**ACBL Unit 363 Newsletter** 

The RECAP

January 2014

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Ed Yosses

No, your eyes are not deceiving you! Larry Matheny has decided to focus more on bridge playing and less on bridge management. He decided to step down as President. No coup was involved! The new slate of officers for 2014 appears below. As President, I will try to maintain the (many) positive things Larry brought to our Unit while looking for ways to advance bridge in northern Colorado. Needless to say, your collective assistance will be essential. As a volunteer organization, we are only as good as our members are active. The Board will certainly seek your involvement. Feel free to indicate in advance the kinds of efforts you have an interest in contributing to our program.

We are always looking to expand our numbers. Whether it is interesting more young people, the retired crowd, or those in middle-age (is middle-age a bad word?) in bridge, we need to be ever vigilant in finding ways to promote our great game. In the meantime, support your local clubs, our Unit games and Sectionals, and be sure to contact any of the board members with suggestions or concerns.

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## **RESULTS & SCHEDULES**

### **UNIT GAME REPORT**

By Larry Matheny

Our Unit games continue to have very good attendance with 23 teams in the September Swiss event. At the October Election game, Ed Yosses was re-elected to the board along with newcomers John Blankinship, Rhonda Huser, and John Wolf. The December Holiday Party was well attended with 19 tables in both the morning and afternoon Open sessions and 5 tables in each of the 199er sessions. There were many delicious treats, and Stella O'Neill did her usual good job of selecting door prizes while Jon and Barbara Gustafson chose the wines. Our thanks go to Doug Watt for organizing the 2013 Unit games.

September Swiss Teams	Δ	В	C	November Unit Championship			
Dawn Foltz, Barbara Gustafson, Greg Foltz, Andrea Kutscher	1/2			Jon Gustafson – Neil Petrie	<b>A</b> 1	В	С
Kay Loos, Jasper Brundege, Charles Loos, Jim Berthold Craig Snowden, John Grossman,	1/2	1	1	Larry Matheny – Bob Sherman Bob Solick – Ed Yosses Greg Herman – M. Gutschenritter	2 3	1 2	
Catherine Meng - Louise Dalke Rod Southworth, Jean Norgaard,		2	2	Frank DeMeyer – John Blankinship Pat Westfieldt Jr.– Ben Younglove		3	1 2
Vicki Thomas, Perrie Kay Avery Suzy Fallon, Lloyd Parker, Nila Hobbs, Caroline MacArthur	3	2	3	James Pirkle – Hart Renger			3
				November 199er Game			
					D	Ε	F
October Two-Session Open Gan	ne A	В	_	Edythe Slovick – Irma Maston	1	1	
Larry Matheny - Bob Sherman	1	Ь	C	John Wolf – Beverly Loehrke	2	2	
Barb Meier – Billie Turner Kate Yates – Gary Greene	2			Shan Kennedy – Mary Heaton	3	2	
Andrea French – Bob Solick		1		<b>December Two-Session Game</b>			
John Grossman – Jim Wolf		2			Α	В	С
J. Blankinship – Frank DeMeyer		3	1	Bill Stoltey – Jim Zuboy	1		
Craig Snowden – Lee Bennett			2	Jim LaForce – Don Heitler	2		
John Worley – Rena Hansch			3	Beth McGregor  Jane Boulter	3	1	
Morning 199er Game				Rita Koch – Joyce. Glittenberg		2	
	D	Е	F	Bill Greeley- Gail Greeley I Vicki Hamende – Trudy Owen		3	1
Bev Loehrke – Margaret Barber	1 2			Nila Hobbs – Zoel Martinson			1 2
Alfred Katzman - Jim Rattmann	2 2	2		Rena Hansch – John Worley			3
Linda Meininger - Sharon Stuart	3			rtena rianceni cenii rreney			•
Mary Heaton - Shan Kennedy		•	1	Morning 199er Game			
Afternoon 199er Game						E F	
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Bev Loehrke – Margaret Barber	2			Teresa Renger– K. Meng		3	
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#### Afternoon 199er session

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Sharon Stuart– L. Meininger 1
Glynn Sisson – Priscilla Sisson 2 1
C. McArthur – Nancy Crow 3 2

