



Vancouver, B.C. Unit

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

VANCOUVER, CANADA

OCTOBER

THE MATCHPOINTER

1972

Roland Dives has been transferred to Montreal (so the head office's gain is our loss). Roland volunteered to do the most thankless job on the unit board, shut up secretary this year, he will be difficult to replace. If any one can type and is willing to work, please phone Sandra at 327-5288, please.

The November unit game (the 5th) will be the last unit game to be held at the Vancouver Bridge Club. The unit game is getting just to large for the available space. Future games will be held at BCIT (Canada Way & Willington). It was unfortunate this decision had to be made, as the Vancouver Bridge Club was not only an ideal location, but the co-operation, and good service extended by both Joe Jacobs, and the Hicks's will sorely be missed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Attentive time for the intercity team trial is in our, Sun, October 22 at BCIT. Entries must be submitted to either Sandra Borg 327-5288 or Jim Donaldson 874-7619 by October 21. This is necessary as the boards must be duplicated and the arrangements for the round-robin be done before game time. Remember both partners must be under 200 MP to play in the under 200's, no restriction in the open. Kibiturs welcome.

NOVEMBER SECTIONAL - November 24 - 26

Friday night a special novice game for those holding less than 5 MP. In my opinion these novice games play the most important role in obtaining new members. So if you are a night school teacher, or know of any bridge player who does not normally play duplicated bridge, just tell them about November 24th.

December 3rd - Christmas Party - Dinner, Bar, and balanced teams. Tickets available from unit members and at November sectional BCIT.

MARCH GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

This year the A.C.B.L. has decided to introduce a regional team to compete against the National Team winners. The winners to represent North America in the Bermuda Bowl. Districts 18, 19, 20 represent 1 zone (10 total). Our zonal playoff will be held in Bellingham if there no more than 16 teams interested. (Otherwise local playoffs will be arranged). Entries must be submitted to Roger Putnam with \$60.00 fee by January 31, 1973. A team can consist of 4 or 6 players all of whom must reside in District 18, 19, 20, so if you wish you can compete with Alberta, Oregon, etc. partners. If you qualify with 4 players your team must be enlarged to 6 to compete in the zone finals.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Colin McMillian, Koos Van Leesmont, Jennifer Paynter, and Bob McDuff. Congratulations!

Which brings to mind. The Swiss team winners in Nanaimo were omitted last Matchpointer. They were the good and true McDuffs.

TOURNAMENT TRIAL

Sorry I could not get hold of the Seattle Regional, or Vancouver Sectional results, but these are in the future.

CORRECTION

A special bridge tour mentioned in the September issue, departing January 6 for Hawaii '73 Regional and returning January 20, has accommodations at the new Outrigger West Hotel. It has fully equipped kitchenettes, private bath, air-conditioning and private lanais. See enclosed flyer. For those who would like to have a longer stay, I have an earlier departure on January 4th returning January 25.

For reservations of accommodations of your choice, please call me (Elinor Hallgren) at 922-3892 or 684-1191.

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OKANOGAN SECTIONAL
KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
OCTOBER 6 - 9, 1972

The Tournament Committee would like to thank all players who participated in this Annual Sectional. We hope that you have enjoyed the tournament and that you will all return in 1973. The following is a list of the overall winners up to the Swiss Team event.

MEN'S PAIRS - 38 PAIRS

1. Otto Leesmet, Van. & R.G. Phelps, Kel.
2. Ray Stewart & Paul Sweet, Penticton
3. R. Boldt & Don Booker, Quesnel

WOMEN'S PAIRS - 60 PAIRS

1. C. Fergie, Ephrata & Mrs. J. Remington, Spo.
2. Marjorie Guest & Anne Douglas, Vernon
3. E.A. McDonald & Hazel Stowards, Quesnel

MIXED PAIRS - 96 PAIRS

1. Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Real, Kelowna
2. I. Hatherly, Ver. & A.G. Hampson, Kel.
3. H.P. Gravette & Mrs. K. Horwood, Calgary

PEACH BOWL PAIRS - SIDE EVENT - 28 PAIRS

1. I.M. Struntz & Mrs. H.C. Herron, Wenatchee
2. K. Kristensen & Finn Schultz, Vancouver
3. Mrs. E.Cossey & Mrs. D. Scully, N. Van.

KALAMALKA PAIRS - SIDE EVENT - 34 PAIRS

1. K. Kristensen, Van. & K. LaBelle, Delta
2. Mrs. L. Cowan & Mrs. J. McClymont, Kel.
3. Mrs. E. Hall, Pent. & D. Barlett, Bby.

