



Vancouver, B.C. Unit

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

NOVEMBER, 1969.

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RESULTS OF THE UNIT TOURNAMENT - Sunday, November 2nd, 1969

Section A - 15 Tables

North - South	East - West
1. T.Marsh - A. Hicks	1. R.Fox - R.Divers
2. L.Strebinger - L. Hills	2. O.Skonnord - T.Hicks
3. J.Cheng - H.Chow	3. J.Fisher - J.Kueller
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5. D.Stephens - P.Levine	4/5. Mr.Wohleiberr - S.Lucow

Section B - 14 Tables

North - South	East - West
1. E.Stark - M.Stark	1. D.Williams - A.McBeth
2. J.Belzberg - B.Lapidus	2. G.Luteyn - E.Deitrich
3. H.Rodd - H.Waks	3. S.Borg - A.Graves
4. E.Lee - M.Fines	4/5. B.Connop - P.Hagen
5. F.Stephens - D.Tynan	4/5. G. and E. Hoare

Winners

1. Tony Marsh - Adrian Hicks
2. Ron Fox - Roland Divers
3. Eric & Margaret Stark
4. Lisa Strebinger - Lillie Hills
5. Od Skonnord - Ted Hicks

It was a phenomenal turnout to the November game. The unit tournament for December has been cancelled to make way for our Christmas Party and Balanced Team of Four to be held at the Vancouver Club (skyline) on

Sunday Dec. 14 at 7.30. Each Team must contain one life master (no more) and at least one 49er. All life masters are being contacted to form teams but anybody wanting to play on a team should contact either Sheila Dickie or Jennifer Paynter. Last year this party exceeded our wildest dreams with close to 40 teams, but this year we will be well prepared for this and all teams will be accommodated. This is actually the premier unit event of the year, so let's have everyone out to this fun evening.

In past years the unit knockout teams event has dwindled in attendance. Last year's event is not even over!! To remedy this the Unit will have a new format for this year's event. On Feb. 15 we will hold a 2 session Swiss teams (almost everyone will win some master points) and a portion of the high placing teams will go into single knockout action. The qualifying teams will have ONE WEEK to complete each match, failure to do so will mean disqualification. So start forming your teams for the Unit's first venture into the game sweeping the country, Swiss Teams.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL - Seattle Nov. 7 - 9

Buddy Crapko and Jack Marsch, obviously finding the star-studded field of the life-master teams easier than that Kelowna bunch, teamed with Gard Hays and Phylis Novak to compile 43 out of 60 to squeak out a 7½ board victory. In the same event Leo Steil finished fourth and Ron Borg, Jim Donaldson, Paul Hagen and Allan Graves limped in sixth.

VANCOUVER FALL SECTIONAL - Nov. 14 - 16

Well, we really out did ourselves. A.B.C. attendance record of 378 tables, a fabulous dinner on Sunday, and almost no complaints. In the Phil Wood trophy race no contender distinguished himself and Jim Donaldson rode his sizable lead home to victory. This was Jim's second straight victory for the two year old trophy but maybe next year someone else will get his name on it. (but I doubt it).

Here is a complete list of the overall placings in the events:

Men's Pairs

1. Bill Weinstein - Adrian Hicks
- 2/3. Hy Waks - Eric Stark
- 2/3. Buddy Crapko - Tony Marsh
4. H.C. Moore - K. Kristensen
5. Allan Graves - Michael Strebinger
6. Ed Priest - Mr. Beasely

Women's Pairs

1. Anne Brown (Sea.) - Mrs. Gordon lePage
2. Ev. Hodge - Lorraine Owen-Turner
3. Jean Turnbull & Bee Thompson
4. Evelyn Hamer - Minna Loomer
5. Marion Adams - Win Tregrise
6. Mrs. H.C. Moore - Mrs. T. Hornstein

Mixed Pairs

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eleanor Gordon - Phil Burke 2. Bob Connop - Marg. Stafford 3. J.S. Cheng - Alice Wick (Sea.) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Flora Tereposky - T. Skytte 5. Ron Fox - Mrs. L. Hullen 6. Paul Hagen - Sheila Dickie |
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Open Pairs