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### **Our Next Unit Games**

The following Unit-sponsored events are coming up in the next few months. In 2014 we will be moving to a new location that is yet to be determined. (However, the January 4, 2014, Unit game will take place at Community of Christ Church, 220 East Oak, in Fort Collins.) The Unit maintains a calendar of coming events that can be accessed over the Internet. The calendar lists all of the ACBL Nationals, District 17 Regionals and the Colorado and Cheyenne Sectionals, along with all of the Unit games. Access the calendar through: <a href="http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge/">http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcolobridge/</a>

### January Grand National Team Qualifier

Event: Two-Session Swiss Teams Game Date: Saturday, January 4, 2014

Starting Times: 9:30 AM and 1:45 PM Entry Fee: \$7/person each session

#### March Unit Game

Event: One-Session Pairs Game Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014 Lesson at noon, Game 1:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$7/person

#### February Unit Game

Event: One-Session Pairs Game Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014 Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$7/person

#### April Unit Game

Event: One-Session Pairs Game

Date: April 5, 2014

Lesson at noon, Game at 1:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$7/person

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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The monthly Unit games, the Falling Leaves Sectional, and Thursday's Ace of Club games will no longer take place at St. John's church in Fort Collins. We are currently looking for a home for these games and will announce the new location on our webpage.

## **FALLING LEAVES SECTIONAL**

The annual Falling Leaves 299er Sectional Tournament was held on November 2, 2013, in Fort Collins. In the morning session there were 18 tables in the 299er section and 5 tables in the 0-20 section. For the afternoon sessions, there were 17 tables in the 299er section and 4 tables in the 0-20 group.

Here are the overall winners and the list of masterpoint winners:

Morning 0-20 Session

Steve Keen - James French

Sharon Smith - Paula Boyd

Sheila Hillhouse - H. Slaughter

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#### Afternoon 299er Session **Morning 299er Session** A B C ABC Jennifer O Neill - Donna Barrow 1 1 Katherine Demong - Bonnie Camp 2 2 1 Jeanette Perich - Linda Day 2 John Crittenden - Ann Gruidel M. Renbarger – L. Renbarger 3 3 2 3 Lloyd Parker - Suzy Fallon 3 **Edythe Slovick - Irma Maston** G. Vondrak - Michelle Oakes 1 2 June Kissock - Linda Kaufman Joanne Berger - Theo Meyer Afternoon 0-20 Session 1 M. Renbarger – L. Renbarger 1 Jennielou Bowen - Lewis Bowen III 2 Jeanette Perich - Linda Day 2 Jamie Wolf - Anjie Wolf 3 Linda Doran - Edward Doran Toni Graves - Lowell Graves

Total masterpoints: 89.36 earned by 74 players.

Total attendance: 44 tables.

1	4.32 Jennifer O Neill	15	1.79 Linda Kaufman
2	4.32 Donna Barrow	16	1.79 June Kissock
3	3.61 Katherine Demong	17	1.34 Theo Meyer
4	3.61 Bonnie Camp	18	1.34 Joanne Berger
5	3.44 Linda Day	19	1.32 Susy Smith
6	3.44 Jeanette Perich	20	1.32 Julie Wertz
7	3.21 Michael Renbarger	21	1.25 Lewis Bowen III
8	3.21 Lynnette Renbarger	22	1.25 Jennielou Bowen
9	2.50 John Crittenden	23	1.24 Robyn Leming
10	2.50 Ann Gruidel	24	1.24 Craig Snowden
11	2.38 Michelle Oakes	25	1.13 Phyllis Quick
12	2.38 Gordy Vondrak	26	1.13 Doris Manfull
13	1.87 Suzy Fallon	27	1.10 Sharon Stuart
14	1.87 Lloyd Parker	28	1.10 Linda Meininger

29	1.03 Janet Sachs
30	1.03 Jane Martin
31	0.96 Glen Woodson
32	
	0.93 Steve Keen
34	0.93 James French
35	0.91 Nila Hobbs
36	0.91 Caroline McArthur
37	0.82 Linda Doran
38	0.82 Irma Maston
39	0.82 Edythe Slovick
40	0.82 Edward Doran
41	0.77 Philip Debus
42	0.77 Catherine Evans
43	0.70 Sheila Hillhouse
44	0.70 Helen Slaughter
45	0.65 Jamie Wolf
46	0.65 Anjie Wolf
47	0.61 Robert Lincoln
48	0.61 Ardys Petrick
49	0.60 Jim Rattmann
50	0.60 Alfred Katzman
51	0.55 Leona Wingard

