
THE MATCHPOINTER - January 1978

Edited by Gary Harper

January Sectional

January 27-29, 1978

Richmond Inn, Richmond

Friday	1:30 P.M. Men's and Women's Pairs
	8:00 P.M. Mixed Pairs
	Novice Game
Saturday	1:30 P.M. Open Pairs - Qualifying
	8:00 P.M. Open Pairs - Finals
	Open Pairs - Consolation
Sunday	12:00 Noon and 5:00 P.M. Swiss Team of Four
	Side Games as required

Grand Nationals

February 19, 1978

Holiday Inn on Howe Street

Qualifying Round

Two Session Swiss Teams

\$28.00 per Team

Bridge Newsletter of the Vancouver, B.C. Unit 430

SLUFF 'N A RUFF

1978 is off on the right foot already, as Jo MacDonald reports that new members are up to 104 from 33 at the same time last year, with renewals being up to 936 from 828. Jo, incidentally, was laid up for about 5 weeks with cracked ribs following a nasty fall during our first snowfall. She didn't miss taking a membership during this period and has now recovered and taken her Christmas trip East.

The 1977 Intercity Match with Seattle was a financial success as well as an artistic one bridge-wise, as it netted \$1.37. Rumours that Aban Gerrie has taken this excess and fled the Unit have been denied.

Looking ahead to 1979 - Henry Smilie has been appointed Tournament Chairman of the January Regional. I'm sure he will be needing all our help in the months to come.

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LEADING MASTER POINT HOLDERS

(as of September 10, 1977)

1. Jim Donaldson	3222	20. Cam Lindsay	1469
2. Alan Graves	3189	21. Bob Connop	1446
3. Otto Leesment	3146	22. Jean Turnbull	1395
4. Adrian Hicks	2980	23. C. A. Swanson	1302
5. Neil Chambers	2743	24. Dr. R. Forbes	1268
6. Buddy Crapko	2732	25. Mike Wilson	1248
7. Ron Borg	2534	26. Norm Turnbull	1217
8. Paul Hagen	2515	27. Earl Adams	1187
9. Bruce Ferguson	2121	28. Dolly Shapiro	1181
10. Jack Marsch	2008	29. June Budd Hicks	1163
11. Leo Steil	1909	30. Dr. E. Christopherson	1106
12. Fred Sontag	1827	31. Murdoch Smith	1094
13. Eric Stark	1778	32. Henry Smilie	1082
14. Edie Bonnell	1767	33. Gary Harper	1072
15. Laurence Betts	1723	34. Sandra Borg	1051
16. Mike Strebinger	1687	35. David Gold	1042
17. Jim Dickie	1652	36. Karl Van Renesse	1019
18. Lisa Strebinger	1617	37. Willie Weinstein	1013
19. Tony Marsh	1565		

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SPECIAL EVENTSGRAND NATIONALS

The qualifying round for the Grand Nationals remains set for the Holiday Inn on Howe Street on February 19, 1978. The format is that of a two session Swiss Teams (for Red Points) with a cost of \$28.00 per team. Starting time is as yet unknown.

Stage II will be held on March 4 & 5, 1978, at the same Holiday Inn.

THANK YOU

Our appreciation to Alberta Distillers for their contribution of the door prizes at the downtown Christmas party.

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April 31, 1978

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1978 CALENDAR

JANUARY 27 - 29	VANCOUVER SECTIONAL
FEBRUARY 4	OLYMPIAD UNIT PLAYDOWNS, Holiday Inn, Howe Street
FEBRUARY 5	UNIT GAME
FEBRUARY 10 - 12	BELLINGHAM SECTIONAL
FEBRUARY 19	GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFYING, Holiday Inn, Howe St.
FEBRUARY 21 - 26	PORTLAND REGIONAL
MARCH 4 - 5	GRAND NATIONALS - Second Stage
MARCH 5	UNIT GAME
MARCH 10 - 12	KAISERSLAUTERN SECTIONAL (West Germany)
MARCH 15	CONTINENTWIDE CHARITY GAME
MARCH 28 - APRIL 2	VICTORIA REGIONAL
APRIL 9	UNIT GAME
APRIL 7 - 9	TACOMA SECTIONAL
APRIL 14 - 16	BELLEVUE SECTIONAL
MAY 5 - 7	KIMBERLEY SECTIONAL
	PRINCE GEORGE SECTIONAL
MAY 7	UNIT GAME
MAY 16	INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME
MAY 19 - 21	DUNCAN SECTIONAL
	VERNON SECTIONAL
MAY 26 - 29	SEATTLE SECTIONAL
JUNE 2 - 4	VANCOUVER SECTIONAL
JUNE 11	UNIT GAME
JUNE 14 - 18	PENTICTON REGIONAL
JUNE 23 - 25	MOUNT VERNON SECTIONAL
JULY 9	UNIT GAME
AUGUST 6	UNIT GAME
AUGUST 18 - 20	VANCOUVER KNOCKOUT SECTIONAL
SEPTEMBER 3	UNIT GAME
OCTOBER 1	UNIT GAME
NOVEMBER 5	UNIT GAME
NOVEMBER	INTERCITY TRIALS
NOVEMBER 17 - 19	VANCOUVER SECTIONAL
DECEMBER 3	UNIT GAME
DECEMBER	INTERCITY MATCH (in Seattle)

