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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Larry Matheny

As I look back at 2012, it's clear bridge is alive and well in Northern Colorado. Many of our local clubs are experiencing record turnout and our unit games are well attended. The number of tables at our Summer Sectional was down but there was a lot of bridge in the September-October time period and I think some people encountered some burnout. We are working hard to find a new date for that tournament. It's been difficult to find an open date that also works with our playing facility, The Ranch, but our current plans are to hold the tournament in June of 2013.

Looking ahead to the new year, our Winter Sectional is in February. The schedule is on page seven so be sure to mark it on your calendar. You can find all of our schedules and results on our web page. Please contact any of your board members with suggestions or concerns.

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# RESULTS & SCHEDULES

## UNIT GAME REPORT

By Larry Matheny

Our Unit games continue to have very good attendance. Sixteen teams entered the September Swiss event. At the October Election game Dawn Foltz, Larry Matheny, and Doug Watt were re-elected to the board along with newcomer Vicki Hamende. The December Holiday Party was well attended with 18 tables in both the morning and afternoon Open sessions and 9 tables in each of the 199'er sessions. There were many delicious treats and Stella O'Neill did her usual good job of selecting door prizes. Our thanks go to Doug Watt for organizing the 2012 Unit games and to Barb Meier and John Worley for directing.

### September Swiss Teams

	A	B	C
Jon Gustafson, Larry Matheny, Neil Petrie, Bob Sherman	1		
Dawn Foltz, Greg Foltz, Marlene Aranzi, John Sutherland	2		
Barb Gustafson, Barb Meier, Bill Stoltey, Jim Zuboy	3		
Julie Wertz, John Wolf, Ardyce Cronin, Rena Hansch		1	1
Michael Hansen, Linda Hansen, Esther Cenac, Ann Dinsmoor		2	2
Sue Simmons, Don Elliot, Mary Evenson, Brad Simmons		3	

### October Election Game

	A	B	C
Barb Meier – Billie Turner	1		
Andrea Kutscher - Paul Flanders	2		
Bill Stoltey - Jim Zuboy	3		
Douglas Watt - Norman Watt		1	
Melvin Rueppel - Bill Darden		2	
Burke Snowden - Dawn Foltz		3	

### November Unit Championship

	A	B	C
Bill Stoltey - Jim Zuboy	1		
B. Snowden – M.Gutschenritter	2	1	
Cynthia Smith - Marwin Smith	3		
Nancy Crow - J Altman		2	1
John Krueger - Linda Langer		3	2
Michael Innis - Gail Hanson			3

### November 199'er Game

	D	E	F
Lloyd Parker – Suzy Fallon	1		
Mary Jean Nelson – Irma Maston	2	2	1
Helga Teehan – Leona Wingard	3	3	2
Marilyn Roberts – Douglas Yeager			3

### December Holiday Game

#### Morning STaC session – N/S

	A	B	C
Carol Irvin – Larry Hulse	1		
Cynthia Smith - Marwin Smith	2		
Dawn Foltz – Greg Foltz	3	1	
Susan Cuff - Ruth Logan		2	
Bill Darden - Melvin Rueppel		3	1
Al Walsh - Louise Dalke			2

#### Morning STaC session – E/W

	A	B	C
Larry Matheny – Bob Sherman	1		
Duane Wall - Jean Norgaard	2	1	1
Barb Gustafson - Don Patterson	3		
Andrea Kutscher - Paul Flanders		2	
Jerry Potter - Andrea French		3	2
Robert Solick - Alaeldin Rachid			3

### Morning 199'er session

	D	E	F
Suzy Fallon – Lloyd Parker	1		
Caroline McArthur – Nila Hobbs	2		
Ruth Mary Lyons – Joan Zuboy	3	1	1
Doris Manfull – Duane Manfull		2	

**Afternoon STaC session – N/S**

	A	B	C
A. Kutscher - Paul Flanders	1	1	
Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy	2		
Doug Watt – Norman Watt	3	2	
M.Gutschenritter – K. Nelson		3	
Robert Solick - Alaeldin Rachid			1
George Varra – Liz Varra			2
John Krueger – M. Christopher			3

