FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our recent Boulder Bonanza a success. As always, it is evident what great members we have in our unit...people who contribute food and money for the tournaments and who have a good time coming and playing. These tournaments could not happen nor be a success without all of you! And special thanks to Bob Herz, tournament chair, and to all the board members and Ronak (our kitchen specialist) who did so much and who worked so hard.

The board has recently placed an order to purchase 200 folding steel chairs and stacking carts to hold the chairs. Apparently the unit has struggled for a number of years with the problem of what to do about chairs for our tournaments. Only flimsy plastic chairs are available to rent and these are not acceptable for our use. The past few years, Andrea Cain has arranged for us to borrow folding chairs from the elementary school where she works. And Andrea and Bob Herz have trucked the chairs to and from each tournament. However, Andrea may soon work at a different school and security is presenting a problem in terms of getting into her school each time to pick up and return the chairs. So, the board is pleased and excited that the unit will finally have some chairs of its own.

Best wishes to all of you and have fun playing bridge!

Warmly,

Anne Vincent, President Unit 359

KUDOS


Many thanks to Roberta Vider of the Denver unit who found $40.00 on the floor at the recent Spring Bonanza and brought it to the attention of the directors. The money was returned to its rightful owner.

CONVALESCENT’S CORNER

We are happy to report that Elliot Schulman is alive and well, contrary to the recent rumors of his early demise.

Best wishes to Kathy Ludwig for a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. Dorothy Newman is doing better and will be back at the bridge table soon.

Our condolences to Ann Johnson on the passing of her husband Art.

ACBL UNIT 359

Treasurer's Report
6-01-01

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Bulk mailing                     150.00
Bulk mailing annual permit
125.00
Postal returns-newsletter             3.00
State Corporate fee (biennial)       25.00
Holiday party deposit               250.00
Aug unit game rental                 125.00
Remembrances                          26.84
Total Expenses:                      $7911.39
Balance Forward:     $6932.79
CD World Savings     $3453.08

Ellen Tallman, Treasurer

SPRING 2000 BONANZA

We had 245 tables in play compared with 225 ½ in spring 2000 and 226 ½ in spring 1999.

The following are the winners from the Spring Sectional. Unit members are in boldface.

Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs (75 pairs)
1A.  Gary Steiner – Richard Laver
2A.  Steve Hay – En Hay
3A.  Jim Spurlin – Reiko Raese
4A.  Artie Weiss – Dolores Landwehr
5A1B,1C.  Bob McLean – Cobe Venner
6A,2B.  Jim Zuboy – Andy Johnson
3B.  Clint Heiple – Kate Yates
4B.  Gladys Agan – Ruth Roden
5B.  Betty Gardner – Eloise Norris
6B.  Ike Markowitz – Marilyn Markowitz
2C.  Eric Kronwall – Bill Stoltey
3C.  Harold David – Alberta David
4C.  Duval Prey, Jr. – James Stander
5C.  Pam Root – Peter Miller
6C.  Joanne Grundy – Gladys Dilorenzo

Fri Eve Flt A Open Pairs (30 pairs)
1.  Brad Wilson – Forest Clark
2.  Tim Hartshorn – Susan Grauer
3.  Bertie Wetzler – Elise Myers
4.  David Rutner – Tom Schmied
5.  Sue Bishop – Broma Lou Reed
6.  Gary Greene – Michael Perlman

Fri Eve Flt - Flt B/C/D Pairs (47 pairs)
1B.  Susan Cuff – Peter Miller

Sat Aft Side/ 99er Pairs (14 pairs)
1A.  Susan Charczenko – Nick Charczenko
2A,1B,1C.  Michael Zimmerman – Vin Botarelli
3A,2B,2C.  Shirley Holder – Rhoda Taylor
4A.  Marianne Thornburg – Kay McKenna
5A,3B.  Ike Markowitz – Marilyn Markowitz
4B.  Arlene Hunter – Ellen Tallman

Sat Strat Open Pairs (72 pairs)
1A.  Don Boyarsky – Arlene Jones
2A.  Paul Witonsky – Lorraine Witonsky
3A.  Marty Freedman – Ellen Freedman
4A.  Michael Perlman – Charlie Anderson
5A.  Suzanne Jones – Bruce Cobb
6A.  Tim Hartshorn – Steve Blatter
7A.  Merrell Anderson – Linda Blatter
1B.  Greg Foltz – Dawn Foltz
2B.  Judy Hardie – Nettie Ashbee
3B.  Carol Chestnut – Georgia Wilson
4B.  Jack Moore – Virginia Moore
5B.  Joyce Gitltenberg – Carol Hjelte
6B.  Jim Johnson – Ralph Cox
1C.  Laurah Limbrick – Marion Draughon
2C.  Judith Hunt – Daniel Taylor
3C.  Vince Bates – Anne Vincent
4C.  Russell Pierce – Jim Fleagle