52 0.55 Helga Teehan 53 0.52 Sharon Smith 54 0.52 Paula Boyd 55 0.48 Toni Graves 56 0.48 Phyllis Teatman 57 0.48 Lowell Graves 58 0.48 Judith Lilly 59 0.46 Richard Kampf 60 0.46 Naomi Cartwright 61 0.46 Margaret Barber 62 0.46 Beverly Loehrke 63 0.43 Sue Schueppe 64 0.43 Michael Hupka 65 0.42 William Purden 66 0.42 Susan Lowe 67 0.42 Robert Mattson 68 0.42 Constance Robertson 69 0.41 Sheree Cornwell 70 0.41 Pete Pietenpol 71 0.41 Lee Johnson 72 0.41 Ann Johnson 73 0.34 Phyllis Wittrup 74 0.34 Eileen Hunt

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

By Dawn Foltz

This is what the ACBL has to say about Opening 1NT with a singleton:

On many occasions when someone opens 1NT with a singleton, someone else becomes upset with opener. Half the time it's an opponent, and the other half it's opener's partner who has transferred into the suit causing the partnership to play in a 5-1 fit when the contract should have been in notrump.

Bridge players have different understandings of what the rules are concerning opening notrump with a singleton. It has been described as illegal, immoral, unethical or fattening. The answer is almost always—none of the above.

The ACBL General Convention Chart states, "A notrump opening or overcall is natural if not unbalanced (generally, no singleton or void and only one or two doubletons)." If your notrump opening shows a balanced hand, you may occasionally pick up a hand with a singleton which you may want to treat as balanced. You may use your bridge judgment to open or overcall a notrump with a singleton, provided that: (1) It is a rare occurrence (no more than 1% of the time); (2) your partner expects you to have at least two cards in each suit; and (3) you and partner have no agreements which enable you to discover that partner has a singleton. Law 40 (Partnership Understandings) stipulate that a partnership MAY NOT have an agreement to open 1NT with an unbalanced hand.

Paraphrased from the ACBL Website with emphasis added by Dawn Foltz

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If you Google "opening 1NT with a singleton" you will be directed to the ACBL web page with the full text of the above description. ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

## **2014 WINTER SECTIONAL**

## NORTHERN COLORADO UNIT 363 2014 WINTER SECTIONAL February 7-9, 2014

Thomas M. Mckee Building at The Ranch

Food concession open for lunch Friday and Saturday
Hot lunch between sessions Sunday

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN - 1ST ROUND	
STRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION*	
KNOCK OUT OR ROUND ROBIN – 2ND ROUNDSTRATIFIED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE SESSIONSTRATIFIED PAIRS 299ER SINGLE SESSION*	1:30
NEW "LET'S TALK BRIDGE"	.4:45
SINGLE-SESSION SWISS TEAMS GAME	

CHAMPIONSHIPS: A = 2000+; B =750-2000; C = 0-750 299'ERS: D=150-300; E=50-150; F=0-50

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

#### STRATI-FLIGHTED (OR ROUND-ROBIN) SWISS TEAMS

#### 10:00 & TBA

A: 3000+X: 0-3000 B: 750-1500 C: 200-750 D: 0-200 Short Break, Hot Lunch Between Sessions

#### **ENTRY FEES**

\$9 per Player per Session \$104 per team Sunday (includes hot lunch) Rookies (0-5 points) play free on Friday in a single session (Additional \$3 if non-ACBL member)

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Every effort will be made to accommodate timely requests for partners. Please contact:

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Please support our Sectional by attending and bringing treats. With your help, our new single-session Swiss Teams event Friday evening will be a success.

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<sup>\*</sup>TROPHIES TO OVERALL WINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

# **Jacoby 2NT -- Forcing Major-Suit Raise**

## By Larry Matheny<sup>1</sup>

When using a bidding system that opens 5-card major suits, there are several ways to show trump support after partner opens 1♥ or 1♣.

- 1. A simple raise to two (1♠-2♠), to show 6-9 pts.
- 2. A jump to three (1 -3 -), can be played any of three ways, depending on your preference: 1) as a **forcing raise** (13+ pts.); 2) as an invitational **limit raise** (10-12 pts.); or 3) as a weak raise (0-5 pts).
- 3. A jump to game (1 -4-) shows limited high-card points (usually about 7-10) but great trump length and playing strength. Please note this is NOT a strong bid.