**Afternoon STaC session – E/W**

	A	B	C
Cynthia Smith – M. Smith	1		
F. Freeseaman – Gil Merrill	2	1	
Rita Koch – J. Glittenberg	3	2	

**Afternoon STaC session – E/W (cont)**

	A	B	C
S. O'Neill – J. Gutschenritter			3
M. Nickodemus – J. Baryames			1
F. Liittjohann – Jan Green			2
Barbara Massey – Rena Hansch			3

**Afternoon 199'er session**

	D	E	F
Suzy Fallon – Lloyd Parker	1		
Martha Lee – Lee Bennett	2		
Lucille Takes – K. Snowden	3	1	1
James French – Nancy Crow		2	

## 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. There is great close-in parking and the playing site is 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/>

January Grand National Team Qualifier

Event: Two-Session Team Game  
Date: Saturday, January 5, 2013  
Starting Times: 9:30 AM and 1:45 PM  
Entry Fee: \$7/person each session

March Championship

Event: One-Session Pairs Game  
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2013  
Lesson at noon, Game 1:00 PM  
Entry Fee: \$7/person

February Championship

Event: One-Session Pairs Game  
Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013  
Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00 PM  
Entry Fee: \$7/person each session

April Championship

Event: Two-Session Pairs Game  
Date: April 6, 2013  
Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00 PM  
Entry Fee: \$7/person each session

# FALLING LEAVES SECTIONAL

The annual Falling Leaves 299er Sectional Tournament was held on Saturday, November 3, 2012, in Fort Collins. There were 11 tables in the morning session and 12 tables in the afternoon. Jim Berthold, Bob Link, Vicki Hamende, and John Wolf each contributed to the success of the event.

Here are the overall winners and the list of masterpoint winners:

## Morning Session

**A B C**

- 1 1 1 Margaret Stavros - Debby Shields
- 2 2 2 **Linda Meininger – S. Stuart**
- 3     **Jerry Potter - Jim Berthold**
- 3 **Marilyn Roberts - Doug Yeager**

## Afternoon Session

**A B C**

- 1 1     Frances Huber - Glen Woodson
- 2     Bruce Spinney - Judy Spinney
- 3     Thad Smith - Lorena Soares
- 2 **John Wolf - Martha Lee**
- 3 Anne Hill - Ramona Fackler
- 1 Gordy Vondrak - Michelle Oakes
- 2 **Nila Hobbs - Caroline McArthur**
- 3 **Linda Meininger - Sharon Stuart**

Total masterpoints: 44.64 earned by 34 players.

Total attendance: 23 tables.

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|----|-------------|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 2.54        | Glen Woodson             | 18 | 1.28        | Gordy Vondrak           |
| 2  | 2.54        | Frances Huber            | 19 | 1.25        | Thad Smith              |
| 3  | <b>2.31</b> | <b>Sharon Stuart</b>     | 20 | 1.25        | Lorena Soares           |
| 4  | <b>2.31</b> | <b>Linda Meininger</b>   | 21 | <b>0.98</b> | <b>Phyllis Quick</b>    |
| 5  | <b>2.13</b> | <b>Jim Berthold</b>      | 22 | <b>0.98</b> | <b>Mary Jean Nelson</b> |
| 6  | <b>2.13</b> | <b>Jerry Potter</b>      | 23 | <b>0.76</b> | <b>Marilyn Roberts</b>  |
| 7  | 2.12        | Margaret Stavros         | 24 | <b>0.76</b> | <b>Douglas Yeager</b>   |
| 8  | 2.12        | Debby Shields            | 25 | <b>0.57</b> | <b>Susan Fallon</b>     |
| 9  | 2.09        | Ramona Fackler           | 26 | <b>0.57</b> | <b>Lloyd Parker</b>     |
| 10 | 2.09        | Anne Hill                | 27 | <b>0.54</b> | <b>J Brian Sokolik</b>  |
| 11 | 1.67        | Judy Spinney             | 28 | <b>0.54</b> | <b>Grace Sokolik</b>    |
| 12 | 1.67        | Bruce Spinney            | 29 | <b>0.54</b> | <b>Edye Slovick</b>     |
| 13 | <b>1.43</b> | <b>Martha Lee</b>        | 30 | <b>0.54</b> | <b>Beverly Loehrke</b>  |
| 14 | <b>1.43</b> | <b>John Wolf</b>         | 31 | <b>0.37</b> | <b>Hart Renger</b>      |
| 15 | <b>1.41</b> | <b>Nila Hobbs</b>        | 32 | <b>0.37</b> | <b>Bob Link</b>         |
| 16 | <b>1.41</b> | <b>Caroline McArthur</b> | 33 | <b>0.33</b> | <b>Michael Innis</b>    |
| 17 | 1.28        | Michelle Oakes           | 34 | <b>0.33</b> | <b>Ardyce Cronin</b>    |



