much like alcohol. In 1976, however, two independent teams of Dutch and American scientists isolated *Bacillus bridgeus*, a very small bacteria-causing bridge. This discovery explains why earlier treatment programs such as 'Bridge Players Anonymous' were unsuccessful. *Bacillus bridgeus* transmits primarily via contact with bridge players. Once inside human body, it lodges itself in the brain, where it attacks the parts responsible for higher cognitive functions. During the tertiary stage (see under symptoms) of bridge, the patient's brain is little more than a tool for *Bacillus bridgeus* to transmit itself to other victims.

**Origins of the epidemics** - The bridge epidemic started around 1890, almost simultaneously in Great Britain and in the USA. It appears that a relatively benign bacteria-causing whist mutated itself into *Bacillus bridgeus*. While the reasons for this mutation are not completely determined, a likely hypothesis suggests that it was a result of exposure of the whist bacteria to high doses of alcohol and boredom among civil servants in certain parts of the British Empire (mostly Egypt and India).

**Symptoms and relief** - Stage 1 - which is not at all unpleasant, the infected individual enjoys an occasional social game of bridge and does not think of bridge in between those. Only a small area of brain has been attacked and there are not infrequent reports of a spontaneous arrest of the disease and even of complete recovery.

Stage 2 - usually marked by the victim starting to analyze the hand just played. It can be also recognized from the fact of the patient buying the first bridge book, usually with a title like 'Improve your play technique' or 'Killing defense at bridge'. During this stage the victim often joins a bridge club and participates in the first tournament. Once this happens, the prognosis is almost always bad.

Stage 3 - can be current World Champions, winners of the Bermuda Bowl and other major tournaments. It is also marked by the patient owning a full bookshelf of bridge books and/or a subscription to a bridge magazine. At this stage the infected individual loses interest in other pursuits, is a common sight on the tournament circuit, and often dabbles in bridge theory. In extreme cases the victim neglects even the most elementary functions such as eating or sleeping. There may be periods of marked improvement, which often lull the patient and concerned relatives into a false sense of security (with the patient thinking 'I can take it or I can leave it'), it is important to recognize that a relapse is unavoidable. Nevertheless, some symptomatic relief can be achieved by simple methods such as getting the victim interested in other pursuits (sex, fly-fishing, crocheting), taking away his/her pocket money, and keeping the patient locked up during club games and local tournaments.

**Cure** - Currently, the only available cure for bridge is lobotomy. This is performed only in extreme cases.

**Prevention** - Bridge is highly contagious. Conservative estimates indicate that it is 65 times as contagious as chess and about 5-6 times as the most infectious of the so-called Nintendo-viral group (which usually attack only children and adolescents and disappear, without causing any damage, upon victim's reaching the adulthood). Thus it is very hard to prevent a bridge infection. One should avoid any contact whatsoever with bridge players. If complete avoidance is impossible, do not allow the infected individual talk about bridge and never, ever agree to be 'introduced to bridge'. Recently published results of a 20-year long study by John R. Williams of the Hopkins University lead to surprising conclusions. Thus it is not particularly risky to be in company of bridge carriers, when their number is divisible by 4. On the other hand, it is extremely dangerous to be alone with 3 (or 7, 11, etc.) bridge players for a prolonged period of time (a cruise, chalet holiday, etc.). The reasons for this dichotomy are at present completely unknown and underline our lack of knowledge about *Bacillus bridgeus*.

**Cautionary Note:** Do not travel on the North Atlantic before, during or after hurricane season because this bizarre disease may strike you down or even sink you!


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# Player's Notes

By Larry Matheny

Blackwood is one of the most frequently used and abused conventions. It should be employed when you know you want to be in slam unless you are missing two aces. If the response to 4NT doesn't answer your question, then you probably should not have used it. This hand is a good example of just that.

East-West vulnerable at IMPs.

Hand #1	♠ KJ54	West	North	East	South
Dir S	♥ AJ5	Pass	3♣	Pass	1♠
Vul E/W	♦ 1098	Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
	♣ K53	All Pass			6♣
♠ 76					1♠
♥ 732					
♦ AK74					4♣
♣ 10874					5♣
	♠ AQ10983	Pass	3♣	Pass	
	♥ KQ4	Pass	4♥	Pass	
	♦ Q3	All Pass			
	♣ AQ				

**BIDDING:** North's bid of 3♣ showed four-card support and 10-12 high card points. South held a monster hand and knew he was in slam range. In the first auction South used Blackwood to discover his partner held one ace and promptly bid the slam. In the second auction, South realized that he could lose two diamonds as well as a heart. He cue bid 4♣ and after his partner cue bid the ace of hearts, South jumped to 5♣. This asked North for either first or second round control of diamonds, the unbid suit. (On the previous round of bidding, North denied the diamond ace when he skipped over the suit to bid 4♥, but he could hold the king or a singleton.) North had an easy pass.

**PLAY:** West quickly cashed the top two diamonds leaving the second South relieved and the first one with an irate partner. Holding a small doubleton in an unbid suit is a danger sign so remember, if the question is WHICH aces rather than HOW MANY aces, Blackwood may not help.

