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ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter

The RECAP

September 2012

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Larry Matheny

The addition of a 199'er section to our monthly unit games has been a success. This group has been averaging six tables and I expect this number to grow. The Thursday night 199'er game continues to be a popular place for our new players to learn the basics of duplicate.

In the past, the September RECAP contained the list of winners from our August Summer Sectional. However, to avoid a conflict with other tournaments, we have moved our tournament to late September. This means the results will not be available in the newsletter until our next issue. However, the results of the sectionals and all of the games in our unit are always available on our website.

Please continue to support your local clubs and tournaments and let the board know what we can do to improve bridge in Northern Colorado.

## UNIT 363 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Other important volunteers within Unit 363 are:

John Worley	-----Unit Game Manager	-----222-2895
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Bob Link	-----Sectionals	-----631-8600

# RESULTS & SCHEDULES

## UNIT GAME REPORT

The Unit games continue to be very successful. There were 37 tables in April, 16 in May, 20 in June, 18 in July, and 22 in August. Here is a summary of the results.

### April 21 Unit Championship

	A	B	C
Burke Snowden - Perrie Avery	1		
Frank Demeyer – J. Brundege	2	1	
Andrea French - Robert Solick	3	2	
Ed Yosses - Rhonda Huser		3	

### April Unit 199'er Game

	A	B	C
Judith Lilly - Phyllis Tegtman	1	1	
Martha Lee - Gwenda Purdy	2		
James French - Steve Keen	3	2	

### May 12 STaC Game

North-South		A	B	C
Jim Zuboy - Bill Stoltey		1	1	
Andrea Kutscher – P. Flanders		2	2	
R. Kommsrusch - Leo Yudien		3	3	1
George Varra - Liz Varra				2
William Dorin – Mike Dorin				3

### East-West

	A	B	C
M. Gutschenritter – B. Snowden	1	1	
Cynthia Smith - Marwin Smith	2		
Douglas Watt - Norman Watt	3	2	
Marcia Christopher - Bill Darden		$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Gerrilou Martin – M. Sterkel		$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

### May Unit 199'er Game

	A	B	C
Ardyce Cronin - Sharon Stuart	1	1	
Nancy Crow - Carol Leweling	2	2	1
Art Murphy - Carol Murphy	3	3	2

### June 2 World Wide Pairs

	A	B
Larry Matheny – Bob Sherman	1	
Andrea French – Bob Solick	2	1

### June 2 World Wide Pairs (cont)

	A	B
Tim Auckland – J. Glendinning	3	2
Marcia Christopher - Bill Darden		3

### June 2 199'er Game

	A	B	C
Suzy Fallon - Lloyd Parker	1		
Bev Loehrke - Edye Slovick	2	1	1
Julie Wertz - Susy Smith	3		
Phyllis Tegtman - Judith Lilly		2	
Linda Meininger-Sharon Stuart		3	
Clint Black - Nancy Adams			2
Edward Jackson - Sandra Zink			3

### July 7 Unit Championship

	A	B
R. Southworth – Perrie Avery	1	
Burke Snowden- Dawn Foltz	2	1
Ardyce Cronin - J Altman	3	2
Marty & Judy Gutschenritter		3

### July 7 199'er Game

	C
Martha Lee - Leona Wingard	1
Linda Meininger - Sharon Stuart	2
Bunny Katzman - Alfred Katzman	3

### August 25 STaC Game

	A	B	C
<b>North – South</b>			
Dawn Foltz – B. Snowden	1	1	
L. Matheny - Bob Sherman	2		
Barb Meier – Bill Turner	3		
Doug Watt- Norman Watt		2	
Glynn Sisson – P. Sisson		3	1
M. Christopher–M. Rueppel			2
Ardyce Cronin – J Altman			3

### East – West

	A	B	C
Rhonda Huser – Neil Petrie	1	1	
Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy	2		
Jerry Potter – Al Walsh	3	2	1
Scotch Timm – R.Sartorius		3	2
Bob Link – Hart Renger			3

### August 199'er Game

	D	E	F
Z. Martinson – B. Dawson	1		
Judith Lilly – P. Tegtman	2	1	
E. Cenac – A. Dinsmoor	3	2	1
Sandra Zink – J. Goble			2



### One-Day 299er Sectional Tournament to be November 3rd

The fourth annual one-day **Falling Leaves 299er Sectional Tournament** will be held Saturday, November 3rd, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. The format will be 2 one-session pairs games starting at 9:00 and 1:30. A box lunch will be available between sessions and coffee and snacks will be available during the day. This tournament will award **Silver Masterpoints** to winners. Details are available on our website, [www.northerncoloradobridge.com](http://www.northerncoloradobridge.com) and on flyers at your local club. Please put this on your calendar and contact co-chairs Jim Berthold or Bob Link for additional information. The partnership chairperson is Julie Wertz.