# 2012 FALL SECTIONAL

Our Northern Colorado Fall Sectional welcomed 267 tables, just about the same as last year. Congratulations go to all who helped with 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. John Blankinship and Frank Demeyer won the trophy awarded to the unit member(s) winning the most masterpoints. Here are the tournament results followed by the top fifty masterpoint winners.

## Bracketed Knockouts

### Bracket 1 Winners

- 1 Fred Herring, Suzanne Jones,  
Don Heitler, Anita Heitler
- 2 Thomas Goings, Rob Lorck,  
Shirley Scott, Mary Olson

### Bracket 2 Winners

- 1 Frank Demeyer, Jim Berthold,  
Jasper Brundage, John Blankinship
- 2 Jean Ingram, William Rawlings,  
Phyllis Coelho, William Jeffers

## Friday Morning 299'er Pairs

### D E F

- 1 1 1 Susan Miller - Henry Leweling
- 2 2 2 Gordy Vondrak - Michelle Oakes
- 3 Susan Schweppe - Ann Gruidel

## Friday Morning Open Pairs

### A B C

- 1 1 1 Alaeldin Rachid - Robert Solick
- 2 Edwin Hagerman - Dick Duff
- 3 Jared Johnson - Robert Battin
- 3 2 2 Louise Dalke - Curtis Cramer

## Friday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

### D E F

- 1 1 Ardyce Cronin - Sharon Stuart
- 2 2 Karen Sevald - Lee Sevald
- 3 3 Susan Fallon - Lloyd Parker
- 1 Irma Maston - Edye Slovick
- 2 Margaret Barber - Beverly Loehrke
- 3 Henry Leweling - Susan Miller

## Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

### A B C

- 1 Larry Matheny - Bob Sherman
- 2 1 1 Brad Simmons - Sue Simmons
- 3 Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin
- 2 2 Bill Follis - Marilyn Pultz

## Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (cont)

### A B C

- 3 Donald Patterson - Don Little
- 3 Gail Hanson - Michael Innis

## Friday Evening Open Pairs

### A B C

- 1 Barb Meier - Bill Stoltey
- 2 1 Jim Steele - Gerdur Kristjansdottir
- 2 1 1 Jerry Potter - Walter Hutton
- 2 Michael Innis - Gail Hanson
- 3 George Varra - Elizabeth Varra

## Friday Evening 299'er Pairs

### D E F

- 1 1 Karen Sevald - Lee Sevald
- 2 2 1 Margaret Barber - Beverly Loehrke
- 3 3 2 Jim Wolf - John Wolf

## Saturday Morning 299'er Pairs

### D E F

- 1 1 Susan Fallon - Lloyd Parker
- 2 2 1 Helga Teehan - Leona Wingard
- 2 Margaret Barber - Beverly Loehrke
- 3 Linda Hansen - Michael Hansen

