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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

The RECAP

April 2013

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Larry Matheny

The average age of ABCL members has reached seventy and our unit is nearing that same lofty number. While I'm sure this is no surprise, it does remind us of the need to recruit younger members to keep this great game alive and well. There are plenty of people who play social bridge but for any number of reasons do not play duplicate. Let's all do some recruiting and when the new players arrive, let's greet them with our best manners.

Attendance was down a bit at our February sectional tournament, but it was a success by all other measures. A summary of the winners is on page four. The 2012 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners have been announced and a list of the winners is on page seven. The May unit game will be a STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) and in June we will participate in the World-Wide Pairs game. Be sure and mark your calendars for these special games.

In the meantime, support your local clubs and, as always, please contact any of the board members with suggestions or concerns.

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RESULTS & SCHEDULES

UNIT GAME REPORT

By Larry Matheny

Our unit games continue to be popular. Twenty one teams competed at our January game and in February we had 4 tables in the 199'er section along with 15 tables in the open game. A bad snow storm caused the March game to be cancelled. Here are the winners:

January GNT Qualifying Game

	A	B	C
Bill Darden, Melvin Rueppel, George Varra, Liz Varra	1	1	
Jon Gustafson, Larry Matheny, Neil Petrie, Bob Sherman		2	
Rob Southworth, P.K. Avery, Jean Norgaard, Duane Wall		3/4	
Andrea Kutscher, Paul Flanders, Cynthia Smith, Marwin Smith		3/4	
Rita Koch, Ruth Logan, Helen Fitzpatrick, J. Glittenberg			2
Glynn Sisson, Priscilla Sisson, Jerry Potter, Al Walsh		3	1
Suzy Fallon, Jane Harroff Michael Hansen, Lloyd Parker			2

February Unit Open Game

	A	B	C
Larry Matheny – Don Patterson	1		
Bill Darden – Mel Reuppel	2	1	
Rob Southworth – Norman Watt	3	2	
Stella O'Neill – Marcia Christopher		3	
Jim Hermanson – Shirley Smith			1
Walt Hutton – Jerry Potter			2
Zoel Martinson – Bette Dawson			3

February Unit 199'er Game

	D	E
Ann Johnson – Lee Johnson	1	1
Nancy Crow – Caroline McArthur	2	2
Susan Fallon – Lloyd Parker	3	

March Unit Championship

Cancelled - weather



Our Next Unit Games

The following Unit sponsored events are coming up in the next few months. Our playing site for the Unit games is **Saints John's Lutheran Church at 305 East Elizabeth Street in Ft. Collins.**

Spring Pairs Championship

Date – Saturday April 6, 2013

Time – Lesson: noon, game 1:00

Entry Fee – \$7/person each session

STAC Pairs Two Single Sessions

Date – Saturday, May 11, 2013

Time – 9:30, ~ 1:45

Entry Fee – \$7/person each session

Pizza, salad, and soft drinks for \$6 per person will be served between sessions.

World-Wide Pairs Game

Date – Saturday, June 8, 2013

Time – Lesson: noon, game: 1:00

Entry fee - \$8/person

You will receive an excellent booklet containing a thorough analysis.

July Pairs Championship Game

Date – Saturday, July 27, 2013

Time – Lesson: noon, game: 1:00

Entry Fee - \$7/person



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 me with any news, special events, or items of general interest including challenging and interesting bridge hands. You can even win a **free play** for one of our Unit games. Just send me a bridge problem from a local game, and if it's website material, you're a winner.

Larry Matheny
Unit 363 RECAP Editor



2013 WINTER SECTIONAL

Our Northern Colorado Winter Sectional welcomed 286 tables, a slight drop from last year. Congratulations go to all who helped and a special "job well done" to co-chairs John Blankinship and Bob Link. They did a great job of organizing, coordinating, and finding members to help. Carol Irvin won the Steve Turner Memorial Trophy awarded to the unit member winning the most masterpoints. Here are the tournament results followed by the top fifty masterpoint winners.

Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1 Winners

- 1 Flo Newlin, Cal Newlin Jr,
Spencer Jones, Peggy Ware,
- 2 Fred Herring, Suzanne Jones,
Don Heitler, Anita Heitler

Bracket 2 Winners

- 1 **Jasper Brundege, Carol Irvin,
John Blankinship, Frank Demeyer**
- 2 Ross Passarelli, Carolyn Passarelli,
Karen Lamb, Shirley Brown

Friday Morning 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 **Ann Dinsmoor - Esther Cenac**
- 2 2 Richard Munday - Anne Munday
- 3 3 1 **Jim Rattmann - Alfred Katzman**
2 **Susan Lowe - Joan Buhlmann**
3 **Mary Bopp - Chris Pisciotta**

Friday Morning Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 Carol Ward - Jeanne Gray
- 2 2 **Robert Solick - Alaelain Rachid**
- 3 Timothy Watson, Jeanne Achziger
2 2 **Walter Hutton - Jerry Potter**
3 Phyllis Coelho - Ravi Batra

Friday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 Judith Shinn - Rosemary Getsie
- 2 2 **Susan Lowe - Joan Buhlmann**
- 3 Penny Taylor - Carole McLennan
3 **Zoel Martinson - Bette Dawson**
1 **Nancy Crow - Caroline McArthur**
2 Jerry Eggleston - Patricia Stuehler

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 **Barbara Gustafson - M Aranci**
- 2 1 Jonathan Hellman - Gary Morrison
- 3 Blair Young - Ernie Young Jr.
2 1 **Melvin Rueppel - Gwenda Purdy**
3 1 **Nila Hobbs - Bob Link**

Friday Evening Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 Shirley Scott - Mary Olson
- 2 Gary Steiner - Michael Perlman
- 3 1 Jonathan Hellman - Gary Morrison
1 **Melvin Rueppel - Gwenda Purdy**
2 Jane Baryames - **Mary Ellen Nickodemus**

Friday Evening 299'er Pairs

D E

- 1 **John Wolf - Jim Wolf**
- 2/3 Margaret Barber - **Beverly Loehrke**
2/3 **Linda Meininger - Ardyce Cronin**

Saturday Morning 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 1 1 Harriet Strong - Dorothy Valuck
- 2 James Stuehler - Nancy Stuehler
- 3 2 2 **Beverly Loehrke - Margaret Barber**
3 Raymond Cole - Elizabeth Cole
3 Cynthia Marshall - John Marshall

Saturday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

D E F

- 1 Tony Allitto - Kathy Allitto
- 2 John Rifkin - Pamela Rifkin
- 3 1 1 Cheryl Yost - Jackie Flowers
2 2 **Michael Hansen - Linda Hansen**
3 3 **Glynn Sisson - Priscilla Sisson**

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

A B C

- 1 Spencer Jones - Peggy Ware
- 2 Jeanne Gray - Jeanne Achziger
- 3 Allen Kane - En Hay
1 Steven Dike - Andrea Kutscher
2 Ellen Freedman - Judith Hardie
3 Robert McKenzie - Robert Vetter Kutscher
1 **Frank Demeyer - John Blankinship**
2 Jared Johnson - Robert Battin
3 Timothy Auckland - Jenny Glendinning

Sunday Strati-flighted A/X Teams

A X

- 1 Fred Herring, Don Heitler,
Anita Heitler, Suzanne Jones
- 2 Donald Vancil, Roger Pennell,
Hachy Pennell, Chuck Henke
- 3 1 Haisam Osman, Jonathan Hellman,
Gary Morrison, Donald Boyarsky,
2 Thomas Goings, Victor Wells,
Judy Bredall, Brian Hegarty
- 3 Joan Kushner, Sheryl Siegel,
Robert McKenzie, Robert Vetter