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# New Minor Forcing

By Larry Matheny

Here's a frequent bidding dilemma:

♠KQ954 ♥A72 ♦J5 ♣K82 -- Partner opens 1♦, you respond 1♣, and partner rebids 1NT. You know you want to bid game, but which game? If partner has three spades, a 4♣ contract rates to play better. If partner has only two spades, you'd rather play 3NT.

Many pairs solve this problem with a treatment called **New Minor Forcing**. This is a simple bidding agreement that specifies that after the first round of bidding, responder's rebid of two of the unbid (new) minor is forcing for at least one round. (This is an artificial bid and must be alerted.) It asks opener for more information about his hand; first, his length in the suit responder has already bid, and second, the strength of his hand.

As responder, you use New Minor Forcing at your second turn to bid. You should have at least **invitational strength** (a good 10-11+ pts.) and some doubt about what the final contract should be. In most cases, you have a five-card major and want to know whether or not partner has a fit. With the example hand above, clubs is the new minor, so after 1♦-1♣-1NT, you would rebid 2♣ to force. Your bid doesn't promise club length or even a stopper -- it only asks opener to bid again and tell you more about his hand.

## Opener's Rebids

After partner bids the new minor, your first obligation as opener is to show support for his major. You do this by making a "delayed raise" to two of his suit. In the example above, your auction would go 1♦ by you - 1♣ by partner - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠. Your 2♠ rebid shows exactly three spades (you already denied four-card spade support when you rebid 1NT). This uncovers your eight-card fit, so your partner will jump directly to 4♣ with the example hand. If you rebid anything else over partner's New Minor Forcing bid, you **deny** three-card length in his major. Your second priority is to show an unbid four-card major. In the example above, you would rebid 2♥ if you held two spades and four hearts.

If you don't have three spades **or** four hearts, you have to find another descriptive rebid. You can choose 2NT with a balanced hand, or 2♦ if you have a five-card suit. In all of these cases, partner will now know that you have only a seven-card spade fit, so he can choose the 3NT game. As opener, you should also show your point-count with your rebid. Since responder promises at least invitational strength, you should make a **jump rebid** if you have a maximum hand that will accept a game invitation. After partner bids 2♣ in the auction above, you would jump to 3♣ if you had strong three-card support and a good 13 or 14 pts. If you had only a doubleton spade and a good 13-14 pts., you would jump to 3NT.

## Responder's Third Bid

After you use New Minor Forcing, opener's rebid will tell you whether or not you have an eight-card fit in your suit. **Your** next bid should tell opener whether you have **forcing** or **invitational** strength. With the example hand above, you have **forcing values** (13+ pts.), so your next bid will be at game level. If opener rebids 2♠ to show three-card support, you'll bid 4♣. If opener rebids anything else (2♦, 2♥, 2NT), you know you have only a seven-card spade fit, so you'll choose 3NT.

If you have only **invitational values** (10-11 pts.), you'll make your rebid at a lower level. Here's an example: ♠983 ♥QJ763 ♦A5 ♣KJ4 -- Partner opens 1♦, you bid 1♥, and he rebids 1NT. To start an invitational auction and check on partner's heart length, bid 2♣ (New Minor Forcing). Here are opener's possible rebids and the actions you should take at your next turn to bid.

**If opener's second bid is:**

**2♦** (denying three hearts) -- Rebid **2NT** to invite game. There's no reason to bid hearts again.

**2♥** (minimum opener with three hearts) -- Pass or bid **3♥** to invite game.

**2NT** (minimum opener with two or fewer hearts) -- **Pass**.

**3♥** (extra values with good three-card heart support) -- Bid **4♥**.

**3NT** (extra values with two or fewer hearts) -- **Pass**.

**Other situations**

You can (and should) use New Minor Forcing when you are 5-4 in the majors and have invitational-or-better strength.

**♠AK1063 ♥K1065 ♦4 ♣964** -- Partner opens 1♣, you respond 1♠, and partner bids 1NT. In this auction (after opener rebids 1NT), a bid of 2♥ by you should show a **weak hand** (6-9 pts.) with no interest in game -- it promises five spades and four+ hearts and asks opener to pass or bid 2♣ if he prefers that suit. To show an **invitational or better** hand, bid 2♦ (yes, even with a singleton!) to force. This will allow you to find an 8-card fit in **either** major. If partner has three spades, he'll bid 2♣ and you'll raise to 3♣ to invite. If he has two spades and four hearts, he'll bid 2♥ and you can invite a heart game with by raising to 3♥.

There are also hands where you have a four card major plus support for opener's minor suit.

**♠KQ84 ♥A97 ♦AKJ95 ♣7** -- Partner opens 1♦, you respond 1♠, and your partner rebids 1NT. A rebid by you of 2♦ would be weak, a jump to 3♦ would be invitational, and so your only recourse is to use New Minor Forcing. If partner now bids 2♥ or 2♣, you can bid 3♦ to show a **forcing** hand with four+ diamonds. It is your third bid that explains **why** you used New Minor.