## Saturday Afternoon 299'er Pairs

### D E F

- 1 1 Karen Sevald - Lee Sevald
- 2 Michael Hupka - Ray Hedberg
- 3 Jan Govreau - John Miskell
- 2 1 Edward Doran - Linda Doran
- 3 Gordy Vondrak - Michelle Oakes
- 2 Beverly Loehrke - Margaret Barber
- 3 Linda Hansen - Michael Hansen

## Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

### A B C

- 1 Flo Newlin - Cal Newlin Jr
- 2 Spencer Jones - Peggy Ware
- 3 1 William Horton - Karen Cox
- 2 Jonathan Hellman - Gary Morrison

### Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (cont)

#### A B C

- 3 **Donald Patterson** - Don Little
- 1 **Bill Darden - Melvin Rueppel**
- 2 William Brooks - Gena Brooks
- 3 **Bill Follis - Marilyn Pultz**

### Sunday Strati-flighted A/X Teams

#### A X

- 1 Jan Janitschke, Bonnie Smith, Spencer Jones, Peggy Ware
- 2 Walter Rassbach, Nancy Rassbach, Marilyn Eber, Jonathan Hellman
- 3 En Hay, Allen Kane, Blair Young, Jon Brandon
- 1 K. Ragland, Marion Brum de Barros, Margaret Devere, Pat Henke
- 1 Jeanne Gray, Chuck Goudey, Carol Ward, Timothy Watson
- 3 **Edward Yosses, Dawn Foltz, Gregory Foltz, Bill Stoltey**

### Sunday Strati-flighted B/C Teams

#### B C D

- 1 1 **Frank Demeyer, Jasper Brundege, John Blankinship, Carol Irvin**
- 2 Kurt Simmons, Sally Ann Rhea, Jean Hupka, Scott Needham
- 3 Maud Greer, Candy Smith, Gena Brooks, William Brooks
- 2 **Beth McGregor, Melvin Rueppel, John Krueger, Fiona Freeseaman**
- 3 1 Bill Hendrick, Robert Butcher, Judith Butcher, Barbara Ellington
- 3 1 John Childs, Donald Lilley, James Smith, Gerdur Kristjansdottir
- 3 Barbara Massey, **Lee Bennett, Craig Snowden**, Joan Kushner

### Sunday Strati-flighted 299'er Teams

#### E F

- 1 Michael Hupka, Ray Hedberg, Patrick Westfeldt Jr, Ben Younglove
- 2 **Susan Fallon, Lloyd Parker, Barbara Schwartz, Brenda Woodard**
- 1 John Crittenden, Ann Gruidel, Susan Schweppe, Michael O'Brien