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SPOT THE ERROR

North-South arrive at an aggressive 4 heart contract on the following hands:

	X	
	A 10 9	
	AK 10 9XX	
	AXX	
QXXX		KXX
8XX		QJX
XX		QJX
QJXX		KXXX
	AJ 10 XX	
	K7XX	
	XX	
	XX	

Spot the Error - con't.

A club was lead, won by dummy's ace. This was followed by the A and K of diamonds and a third diamond, ruffed with the 7 of hearts and over-ruffed by the 8. West cashed a club and continued a club, ruffed low by declarer. Declarer now cashed the King of hearts and played a small trump to Dummy's A. Diamonds were now run and the only remaining trick for the defence was the Q of trump, as the remaining heart on dummy provided an entry to the established diamonds.

The only successful defence is for West to not over-ruff the 7 of hearts. If West discards a club, for example, and declarer plays K of hearts, heart to the A, and a diamond, West can now ruff and lead a club, leaving declarer with only one entry to dummy (A of spades, ruff a spade) and East with a trump to ruff the next diamond, cash a club and wait for a few spade tricks.

Declarer's alternate (and better) line at the point that the 7 of heart holds, is to lead a small trump to dummy's Q - won by East's J. After East cashes a club, declarer must ruff the third club with the K of trump and lead a small trump to dummy's 10 - raking the hand if trumps are 3 - 3 with the Q and J in different hands. As it turns out, however, on the lie of the cards, declarer will go down several tricks on this line of play.

Would you have the foresight not to over-ruff the 7 of hearts?

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RESULTS

VICTORIA SECTIONAL

MEN'S PAIRS

- (1) Lauren Miller (Vancouver) - Gord McOrmond (Victoria)
- (2) Jim Andrews - Dennis Dohl (Vancouver)

MASTER'S PAIRS

- (3) Laurence Betts (Vancouver) - Gord McOrmond (Victoria)

OPEN PAIRS

- (1) Laurence Betts (Vancouver) - Jim McAvoy (Victoria)
- (2) Don Brazeau (Vancouver) - Cam Lindsay (Tsawwassen!)

SWISS TEAMS

- (1) Jim Andrews - Dennis Dohl - Paul Hagen - Ken Johnson
(all Vancouver)
- (3) Don Brazeau (Vancouver) - Patt Dunn - Dave Witcher -
Ray Loftis (Seattle)

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UNIT GAME RESULTS

THE HOLIDAY INN - November 13, 1977

OVERALL - Top: 3; Average: 108

1. R. R. Christie - G. McCully	135½	3/4 A. McBeth - M. Aaron	133½
2. C.A. Swanson - A. Hicks	135	5. R. Hansen - M. Dimich	132
3/4 G. Hoare - D. Fraser	133½	6/7 H. Rodd - E. Peterson	131½
		6/7 M. Krusell - R. Bennett	131½

SECTION A

N/S

1. C. A. Swanson - A. Hicks	135
2. H. Rodd - E. Peterson	131½
3. D. Oram - H. Waks	128½
4. R. Chan - M. Johnson	122

E/W

1. R. Hansen - M. Dimich	132
2. M. Krusell - R. Bennett	131½
3. B. Hoy - A. Ross	124
4. J. Anthony - J. Marsch	115½

SECTION B

N/S

1/2 G. Hoare - D. Fraser	133½
1/2 A. McBeth - M. Aaron	133½
3. E. Moyer - E. Christopherson	130
4. R. Purves - J. Dolynski	114½

