



# The Kibitzer

Newsletter for duplicate bridge players in the Pikes Peak region

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## President's Letter

Did you play in the eighth annual Front Range Challenge? Chris Champion did a fine job organizing the event with help from bracket captains, Cheryl Schwartz, Shirley Scott, Susan Krassy and John Dukellis. Joyce Truitt and Wendy Turk organized the food, which was great. While we did not prevail, everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks to all who played and those who helped.

Voting for the Unit 360 Board will begin shortly, Nov 23. There are eight candidates for the four two-year positions up for election. Each of the candidates has written a short bio. If you have not met them yet, introduce yourself, and decide who you are going to vote for. Please remember to follow the voting procedure. After you vote, put your ballot in the provided envelope, which you seal. Please sign your name legibly (so it can be checked against the membership roster) on the **outside** of the envelope. Votes are counted at the FREE game December 14 (after the last ballots have been cast).

Bill Michael is offering a *Director Refresher Course* which will take place on Friday Nov 22, starting at 3 PM, right after the Friday game. The seminar is open to all but is not meant to make you a director. The costs (including dinner) are being picked up by the Club in the interest of improving play quality at the Club. If you would like to attend, please let me know so we have enough food and the right number of handouts. There is more info in Bill's flyer, available on the web site. I am

happy to report that all of the Club directors have agreed to attend.

People frequently ask me why they should join ACBL, "I only play in Club games." Bridge is a "fun and challenging game" regardless of the level you play but I enjoy the consistency of the game regardless of where I play. Simple things like having a director who is certified (by ACBL) and knows the rules so the ruling is consistent. Programs like *Zero Tolerance*, that deal with offensive players, make the game more enjoyable. Then of course there is the monthly Bulletin (as well as the District 17 and Western Conference newsletters) which provide an endless variety of info on new conventions, interesting hands, director calls, upcoming events, etc.

Joining ACBL also makes you a member of this Bridge Club and not only allows you to vote in Club elections but also lets you support the organization that makes this all possible.

The great Colorado Springs Bridge Club mystery, what has happened to the large supply of coffee cups (and glasses) we used to have? While we may never learn the true answer ... you can help. If you have some serviceable cups and glasses you are not using or do not want, bring them to the Club, thanks.

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

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## Upcoming events

- Board Meeting, Thur, Nov 21, 4:00
- Director Refresher Course Fri, Nov 22, 4 PM
- NABC Phoenix Nov 28 – Dec 8
- Annual election game Sat Dec 14
- STaC week Dec 16 – 22
- Jeff Co, Dec Jan 9 - 12

## Club Reminders

Especially as the weather gets colder and the ground slipperier, we need your help and courtesy to reserve the upper parking slots for those of our players who have trouble walking and negotiating the stairs. So, if you are fortunate enough to be “mobile” please park in the lower lot. By the same token, if you do not need to be stationary, do not ask for a north south position.

When the lower parking lots are full, and you are parking in the upper level parking spaces (behind the building), please park your vehicle straight-in toward the hill. This gives us more parking capability.

Thanks for your understanding.

Scheduled games will be held on Nov 29 and Nov 30 after the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Board Candidates

Eight members are running for four two-year terms on the Unit 360 Board. Four positions carry over from last year. Thanks to all who were willing to serve for the next two years.

The biography for each candidate and his or her picture is posted on the wall that forms the back of the coat rack in our main room. Photos of each and his or her name are below, with names in reverse alphabetical order. Seven of the candidates' biographies were included in last month's Kibitzer.



Susan Wong



Carol Stanton



JoAnne Santa



Lynn Roulier



Ann Parker



Barbara Kaiser



Gib Hazard



Gaynor Atkinson

Ann Parker's biography was not included in the earlier edition. She writes:

After retiring from years as a high school choral director I found that returning to bridge was the perfect way to keep my mind young and to meet really terrific people. During the five years we lived in Rhode Island I became an avid player and tournament participant, certified as an ACBL director and teacher, and a Life Master. In the two years since we returned to Colorado Springs I have found instant friendships and terrific partners and constantly challenging learning opportunities. Chairing the I/N tournament and Longest Day for our club has given me the chance to work with many dedicated members. By serving on the Unit board I hope to give back to this game and club a fraction of that that bridge has given to me.

## Grand National Teams

It's not too early to think about developing a team and competing in the Grand National Team event. Each year, ACBL runs a grassroots team event called the Grand National Teams also called the GNTs. It is a three level event. Clubs run GNT games during the year which gives players a chance to develop a team and hone their play. District 17 will host the next stage of the GNTs at the Rocky Mountain Regional, in Denver this coming May. The winning teams will progress to the NABC where in each strat 25 teams representing the ACBL Districts will compete for the whole enchilada.

GNT competition occurs in four strats: unlimited, A, B and C. District 17 will cover the entry fees in Denver for all C strat teams! Unit 360 has traditionally picked up the entry fees for teams competing in the other strats.

Winning teams (or the next highest placing team in winners don't go the NABC) get a check for \$1,800 to help cover travel expenses. By John Grossman

## Happy Halloween

Shirley Scott hosted a Halloween costume party for people who were playing on Halloween.





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