## TOP 50 MASTERPOINT WINNERS

- 1 23.81 Spencer Jones, Denver CO
- 2 23.81 Peggy Ware, Denver CO
- 3 22.51 Flo Newlin, Aurora CO
- 4 22.51 Cal Newlin Jr, Aurora CO
- 5 17.01 Don Heitler, Englewood CO
- 6 17.01 Anita Heitler, Englewood CO
- 7 16.03 Bonnie Smith, Littleton CO
- 8 15.78 Jonathan Hellman, Centennial CO
- 9 13.32 Suzanne Jones, Boulder CO
- 10 13.32 Fred Herring, Aurora CO
- 11 12.95 Walter Rassbach, Westminster CO
- 12 12.95 Nancy Rassbach, Westminster CO
- 13 **12.75 John Blankinship, Loveland CO**
- 14 12.75 Jan Janitschke, Littleton CO
- 15 **12.75 Frank Demeyer, Fort Collins CO**
- 16 **10.96 Jasper Brundege, Loveland CO**
- 17 **10.70 Barbara Meier, Fort Collins CO**
- 18 10.64 En Hay, Highlands Ranch CO
- 19 10.64 Allen Kane, Highlands Ranch CO
- 20 10.52 Robert Sherman, Lafayette CO
- 21 **10.52 Larry Matheny, Fort Collins CO**
- 22 **9.84 Melvin Rueppel, Estes Park CO**
- 23 9.56 Marilyn Eber, Denver CO
- 24 9.19 Karen Cox, Centennial CO
- 25 8.30 William Horton, Boulder CO
- 26 8.17 Mary Olson, Colorado Sprgs CO
- 27 **8.10 Bill Stoltey, Fort Collins CO**
- 28 8.05 Timothy Watson, Lyons CO
- 29 7.56 Carol Ward, Arvada CO
- 30 7.53 Jeanne Gray, Niwot CO
- 31 7.17 Jon Brandon, Denver CO
- 32 7.17 Blair Young, Littleton CO
- 33 7.16 Chuck Goudey, Arvada CO
- 34 6.92 Marion Brum de Barros, Arvada CO
- 35 6.92 Margaret Devere, Denver CO
- 36 6.58 Dick Duff, Denver CO
- 37 **6.49 Donald Patterson, Fort Collins CO**
- 38 6.49 Don Little, Steamboat Spr CO
- 39 6.30 Thomas Goings, Colorado Sprgs CO
- 40 6.30 Shirley Scott, Colorado Spgs CO
- 41 6.30 Rob Lorck, Colorado Spgs CO
- 42 6.23 William Brooks, Broomfield CO
- 43 6.23 Gena Brooks, Broomfield CO
- 44 **6.22 Sue Simmons, Greeley CO**
- 45 6.22 Gary Morrison, Westminster CO
- 46 **6.22 Bradley Simmons, Greeley CO**
- 47 6.13 Scott Needham, Boulder CO
- 48 **6.13 Bill Darden, Estes Park CO**
- 49 **6.00 Billie Turner, Greeley CO**
- 50 **5.76 Edward Yosses, Loveland CO**

# 2013 WINTER SECTIONAL

## NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363

### 2013 WINTER SECTIONAL

February 8-10, 2013

Thomas M. Mckee Building at  
The Ranch

Food concession open for lunch Friday and Saturday  
Hot lunch between sessions Sunday

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN - 1ST ROUND .....9:30  
STRATIFIED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE SESSION.....9:30  
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION\* .....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 299'ER SINGLE SESSION\* .....7:00

CHAMPIONSHIPS: A = 2000+; B =750-2000; C = 0-750  
299'ERS: D=150-300; E=50-150; F=0-50

\* TROPHIES TO OVERALL WINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

##### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

STRATIFIED PAIRS ..... 10:00 & 3:00  
A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750  
STRATIFIED 299'ER PAIRS\* ..... 10:00 & 3:00  
A: 100-199 B: 50 – 99 C: 0 - 50

##### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

#### 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

\$9 per Player per Session  
\$100 per team Sunday (includes hot lunch)  
Rookies (0-5 points) play Free on Friday in a single session  
(Additional \$1 if non-ACBL member)

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# BRIDGE MANNERS AND CONDUCT

By Larry Matheny

David Zapatka from Mesa, Arizona created a great handout on this topic and I selected some great “Do’s and Don’ts” from it for this article.

## PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

1. Do not complain...about anything...the cards, the opponents, partner, the director, the computer-dealt hands, the fixes, etc.
2. When calling the director, first mention it to the other players at the table so as not to alarm them with a sudden and unexpected loud voice.
3. Compliment the opponents and partner on a nice bid or play. Do not compliment partner when it is clear an opponent made an error. Worse yet, do not point out to the opponents that their poor play enabled you to receive a good result. Never gloat.
4. Ask, “What are your lead agreements?” “What are your carding agreements?” Never ask what a specific card means.

## TABLE PROTOCOL

1. Each player is allowed one corner of the table for their use. That is the corner to your right.
2. North should make sure the boards are in order.
3. North should complete scoring the pickup slip and offer it to E/W for approval.
4. When on lead, always lead before recording the contract in your convention card.
5. Leave a tidy playing area. Discard unwanted cups, wrappers, etc.