E/W

1. R. R. Christie - G. McCully	135½
2. M. M. Potzold - J. Paine	131
3. M. Reiffer - H. Smilie	123
4. McDonald - J. P. Adams	122

Unit Game Results - Cloverdale December 18, 1977

16½ Tables - Average 156

<u>NS</u>		<u>EW</u>	
1. M. Schulmann- J. Green	190½	1. P. & P. Trott	196½
2. G. Hoare - E. Hoare	183	2. M. & M. Angus	184½
3. C. Collin - E. Beasley	175	3. S. & M. Holding	182½
4. P. Radnai - D. Anson	172½	4/5. S. Boyes-E. Gendron	178
5. F. MacLeod - B. MacLeod	172	4/5. J. Ritch-H. Dressler	178
6. H. & A. Henneberger	171	6/7. D. Hansford-P. Wilson	165
		6/7. S. & N. Craig	165

Overall

1. P. & P. Trott	196½	4. G. & E. Hoare	183
2. M. Schulmann-J. Green	190½	5. S. & M. Holding	182½
3. M. & M. Angus	184½	6. (tied) S. Boyes-E. Gendron	178
		J. Ritch-H. Dressler	178

Unit Game Results - Holiday Inn December 18, 1977

26 Tables - Average 156

Section "A" - 13 Tables

<u>NS</u>		<u>EW</u>	
1. R. Betts-I. Anderson	194½	1. N. Stock-F. Sontag	179
2. A. Hicks-C. Swanson	194	2. R. Curry-M. Smith	178
3. M. Wilson-R. Borg	178	3. C. Forrester-H. Smilie	166½
4. D. Dohl-R. Christensen	170	4. L. & D. Gold	165½
5. H. Rodd-V. Hetman	164½	5. J.R. & P. Barrington	161

Section "B" - 13 Tables

<u>NS</u>		<u>EW</u>	
1. J. Anthony-N. McAllister	179	1. J. Paynter-A. Ballantyne	181½
2. B. Hamilton-W.B. Ransell	175	2. M. Krussell-R. Bennett	172
3. C. Delisle-P. Hagen	172½	3. J.P. Adams-D. Walker-	171
4. W. Johnson-H. Piercy	168	4. A. McBeth-P. Kallberg	169½
5. E. Lee-M. Neate	164	5. J. Dolynski-J. Bryden	169

Overall

1. R. Betts-I. Anderson	194½	4/5. N. Stock-F. Sontag	179
2. A. Hicks-C.A. Swanson	194	4/5. J. Anthony-H. McAllister	179
3. J. Paynter-A. Ballantyne	181	6/7. M. Wilson-R. Borg	178
		6/7. R. Curry-M. Smith	178

Unit Games - continued

This, the last game for 1977, concludes with a total of 399½ tables for the year. This beats 1976 by 37½ tables. This increase is reflected in the start of two games in April. This has given some of the players who live further out a chance to get to the Cloverdale game and arrive home at a reasonable time. Next year, let's all make an effort to beat the 1977 attendance by attending more Unit games. Charlie Swanson was the top point getter at the Unit games by rapping up 9.38 M.P.'s. At the Cloverdale games, Toc Liem headed the list with 4.80 M.P.'s.

Here is wishing you all the best of everything for 1978 and I hope you all had a Happy Christmas.

Bill Worsfold

Final Tallies for the Unit Games Point RaceHoliday Inn

1. C.A. Swanson	9.38	6/7. D. Oram	5.09
2. F. Sontag	7.04	6/7. N. Stock	5.09
3. R. Borg	6.69	8. K. Van Lieshout	4.39
4. A. McBeth	6.35	9. M. Smith	4.38
5. M. Potzold	5.12	10. G. Stanford	4.75

Cloverdale

1. T. Liem	4.80	6. J. Green	3.31
2. D. Hansford	4.34	7. R. McConnell	3.20
3. M. Genik	4.09	8. R. Groome	3.18
4. D. Bartlett	3.34	9. W. May	3.14
5. T. Stiennon	3.64	10. E. Dietrich	3.06

The 1978 race starts at the next Unit Game on January 8/78. The Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe Street and at the Legion in Cloverdale. Game time is 7:30 P.M.

The Christmas party held in conjunction with the Unit Game was a happy occasion at both games with a total of 42½ tables in play. This must be the largest Unit Game in a long, long time. Can anyone remember a larger one?