Sun Flt A Swiss (20 teams)
1.  Flo Newlin, Cal Newlin, Fred Herring, Allen Kane
2.  Warren Garrett, Virginia Gunter, Dolly Hauge, Geir Hauge
3.  Toshiko Yingst, David Rutner, Broma Lou Reed, Linda Sundbye
4.  Elliot Schulman, Gary Steiner, Pat Sherman, Bob Sherman
5.  Gary Greene, Richard Laver, Larry Dolan, Michael Perlman
6.  Dawn Foltz, Greg Foltz,
Chuck Reed, David Chavez

Sun Flt B/C/D Swiss (26 teams)
1B,1C. Andrea Cain, Bob Herz
        Cobe Venner, Bob McLean
2/4B. Paul Flanders, Eleanor Flanders,
        Vince Bates, Anne Vincent
2/4B. Jack Moore, Virginia Moore
        Jim Zuboy, Andy Johnson
2/4B. Clint Heiple, Woody Dillinger,
        Paula Warren, Jim Walker
5B,2C. Arlene Hunter, Patricia Soukoup,
        Ellen Tallman, Leona Schuler
6/7B. Nadine Hood, Marietta Miller,
        Lois Cummings, Marion Loosmore
6/7B. Ed Gardner, Sandy Straus,
        Joan Stern, Maud Greer
3C. Ron Pierce, Helen Pippin,
    Dorothy Nogues, Sandra Koller
4C. Dick Cable, Barbara Cable,
    Georgianne Harris, Jim Hunter
1D. Shirley Schley, Duval Prey Jr.
    Dave Appel, William Schley

UNIT GAME

Mark your calendars! The unit will hold a stratified North American Open Pairs qualifying unit game on SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2001 at 1pm. The game will be at the West Boulder Senior Center on the northeast corner of 9th and Arapahoe. There is limited parking at the Center, but plenty of parking at the Boulder County Library. Plan to play!!

Vince Bates, Special Events Co-Chair

UNIT GAME

APRIL 14, 2001

The unit held a single session stratified unit game with 11 tables in play. The overall winners:

1A. Michael Perlman - Gary Greene
2A. Suzanne Jones - Kay McKenna
3A,1B,1C. John Massman - John Bortins
4A,2B. Jim Zuboy - Marlene Aranci
5A. Dolores Landwehr - Jeanne Achziger
6A,3B. Jim Steele - Karen Renne
4B,2C. Tim Auckland - Jenny Glendinning
5B,3C. Rick Clelland - Pat Hoadley

Vince Bates, Special Events Co-Chair

DOUBLE KEY CARD
(DKC)

Once a suit has been agreed upon, then a specific new suit bid of 3♠,4♣,4♦ or 4♥ asks for key cards in the agreed suit and the new suit. For example: 1♥-P-2♥-P-3♠ is a DKC asking sequence with hearts and spades the key card suits. And 1♠-P-2♠-P-3♦-P-4♥ is also a DKC sequence with clubs and diamonds as key card suits.

Key cards are shown using a 0314 approach with steps added. Step 5 shows two key cards with the 2nd suit queen, step 6 shows two key cards with both queens. For example, in the sequence 1♥-P-2♥-P-3♠-P, 3NT is 0 or 3 key cards, 4♠ is 1 or 4 key cards, 4♦ is 2 or 5 key cards and no queen, 4♥ is 2 or 5 key cards with ♥Q, 4♠ is 2 or 5 key cards with ♠Q, 4NT is 2 or 5 key cards with both queens.

After a step 1 or step 2 response, advancer bids the next step, excluding the agreed suit, to ask for key card in queens. Responder bids step 1 to show no key card queens, step 2 to show agreed suit queen, step 3 to show trump queen and step 4 to show both queens. For example, in the sequence 1♣-P-3♣-P-4♠-P-4♥ showing 1 or 4 key cards, opener now bids 4NT to ask for queens and step responses apply.

For simplicity, a side suit king is not shown when answering the number the queens. Instead the advancer may bid the next step to ask for specific non-key card kings.

DKC can be used after many conventional bids including simple limit or
Bergen raises, inverted minors, splinters or Jacoby 2NT and after strong 2♣ openers.

Advancer should not use DKC when holding a void. Also, responder should ignore a void and not show it as a control. If the opponents interfere, the DOPI response applies. A return to the agreed suit at any level is a signoff.

Merrell Anderson

WHO’S RALPH

(This is the 4th in a series of articles on uneven partnerships or mentoring.)

Early in the year I approached Judy Hardie and Betty Coulon about doing an interview on their partnership. They were a bit apprehensive, so I tabled the idea.

In April, with renewed hope, I formulated a series of questions and presented it to them. But somehow I was missing the mark. We began talking, attempting to find some mutual ground. At the end of one discussion, Judy stated with passion, “It’s really not about us. It’s about discipline. It’s about following Ralph.” My mouth must have dropped open. Finally, a core we could all embrace had emerged.

