

# The Kibitzer

Newsletter for Duplicate Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 360

February, 2025



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board of Directors has been addressing and prioritizing the repair needs of the Bridge Center building and property. The outdoor lighting has recently been repaired and improved with some additional LED lights. Less noticeable but also recently repaired has been the work on the rear, east side, of the building to prevent water coming off the hill from running under the building. Additional work was completed under the entryway and kitchen area. The work was to repair the structural damage under those areas which caused cracks in the floor.

Future work includes repairing the cracks in the floor in the entryway and kitchen area along with addressing the floor surface in those areas. Also, the parking lot will have work done to seal cracks. The gutters and down spouts are in the works to be improved and replaced as needed.

The roof is aged but is being maintained fixing leaks when needed. The roof will have to be replaced but the hope is that it can be maintained in serviceable condition for the next few years.

The Board is making every effort to be good stewards of the needs of an aging building, balancing repair needs with financial considerations.

Rumors have circulated expressing concerns that table fees are going to be raised soon. The Board has not seen a need to do this currently and hopes not to have to do so. Efforts will be made to conserve expenses where possible and to address the repair projects with monies available.

## Achievements:

### Junior Master (5 pts):

Brenda Bocek  
David Cheek  
Audrey Cornford  
Jacqueline C. Keller  
Christine M. Leatherman

### New Club Master (20 pts):

Martha Rzasa

### Sectional Master (50 pts):

### NABC Master (200 pts):

Phoebe Lohstroh

### Advanced NABC Master(300pts)

### Life Master: (500 pts)

### Bronze Life Master (750 pts):

Paul Gilbert

### Ruby Life Master (1500 pts):

Sam Taylor

### Gold Life Master (2500 pts):

Page Walker

### Sapphire Life Master (3500 pts):

### Diamond Life Master (5000 pts)

## BRIDGE IN A DAY

**Attention beginning and aspiring bridge players!** Our Bridge Center, Unit 360, is offering the fabulous Bridge in a Day series, beginning on Saturday, March 22. The first workshop will take place at the Bridge Center, 901 N 17th Street, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 pm. Cost for this session is \$25, which will include the basic workbook. Students should bring their own lunches. Beverages will be provided. This class will be taught by our own Ann Parker. Subsequent classes will be taught by a team of Jodi Wyss, Murlene Williams, and Fran Pilch. There will be follow-on classes on No Trump, Responses, Doubles, Strong Two Club Openers, etc. that will be scheduled at the convenience of students and instructors. Please tell your friends! This is a fun, interactive, nicely paced series of workshops that will have students feeling comfortable at our bridge tables quickly! To register, or for further information, email Fran Pilch at [ftpilch@yahoo.com](mailto:ftpilch@yahoo.com)

### AWARDS GAME Saturday, March 15

The Awards Game will be held on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 12 o'clock. The awards ceremony will begin at 12 o'clock with the game beginning at 12:30.

Cake and snacks will be served, and the game will be free. Both an open and 499er games are planned if numbers allow. Please come to receive your awards and to cheer on your friends who are receiving awards.

### UNIT GAMES

Each year, ACBL Unit 360 designates certain club games held at the Bridge Center as Unit Championship Games. These games are special:

They award a 25% bonus to all Masterpoint winners. The Unit provides food! All Masterpoints won are accumulated toward the annual Memorial Trophy.

Past Memorial Trophy Winners:

2024 – Strat A: Mel Levine Strat B: Fred Cannon Strat C: Sanjiv Damle

2023 – Strat A: Don Patterson Strat B: Linda Nicholos Strat C: Lee Brown

2022 – Strat A: Mel Levine Strats B & C: Fred Cannon

There will be two additional Unit Games this year. The Awards Game will be held Saturday, March 15, and the Membership Game on Saturday, December 13.

The full list of 2025 Unit Games is on the front page of the Unit 360 website, and on the back page of the new 2025 player directory. First Unit Game of the year will be at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 25.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CLEANING CREW COORDINATOR**

The cleaning crew has come in prior to the last few sectional tournaments doing a cleaning of the Bridge Center. This has resulted in our building looking good for our tournaments.

While we have had several consistent crew members, the crew is in need of a coordinator whose duties consist of organizing the crew prior to each tournament including assigning cleaning tasks and setting up cleaning times. The next tournament is in May.

Please contact Bob Wagstaff if you are interested in doing this task at [waggies@sprintmail.com](mailto:waggies@sprintmail.com) or at 719 575 0878.

