



The Kibitzer

Newsletter for duplicate bridge players in the Pikes Peak region

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President's Letter

Rick Olson

The Bridge Club's annual election game will be Saturday December 14, when the election results will be

announced. The "board" is composed of eight members, with four being elected each year for a two year term. That game will also honor our new life masters.

Larry Killoran, Joyce Truitt and Betty Davis will serve as the "election committee" this year and have done a great job finding seven members willing to run for election. The candidates are Gaynor Atkinson, Gib Hazard, Joanne Santa (incumbent), Barbara Kaiser, Lynn Roulier, Carol Stanton, and Suzie Wong. There is a short background paragraph for each in this Kibitzer. As a member of the Bridge Club, you can vote for four. Voting will start in November.

There will be two Colorado Springs sectionals in 2014, June 20 – 22 and October 17 – 19. However, we do need a person(s) to serve as chairman, please let me know if you are interested. After our last sectional, a lot of energy went into finding a "new" location and while we still do not seem to have that "perfect" location, there are two new alternatives that could work out quite well.

The Front Range Challenge will be Saturday Oct 19, right here at the Bridge Center. This year marks the eighth time that Colorado Springs has faced off against Denver in a two session event. It will start at 10:00 AM with a

pairs game, stratified into four brackets with eight pairs from each "team." After lunch (included) there will be a Swiss team event that should start at approximately 2:00 PM. There is a flyer that you can "click" on at our web site. If you have signed up, check with the bracket captains to see who is playing in each event.

Do you wear a name tag at the bridge table? It is a nice (friendly) way of welcoming people. There is information at the Club about ordering your own name tag or you can contact Joe Melton.

If you see a problem or have a suggestion, please let me know.

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Upcoming events

- Unit games Tues, Oct 22, 9:00 AM; Tues, Nov 12, 6:30 PM
- Front Range Challenge, Oct 19, 10:00 AM
- Board Meeting, Mon Oct 21, 4:00 PM
- Longmont Sectional Oct 25 – 27
- Denver Sectional Nov 7 - 10
- Annual election game Sat Dec 14
- Annual Pro – Am game, end of Jan**

Board of Directors Candidate Biographies (Alphabetically)

Gaynor Atkinson

If you are looking for a candidate with a huge potential of recruiting possible future bridge players, I am your man!

I have seven married children, twenty five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

I have Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Utah, and an MA and EdD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. I have been a Military Liaison Engineer, an Environmental Testing Engineer, taught at universities, had a private practice in individual and family counseling, as well as being Department Chairman of the Solar Engineering Program at Colorado Technical University. I designed and built our passive solar home in Crystal Park, in which we have lived thirty one pleasant years.

I have been playing Duplicate Bridge for just three years, but have been a party player for a long time. For three years I was in charge of the bridge program at the Hancock Senior Center.

I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors of our stupendous Bridge Club and feel I could contribute to our future progress.

Thank you for considering me.

Gib Hazard

I have been a longtime resident of the Springs as I graduated from Colorado College. I have been attending the bridge club for 14 years. I currently sit on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water conservancy and have since 1988. My wife, Joan, and I have five children, eight grandchildren and one five-year old great granddaughter. I love

traveling, walking our golden retriever, reading and playing tennis.

Barbara Kaiser

I moved to Colorado Springs in 1984 as the last of our 14 Air Force assignments. My father was career Marine Corp so I moved around a lot. My 3 daughters graduated from Air Academy High School.

I have worked for Real Living – Select Properties (formerly McGinnis Real Estate) since April 1987. I have coached Soccer for AYSO, Park & Rec, Pride & Rush.

I found the Colorado Springs Bridge Center about 1 ½ years ago & now try to play 3 or 4 times a week.

Lynn Roulier

I've lived in Colorado most of my life, with two job-related moves out of state to Illinois and California. I have a daughter who lives here and a son and granddaughter in Phoenix. I retired in 2004 from the Department of Defense in Information Security. I played party bridge for many years, then in 2006 came to the Club and took lessons to learn how to play real brige.

It would be an honor to serve as a Board Member.

JoAnne Santa (Incumbent)

Thank you all for having given me the opportunity to serve on the Board for the last two years. It's been a great experience and one I hope you can all enjoy at some time. The Board has had

challenges and successes but they have worked together and been very effective.

The Board is always willing and eager to hear suggestions and ideas from the general membership and I work to make this Bridge Club even better. I would like to serve on the Board for another two years and hope you will once again give me that opportunity.

[Editor's Note: JoAnne is currently serving as the Club's Building Manager.]

Carol Stanton

I first started playing bridge after I graduated from the U of Colo. School of Nursing and was waiting to report to Officers' Indoctrination at Newport, R.I. I then reported to San Diego Naval Hospital where I worked as a Navy Nurse on chest and open heart surgery. In San Diego I met and married my husband, Kevin, a Navy Doctor.

I have two daughters, three grandchildren, a great grandson and a wonderful son-in-law. With six degrees; two in computers, human resource development, biology-major genetics, nursing, higher education and administration from William and Mary, I was able to provide for my family when my husband died 26 years ago.

I didn't start playing duplicate bridge at the Bridge Center until eight or so years ago. My hat is off to the many board members we have had and the great jobs they have done. If I am elected, I have ideas to increase our membership by going to groups, such as Military Widows, and marketing our club.