### Publication of News & Notes in the RECAP

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

# COMING EVENTS

The following Unit sponsored events are coming up in the next few months. Our **playing site is St. John's Lutheran Church at 305 East Elizabeth in Ft. Collins.** The Unit maintains a calendar of coming events that can be accessed over the Internet (<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge/>). The calendar lists all of the ACBL Nationals, District 17 regionals and the Colorado and Cheyenne sectionals, along with all of the unit games.

## September Swiss Teams Championship

Event: One-Session Open Pairs  
Date: Saturday, September 22, 2012  
Starting Times: Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00  
Entry Fee: \$7/person

## October Election Game

Event: Two-Session Unit Pairs Championship  
Date: Saturday, October 6, 2012  
Starting Times: 9:30 & 1:30  
Entry Fee: \$7/person per session

## 299er Sectional Tournament

Event: Unit 363 Falling Leaves 299er Sectional Tournament, Saturday November 3rd, 2012 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. Pick up a flyer at your local club.

## November Pairs Championship

Event: One-Session Unit Game  
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2012  
Starting Time: Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00  
Entry fee: \$7/person

## December Holiday Party

Event: Two-Session Unit Championship  
Date: Saturday, December 8, 2012  
Starting Times: 9:30 & 1:30  
Entry fee: \$7/person per session



## Election of the Unit Board

The October Unit game will provide the setting for this year's annual membership meeting. The election of Unit 363 board members will be conducted between sessions on Saturday, October 6, 2012, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. The nominating committee of Andrea French, Jerry Potter, and Judy Gutschenritter has selected the following candidates for your consideration: Dawn Foltz, Vicki Hamende, Larry Matheny, and Bill Stoltey. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the Board Secretary, Bill Stoltey, 3407 Avon Court, Fort Collins, CO. 80526, post-marked no later than September 14, 2012. The ballot must be enclosed in a plain unmarked envelope and must be accompanied by a separate letter showing the name of the member casting the absentee vote.



# IMPROVE YOUR PLAY

## with Larry Matheny

There is no doubt the matchpoint scoring system employed in pairs events should influence your play of the hand. This hand demonstrates that simple lesson.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

<b>#1</b>	<b>♠</b> 4				
<b>Dlr W</b>	<b>♥</b> 987				
<b>Vul E/W</b>	<b>♦</b> K853				
	<b>♣</b> K10832				
			<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
<b>♠</b> Q9872	<b>♠</b> K10653		Pass	Pass	Pass
<b>♥</b> 42	<b>♥</b> QJ106	□	Pass	3NT	Pass
<b>♦</b> Q742	<b>♦</b> 6		Pass		
<b>♣</b> A5	<b>♣</b> 976				
	<b>♠</b> AJ				
	<b>♥</b> AK53				
	<b>♦</b> AJ109				
	<b>♣</b> QJ4				

**BIDDING:** North-South had a routine auction to game.

**PLAY:** West led his fourth best spade and declarer quickly saw he had no way to bring home nine tricks. So he won the first spade and led clubs. West won and the defense soon had five tricks to defeat the contract. Why is this hand of interest? Because several of the South players tried taking a diamond finesse or playing for the remaining hearts to divide 3-3. Those declarers went down two and sometimes three tricks. Matchpoint scoring rewards the best plus scores and also the smallest minus scores.

When your contract has no hope, minimize your loss.

# NEW MINOR FORCING

By Larry Matheny

The bidding style loosely called "Standard American" has many flaws. One of them is the continuation after opener rebids 1NT. The problem is that responder's rebids at the two-level are non-forcing and jumps to the three-level are forcing. One of the few invitational bids left to responder is a raise to 2NT. Take a look at these auctions and the problems they present:

(1)		(2)		(3)	
PARD	YOU	PARD	YOU	PARD	YOU
1♣	1♠	1♦	1♥	1♣	1♠
1NT	2♥	1NT	2♥	1NT	3♥

- #1. This is non-forcing asking partner to pass or take a preference to spades. Holding five spades and four hearts you have no way to invite.
- #2. This is non-forcing asking partner to pass. You have no way to invite with a 5-card heart suit.
- #3. This is forcing to game but partner doesn't know if you have four or five hearts.