## **ICE MACHINE CLEANING**

Diane Black and Jean Collins have volunteered to clean the ice machine with supervisory assistance from JoAnn Ranta. Thanks, and appreciation for this group of volunteers.

## **UNIT 360 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHERS**

**PRESIDENT** Bob Wagstaff, returning

**VICE-PRESIDENT** Mark Bishop, returning and  
Assistant Tournament Chair

**TREASURER** Ed Gardner

Ed takes over from Ann Couch.

**SECRETARY** Ed Hill

Along with the Secretary duties, Ed will continue to work on the Return to the Fold (5-5-5) ACBL program monitoring the Pueblo, Rocky Ford and Buena Vista membership.

**MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING** Phoebe Lostroh

Membership and Marketing has many tasks including the Return to the Fold program, welcoming new members and some marketing. Phoebe is moving from Secretary in her second year on the Board

**HOSPITALITY** Dave Loring

Dave is returning to the board and resuming the hospitality duties along with continuing to be our resident mouse catcher

**MENTORSHIP** Paul Gefreh

Paul will continue doing the mentor program which is being looked to expand this year. He will also continue to order name tags.

**AT LARGE**

Claudia Busch Lee

Claudia is the Kibitzer Editor and will assist Paul with expanding the mentor program by encouraging the Ambassador Program

**BUILDING MANAGER**

Roger Williams

Roger is returning as the Building Manager. He has several contract projects in the works for the coming year as our building advances in maturity.

**SUPPLIES**

Jeff Rapp

Yes, Jeff is doing Supplies again and everything computer-related! Thank you, Jeff.

**TUESDAY MORNING OPEN GAME**

Jeff Rapp is directing the Tuesday morning game. He brings his energy and attention to detail which we've come to associate with Jeff's games to a new time and a new day. So, please find a way to get out of bed a little earlier and welcome Jeff back.

**LONGEST DAY COORDINATORS**

Maureen Tuttle and Sandy Bateman are the new Longest Day Coordinators. Please contact Maureen or Sandy if you would like to volunteer for the Longest Day Committee. Thanks for stepping up!

**BRIEF AED ORIENTATION**

Over the past several years a number of our membership have required ambulance transport due to medical emergencies. While none of these individuals has had a cardiac emergency, in the event of such an emergency the use of the AED device could save a life.

Randy Short will do a brief AED orientation at the start of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Please come and learn some basics of how to use the AED device.

Further AED instruction days and times are anticipated with the intent of having a core of people comfortable and competent to use this device.

The Board is also considering keeping an emergency contact list.

**DISTRICT 17 GRANT****MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER**

Bill Curtis and Bob Wagstaff presented a \$2,000.00 check to the Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

ACBL distributes money to ACBL Districts each year. District 17 this past year had monies from ACBL. Unit 360 applied for and received from District 17 the grant money to give to Mt. Carmel.

The decision to donate to Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center was based on the number of veterans and family members of veterans within the Unit 360 membership.

### **WANT TO PLAY BRIDGE AND NEED A PARTNER**

Remember you can come to play bridge on Tuesday morning or Saturday evening even if you don't have a partner. So, no partner, still come play at the Bridge Center.

### **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

The Board is suggesting an Ambassador Program whereby people with less than 499 Masterpoints could come to a game once a quarter and be paired with a more advanced player for a game. Many 499ers have expressed a desire to improve their game and the 'Ambassadors' can offer one or two tips after the game to assist in the focused development of their partners. The spirit is intended to build relationships and also skills for all of our players. We plan to start with Shirley's game on the first Wednesday of March, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# I LOVE YOU FOR CONVENTIONAL REASONS

Disarranged from Nat King Cole and Mel Carter by Ed Hill

**Cmaj7 Am7 FG Cmaj7 Am7 FG Cmaj7 Am7**

I love you for conventional reasons. I hope you do believe me.

**F G Cmaj7 Am7 FG**

I've transferred you my hearts, (Jacoby Transfer)

**Cmaj7 Am7 FG Cmaj7 Am7 FG Cmaj7 Am7**

I love you for conventional reasons. I hope you do believe me.

**F G Cmaj7 Am7 FG**

And we'll be great partners from the start.

**Dm G C Am**

They told me to be sensible with a new partner.

**Dm G C**

Don't be fooled that this is the last one you will find.

**B7 Em**

But they never sat across the table from you there

**D D7 G G7**

And your play of 7 No Trump drives me slowly out of my mind.

**C Am F G C Am**

Diss me. Diss me, and you know that it will always piss me. Piss me.

**F G C Am**

Piss me off that you would soon dismiss me. Dismiss me.