1. Daryl Pederson (Sea.) - Shirley Edelson (Sea.)
2. June-Budd and Adrian Hicks
3. Odleif Skonnord - Ted Hicks
4. Lisa Strebinger - Earl Adams
5. Horace Chow - Robin Chan
6. John Kamb (Mt.Vernon) - Carl Hansen (Mt.Vernon)
7. Jean Turnbull - Marguerite Hall
8. Michael Strebinger - Jim Donaldson

Masters Pairs

1. Joe Jabon (Sea.) - Norma Edmonds (Everett)
2. Eric Stark - Doug Oram
3. John Kamb - Sefton Levine
4. Jack Kneller - Adrian Hicks
5. Stan Holding - D.M.Fraser
6. Bill Weinstein

49ers Pairs

1. Syd & Pearl Minkoff
2. Eileen Greg - Marjorie Gauer
3. Don McKee - Edie McKee
4. Frank Verchere - Peg Verchere
5. Ken McCaffrey - Jerry McCaffrey
6. Doug Hosgood - Heine Krigolson

Open Consolation

1. Joe Jacob - Ede Bonnel
2. Jim Fisher - Mary Adams
3. C.Carroll - M.Dye
4. Mr.Crapko - Mr.Borg

Side games were won by: Ed Vivian - John Berry, P.Beetlestone, D. Tablotney, Irving Gershbein - Jack Marsch and Bob and Lorraine Owen-Turner.

CLUB NEWS

Vancouver Club - Tuesday Dec. 9 - 16 two session masters and 49ers pairs. Friday Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) annual ball and chain trophy for married pairs. Also a club special event for non-married pairs and a Christmas party.

BIDDING FORUM

The panel for this month's problems consists of Ron Borg, Jim Donaldson, Ede Bonnell, Eric Stark, Buddy Crapko, Jack Marsch, Dolly Shapiro, and me as Moderator. I hope to enlarge next month's panel, but these were all who bothered to reply.

A. S- A K 7 H- A Q 8 5 3 2 D- A C- 8 7 2
east- west vul - matchpoint scoring

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1H	P	1s	2C
?			

When this problem appeared in last month's issue it was missing a small heart. Typographical errors such as this always bring out the comedian in panelists and this was no exception.

BORG: TWEE SPEARTS - just a temporizing callu until they deal me my thirteenth card.

CRAPKO: Hands with twelve cards are difficult to bid correctly. Assuming the missing card is a small heart I bid three clubs and hope to make a better decision at my next opportunity.

It would appear to me that the all purpose cue bid is the most flexible. This view was also echoed by Donaldson and MARSCH: 3 C - There is no really suitable bid on this hand. 3 D followed spade support may give partner a disastrous misconception as to my club length. I dislike 3 or 4 spades on only three card support.

Not so worried about three card support and displaying the straight forward style which has won her many victories:

BONNELL: 3 Spades - 18 points in support of spades.

Another straightforward view:

SHAPIRO: 3 Hearts - Knowing about my six card suit should be helpful. 3 Clubs or 3 Spades may not land us in the optimum contract.

Rounding out the panel - the maniac fringe.

STARK: Double - Seems to be the most profitable call. 18 will proceed to game if partner yanks.

Eric obviously intends to defend the hand better than he has bid it.

B. S- J H- 10 4 2 D- A K 10 7 3 C- A K 9 2
east west vul, RHO, first seat opens 1 Heart
What do you call?

My apologies. This problem bombed. I was angling for a double but the panel treated me with disdain.

BONNELL - 2 Diamonds- Double out of the question.

MARSCH - 2 Diamonds- Can't identify the alternatives

SHAPIRO - 2 Diamonds- Dislike passing

STARK - Pass - immediate action seems premature.

Our comedian:

BORG: 2 Diamonds- a pox on the doublers, passers, and the unusual no trumpers.

The only panelists to even consider a double were:

CRAPKO: Double or 2 Diamonds depending on style. A pass may work out well but I like to get in the auctions.

The other possible doubler was Donaldson. Jim is certainly Vancouver's premier theoretician and his detailed analysis of this problem is certainly thought provoking.

DONALDSON: Pass - Tomorrow I may double.

Most of the panelists discussed and then discarded the unusual no trump. Crapko called it absurd. I will not insult the reader's intelligence by even considering the unusual no trump any further.