These rules have been around for over sixty years and allow you to only sign off or force so what do you do with all of those invitational strength hands? There are several solutions such as TWO-CLUB CHECKBACK, NEW MINOR FORCING, and TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING. I am going to present a description of the New Minor Forcing (NMF) convention. This great tool solves (at least) four problems for you as responder:

- 1. It allows you to discover if opener has 3-card support for your major.
- 2. It allows you to discover if opener holds four cards in the other major.
- 3. You can distinguish between 5-4 and 5-5 major suit holdings.
- 4. It lets you show both invitational and forcing raises for opener's minor.

Let's look at a problem hand.

♠KQ954 ♥A72 ♦A82 ♣J5

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♠
1NT	??

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. The problem is that a rebid of 2♠ would not be forcing and a jump to 3♠ would show an invitational hand with a 6+card spade suit. (With 6+spades and a game-going hand you would simply rebid 4♠.) Enter NMF...simply rebid 2♦. This says nothing about the diamond suit; instead it shows at least invitational strength and asks opener about his distribution and strength. Here are his possible rebids:

- 2♥ a 4-card heart suit (may also have 3 spades)
- 2♠ a minimum hand with 3-card spade support
- 2NT a minimum hand without 4 hearts or 3 spades
- 3♠ a maximum hand with 3-card spade support
- 3NT a maximum hand without 4 hearts or 3 spades

If he rebids 2♥ you bid 3NT. Obviously you are not interested in hearts so you must hold five spades. He will move to 4♠ holding 3-card support. Remember, using NMF requires invitational or better strength.

Here are some hands that are now easier to describe:

1. ♠KQ954 ♥AJ42 ♦J5 ♣82

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♦
??	

PARD	YOU
2♥	Invite with 3♥
2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass
3♠	Raise to 4♠
3NT	Pass

2. ♠AJ954 ♥AK942 ♦J5 ♣8

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♠
1NT	3♥

This sequence shows (at least) 5-5 in the majors. You would have used NMF if you held only four hearts. This makes it easy for partner to raise hearts holding three small.

You can also use NMF over partner's jump rebid of 2NT.

3. ♠AJ9 ♥A9842 ♦J5 ♣864

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♥
2NT	3♦
??	

Partner will rebid 3♥ if he holds 3-card support, 3♠ holding a 4-card spade suit, and 3NT otherwise. This frees up your 3♥ (over 2NT) to show a 6+card suit with slam interest. Holding 6+ hearts with no slam interest you would simply rebid 4♥.

4. ♠AJ98 ♥A9842 ♦J5 ♣84

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♥
2NT	3♠
??	

This sequence shows four spades and five hearts. If you were only 4-4, you would use NMF. (It is assumed opener may have bypassed bidding a spade suit.)

5. ♠AJ987 ♥A9842 ♦J5 ♣8

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♠
2NT	3♥
??	

This sequence shows 5-5 or greater in the majors. With 5-4, you would use NMF.

Now let's look at a feature of NMF with which many people are not familiar. After partner opens in a minor and rebids 1NT, we need to be able to support his minor with weak hands, invitational hands, and strong hands. Here is the solution:

PARD	YOU
1♣	1♥
1NT	??

6. ♠8 ♥AJ87 ♦J65 ♣109654

7. ♠7 ♥AJ109 ♦K6 ♣Q109542

8. ♠A3 ♥AK87 ♦5 ♣AK9654

#6. Rebid 2♣. Since partner denied holding 4+ spades, a club partial may be safer.

#7. Rebid 3♣. You want to invite and at the same time suggest shortness somewhere.

#8. Rebid 2♦ (NMF) followed by 3♣. This shows a strong hand and suggests a club game or slam.

Wait....there's more. What about this sequence:

1♥	1♠
1NT	??

How do you discover if opener has 3-card spade support? In theory a rebid of two of either minor is non-forcing so what do you do?