**Dm G C Am F G**

I'd never want to play again with you.

**D Bbm G A D Bbm**

Thrill me. Thrill me, and as a worthy partner I will be. Will be.

**G A Bbm G A D Bbm G A D**

Bill me for each trick I cost you. Bill me. I will always want to play w/you.

U360 Winter Sectional February 5<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>

There were 151 players and 146 tables as compared to the 2024 Winter Sectional which had 136 players and 105 tables as compared to the 2023 Sectional which had 150 players and 162 tables. Of note is that the 2024 two session Saturday teams were cancelled due to snow. With the 20 teams registered, the 2023 table count would have been 145.

The Winners:

**Wednesday** Swiss: Flight A – Margie Schrader – Mel Levine – Bob Harward – Jim Hurley

Flight B & C – Jeff Rapp – Tom Baesl – Fred Cannon – John Hurwitz

**Thursday** A.M. 299ers: D, E - Laura Arnett - Lynn Jones  
F - Lora Marshall - Martha Rzasa

P.M. 299ers: D(tie) - Harold Franson - Charles Barrett  
D(tie),E - Jane Vagge - Pat Atkinson

Open Pairs: A - Bonnie Smith - Dom Di Felice, *Denver*  
B, C - Sanjiv Damle - Davis Bennett

**Friday** A.M. 299ers: D, E - Andrew Maverick - Anne Maverick  
F - Julie Predhomme - Brian Jeffrey, *Denver*

P.M. 299ers: D - Sharon Moulton - Laura Moore, *Greenwood Village*

E, F - Elizabeth Dietrich - Joseph Dietrich, *Castle Rock*

Open Pairs: A, B - Michael Hellman - Sanjiv Damle  
C - Fred Cannon - Nancy Teel

**Saturday** Teams: Bracket 1 - Stephen Linehan - Val Covalciuc, *Highlands Ranch* -

Andrea Johnson, *Longmont* - Edward Yosses, *Aurora*

Bracket 2 - Davis Bennett - Gordon Jensen – James Hurley - Lorna Perkins

Bracket 3 - Sandy Thwaites - Meg Gross - Wilt Cooper, Littleton -

Donna Agee, *Centennial*

**Top Masterpoint Winner: 1. 30.67** – Edward Yosses, **Aurora**

**Top Unit 360 MP Winner: 2. 27.43** – Michael Hellman

Many thanks go to:      John Dukellis – Board Duplication  
David & Ellen Loring - Hospitality Chairs  
Dawn Neeley – Kitchen Supervisor  
Jeff Rapp – Reservations & Web Site  
Bob Somppi - Caddie  
Theresa Venhuis – Director

**The 299er players – a total of 26.5 tables –**

**phenomenal!!!**

Extra thanks and appreciation go to Mark Bishop, Tournament Co-chair, who also organized a crew who did a fantastic job cleaning the Bridge Center.

PLAN NOW TO PLAY in our Colorado Springs Spring Sectional Thursday, May 1st – Sunday, May 4th.