Also, I envision more members mentoring member with under 100 points at least once every three months in the open games. Having another day time game for those with less than 100 points, for example, Saturday, would probably be much appreciated. I know we are crowded for space but maybe a small space at the back could be used for these 0-

100 players during the day. We need to invite the less than 100 point players to the night games and maybe have them play with a mentor the first time. We certainly need to contact the departments, who schedule interest groups, at junior high and high schools and colleges.

Susan Wong

I began playing bridge about 6 years ago and quickly fell in love with the game and the people. You can find me at the club 3 or 4 times a week. Being an active member, I would like to contribute. I have the time and energy to work hard. While I am relatively new to bridge, I think that I could bring a new perspective to the board. I would like to be able to represent the members of the club as a board member.

Before moving to Colorado Springs I taught Adaptive skiing at Beaver Creek. I continue to go up there a few weeks every year. I work mostly with Autistic children but have worked with people with all sorts of challenges. I believe this work has taught me many things that would help me to be a good board member. My Patience, problem solving, perseverance, time management, and communication skills have all improved with my work experience.

I am a certified karate instructor and have taught karate, self defense and safety empowerment classes for the last 11 years as a volunteer. I taught one self defense class at the club to raise money for ALS and I hope to do more. I enjoy volunteer work. I believe studying and training karate and self defense helps me to continue to grow and be a better person. To me karate is life training. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Thank you to all of the Candidates who have expressed willingness to serve on the Board.

The Mini McKinney Race is on!

John Dukellis

We are coming into the final leg for the competition for the 'Mini McKinney' awards that are given at the end of the year. The rankings for the top 10 people of each category of the Mini Mckinney can be found on the ACBL website. The current top 3 people in each category are listed below. Your category is determined by your standing as of Jan 1, 2013. The competition is on!

0-5 master points – Rookie

John Ochsner (30)
Judith Benton (21)
Sally Coddington (9)

5-20 master points – Junior Master

Jan Trimble (31)
Ann Sage (30)
Carol Black (30)

20-50 master points – Club Master

Bernard Frye (42)
Joy Brown (21)
Pat Hall (20)

50-100 master points – Sectional Master

Sara Lynn Thomas (59)
Mary Killoran (32)
Gaynor Atkinson (31)

100-200 master points – Regional Master

Joe Melton (83)
Dorothy Hyden (55)
Shari Carnelli (41)

200-300 master points – NABC Master

Judy La Crosse (70)
Jan Dwyer (57)
Sam Taylor (51)

300-500 master points – Life Master

Wojtek Rychlik (103)
Jeanne Schleicher (88)
Pat Salsman (87)

500-1000 master points – Bronze LM

Eva Johnson (155)
Ann Parker (153)
John Dias (88)

1000-2500 master points - Silver LM

Bill Wittmann (417)
Tom Goings (278)
Rick Olson (233)

2500-5000 master points - Gold LM

Mary Olson (249)
Mel Levine (194)
Shirley Scott (178)

5000-7500 master points – Diamond LM

Dennis Goldston (337)
Joe Luk (248)
Judy Hummel (210)

10,000 master points – Platinum LM

Toshi Yingst (228)

Bridge School



Bridge School will be starting on Thursday Morning, October 17 at 9:00. The general topic for this set of lessons will be dealing with "Play of the Hand" i.e."Declarer Play". Topics will include 1) Suit Contract Basics, 2) When to Draw Trumps, 3) Establishing Long Suits, 4) Playing a Notrump Hand. We will be looking at percentage plays, card combinations, counting the hand, and specialized card techniques.

This set of lessons on 'The Play of the Hand', will be continuing every Thursday through the end of January. Classes will consist of lecture, question/answer sessions (Quizzes) and many hands to demonstrate each topic. Extensive handouts will be given for each class. Class fee is \$10.

Contact John Dukellis (418-2574 or 200-9458) for further information.



Member Recognition

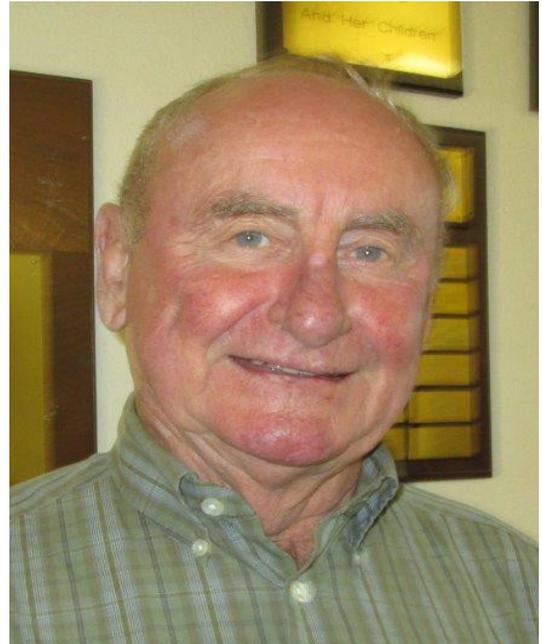
Congratulations to these members who excelled recently – provided by Bonnie Bagley. You can see more pictures of member accomplishments on our website, www.coloradospringsbridge.com



Bronze Life Master Page Walker



Gold Life Master Rick Olson



New Life Master Sam Taylor



Silver Life Master Veronica Flannigan



Trinka Calvert - Nancy Hannah Friday
Afternoon, July 26 70.14% session

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