This treatment can also be used when opener makes a jump rebid of 2NT.

**♠KQ854 ♥A82 ♦J5 ♣872** -- Partner opens 1♦, you respond 1♠, and partner rebids 2NT. You want to be in either 3NT or 4♠ depending upon opener's spade holding. A rebid of 3♠ would show six+ spades so we use new minor. After your artificial 3♣ bid, opener will bid 3♣ with support, 3♥ holding four hearts and only two spades, and 3NT with all other holdings.

Another benefit is when you hold: **♠KQ854 ♥A982 ♦J5 ♣72** -- partner opens 1♦, you respond 1♠, and again he jumps to 2NT. If you now bid 3♥, partner will not know if you hold five hearts or only four. He will not know what to bid when his distribution is 2-3-4-4. The solution is to bid 3♥ when you are 5-5 (or greater) in the majors, and use new minor when you are 5-4.

There are different versions of New Minor Forcing so be sure and discuss this with your partner before adding it to your card.



# The Ethics Dilemma

By Steve Turner

The 2nd of a series of tales with the Woeful Wombie

The gorpulus remained quiet.....reword.....speechless. Witnessing such an abysm was beyond even a wombie's character framework. Alas, without further containments, the gorpulus squeamed to the wombie: "My friend, the issue before us is this: Not only was it not your turn in rotation, but the nature of your questions is of the eyebrow raising kind. The opponent's bid was indeed alerted and explained as forcing and artificial, and that his partner's bid promised nothing about the suit's contents".

"At this point, before your turn to call, you questioned the opponents as thus: "Is that a real suit? Does it promise length of any nature?" This is dire, my friend, as it suggests, knowingly, or otherwise, that you desire the lead of that suit, and any director of sound judgment and discipline would agree and act accordingly with a 'misinformation' ruling or severe warning. Was the convention not explained to your satisfaction?"

"Of my opinion, it is this: If there is no 'bridge move' or 'bridge reason' to gain such knowledge from the answer to be provided, you do not have a 'need to know', especially out of turn. It is of dubiousness to ask these questions, even in proper rotation, unless you are prepared to take some form of immediate action in the auction."

"Admittingly", uttered the wombie, "I was perverse in my view and I now feel woeful, but refreshed, upon the obtainment of your wisdom and rearsight. Grateful I am and shall share this knowledge with our bihorts".



## DID YOU KNOW

By Dawn Fultz

There are several circumstances involving a missing card covered by Law 14. This is just one such case:

After the play of the hand has begun, it is discovered that one player is missing a card--for example, at trick 10 he notices that he has two cards and everyone else has three. If the missing card is found (not among the turned tricks, e.g. on the floor), it is restored to the player's hand. This card is deemed to have belonged to the hand continuously, therefore it may become a penalty card and failure to have played it may constitute a revoke and subject to the revoke penalties just like any other revoke.

Adapted from "DUPLICATE DECISIONS, A CLUB DIRECTOR'S GUIDE FOR RULING AT THE TABLE"



# MILESTONES

## MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

JUNIOR MASTER – 5 MASTERPOINTS  
LOLITA GEFROH  
JOHN SULLIVAN

CLUB MASTER – 20-50 MASTERPOINTS  
JERRY POTTER  
LUCILLE TAKES

REGIONAL MASTER – 100 MASTERPOINTS  
BILL DARDEN  
ANDREA FRENCH

NABC MASTER – 200 MASTERPOINTS  
FIONA FREESEMAN

Life Master - 300 MASTERPOINTS  
NORM WATT

BRONZE LIFE MASTER – 500 MASTERPOINTS  
LINDA NELSON

GOLD LIFE MASTER – 2500 MASTERPOINTS  
JIM LA FORCE

## NEW MEMBERS

Zoel Martinson  
Burke Snowden

## Transferred into Unit

Kitty & Steve Cooper from Albuquerque  
Marian Pendleton from Pueblo

## IN MEMORIAL

MARGE TATE  
STEVE TURNER



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. Also, if you can read or print your own copy of this newsletter from our website, please inform us so we can save on printing and postage costs.

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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  
Barb Meier-----282-4331  
Wed – 6:45-----Open, Teams 1<sup>st</sup> Wed

### **The Fort Fun Bridge Club**-----0-200 Game

St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St.  
Marilyn Pultz & Bill Follis-----970-980-5366  
[FunBridge@comcast.net](mailto:FunBridge@comcast.net)  
Thurs – 6:30 -Call for reservation or a partner

### **Senior Center Duplicate (non-ACBL sanctioned)**

Senior Center – 1200 Raintree Drive  
Mark Spaeth-----669-7329  
Fri – 11:30-----Open

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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 – 7:00-----Open

## Greeley

### **The Greeley Club**

June Ewald-----506-0863  
Greeley Senior Center – 1010 6th Street  
Wed – 12:00 -----Open Game  
Greeley Senior Center – 1010 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fri – 6:30 -----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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