Sunday Strati-flighted B/C Teams

B C D

- 1 **Carol Irvin, Andrea French,
Larry Hulse, Rhonda Huser**
- 2 1 Ole Nordhild, Gerdur Kristjansdottir,
Vince Botarelli, James Smith
- 3 2 Thad Smith, Mindy Smith,
Phyllis Coelho, John Childs
- 3 1 Michael Hupka, Ray Hedberg ,
Patrick Westfeldt Jr, Ben Younglove
- 2 Barbara Massey, **Rena Hansch,
Craig Snowden, Lee Bennett**
- 3 Tommie Kadotani, Bonnie Camp,
Melba Turner, Sandra Ahlquist

TOP FIFTY MASTERPOINT WINNERS

- 1 32.80 Spencer Jones
- 2 32.80 Peggy Ware
- 3 23.48 Don Heitler
- 4 23.48 Anita Heitler
- 5 22.14 Suzanne Jones
- 6 22.14 Fred Herring
- 7 21.40 Flo Newlin
- 8 21.40 Cal Newlin Jr
- 9 18.78 Jeanne Gray
- 10 16.85 Jeanne Achziger
- 11 16.14 Jonathan Hellman
- 12 16.14 Gary Morrison
- 13 15.32 Donald Vancil
- 14 15.32 Chuck Henke
- 15 14.70 En Hay
- 16 14.70 Allen Kane
- 17 13.21 Haisam Osman
- 18 **11.42 Carol Irvin**
- 19 **10.62 Neil Petrie**
- 20 **10.62 Larry Matheny**
- 21 10.50 Roger Pennell
- 22 10.50 Hachy Pennell
- 23 **10.43 John Blankinship**
- 24 **10.43 Frank Demeyer**
- 25 **10.06 Marlene Aranci**

- 26 **9.97 Jon Gustafson**
- 27 **8.96 Andrea French**
- 28 8.40 Ernie Young Jr.
- 29 8.40 Blair Young
- 30 8.19 Robert Vetter
- 31 8.19 Robert McKenzie
- 32 7.93 Ellen Freedman
- 33 7.88 Donald Boyarsky
- 34 **7.83 Barbara Gustafson**
- 35 7.80 Steven Dike
- 36 7.80 Andrea Kutscher
- 37 7.49 Carol Ward
- 38 7.17 Larry Hulse
- 39 7.08 Phyllis Coelho
- 40 7.07 Judy Bredall
- 41 7.07 Brian Hegarty
- 42 7.06 Robert Sherman
- 43 **6.72 Martin Gutschenritter**
- 44 **6.43 Rhonda Huser**
- 45 6.43 Michael Perlman
- 46 **6.39 Donald Patterson**
- 47 **6.32 Melvin Rueppel**
- 48 6.01 Gerdur Kristjansdottir
- 49 5.85 Judith Hardie
- 50 5.84 James Smith



2013 SUMMER SECTIONAL

NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363 2013 SUMMER SECTIONAL

THE RANCH THOMAS MCKEE BUILDING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN* - 1ST ROUND.....9:30
KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN – 2ND ROUND.....1:30
STRATIFIED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE SESSION....1:30
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION**1:30
KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN – 3RD ROUND.....7:00
STRATIFIED PAIRS.....7:00
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION.....7:00

FLIGHT A = 3000+; X = 0-3000
B/C/D -- 750-1500; 200-750; 0-200
E/F/G -- 100-200; 50-100; 0-50

*TOP FLIGHT MAY BE HANDICAPPED

**TROPHIES TO OVERALL WINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

STRATIFIED PAIRS..... 10:00 & 3:00
A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
STRATIFIED 199'ER PAIRS** 10:00 & 3:00
A: 100-199 B: 50 – 99 C: 0 - 50

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

STRATI-FLIGHTED (OR ROUND-ROBIN) SWISS TEAMS

10:00 & TBA

A: 3000+X: 0-3000
B: 750-1500 C: 200-750
D: 0-200

Short break, hot lunch between sessions

ENTRY FEES

\$10 per Player per Session
\$104 per team Sunday (includes hot lunch)
Rookies (0-5 points) play free on Friday in a single session
(Additional \$1 if non-ACBL member)

PARTNERSHIPS

Every effort will be made to accommodate
timely requests for partners. Please contact:
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Frank DeMeyer – 970-416-8500
Marry Gutschenritter – 970-788-7626
Vicki Hamende- 970-219-9355



2012 ACE OF CLUBS & MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

These two annual contests reflect the members in our unit who won the most masterpoints in club games and in all events. Here are the winners for 2012.