If you play the jump to three as a limit raise or weak raise, you have a somewhat awkward problem when you hold a forcing-to-game hand with trump support. One solution is to bid a new suit first, temporarily "concealing" your support and then jumping in partner's suit at your next turn (an auction like 1♠ by partner - 2♣ by you - 2♥ - 4♠). But, this takes up way too much bidding room on hands where partner might want to investigate slam.

There are a number of different conventions designed to help you describe these strong hands. One of the most popular is the Jacoby 2NT, from Oswald Jacoby, who also developed the popular Jacoby Transfers. To use this convention, your partnership agrees that after you open 1 ♥ or 1♠ and your partner is an *unpassed hand*, his jump to 2NT shows:

Forcing-to-game strength (13+ points) Good trump support (4 or more cards)

The 2NT response forces you to at least game level. It is not a suggestion to play in notrump; it shows support and asks the 1♥ or 1♠ opener to further describe his hand.

Note that the Jacoby 2NT convention is used only if responder has not previously passed in the auction. If you are a passed hand, your jump to 2NT is natural, showing a balanced hand of 11-12 points.

#### Opener's rebids

In addition to giving responder a direct way to show a forcing hand, the Jacoby 2NT improves the accuracy of your slam bidding. Its biggest advantage is that it gives opener room to further describe his hand. There are a number of different meanings you can assign to opener's rebids.

Here's one of the most commonly used structures:

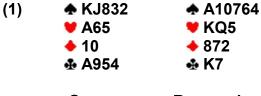
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Some of this material is from the Karen Walker library

### If you open 1 of a major and partner responds 2NT:

If you have a second 5-card suit (a semi-strong one – KJ10xx or better), show it by jumping to four of the suit. With any other hand that has a singleton or void, bid three of that short suit. After you open 1♠ and partner responds 2NT, holding a semi-balanced hand here are your rebids:

Once responder has this information, he can decide how to proceed. If he's not interested in a slam, he can just bid game. If he wants to explore further, he can cue bid a new suit to show a control. This requests opener to cue bid a control.

Let's look at some hands that show the convention in action.



<b>Opener</b>	Responder
1♠	2NT
3♦	4NT
5 <b>♦</b>	6♣

After responder uses the Jacoby 2NT convention, opener rebids 3♦ to show his singleton. This is encouraging news for responder because it means his club and heart honors will fit well in partner's hand. Knowing that his xxx suit is covered by opener's singleton -- and that opener's outside strength is in clubs and/or hearts -- responder uses Roman Keycard Blackwood to check on keycards and bids his 24-point slam.

Note that responder would evaluate his hand very differently if opener's answer to the Jacoby 2NT had been 3♣ or 3♥. Singletons in these suits wouldn't be helpful because responder's kings may well be wasted cards opposite the singleton. Over opener's 3♣ rebid, responder would just jump to 4♠ to show he no longer had interest in slam.

(2)	♣AJ10543 ♥AKJ ◆32 ♣K9	<b>♣</b> KQ72 <b>♥</b> Q5 <b>◆</b> KQ54 <b>♣</b> A62
	Opener	Responder
	1♠	2NT
	3♠	4 💤
	4 💙	4NT
	5♥	6♠

Opener's 3♠ rebid denies a singleton but promises a good opener. Responder shows slam interest by cue bidding clubs and opener cooperates by bidding 4♥. This shows a heart control and *denies* a first or second round diamond control. Responder now knows that the partnership has extra values and a control in every suit. Open now confirms the keycards by using Roman Keycard Blackwood.

(3)	<b>♣</b> KQJ104 ♥AJ <b>◆</b> Q62 <b>♣</b> A9	♣A972 ♥10 ◆AKJ1054 •K6
	Opener	Responder
	1♠	2 (game force)
	3♦	3♠ (sets trumps)
	4 👫	4 🍑 🐪 🧎 🥇
	4NT	5♥
	5NT	6♥
	7NT	

It is usually best to show a GOOD side suit rather than use Jacoby 2NT. This is the auction an expert pair might conduct with these hands. Before using any convention it's best to determine the most important thing in your hand.

(4)	♣J32 ♥AJ1065	<b>♣</b> AQ104 <b>♥</b> KQ52
	<b>♦</b> QJ2	<b>◆</b> 72
	<b>.</b> A9	<b>.</b> •KQ7
	<u>Opener</u>	Responder
	1♥	2NT
	4♥	Pass

Even though responder may really like his hand, he must honor his partner's description of his hand.