Bob MacDuff was going to handle the downtown games for 1978, but other commitments have had to come first and he had to decline. Jean and Norm Turnbull have agreed to carry on. On behalf of the other members of the Unit, I wish to extend "THANKS", Norm and Jean for your efforts on our behalf. We know you have retired, but, foregoing some of your valuable time on our behalf is most generous. In the mean time, any suggestions are open to fill the post of the Holiday Inn Director.

Canadian Olympiad Pairs Trials

Cloverdale November 20th

Two sessions - Average 212

Overall Winners

1. K. Johnson-H. Sussman	267	4. F. Sontag-N. Stock	235
2. E.T. Hicks-J. Marshall	264½	5. L. Feeny-J. Groves	223
3. J. Green-E. Moyer	246½	6. R. & D. MacDuff	225
		7. L. Cole-R. Sontowsky	213½

The above pairs will represent the Cloverdale Club in the Unit playdowns to be held in the Holiday Inn on February 4th in a two session game. Winners from the Holiday Inn Play-off will compete in the Provincial playoffs to be held in Penticton on March 19, 1978. The winning pair from this contest will represent B.C. in the Olympiad Playdowns in New Orleans, U.S.A. June 17-22, 1978.

Club NewsOptimist Bridge Club Agassiz, B.C.

A substantial turnout of 16 tables attended on November 21/77 under Bob Percher's directing for the Continent Wide Charity Game. Results were: (average 132)

1. L. Verroort-L. Feeny	179
2. R. Tetra-J. Hibak	153½
3. C. Blake-W.A. Byrnes	152½
4. Louis Percher-J. Groves	151

Powell River

As usual, the Powell River Bridge Club was very active, with the year being culminated by their Annual Christmas Party featuring cocktails, dinner, trophy presentations and dancing. Winners of the two session Open Pairs Event for the Michael Savage Memorial Trophy were Inge and Bill Hoehn while the Super Valu Trophy for the Swiss Team Championship was won by Rosalyn Whitney, Maureen Melan, Terry Stokes and Peter Black - congratulations to all.

The Club was saddened by the recent death of Albert Gauthier who left no immediate family but who will be missed by his many bridge friends.

The first Courtenay "mini-sectional" was extremely successful and because of the convenient location, Powell River had a greater attendance there than even Campbell River did.

Port Coquitlam Bridge Club

Thanks to the 16 tables which attended the Continent Wide Charity Game on November 21, 1977, \$135.00 was raised for charity. Results on a 132 average were:

1. Mr. & Mrs. H. Henneberger	171
2. Ted Hicks-James Marshall	163½
3. Betty & Pat Manning	159
4. Maurice Desaulniers-Don Fraser	156
5. Marg Benoit-Irene Graham	150½
6. Evelyn Hodge-Gwen Fear	150

Club News - continuedTsawwassen Bridge

Results of the Continent wide Charity Game held on November 21/77:
(average 132)

1. S. Campbell-J. Montgomery	158½	4/5. R. & L. Morrison	148½
2. I. Muir-M. Close	153½	4/5. S. & N. Craig	148½
3. T. Stiennon-W. May	150	6. H. Legault-G. Klotz	145½

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Our first Annual Championship has just concluded and Open Pairs winners of the Isobel Weir Plaque were Elsie Williams and Bert Frith. Runners up were Ruth Philip and Mohamed Nuraney.

The Novice Trophy went to Einar Bergen and Ron Liberty. Runners Up were May Belliveau and Frances Tate. Congratulations to all our winners! We had a total of 20 tables in the two session event.

Game every Friday at 1:00 P.M.

Directors: Bruce MacFarlane and Edna Cossey

Games are restricted to players who have reached 60 years

IMP League"A" Division - after 4 matches

Team	Total VP's	Standing
Andrews	68	1
Rasool	12	10
Johnson	30	7/8
Betts	54	2/3
Nixon	54	2/3
Dimich	27	9
Stock	45	4/5
Sontag	39	6
Anthony	30	7/8
S. Dickie	45	4/5

"B" Division - after 3 matches

Team	Total VP's	Standing
Kostynyk	33	3
Ryan	54	1
Piercy	-3	6
Schneider	20	5
Liang	45	2
Huberman	28	4

It's Your Bid

Well, the old holiday spirit did it again. Just when your normally indefatigable co-editors were starting to become cynical and discouraged about the dwindling response to our column, who should arrive but the Norht Pole's answer to Doug Hawkes and on Christmas morning the It's Your Bid stocking was overflowing with a record

total of 23 solutions! We hardly even minded cleaning the reindeer droppings.

