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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

The RECAP

January 2005

This year we plan to publish the RECAP four times. 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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Upcoming Events

There are three Unit sponsored events coming up in the next four months. This includes the Northern Colorado Winter Sectional, the Grand National Team Unit Final, and the Spring Pairs Unit Championship. 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> ♠♦♥♠

Winter Sectional

Barbara Gustafson

Tournament Chairman

Be sure to arrange your favorite partners to play in the Northern Colorado Winter Sectional February 4, 5 and 6. A full schedule and details are on page 5. We would like to provide home made snacks during the Friday

and Saturday sessions. If anyone would like to bring goodies please contact Barbara at 267-9691. ♠♦♥♠

Grand National Team Qualifier

EVENT – GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

DATE – SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2005

STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND TBA

ENTRY FEE – \$48/TEAM – INCLUDES 2 SESSIONS

STRATS – CHAMP (UNLIM), A(5000), B(2000), C(500)

LOCATION – ELK'S LODGE 140 EAST OAK FORT COLLINS

The 2004-2005 Grand National Team qualification event will be held January 15 at the Elk's Lodge in Fort Collins. Players from both Northern Colorado Unit 363 and Cheyenne Unit 421 are encouraged to participate. The game will be conducted as a two session stratified event with starting times of 9:30 and TBA based on the length of play of the first session. There are many interesting places to have lunch between sessions in Old Town Fort Collins. The strats are Championship (unlimited), Flight A (less than 5,000), Flight B (less than 2,000) and Flight C (non-Life Masters with less than 500). 50% of the field and the top 50% of the teams in each strat entered will qualify for the next stage of competition. This is a great opportunity to qualify for the District 17 Championship to be held in Colorado Springs May 28-29, 2005, in connection with the Colorado Springs Regional.

Details and conditions of contest are available at:

<http://www.district17news.com/GNTConditions.html>

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Spring Pairs Unit Championship

EVENT – SPRING PAIRS UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE – SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2005

STARTING TIMES – 9:30 AND 2:15

ENTRY FEE – \$10/PAIR EACH SESSION
STRATS – A(UNLIMITED), B(1000), C(300)
LOCATION –ELK’S LODGE 140 EAST OAK FORT COLLINS

This is an opportunity to tune up your game for the upcoming Denver Regional in May. This is a two-session playthrough championship event if you play both sessions, but pairs are welcome to play just one session. Starting times are 9:30 and 2:15. There will be a lunch break between sessions, with many interesting places to eat in Old Town Fort Collins.

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OTHER UNIT GAMES IN 2005

DATE	TIME	GAME	COST
FEBRUARY 26*	1:00	1 SESSION PAIRS	\$5.00
APRIL 2*	1:00	1 SESSION PAIRS	\$5.00
MAY 14*	1:00	1 SESSION PAIRS	\$5.00

*DATES ARE TENTATIVE, TO CONFIRM CHECK
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Tournament Results

Membership Meeting & Election

The Unit Membership meeting was held with a delicious roast beef and ham dinner between the sessions on October 30. The meeting was quickly conducted with the new Unit board for 2005 approved by acclimation. The board welcomes Bill Stoltey, Marilyn Pultz, and Larry Matheny and thanks departing board members Julie Larson, Ken Nelson, and Fiona Freeseaman for doing a great job.

The treasurer’s and membership reports were presented. The 2003 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards were announced. There were 15 tables in the morning and 11 in the afternoon session. The strats were A (unlimited), B (750) and C (300).

Overall Results

Score	A	B	C	
296.0	1			Jon Gustafson – Larry Matheny
253.34	2			Jim Zuboy – Steve Turner
251.96	3	1	1	Bill Follis – Marilyn Pultz
241.15	4			Stella O’Neill – Ken Nelson
239.42	5	2		Joyce Glittenburg – Rita Koch
237.31	6	3		Jan Green – Florence Liittjohann
235.5		4		Mary Ann Bourg – Gwen Black

218.46		5		Larry Mason – Bill Stoltey
201.08			2	Evelyn Cleary – Phyllis Peterson

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Christmas Party & Championship

The STAC Christmas Party on December 12 was very well attended with 18 tables in the morning session and 14 tables in the afternoon. The unit subsidized a turkey dinner between sessions and almost everyone won a door prize. Strats were A (unlimited), B (1000) and C (300). Notable events were Julie Larson receiving a giant thank you card from the unit and several life masters receiving their LM cookies. Everyone had lots of fun.