<u>ACE OF CLUBS WINNER</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>MCKENNEY WINNER</u>
Betty Dawson	0-5	Betty Dawson
Beverly Loehrke	5-20	Beverly Loehrke
John Wolf	20-50	Susan Fallon
Nila Hobbs	50-100	Michael Innis
John Blankinship	100-200	John Blankinship
Jim Berthold	200-300	Judy Gutschenritter
Frank DeMeyer	300-500	Bill Darden
Bob Solick	500-1,000	Bob Solick
Bill Stoltey	1,000-2,500	Barb Meier
Larry Matheny	2,500-5,000	Billie Turner

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our Unit has a good mix of players spread very nicely from the Rookie category up through the Gold Life Master rank. Here is the breakdown of our 288 members:

	JUNIOR	CLUB	SECT.	REGL.	NABC	ADV	LIFE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	
	ROOKIE	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	
	30	40	37	31	37	15	1	17	47	26	7



BASIC BRIDGE TECHNIQUES

By Larry Matheny

Here are some concepts with which the successful player needs to be familiar. There is nothing particularly difficult here yet many people failed when tested at the table.

1. The Holdup

Hand #1	♠ A96			
Dir N	♥ K98			
Vul E-W	♦ Q75			
	♣ Q543			
♠ KJ742	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♠ Q103	West	North
♥ 107		♥ 6543		Pass
♦ 10984		♦ J63	Pass	3NT
♣ J6		♣ A109	Pass	Pass
	♠ 85			
	♥ AQJ2			
	♦ AK2			
	♣ K872			

West leads his fourth best spade. Plan your play.

SOLUTION: You have only eight tricks so you must develop a club trick. First, you must duck the first two spade leads and win the third in case West started with 5 spades. Then you must hope that East holds the ace of clubs. If East holds a fourth spade, the suit is divided 4-4 and you make the hand. If the club ace is in the West hand along with two more spades, you go down.

2. Avoid Finesses When Possible

Hand #2	♠ K1092			
Dir S	♥ AJ9			
Vul E-W	♦ A84			
	♣ J93			
♠ 76	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♠ 5	West	North
♥ ?42		♥ ?765	Pass	2NT*
♦ QJ109		♦ 652	Pass	5♥
♣ K1082		♣ Q7654	Pass	Pass
	♠ AQJ843			South
	♥ K103			1♠
	♦ K73			4NT
	♣ A			6♠

*Forcing spade raise

West leads the queen of diamonds. It appears you have a diamond loser so you must not lose a heart. How do you continue?

SOLUTION: It doesn't matter who holds the heart queen. Win the diamond in your hand, unblock the club ace, and play a trump to dummy, followed by a club ruff. Another trump to dummy allows you to ruff dummy's last club. Next you simply play ace and another diamond. The opponents must now either lead a heart or allow you to discard a heart as you ruff in the other hand. Guessing is for the young and the very lucky.

3. The Safety Play

Hand #3 ♠ A862
 Dir N ♥ QJ102
 Vul E-W ♦ K94
 ♣ AK

♠		♠ J1054
♥ 654		♥ 987
♦ J763		♦ 105
♣ J76532		♣ Q1094
		♠ KQ973
		♥ AK3
		♦ AQ82
		♣ 8

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads his fourth best club. Plan your play.

SOLUTION: The only thing that can defeat this hand is a 4-0 spade break. Since you cannot pick up the suit if West has four spades, your first play must be the ace of spades. Now you can pick up East's trumps. If you start with a high spade from your hand, North will soon get busy looking for a new partner. Actually this shouldn't be entitled "Safety Play"; it is the **ONLY** play.

Hint: Look for a potential problem before you play to trick one.