(5)	<b>♠</b> 3	<b></b> ••• A874
	<b>♥</b> AJ1065	<b>♥</b> KQ72
	♦KJ1092	◆AQ3
	<b>♣</b> A954	<b>.</b> ⊀K7
	Opener	Responder
	1♥	2NT
	4 (**)	41.17
	4 🔷	4NT
	4 <b>.</b> 5 <b>♥</b>	4N I 5NT

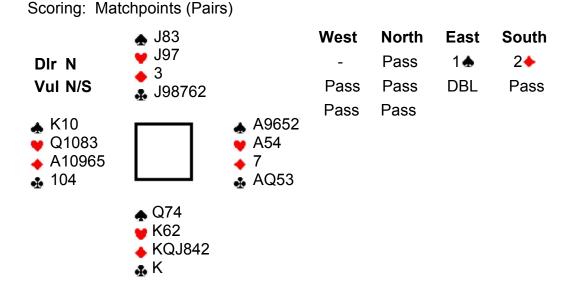
See how easy this is to bid after opener shows a second 5-card suit?

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### **IMPROVE YOUR PLAY**

With Larry Matheny

People who use the negative double convention sometimes forget they can still penalize the opponents. This hand is an excellent example.



**Bidding:** After South overcalled 2♦, West noted the vulnerability and passed in tempo. East made a routine re-opening double and everyone passed.

**Play:** West led the king of spades and continued with another. East won the ace and returned the deuce of spades asking for a club return. West ruffed the third spade and obediently led back a club. East won the ace and switched to his diamond. Declarer played the king and West won the ace. West then exited with a club to the queen and declarer ruffed. The rest was ugly as declarer managed only four diamonds and one heart. This meant +800 for E/W and a great matchpoint score.

South's bid was no worse than many others that are made, but a vulnerable two-level overcall is a dangerous bid.



## **MILESTONES**

BIG GAMES (Sep - Dec 2013)

Oct 21 71.88% Bill Darden – Mel Rueppel Dec 9 75.48% Larry Matheny- Neil Petrie

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

Junior Master – 5 Masterpoints

Robyn Leming

Club Master – 20 Masterpoints

Dana Fritz Edward Jackson

**Sectional Master – 50 Masterpoints** 

Charles DeJoseph Jim Rattmann Brian Sokolik

Regional Master – 100 Masterpoints

Beverly Loehrke Phyllis Tegtman

NABC Master - 200 Masterpoints

Lloyd Parker Gwenda Purdy **Life Master– 300 Masterpoints** 

Judy Gutschenritter Margaret Webster

**Bronze Life Master– 500 Masterpoints** 

Al Walsh

Silver Life Master - 1000 Masterpoints

Robert Solick

**NEW MEMBERS** 

Robert Johnson Robyn Leming

TRANSFERRED INTO OUR UNIT

Gregory Herman from Seattle Sharon Reinan from Boulder John Tippet from Torrance – South Bay

## **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Our Unit has a good mix of players spread very nicely from the Rookie category up through the Gold Life Master rank. We currently have 282 members; here is the breakdown:

ADV BRONZE SILVER GOLD JUNIOR CLUB SECT. REGL. NABC NABC LIFE LIFE LIFE LIFE ROOKIE MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. MAST. 25 37 35 30 38 1 20 48 25 1

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# **CLUB CORNER**

### **Fort Collins**

Daytime Duplicate Bridge Club Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive Marlene Aranci223-0046 Mon – 12:30Open	Senior Center Duplicate (non-ACBL sanctioned) Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive Mark Spaeth
Choice City Duplicate Bridge Club Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive Marlene Aranci223-0046 Tue – 12:30Open, All ages welcome  Fort Collins Duplicate Players Club Community of Christ Church, 220 East Oak Dawn Foltz204-1952	Greeley           The Greeley Clubs           Barbara Meier
Wed – 6:30Open, Teams 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed  The Ace of Clubs0-100 & 0-500 Games (Location for 2014 to be determined)  Burke Snowden970-672-6652 Thurs – 6:30 - Call for a reservation or a partner. Teams – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even-numbered months.	Estes Park  Estes Park Duplicate Club  Methodist Church, 1509 Fish Hatchery Road  John Krueger970-577-0657  Mon - 1:00Open, Stratified  (NEW) Fri - 12:30Open, Stratified  Call to reserve a seat or for a partner.

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