Morning Session

Score	A	B	C	
285.19	1	1	1	Sue Simmons – Ramona Baker
267.5	2			Julie Larson – Ed Yosses
247.5	3	2	2	Larry Hulse – Bill Sholtey
226.69	4	3	3	Evelyn Cleary – M. Sunderman
225.56	5	4		Linda Agee – Doris Ekedahl
225.5	6	5		Florence Liittjohann – Jan Green
223.0	7/8	6/7		Liz Enright – Fiona Freeseaman
223.0	7/8	6/7	4	Mary Frison – June McCord

Afternoon Session North/South

Score	A	B	C	
192.0	1	1		Carol Irvin – Barbara Meier
180.5	2	2	1	Linda Nelson – Bruce Sellers
172.5	3	3	2	Richard Dendor – Brad Simmons
164.5	4	4		Ruth Roden – Anne Schenkman
162.0	5			Mary Anne Pixley – Skip Carson
161.0	6/7	5/6	3	Diane Jordan – Douglas Watt
161.0	6/7	5/6		Florence Liittjohann – Jan Green

Afternoon Session East/West

Score	A	B	C	
296.0	1			Larry Matheny – Steve Turner
181.5	2	1		Linda Agee – Doris Ekedahl
178.0	3	2		Stella O’Neill – Ken Nelson
175.5	4	3	1	Bill Stoltey – Larry Hulse
156.0	5	4		Darrell Wyatt – Dave Macey
155.0	6	5		Mary Ann Bourg – Gwen Black
154.5			2	GerriLou Martin – Louise Dalke

Player's Notes

Our goal is to make this section both educational and entertaining. Please give us ideas of what you want in this newsletter.

A Helpful Hint

Many contracts are lost due to hasty play to the first trick. As declarer, it pays to study the entire hand before making your first decision. See how you would have done with this hand.

Matchpoint Scoring

Hand #1	Dir N	Vul E-W				
	♠ A2					
	♥ Q					
	♦ J75					
	♣ AK98752					
			West	North	East	South
♠ J10		♠ K953	—	1♣	Pass	1♠
♥ 9752		♥ K1063	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
♦ Q962		♦ K104	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
♣ Q43		♣ J6	(All pass)			
	♠ Q8764					
	♥ AJ84					
	♦ A83					
	♣ 10					

BIDDING: After North had bid clubs three times South thought her eleven high card points might be enough for game. She was hoping to find a strong club suit in dummy.

PLAY: West led a low diamond and East correctly played the ten when declarer called for a small diamond from dummy. Perhaps from habit, declarer ducked the first trick. East now attacked dummy's only outside entry to the club suit by placing the king of spades on the table. Declarer was doomed and eventually ended up down two. If declarer believed the lead of the diamond deuce, she would realize it was from a four-card suit. She should win the first diamond and immediately go after clubs. She can give up the third round of clubs and come to nine tricks. The defender can only win three diamonds and one club. Remember, before you play to trick one, study the hand and look carefully at the opening lead.

NEW Intermediate/Novice Club Opening February 17 !!

A new bridge club, The Fort FUN Bridge Club, will be opening Thursday evening, February 17. The club will be limited to players with 0 – 200 master points, and will include good competition, lots of fun, a light supper before the game, and periodic mini-lessons. Master points will be awarded, and the game will be stratified as needed. See the Club Corner for details or call Marilyn Pultz or Bill Follis, directors, 970 224-9478, or at FunBridge@comcast.net for more information. Put it on your calendar now.

Ten More Helpful Hints

1. Score sheet Etiquette: When the bidding is over, make your opening lead BEFORE you enter the contract in your scorecard.
2. Tempo: Make your bids and, as defender, play your cards in an even tempo. While there are times when you must stop to ponder the correct bid or play, it almost always gives away information. For example, a fast bid, particularly after a jump bid by your right hand opponent, makes it clear you have a weak hand. It goes without saying that it is unethical to hesitate when you have no problem deciding which card to play.
3. Defender Tips: When defending, study dummy as soon as it hits the table. Decide which card you will play when that suit is lead. This will eliminate the need to stop and wonder later if you should cover an honor or play low. Remember, your hesitation gives away information.
4. Opening Lead: When on opening lead in a SUIT contract, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER underlead an ace. Ok...there are exceptions, but the underlead of an ace is deceptive and could confuse partner. Also, leading an ace is usually not a good idea. Aces are definitely meant to capture kings and queens.
5. Evaluating Your Hand: Listen to the bidding and reevaluate your high cards. You should tend to discount queens and jacks in the opponents' suits and upgrade honors in suits bid by your partner. For example, a king in a suit bid by your left hand opponent may not be as valuable as if your partner or your right hand opponent had bid that suit.
6. More Score sheet Etiquette: Do not leave your scorecard open on the table. Unfortunately there are unethical players who might be tempted to look.
7. Speak Softly: Speak in a low tone when discussing the hands. It is difficult to be objective when you play the next set of boards after hearing the people at that table say, "That's 1470 for 6NT making seven".
8. Tip for Opening 1NT: Do not let a small doubleton deter you from opening 1NT. For example, S-65 H-AK65 D-QJ8 C-AQ76 is an ideal hand to open 1NT. If you open 1C, what will you rebid after partner's 1S response?
9. Remember the Bidding: Remember to consider the bidding throughout the play of the hand. There is information there about suit strength and length, if you remember to find it. This is important both as declarer and as a defender.
10. Count! Count! Count! Count your cards, count your high card points, count dummy's points, count declarer's points, count declarer's distribution, and count your partner's distribution. These are good habits and are not as difficult as you may think. For example, if declarer opens 1NT (15-17), dummy hits with 10 points, and you hold 10 points, you know your partner has three, four, or five points. Good bridge requires work and concentration.