C.	S- Void	H- 10 x	D- Q J x x x	C- Q x x x x
	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
	--	1S	D	P
	2D	P	2H	2S
	3C	3S	D	P
	?			

Both Vul
match points

The general feeling of the panel was to run from the double. The passers were Crapko, Donaldson and

MARSCH: Pass- Partner's hand rates to be along the lines of S- A J 10 H- A K x x x x and a minor suit A or K. I would guess that we would be plus 200 about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time on this or similar holdings and that should be sufficiently rewarding to justify the possibility of minus 730 (or 930 Ed.).

However the level and denomination of the runout was anything but uniform.

BORG: 4 Clubs - My partner would overcall in hearts with a one suited hand; yes even with that many points.

Bonnell: 4 Diamonds - not one feather of defense.

SHAPIRO: 4 Hearts - 4 clubs a close second choice. The possibility of partner reaching my hand on defense seems remote and a pass could be disastrous.

STARK: 5 Clubs - just a gamble.

I agree that the double should be removed but I think the panel has missed a rather descriptive call. 3 NT can't be misconstrued and must show a doubleton heart and spade void.

D. S- 7 5 3 H- K 9 7 5 D- 6 2 C- A 7 3 2
S W N E neither vul
 -- P 1D 1S match points
 P 3S 4H 4S
 ?

This problem separated into two camps. The bashers and the finessers.

First, the bashers.

BORG: 6 Hearts- I shun science on auctions like this. My energetic opponents must be Hagen and Graves.

BONNELL: Partner must be strong and distributional. If you go down, give him hell for overbidding.

STARK: 6 Hearts - should peel with partner having 6 - 5 or 7 - 5 distribution and surely a spade void.

An in betweener:

SHAPIRO: 4 NT - my values have become more than adequate. I hope Dolly has discussed Blackwood when the opponents intervene.

The finessers.

Donaldson, Crapko and Marsch all cue bid five clubs. I agree with this for partner will surely not misconstrue the call and, as Marsch points out, will lead partner to the right defense against a spade sacrifice.

Well, that's our first forum. New problems are following and as promised an enlarged panel next month.

December bidding problems:

A. S- 5 3 2 H- 3 2 D- A Q 9 6 2 C- K J 10

N E S W Neither vul
 1C P 1D P matchpoints
 1S P ? 2L - P

B. S- A K 6 3 2 H- 8 5 2 D- 10 3 2 C- K J

N E S W North south vul
 1D P 1S P match points
 2C P ?

C. S- void H- A 10 9 8 6 4 2 D- A 10 9 2 C- 3 2
 east west vul- sitting south in first seat. What is your opening bid?

Poor Old Michael or how to be the only one to go down in 3 NT with nine tricks.

Mike Strebinger has long insisted he is the unluckiest bridge player in Vancouver. I was always a little skeptical but this following example has finally convinced me. Mike, partnered by Jim Donaldson, played 3 NT in the recent sectional open pairs. His right hand opponent had over-called in spades at the one level.

	S- A x x x	
	H- 10 x	
	D- A Q xxx	
	C- A Q	
S- 10 x		S- Q J 9 x x
H- K J 9 x		H- x x
D- J x		D- K x x x x
C- 9 x x x x		C- x
	S- K x	
	H- A Q x x x	
	D- x	
	C- K J 10 x x	

Opening lead, spade 10

Mike took the opening spade lead with his king. He placed all the outstanding strength, not unnaturally, with his RHO and in order to retain communication he led a low heart to the ten, planning a finesse of the Queen on the next round. LHO took the heart jack and returned a spade. Mike won the ace and finessed a heart. Had this won and the suit broke 3-3 he would have made six for a well deserved top, or close to it. Alas the finesse lost and being out of spades LHO returned a diamond. Mike hopped up and played Ace and Queen of clubs overtaking with the king. When the suit broke 5-1 Mike could still rely on a 3-3 heart division. Of course that didn't happen and he went down with nine top tricks. This is surely the correct line at matchpoints but alas no one else found this line and Mike got a zero.....poor old Michael.

That is all for this month. Solve the bidding problems, get your balanced team of four for the 14th and start thinking of your February Swiss team.

Allan Graves.