On a more somber note, we were reminded of the potential dangers of our column by a note from David and Leslie Gold stating that after one set of problems "we didn't speak to each other for half a day after discussing the answers." With visions of being sued as home wreckers dancing in our heads (or was it just the whirlies?), we consulted with our legal staff, who assured us "You're in good hands with WCB." So, undaunted, we shall carry on.

1. IMP's, both vulnerable. As South you hold:

AK9863

Q93

J

KQ9

South	West	North	East
1S	P	2H	P
?			

Awards: 3C - 10; 2S - 9; 4D - 7; 3H - 5; 4H - 3; 3S - 1; 4N - 0

All seven of the above possibilities received endorsements from at least one of our readers. Unfortunately 3C was the plurality choice due no doubt to confusion as to what bids would be forcing. A simple rule which would eliminate this problem is: a two over one promises another bid. This requires that two over ones should be good hands with game a probability or hands which contain a good suit. After applying this simple principle many of the readers would surely have elected 2S which is far superior to a misdescriptive 3C. The advantage of 3C (if one can call it that) is that the misdescription is unlikely to be costly. Over to the readers:

A. Ballantyne: "3C (followed by hearts). This lies slightly about the shape of the black suits but pinpoints the singleton diamond, shows a good hand with some trump support, and tells the truth about the position of values."

E. Kokish (Montreal): "3C. Bound to work better than a splinter or any spade rebid (even a forcing 2S) because partner will expect only three card trump support when I raise strongly later and I will have shown diamond shortness while learning about spade length. I will bid 5H (not 4) over a raise to 4C."

Inherent in Eric's response is the requirement of four card trump support in order to splinter. The natural approach has a lot to recommend it also:

Golds: "3H. Announce a fit immediately so there aren't any misunderstandings later. Next round we will show extra values."

Now for our regular correspondent from the stone age:

Hy Waks: (a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away): "3S non-forcing leaving all options open."

However, the colorful Waks was outgroassed on this one:

M. Dimich (Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia): "Being slam-oriented I bid 4NT followed by 6C Mallowan if partner has 3Aces (editor's note: I suppose 4H insufficient would be the call if partner is aceless).

2. IMP's, both vulnerable. As South you hold:
 AQ
 J53
 KB
 AKJ96

South	West	North	East	
1C	2D*	P	P	* intermediate
Dbl.	P	2S	P	
?				

Awards: Pass:10; 2N: 4; 3S:3; 3C:2

This hand produced far less contention than the previous one with only half a dozen dissenters from the majority choice of pass. What kind of hand does partner have? Assuming that we are playing negative doubles (the editors would be totally helpless without them) partner has a hand unsuitable for a negative double or for defending 2D. Must he then be broke? Not necessarily:

J. Hurdle: "Pass. Sure 2NT could get us to a lucky game if partner has the right maximum but your 10 to 6 IMP adds are not calculated for hands where we rate to lose 1100 when partner has no cards."

M. Strebinger: "Pass. If playing non-forcing free bids its easy but playing standard might miss a game but I have a lot of losers."

For the bidders:

R. Borg: "2NT. The length and strength of my club holding, the expected diamond lead, and the vulnerable game bonus encourage me to take aggressive action."

D. Walker: "3C to protect my king of daimonds."

3. Matchpoints, none vulnerable. As South you hold:
 Qxx
 Jxxx
 Ax
 98xx

South	West	North	East
		2C	2H
P	3H	4H	P
?			

Awards: 5NT - 10; 5H - 10; 6C - 8; 6S - 6; 4NT - 4; 5C - 2;
 4S - 1; 5D - 0

The awards for this problem mark the first departure from our policy of giving maximum score to the most popular bid. However, I felt that since only 5 out of 23 chose 6C it was hardly an overwhelming choice; also there were a total of 6 votes combined for 5NT and 5H which seemed essentially the same bid, strongly horing to reach a grand slam.

A. Ballantyne: "5NT. I've got a very good hand for partner, who should be either 3-suited or 2-suited. Partner may sweat a bit, but with 3 suits he'll bid clubs which I'll pass. Otherwise we should have no trouble getting to either of his 2 suits. 5 Hearts might be ambiguous with regard to my heart holding."

That explains about everything, including the Arrid Extra-Dry in Dimich's Christmas stocking.