SKAHA PAIRS - SIDE EVENT - 8 PAIRS

1. Mrs. R.K. Aue, Spo. & M. Ashton, Kel.
2. R. Boynton, Oyama & Joe Rossetti, Kel.
3. Mrs. E. Cossey & Mrs. D. Scully, N. Van.

OPEN PAIRS - 140 PAIRS

1. Don Brander & Ron Christensen, Van.
2. Allan Graves, Van. & D. Gold, Pt. Moody
3. Mr. & Mrs. A. Carlson, Powell River

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION - 96 PAIRS

1. C. Fergie, Ephrata & J. Remington, Spo.
2. M. Champion, Vic. & J. Whillis, Kelowna
3. Ralph & Bertha Purves, Vancouver

RED ROBBIN PAIRS - SIDE EVENT - 40 PAIRS

1. Mr. & Mrs. R. Frilund, Kamloops
2. W.G. Lim, Pr. Geo. & L. Appleby, Ques.
3. O. Nelson, Squ. & K. Hollinshead, Pt. Alb.

There were four teams with records of four and zero after the first session of the Swiss Teams and they are as follows:-

Team 27	Jim & Kathy McAvoy, Victoria, Duncan & Doreen Smith, Victoria
Team 29	Jennifer Paynter, Harold McAllister, Neil Chambers, John Anthony all of Vancouver
Team 41	Mrs. C.D. Woods, Mrs. Dale Ross, Mrs. James Mohr, Mrs. G.C. Welch, Frank & Lillian Henderson, Virginia McConigal, Malem Montgomery, all of Spokane
Team 68	Bryan Rapson, Arvida, Que., Allan Neid, Kelowna, Vic Wood, Garibaldi Hghlds., N.F. Brookes, Oliver

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ADDENDUM TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The "Olympiad Fund Fee and Donation" item of \$780.00 is comprised of:

Proceeds of Continent-Wide game	140.00
Received from contestants	160.00
Table fees at Ste Agathe National Trials (paid out of Special Account)	<u>480.00</u>
	780.00

The Special Account is made up of 15% of the net profits of sectionals. It began about three years ago.

The Canadian Bridge Federation dues are used to operate our Canadian organization. Of your \$5.00 membership fee, \$3.35 goes to the League, \$1.00 to the CBF and the balance is retained by the Unit and used for general purposes.

70% of the table fees collected at our Continent-Wide Charity goes to the ACBL Canadian Charitable Fund, 30% is allowed for expenses. Our actual expenses exceeded the 30% by \$37.00.



President

VANCOUVER UNIT A.B.C.L.
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972

CASH BALANCE JULY 1, 1971 \$ 2,164.25

REVENUE:

Membership Fees Collected	\$4,934.65	
Unit Games & Special Events	3,742.01	
Sectionals	\$17,078.08	
Less Expenses	<u>14,306.78</u>	2,771.30
Bank Interest		<u>113.91</u>
		11,561.87

EXPENDITURES

Rents	1,121.25	
Direction & Scoring Expenses	958.50	
Supplies & Printing	729.67	
Matchpointer	1,674.10	
Trophies & Prizes	152.22	
A.C.B.L. Membership & Sanction Fees	3,452.50	
Olympiad Fund Fee & Donation	780.00	
Canadian Bridge Federation Contribution	882.00	
Canadian Charity Donation	37.00	
Food, Beverage & Entertainment	1,018.13	
Miscellaneous	<u>412.63</u>	<u>11,218.00</u>

NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		343.87
ADD PREPAID IN 1971 RE: OLYMPIAD		<u>235.00</u>
NET CASH INCREASE		578.87
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1972		<u>\$ 2,743.12</u>
CASH ON DEPOSIT - SPECIAL ACCOUNT		
Balance June 30, 1971	\$ 450.60	
ADD 15% OF NET SECTIONAL RETURNS	<u>416.36</u>	
	866.96	
DEDUCT OLYMPIAD CONTRIBUTION	<u>480.00</u>	\$ 386.96
TORONTO DOMINION BANK CERTIFICATE		1,500.00
GENERAL ACCOUNT		<u>856.16</u>
		<u>\$ 2,743.12</u>

The above statement has been prepared by Mrs. K. LaBelle from the books, records and information of the Vancouver Unit A.C.B.L. and checked and reviewed by me in my opinion presents fairly the financial position of the Unit at June 30th, 1972.