There are (at least) two solutions: 1) Use 2♣ as your "New Minor" or, 2) Use your "Better Minor" to ask the questions. My preference is 2♣ and here are the responses:

## 2♣ Checkback after 1♥-1♠-1NT

1♥	1♠	
1NT	2♣	Artificial, invitational or better
	2♦, 2♠	Weak
	2♥	Constructive raise 8-9
	2NT	Invitational
	3♥	Limit raise 10-12
	3♠	Invitational

NMF is an artificial bid and therefore must be alerted. As always there are variations of this convention so please discuss it with your partner before adding it to your card.



## **DID YOU KNOW**

By Dawn Foltz

### **Review of the Auction is permitted:**

(1) During the auction, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO CALL, unless you have been required to pass by the Director (which gives up your right to a review). Alerts should be included in the review. You may not ask for a partial restatement of the auction and may not halt the restatement before it is complete.

(2) After the final pass, by declarer or either defender AT THEIR FIRST TURN TO PLAY or before the opening lead is faced. Declarer's first turn to play is when a card is called from dummy. Again, a complete review is required.

The right to request a review of the auction expires after you have played a card. However, at any time it is your turn to play you are entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether or not it is doubled, but not who doubled. The review shall be supplied by an opponent - not by your partner. All players are responsible for correcting an error in the review.

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Taken from Laws 20 and 41 of the "Laws of Duplicate Bridge" 2008 Edition



# 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 currently have 295 members.

	JUNIOR	CLUB	SECT.	REGL.	NABC	LIFE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	DIAM.	
ROOKIE	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	MAST.	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	
	38	41	36	28	35	19	18	46	25	8	1



## I'm Giving Up Bridge

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night  
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.  
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten  
Who's played and what's trumps  
And what's gone on my right!  
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the backwood  
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.  
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.  
I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night.  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.  
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope  
And when s/he says "double," I know we're in trouble.  
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why  
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.  
We're in seven spades and all my hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays  
We're winning all tricks; the defenders feel sick  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.  
But I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night.  
Farewell to conventions - I give up the fight!  
So I leave with few words but some that are true,  
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.  
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek  
For it's only a game - oh! ... and see you next week!

~ anon. ~

# MILESTONES

## Big Games Reported (Apr – Aug 2012)

Apr 17 71.63% Jon Gustafson-Bill Stoltey  
May 7 71.23% Cynthia & Marwin Smith  
Jun 7 70.45% Gwen Purdy – C. Snowden  
Jul 9 70.52% Larry Matheny – Neil Petrie  
Jul 19 76.19% Barb Meier – Billie Turner  
Jul 30 71.49% S. O'Neill – Sharon Stuart

## Masterpoint Milestones

### Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints

Clint Black  
Bette Dawson  
Jennifer Goble  
Catherine Meng  
Rosemarie Schenck  
Teresa Renger  
Gretchen Snowden  
Katie Snowden  
Helga Teehan  
Mrs. Jimmie Van Thorre

### Club Master – 20 Masterpoints

Nancy Crow  
Linda Langer  
Alaeldin Rachid  
Rita Snyder  
Brian Sokolik

### Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints

Susan Fallon  
Linda Meininger  
Lucille Takes  
John Wolf

### Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints

Nila Hobbs  
Richard Kamph  
Hart Renger  
Miriam Summerson

### NABC Master – 200 Masterpoints

Jim Berthold  
John Blankinship  
Craig Snowden

### Life Master – 300 Masterpoints

Jane Boulter  
Vicki Hamende  
Trudy Owen

### Silver Life Master – 1,000 Masterpoints

Linda Agee

### Diamond Life Master – 5,000 Masterpoints

Cynthia Smith

### New Members

Bette Dawson  
David Grohusky  
Martha Grohusky  
Susan Hubbell  
Edythe Slovick  
Lucille Steiner

### Transferred into our unit

Naomi Cartwright from N.W. Illinois  
James Endelicato from Denver  
Kristi Endelicato from Denver  
Carol Nickell from Albuquerque  
Donald Patterson from Laramie  
Elizabeth Sage from Mesa



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

### **The Ace of Clubs**-----0-200 Game

St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St.  
Burke Snowden-----223-4088  
Thurs – 6:30 - Call for reservations 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 Club**

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

## Estes Park

### **Estes Park Duplicate Club**

Methodist Church – 1509 Fish Hatchery Road  
John Krueger-----970-577-0657  
Mon-1:00-----Open, Stratified  
Call to reserve a seat or for a partner.

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