Soon afterward I phoned Betty. “Who is this Ralph to whom Judy keeps referring?” I inquired. She willingly agreed to tell the story of Ralph, along with how he has impacted her bridge game over the years.

“Ralph Locke, in the 70s and 80s, was one of the better bridge players in Indiana. He had a vast library - nearly every book about bridge ever printed at that time. He determined which situations arose most frequently and adopted those conventions that suited them and packaged them into what he called his “system.”

“He and his partner were very successful - one year they were the top pair in the state for Grand National Pairs and won a trip to the Nationals.

After his regular partner died and Ralph’s kidney disease had become extremely severe, he was no longer able to travel to tournaments. He decided to “adopt” me and my partner, Marge Craib, in an attempt to make us better bridge players using his “system.” Marge and I were immediately successful and got the remainder of our coveted “gold” at the next two tournaments.

Poor Ralph died shortly thereafter. He had been thrilled to think that we had finally become life masters.”

“What is his system? Basically, it is a weak NT (13-15) with numerous gadgets that go with a 1C or 1D opening. The other component is a set of two-suited overcalls. When the opponents open the bidding, we use double, NT and cue bid to show two-suited hands.

“When I moved to Boulder in 1991 I couldn’t find anyone to play this system with me. I met Judy Hardie when we worked together at H&R Block and thought she would make a good duplicate player since she was already an avid party bridge player. We started playing regularly using “the system” and she went from a complete duplicate novice to life master in three years playing only in pairs events - no knockouts.”

“We have had a lot of fun playing this system. Once, at a tournament, one of the well-known Denver players asked me about our success with the system. I told him we thought it was pretty good. He looked me in the eye and said, “If it was any good - EVERYONE would be playing it!”

“Ralph was very much into the philosophy of when to bid, when to defend, etc. so a lot of it rubbed off on me. Hopefully, it is rubbing off onto Judy and Nettie as well.”

Thank you, Judy and Betty, for sharing the wisdom of Ralph. We all admire and appreciate true students of the game who synthesize their knowledge - - - then pass it on to others.

Pat Gillach

PLAYER HIGHLIGHT

Eric Cornell, a physicist at NIST, his colleague Carl Wieman and their research group at the University of Colorado made worldwide headline news in 1995 by being the first to
create a new state of matter: the Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC).

In 1925 Albert Einstein and Satyendra Nath Bose predicted the theoretical existence of this new state of matter, which occurs when the atoms become very cold and start to behave more like waves and less like individual particles. The condensate is the counterpart of the laser with the exception that it is the atoms rather than photons that align in perfect unison. The condensate was formed in June 1995 by cooling 2,000 rubidium atoms to a temperature of less than 100 billionth of a degree above absolute zero.

No doubt we have a future Nobel Prize winner among our ranks.

Eric Cornell in his lab at CU

Eric grew up playing bridge with his family. He is married to former board member and newsletter editor Celeste Landry. And they have two lovely daughters, Eliza (age 5) and Sophia (almost 3).

Linda Sundbye

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Several Boulder players achieved fame and fortune at the Denver Rocky Mountain regional in May. Congratulations to all. The top masterpoint winners from the Boulder unit:

1. Suzanne Jones 44.06
2. Broma Lou Reed 39.85
3. John Bortins 32.21
4. Jeanne Gray 26.52
5. Jean Adams 26.31
6. Kathy Ragland 21.95
7. Bill Kutscher 21.36
8. Richard Laver 20.89
9. Andrea Cain 19.72
10. John Massman 19.61
11. Bill Horton 19.32
12. Ralph Cox 18.92
13. Betty Jacobson 18.88
14. Joan Stern 18.88
15. Dolores Landwehr 18.22
16. Bob Herz 17.29
17. Jeanne Achziger 16.76
18. Sandra Burk 15.96
19. Michael Perlman 15.63
20. Ellen Freedman 15.53
21. Linda Sundbye 15.48
22. Richard Geertz 15.43
23. Charlie Anderson 14.59
24. Kate Yates 13.89
25. Jim Johnson 13.00
26. Marty Freedman 12.64
27. Reiko Raese 12.49
28. Chris Harrop 11.56
29. Jim Hoerlein 10.09
30. Judy Furtney 8.21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Jun 14 Longmont Club championship
Jun 18-24 Las Vegas Regional
Jun 27 Wednesday Club championship
Jun 28 – Jul 1 Denver Summer Sectional
Jul 9-12 Western Conf Swiss Teams STAC
Jul 20 FAC Club championship
Jul 19-29 NABC Toronto Canada
Aug 2 Longmont Club Championship
Aug 3-5 Grand Junction Sectional
Aug 6 Boulder Bridge Club Championship
Aug 6-12 Phoenix Regional
Aug 24-26 Fort Collins Sectional
Sep 6-9 Colorado Springs Sectional
Sep 21-23 Cheyenne Sectional
Sep 28-30 Pueblo Sectional

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