*Bonnie Bagley*

Tournament Chair



**MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR!**



Colorado Springs NLM 499er Sectional February 22 - 23

Tucson Regional February 25 - March 1

Denver Sectional March 7 - 9

Memphis NABC March 13 - 23

Nebraska 749er Regional April 4 - 6

Phoenix 749er Regional April 11 - 13

Denver 499er Sectional April 12 - 13

Gatlinburg Regional April 21 - 27

Boulder Sectional April 25 - 27

Colorado Springs Sectional May 1 - 4

Denver Renaissance Regional May 20 - 26

Penticton, BC Regional June 5 - 10

Phoenix Regional August 11 - 16





Mary Elizabeth Ruwell/Ed Gardner Sept. 17 70.47%



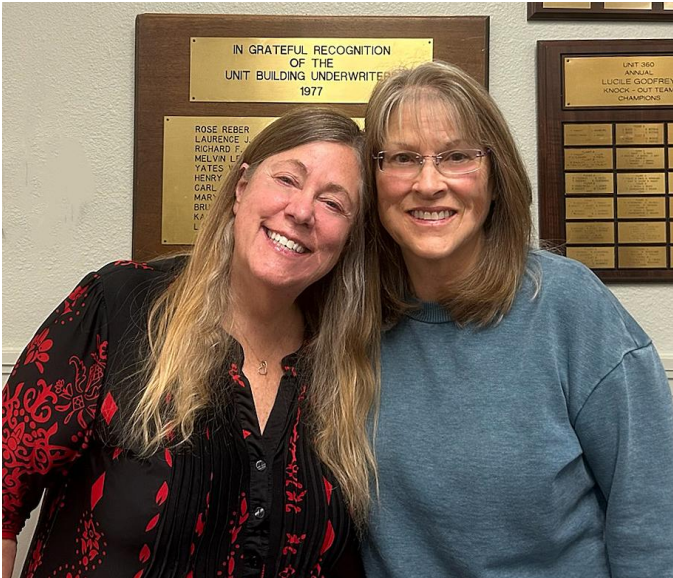
Murlene/Roger Williams Dec. 17, 72.22%



Ancel and Mitch Peckham Sat. Nov. 9, 75.69%



Charles Lewis/John Dukellis Dec. 31, 71.53%



Marilee Van Arsdale/Nancy Teel Dec. 9, 75%





2025 Unit 360 Board Members: Ed Gardner, Paul Gefreh, Claudia Busch Lee and Ed Hill



Aileen Tracy/Roy Nachand Jan. 23, 78.33%



2025 Unit 360 Borad Members: Mark Bishop, Dave Loring, Bob Wagstaff (not in pix) Phoebe Lostroh



ACBL donates \$2K to Mt Carmel Veteran's Org.



Thursday am 299 Top D,E: Laura Arnett, Lynn Jones

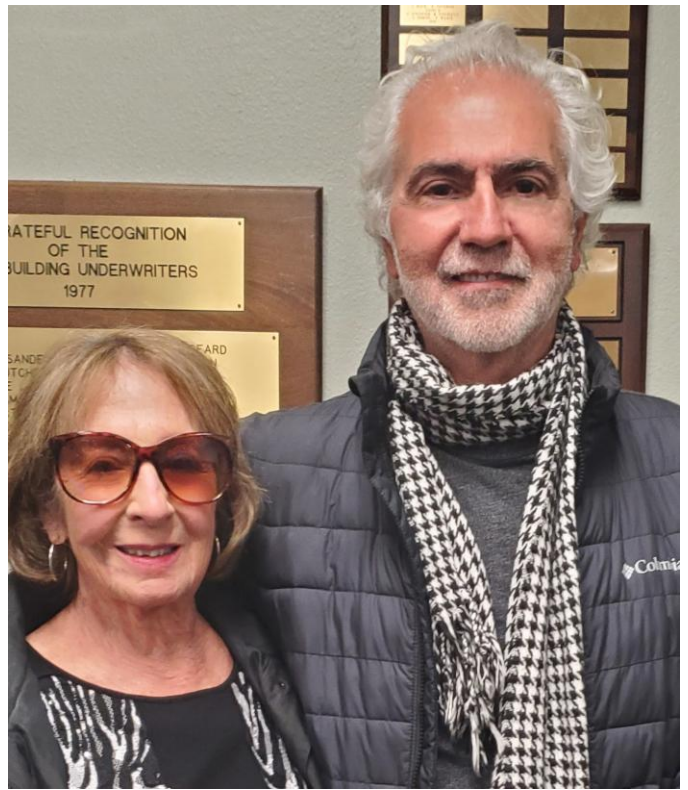


Thursday Open Pairs B,C: Sanjiv Damle, Davis Bennett





Dennis Goldston Winner of 2023 and 2024 Gazette Telegraph Trophy (Most MP won by U360 Member and in U360 Sectionals)! Congratulations Dennis!



Thursday Open Pairs A: Bonnie Smith, Dom DiFelice



Paul Gilbert, Bronze Life Master and two new Life Masters Jim Wyss and Dave Loring! Congrats!!



Thursday pm 299 D tie: Jane Vagge, Pat Atkinson



Wednesday Swiss Teams B,C: John Hurwitz, Fred Cannon, Tom Baes, Jeff Rapp





Friday Open Pairs A: Sanjiv Damle, Mike Hellman



Friday Open Paris B,C: Nancy Teel, Fred Cannon



Friday am 299 D,E: Andrew Maverick, Anne Maverick



Friday pm 299 Pairs D: Sharon Moulton, Laura Moore



Friday pm 299 Pairs E,F: Joseph Dietrich, Elizabeth Dietrich



Saturday Bracketed Teams 1: Andrea Johnson, Ed Vosses (not pictured Stephen Linehan, Val Covalcuic)



Saturday Bracketed Teams 2: Davis Bennett, Jim Hurley (not pictured Lorna Perkins, Gordon Jensen)



Saturday Bracketed Teams 3: Donna Agee, Wilt Cooper, Sandy Thwaites, Meg Gross



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