## BIDDING AND CARD PLAY PROTOCOL

1. Always bid and play in tempo. A break in tempo may give your partner a nonverbal clue to which he is not entitled.
2. Bridge is a timed event. Keep up with the time limits.
3. Always place the bid cards and playing cards on the table with a soft touch. Snapping cards, throwing cards or tossing cards is discourteous. Detaching a card before it is your turn to play is discourteous and may send unauthorized information.
4. Always claim by clearly stating your line of play when you are certain you have the rest of the tricks. Prolonging play unnecessarily may have the appearance of attempting to disconcert an opponent.
5. When any jump bid is made, the left hand opponent is expected to wait 8-10 seconds before bidding. This is true whether or not the Stop card is used. This is a regulation, not a nicety.
6. When partner makes a bid that is to be alerted, speak “alert” while visibly touching the alert card to the table where both opponents can see it.

# THE DRURY CONVENTION

By Larry Matheny<sup>1</sup>

The Drury Convention is an artificial 2♣ response that's used by a passed hand after partner opens 1♥ or 1♠ in third or fourth seat. It shows 3+-card trump support and maximum playing values (10+ support points). Drury is a very valuable convention that comes up frequently, is easy to remember, and can dramatically improve your bidding accuracy. Here are the types of problem it solves:

♠J43 ♥A75 ♦KQ532 ♣64 -- You pass and partner opens 1♠ in third seat. Without Drury, you have a choice of four possibly disastrous responses:

- 1 - You make a limit-raise to 3♠ and go down because partner opened light.
- 2 - You raise conservatively to 2♠, partner passes, and you make 10 tricks because he had a full opener.
- 3 - You bid 1NT, partner passes, and you get a poor score because the rest of the field is playing in their 8-card spade fit.
- 4 - You try a "temporizing" 2♦, partner passes and you get an even worse score.

A Drury 2♣ response shows your support and strength right away, allowing you to bid your hand's full value without getting too high. It gives you a built-in safety valve if partner has opened light and it helps opener evaluate chances for game.

Drury is used only when you're a passed hand and partner has opened 1♥ or 1♠ in third or fourth seat. If you have 6-9 points, you make your normal raise to 2 of the major. If you're stronger, you use the Drury 2♣ response, which always shows:

- 1 - At least 3-card support for partner's major.
- 2 - A maximum passed hand (10+ support pts.).

## Evaluating your hand

A Drury 2♣ response is encouraging, but it doesn't promise a strong game invitation. To use Drury, you should have something better than just a maximum high-card-point single raise, and you'll often have to come up with a descriptive rebid to pinpoint your strength. Here are some examples of responding hands after partner opens 1♥:

♠AK43 ♥1097 ♦5 ♣J10864 -- Bid 2♣. This is only 8 high-card points, but it evaluates to 11 support points.

♠963 ♥Q102 ♦KJ84 ♣KJ4 -- Bid 2♣. This is a dead-minimum Drury bid, and you'll show it by making a minimum rebid in hearts at your next turn (or by passing if partner rebids 2♥).

♠3 ♥Q874 ♦AJ954 ♣K43 -- Bid 2♣. This is a fairly strong Drury hand, and you plan to bid 4♥ if partner's rebid shows he has a full opener. But don't hang him for opening light -- if partner rebids 2♥ to show a sub-minimum, you should pass.

♠KJ3 ♥842 ♦Q754 ♣QJ4 -- Bid 2♥. This is a flat 9 pts. with poor trumps, so just make a simple raise.

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<sup>1</sup> Much of this material is from Karen Walker's Library and used with permission.

## Opener's Rebids

Opener's rebid over 2♣ shows whether or not he has a "full" opening bid. A popular treatment (called "Reverse Drury") uses the rebid of his suit to show the bad hand. Most other bids are natural and show at least a full opener. Although some partnerships use different methods, here is a popular set of responses:

