



# Vancouver, B.C. Unit

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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## UNIT MEETING

Henry Smilie accepted the nomination for President so now we have an able and experienced President for '72 - '73.

Unfortunately the board had to accept Mike Strebinger's resignation (he is taking a 2-year course at night school). Don Frazer is the new vice-president.

The board has asked John Anthony to fill the vacancy left by Mike. John has worked hard for the unit. We are fortunate that he accepted this added responsibility.

The '72 - '73 ethics committee members are Lisa Strebinger, Brian Johnson, Buddy Crapko, Dale Jensen and Jim Dickie (chairman).

If anyone wants to ask or request anything these are the phone numbers of the unit board:

Sandra Borg	327-5288	John Anthony	
Kay LaBelle	943-4003	Don Frazer	291-8149
Joan McDonald	922-4442	Henry Smilie	325-9444
Paula Kalkowitz	327-0161	Hy Waks	736-6225
Jim Andrews, Roland Divers and Jim Donaldson			874-7619

The board has decided to increase the unit game fees to \$1.75. This extra 25 cents will be placed in the Olympiad Fund to help with our expenses for the trials. As always, phone a member of the board if you have a view pro or con.

The 1974 Pairs Olympiad will be held in the Canary Islands. Canada will send seven or eight pairs one of which will come from B.C. The B.C. trials will be held sometime in 1973.

Canada has been asked to host the 1980 Bridge Olympiad. This unit board, of course, will hope for Vancouver or Banff. Montreal can't win them all.

Murdock Smith has not been well so the year-end financial statement is not ready yet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Unit game. September 3 - Vancouver Bridge Club

Sectional. September 8, 9, & 10 - Blue Boy

Beat the Experts, Second Tuesday of September - Vancouver Bridge Club

The Inter-city trials will be held at BCIT Oct. 22 to pick our under 200 and open teams that will represent Vancouver at Seattle in December. The Vancouver and Seattle units began these knockout matches three years ago. The Vancouver under 200 lost the first year, but won last year. The open team has won both years. These encounters generally last a whole weekend. (The teams are made of five pairs, four play and one rests). The Vancouver team consists of the four top finishers and one picked pair in each event. Scoring is on the IMP basis. This is probably the only event in North America with this type of scoring. The fee is reasonably priced at \$4.00 to cover directors' fees, etc. Registration is necessary so please phone 874-7619 in advance.

A special bridge tour arranged by one of our members will depart from Vancouver January 6, 1973 for the Regional in Hawaii. Accommodations are at the New Outrigger Hotel and the Ocean View Apartments, both within a block of the "place of action". For more information call Elinor Haelgren at 922-3892 or 684-1191.

## ON THE OLD TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Errors by US. Lisa Strebinger was omitted in the city K.O. rounds and worse yet Bob McDuff won the Edmonton open pairs. My apologies and congratulations!

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SEATTLE SECTIONAL

Life Masters pairs 6th Paul Hagen and Mike Strebinger  
Non-life Masters pairs - 1st - Lislle Gold and Beryl Gorken  
tied - 2nd and 3rd - Sheila Dickie and Bob Connop  
6th - Alina Pearman and Liz Lee

NANAIMO SECTIONAL

Mixed Pairs - 1st - Min Loomer  
3rd and 4th - Dr. Christopherson and Ann Anderson  
  
Men's Pairs - 1st - Mike Wilson and Derick Ward  
2nd - Alec McBeth and George Bell  
  
Women's Pairs - 1st - Alina Pearman and Lily Hills  
3rd and 4th - Isabel Pratt and Evelyn Hosgood  
6th - Virginia McGonigal and Liz Lee  
  
Open Pairs - 1st - Mr. & Mrs. Stokes  
3rd - John Anthony and Earl Oddstad  
4th - Paul Hagen and Bob Connop  
7th - Jim Andrews and Roland Divers  
  
Consolation - 3rd - Min Loomer and George Bell

UNIT TOURNAMENT

SECTION A

North/South

1st - A. Saunders & A. Nagy - 129  
2nd - June Budd & Adrian Hicks - 125'  
3rd - E. Vivian & J. Berry  
4th - Mr. & Mrs. Minkoff - 122

East/West

1st - L. Betts & M. Dimich - 127  
2nd - S. Holding & G. Horne - 119  
3rd - A. Turbey & K. Davis - 112  
4th - M. Kuttner & S. Segal - 111

SECTION B

1st - K. Vanleishoot & D. Tynan - 126'  
2nd - A. Elashi & R. Stephens - 121'  
3rd - J. Ross & T. Fineman - 118  
4th - Mr. & Mrs. Stokes - 113'

1st - D. Gershbain & A. Ross - 135'  
2nd - S. Campbell & H. Mitchell - 117'  
3rd - J. McDonald & K. LaBelle - 116'  
4th - G. Sagen & Dr. Christopherson - 116

OVERALL

1st - D. Gershbain & A. Ross  
2nd - Ann Saunders & Andy Nagy  
3rd - L. Betts & M. Dimich

BRIDGE TIPS

Not one article was sent to "Bridge Tips" by our life masters. WHY? Did you feel your article might not be published? This editor will publish all articles received!

CONVENTIONS BY JIM DONALDSON

Whenever a partnership is deciding what conventions to play, there are three questions to answer affirmative.

1. Is the convention desirable i.e. how often does it occur, how much help is it to the bidder when it does occur, are there any negative inferences?
2. Is it easy to remember if it occurs frequently or is it an unusual bid (grand slam force) and it is simple the answer is yes.
3. Is there a good alternative method to handle the natural sequence (e.g. how do you handle a weak club hand if you play stayman)?

If the partnership were restricted to two conventions my vote would go to "splinter bids and stayman".

The splinter bid is a double jump. It shows trump support, a stiff or void in the bid suit, sufficient strength to play at that level, e.g.

1H - 4C = 4 + hearts, 1 - clubs and opening bid.

1C - 1H - 4D = 4 + hearts, 1 - diamond, enough to play game opposite 5 + pts.

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Rebids to splinter

1. If duplicated rebid trump suit.
2. If you can visualize 6 take control.
3. Otherwise cue bid to show too much to sign off but not enough to guarantee slam.

Does the splinter bid answer yes to the three questions?

1. The convention is desirable because it simplifies visualization of partner's hand and it reveals duplicated values.
2. A double jump is unusual enough that partners should not forget. Although, be careful with 1S-4H.
3. The natural double jump shows a long suit and a poor hand, this can be shown by rebidding the suit. Also, if you play 1H-4C as natural you may have bypassed 3NT if your partner has a fit with you.

Some examples:

XXX  
KQJXX  
AQJX  
X

If you open 1H and your partner raises to 3H (forcing 13 - 15) you have little knowledge of his hand so your hand being in this minor range you would probably bid 4H.

If you use a splinter bid:

- 1H - 3S your partner should have 11+ pts. outside the spade suit so if he has enough aces slam is a good bet - bid 4NT.
- 1H - 4C or 4D you are duplicated so bid 4H, but maybe you could bid 4D over 4C, partner could have enough but if he now bids 4H pass.
- 1H - 3H (or 3NT forcing) the only hand partner could have to have a good play for slam would include a doubleton AK of spades or K of diamonds so you can discard his spade. This is remote so I would sign off at 4H.

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