♣♦♥♠

IMPROVE YOUR PLAY

with Larry Matheny

The human brain is amazing. Not only does it allow us to memorize the correct card to lead from a particular suit combination, our brain is also capable of mathematics. Here is a hand where a defender found the right opening lead after some simple addition.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

<p>Dlr N</p> <p>Vul N/S</p> <p>♠ K73</p> <p>♥ Q63</p> <p>♦ AQJ93</p> <p>♣ Q5</p>	<p>♠ AQ6</p> <p>♥ J2</p> <p>♦ 10542</p> <p>♣ K872</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>♠ J952</p> <p>♥ AK105</p> <p>♦ K6</p> <p>♣ A104</p>	<p>♠ 1084</p> <p>♥ 9874</p> <p>♦ 87</p> <p>♣ J963</p>	<p>West</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>North</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>3NT</p>	<p>East</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>South</p> <p>1NT</p> <p>Pass</p>
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BIDDING: N/S had a routine auction to game.

PLAY: As West pondered his opening lead, he reflected on the auction. It appeared N/S had at least the 26 high card points usually needed for game. Adding his points to this, it was clear that East was broke. So while the text book lead from this diamond holding is the queen, West started with the ace. After seeing dummy, West continued with a low diamond and this left declarer with no chance for 9 tricks. Declarer tried the heart finesse but West won and had 3 more diamonds to cash.

At the other table, West led the queen of diamonds and this declarer soon had his 9 tricks: 2 spades, 3 hearts, 2 clubs, and 2 diamonds (when West continued the suit). This was a loss of 12 IMPs and the match. It pays to stop and think...and perhaps use a little math.



MILESTONES

Big Games (Dec –Mar 2013)

Dec 18 73.34% Cynthia & Marwin Smith
Jan 07 70.99% M. Aranci – Larry Hulse
Jan 09 71.67% M.Christopher -B. McGregor
Feb 08 72.00% A. Haines – Lisa Haines
Feb 13 71.53% Gladys Agan – Ruth Roden
Mar 18 72.70% Hermanson- Kommrusch

Masterpoint Milestones

Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints

Johanna Darden

Club Master – 20 Masterpoints

Edythe Slovic
Helga Teehan
Margaret Timm

Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints

Alaeldin Rachid

Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints

John Wolf

NABC Master - 200 Masterpoints

Michael Innis

Life Master – 300 Masterpoints

John Blankinship
Bob Link
Al Walsh

Bronze Life Master – 500 Masterpoints

Frank Demeyer
Larry Hulse

Silver Life Master – 1000 Masterpoints

Rita Koch

TRANSFERRED INTO OUR UNIT

John Grossman from Col. Springs
Don Guttenstein from Denver
Ellen Horan from St. Louis
Henry Leweling from Cheyenne
Kathleen O’Neil from Col. Springs
Robert Ryan from Florida
Alees Seehausen from Denver
Murial Whiting from Florida

NEW MEMBERS

John Cox
Merlin Harroff
Tom Schwartzkopf

IN MEMORIAL

GerriLou Martin



CLUB CORNER

Fort Collins

Daytime Duplicate Bridge Club

Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive
Marlene Aranci-----223-0046
Mon – 12:30-----Open

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

Community of Christ Church, 220 East Oak St.
Dawn Foltz-----204-1952
Wed – 6:30-----Open, Teams 1st Wed

The Ace of Clubs-----0-100 & 0-500 Games

St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St.
Burke Snowden-----223-4088
Thurs – 6:30 - Call for reservations or a partner.
Teams – 3rd Thursday of even-numbered months.
Salon (mini-lesson) by Larry Matheny – 3rd Thursdays

Senior Center Duplicate (non-ACBL sanctioned)

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

Greeley

The Greeley Clubs

Barb Meier-----282-4331
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street
Wed – 12:30-----Open
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street
Sat – 12:30-----Open

Estes Park

Estes Park Duplicate Club

Methodist Church, 1509 Fish Hatchery Road
John Krueger-----970-577-0657
Mondays-1:00-(except 3rd Monday) Open, Stratified
3rd Monday -1:00-----0-200 Game
Call to reserve a seat or for a partner.

The RECAP

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