M.A. SMITH
Accountant

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SEPTEMBER 4, 1972

SECTION A

UNIT TOURNAMENT

North/South

- 1st - Jennie Goodman & Ruby Harris - 146
- 2nd - A. Cormode & Doris Tynan - 115
- 3rd - Pat Stevens & Buddy Crapko - 115

East/West

- 1st - Stan Holding & Gordon Home - 127
- 2nd - Norm & Anne McConnell - 124
- 3rd - Elizabeth Lee & Charlie Swanson - 123

OVERALL

- 1st - Jennie Goodman & Ruby Harris
- 3rd & 4th - Stan Holding & Gordon Home
- 5th & 6th - Norm & Anne McConnell

SECTION B

North/South

- 1st - Hy Waks & Jack Kneller - 134
- 2nd - Mike Strebinger & Don Fraser - 124
- 3rd - Chester & Betty Michno - 122

East/West

- 1st - David & Jenny Powell - 127
- 2nd - Koos Van Lieshout & Jo MacDonald - 119
- 3rd - Neil McAllister & Harold McAllister - 116

OVERALL

- 2nd - Hy Waks & Jack Kneller
- 3rd & 4th - David & Jenny Powell
- 5th & 6th - Mike Strebinger & Don Fraser

OCTOBER 1, 1972

SECTION A

UNIT TOURNAMENT

North/South

- 1st - Helen Montgomery & Doris Tynan - 135
- 2nd - Henry Smilie & Clarence Carroll - 129
- 3rd - Bob Connop & Marg Stafford - 115

East/West

- 1st - Sandra Borg & Sherman Kwan - 136
- 2nd - Allan Graves & Jack Marsch - 132
- 3rd - Mrs. J. Moreira & Kitty Davis - 114

OVERALL

- 3rd - Sandra Borg & Sherman Kwan
- 4th & 5th - Helen Montgomery & Doris Tynan
- 6th - Allan Graves & Jack Marsch

SECTION B

North/South

- 1st - Ede Bonnell & Ron Borg - 143
- 2nd - Dr. E.C. Levine & Alex McBeth - 135
- 3rd - Sam Lucow & Mildred Wohlleben - 120

East/West

- 1st - Andy Smith & C.A. Swanson - 141
- 2nd - Gordon Horne & Stan Holding - 124
- 3rd - Paul Hagen & Bob McDuff - 120

OVERALL

- 1st - Ede Bonnell & Ron Borg
- 2nd - Andy Smith & C.A. Swanson
- 4th & 5th - Dr. E.C. Levine & Alex McBeth

BRIDGE TIPS

Finally an artical was submitted, by Anonymous.

MICHAELS CUE BIDS

Every bridge player can remember competitive situations where he was pre-emphied out of room to describe a two-miled hand.

WJHO opens the bidding, one has two options available with two milers: to double (and risk partners leaping in the third mile) or to overcall and come back in at a higher level. The danger of these options is reduced the stronger the hand.

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The Michaels Cue-Bid was introduced to describe two mild hands which are too weak to risk doubling or rebidding at higher levels. The bid replaces the former use of a direct cue-bid of opener's suit to describe a same forcing hand with support for all suits which can now be described by a double followed by a cue-bid.

1C-2C and 1D-2D indicate at least nine cards in the majors (8 - 13 HCP's, less with spectacular shape!), 14 - 24 and 15 - 25 indicate at least 5 cards in the other major and 5 cards in one of the minors (2NT responses requests classification of minor)

If we consider the position of responder, he will be able to compete far more aggressively in the knowledge of his partner's shape.

Thus West looking at:
X Q X A
X X X X
X X X
X X

If bidding has preceded N E S W
1D * 3D ?

Only the foolhardy would try 3S (even in the knowledge that the partnership holds about half the deck), the chances of going down 3 are about the same as making it.

But if the bidding proceeds N E S W
1D 2D 3D ? West has no qualms about bidding 3S (although the partnership has 14 - 19 HCP's maximum).

A word of warning before we look at examples: the Michaels Cue-Bidder must have his values so that his partner can accurately evaluate the rich making possibilities of his hand. The descriptive information revealed by a Michaels cue-bid becomes more advantageous to the opponents declarer than to the partner if the bid is used indiscriminately.

After an opening bid of 1D

Holding K K X X bid 2D - a perfect hand for Michaels
Q J X
X X
X X
X X

Holding A A A X double - bid Spades over whatever level partner bids clubs
K Q X
X J
X 1Q
X X

Holding A Q K bid 1S - you can bid spades at next opportunity (depends on lead and vulnerability of course!)
K 1Q X X
Q X
X X
X X

After a bid of 1S

Holding X A K Q bid 2C - (trying 2S has always led me to disaster!)
K X J
Q 1Q
X X
X
X

Holding A J K X double - (pull c's to d's) to much defense to invite a sacrifice
K X Q
X J
X 1Q
X X

Holding K A X bid 2S - (Smile, you have just earned about 10 matchpoints for playing a good convention)
Q J X
X X
X X
X X
X