UNIT 363 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Gustafson	----- President	-----267-9691
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Larry Mason	----- Unit Game Coord.	-----224-4960
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Two very important volunteers with Unit 363 are:

Barbara Gustafson	----- Sectionals	-----267-9691
Ginny Steele	----- Sat. Afternoon Games	-----224-5761

**NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363
2005 WINTER SECTIONAL**

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

Concession Stand Available
Hot Lunch Between Sessions Sunday

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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, FEBRUARY 5

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, FEBRUARY 6

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:

Larry Mason – 224-4960 – nosam80524@yahoo.com

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON

Barbara Gustafson – 267-9691

Milestones

BIG GAMES REPORTED (SEP 2004-JAN 2005)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

71.48% TOM WALSH - JON GUSTAFSON

OCTOBER 30, 2004 (COMBINED 2-SESSION SCORE)

70.35% JON GUSTAFSON - LARRY MATHENY

NOVEMBER 2, 2004

70.55% JON GUSTAFSON - BILL STOLTEY

NOVEMBER 18, 2004

70.83% BARBARA MEIER - BILL STOLTEY

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

JUNIOR MASTER – 5-20 MASTERPOINTS

Warren Thomas

CLUB MASTER – 20-50 MASTERPOINTS

Barbara Hagan

SECTIONAL MASTER – 50-100 – MP 5 SILVER

Ramona Baker, Kathleen Hume, Linda Pirie,

Brad Simmons

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

Louise Dalke, Marsha Effner

NEW MEMBERS

Dick & Loan Tinsley, Fort Collins

TRANSFERRED INTO UNIT

Joanne Berger, Fort Collins (from East Meadow, NY)

John & Judith Davis, Loveland (from Dallas)

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Wiley, Gill



Club Corner

FORT COLLINS – MARLENE ARANCI----- 223-0046
ELK'S LODGE – 140 EAST OAK
SENIOR CENTER – 1200 RAINTREE DRIVE

DAYTIME DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Mon – 12:30 -----Elk's Lodge----- Open, standby available
Feb 14 Club Championship
Feb 28 ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs
(55 years or older, includes Hand Analysis)

CHOICE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tue – 12:30-----Senior Center----- Open, All ages welcome
Jan 11 Club Championship
Feb 15 Dist 17 Charity Game

FORT COLLINS DUPLICATE PLAYERS CLUB

Wed – 6:45-----Elk's Lodge-----Open, Teams 1st Wed
Jan 5 G.N. Team Qualifier
Feb 9 Membership Game & Meeting
Mar 9 Club Championship

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% Larry Matheny
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Fort Collins – Marilyn Pultz & Bill Follis----- 224-9478
FORT FUN CLUB (OPENS FEBRUARY 17TH)
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 305 E. ELIZABETH STR.
THURS – 6:30 ----- 0-200 GAME

BRUSH – DON MITCHELL -----842-4719

FORT MORGAN BRIDGE CLUB

1st, 3rd Mon – 7:15 -----Eban Ezer Home----- Invitational
Wed – 12:30-----Fort Morgan Country Club----- Open

NIWOT – MARLENE ARANCI -----223-0046

THE LEFTHAND GRANGE – 2ND & FRANKLIN
THUR – 7:15----- OPEN
LONGMONT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
FEB 3 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

GREELEY – JUNE EWALD-----506-0863

THE GREELEY CLUB

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER – 1010 6TH ST.
Thur – 12:00----- Open Game

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