- **2 of your major** (1♠-2♣-2♠) = bare minimum or sub-opener. The Drury bidder can now pass safely at the 2-level.
- **2♦** = a "normal" opening bid, but with nothing extra (13 pts.) -- usually a hand that would have passed a standard limit raise. The Drury bidder can sign off at 2 with a minimum or jump to 3 (or 4) with a real powerhouse.
- **2♥** (after 1♠-2♣) = Full opener with 4 hearts. This allows you to find a 4-4 fit, which will often play better than a 5-3.
- **Any other new suit** (1♥-2♣-2♠, or 1♠-2♣-3♣) = Extra values, showing a second suit and at least game-try values.
- **Double jump in a new suit** (1♠-2♣-4♣, 4♦, or 4♥) = Splinter, showing a slam try with singleton in that suit.
- **2NT** = A strong notrump opener (15-17). If the Drury bidder is also balanced, 3NT may be a better spot.
- **4 of your major** = any hand that wants to play game opposite 10 support pts. Opener will usually choose this bid unless he wants to try for a slam.

## Choosing your rebid

You open 1♠ in third seat and partner bids 2♣ (Drury). What is your rebid?

♠AQJ54 ♥1032 ♦J2 ♣K64 -- Bid 2♠ to show a sub-minimum. Partner will almost always pass.

♠KQJ73 ♥4 ♦102 ♣AQ1065 -- Bid 4♠. There's no point in bidding 3♣, which will only serve to give the opponents information.

♠A9875 ♥KQ103 ♦A10 ♣74 -- Bid 2♥. This shows a full opener and a 4-card heart suit, but it doesn't necessarily promise extra strength. If partner raises to 3♥, you'll bid 4♥. If he retreats to 2♠, he has a minimum (and probably wasn't encouraged by your heart bid), and you can pass.

♠K8543 ♥A62 ♦AQ3 ♣54 -- Bid 2♦. This tells partner you have a full opener, but that you aren't strong enough to accept a normal game invitation. If partner has maximum playing strength, this provides some encouragement. If he has a balanced minimum, he can retreat to 2♠ and you can pass.



# MILESTONES

## Big Games Reported (Sep – Dec 2012)

Sep 14 71.05% Galen & Jane Schwanner  
 Sep 18 76.92% Cynthia Smith & Marwin Smith  
 Oct 8 70.82% Bill Dorin & Jan Dorin  
 Nov 14 70.31% Gladys Agan - Ruth Roden  
 Nov 17 70.09% Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy

## MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

### **Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints**

Edythe Slovick  
 Susan Miller  
 Geri Raichel

### **Club Master – 20 Masterpoints**

Bette Dawson  
 Jeanette Perich

### **Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints**

Beverly Loehrke  
 Caroline McArthur  
 Marilyn Roberts  
 Glynn Sisson

### **Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints**

Susan Fallon  
 Michael Innis  
 John Sutherland

### **ADV. NABC Master - 300 Masterpoints**

Judy Gutschenritter

### **Life Master– 300 Masterpoints**

Marcia Christopher

### **Bronze Life Master– 500 Masterpoints**

Bill Darden  
 Fiona Freeseaman

### **Gold Life Master - 2500 Masterpoints**

Barbara Meier

## TRANSFERRED INTO OUR UNIT

Deborah Carsch from Florida  
 Joseph Horan from St. Louis

# OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our Unit has a good mix of players spread very nicely from the Rookie category up through the Diamond Life Master rank. We now have 292 members, up from 286 a year ago. Here is the breakdown:

	JUNIOR	CLUB	SECT.	REGL.	NABC	ADV	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	DIA		
ROOKIE	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	NABC	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE		
	33	41	35	30	36	17	1	17	47	25	9	1



# 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  
Dawn Foltz-----204-1952  
Wed – 6:30-----Open, Teams 1<sup>st</sup> Wed

**The Ace of Clubs**-----0-100 & 0-500 Games  
St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St.  
Burke Snowden-----970-672-6652  
Thurs – 6:30 - Call for reservation or a partner.  
Teams – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even-numbered months.  
Salon (mini-lesson) by Larry Matheny – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

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

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

## Greeley

### **The Greeley Clubs**

Barbara Meier-----282-4331  
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6th Street  
Wed – 12:30-----Open  
Greeley Senior Center, 1010 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sat – 12:30-----Open

## Estes Park

### **Estes Park Duplicate Club**

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

The RECAP  
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