M. Strebinger: "5H. Slam is assured but will let partner decide on 6 or 7 and strain."

P. Nison: "5H. Presumably partner is 5-4-4 with a heart void. Therefore we must play in partner's 5 card suit as he is taking the ruff."

In spite of the fact that at least a small slam seems certain, some solvers chose non-forcing responses.

D. Walker: "5C. It's not the hand for a Moysian."

H. Waks: "This bidding is terrible - how much easier 2NT (at South's first turn) would be. Suggest double and let director decide. Only other alternative is 4S, underbid of the century."

Finally, direct jumps to slam got a few votes.

A. Fawley: "6S. Partner must have at least 5 spades and no hearts."

L. Steil: "6C. Partner could have passed or bid 3S so doesn't figure to have 5 good spades. Playing in spades he'll be tared and spades don't always break 3-3."

Even where you play them, Leo?

4. Matchpoints, N-S vulnerable. As South you hold: Q10

K84
AK109743
Q

South	West	North	East
	P	1S	P
2D	P	2H	P
?			

Awards: 3C-10; 3D(forcing)-10; 4D-9; 2S(forcing)-6; 2S(non-forcing)-3; 3D(non-forcing)-0

The all-purpose 4th suit forcing call was slightly favoured over the more natural 4D. The 3C advocates split into camps when it came to their enthusiasm, however:

G. Harper: "Great hand for 4th suit."

E. Kokish(Montreal): Disgusting as usual...this problem will lead a few partnerships to play 3D forcing."

J. Hurdle: "I don't like it either."

4D was eloquently defended by:

H. Smilie: "If you can't think up a good lie, tell the truth."

D Andrews: "3NT is not likely the right spot and a good 7-card suit is worth a rebid below the game level, especially when I have a good fit with partner's suits."

D. Thomas: "The best bid to find 6D. 3C is ugly."

I assure all skeptics that this problem was not included to extol the virtues of any system, however, I cannot resist quoting:

Golds: "3D. This is why we play 2/1 game force. 3D in this situation shows very good diamonds and is still forcing to game."

5. IMP's, both vulnerable. As South you hold:

K8
C7
A983
Q9862

South	West	North	East	
	1NT*	P	3S**	* 12-14 points
P	4S	3	P	** forcing
P				

What do you lead?

Awards: QH-10; 3D-9; 6C-7; 9C-4; AD-1

Opening leads often seem to be more of an art than a science, thus the diversity of solutions and comments on this problem is not surprising.

P. Nixon: "At the table I would lead D3 ; in response to a master solver problem I would lead C6; therefore put me down for the HQ (because I have a sneaky suspicion it's right)".

Give that man a saliva test.

L. Steil: "Heart Q...if partner has only the jack declarer will play me for it anyway."

J. Hurdle: "Low diamond. If partner's 2-4 HCP are in clubs we probably can't do enough business. But if I catch partner's queen and/or doubleton diamond before trumps are touched we may have a chance."

E. Kokish: "Diamond 3. Even Graves is right on occasion. With so many high cards it is more promising to play partner for the right queen or doubleton than to try for a rounded suit king. Come to think of it, Graves would lead the Heart 7."

On the other hand, the spade 3 might look attractive....

A. Ballantyne: "Club 6...it looks like the best suit in which to build a trick, and in any event it may turn out to be the only safe lead."

M. Dimich: "This is a time to qualify for sainthood in the eyes of your partner. I'll lead the club 9 and play for partner to get a ruff... also there is a chance for declarer to misquess clubs when I get in to lead my next club, the 8."

The best game I ever had with a saint was 164 - and that was in a consolation.

Thanks to Cam Lindsay for submitting this challenging problem.

This issue's top solver was R. Peter (Milhous) Nixon of North Vancouver; he was the only one to achieve a perfect score of 50 on a tough set of problems. Close behind were Mike Strebinger and Eric Kokish with a score of 49. Both chose to underlead their A of Diamonds on problem 5 rather than lead the Heart Q and thereby missed immortality by one point. However you have have another chance next month. Anyway, keep underleading those Aces fellas! Keep those cards and letters rolling in folks, we truly appreciate the response from the readers we received this issue.

Problems for February

1. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable (submitted by John Hurdle)

As South you hold:	AJ975	South	West	North	East
	6	1S	P	2H	P
	KQ83	3D	P	4C	P
	AKQ	?			

2. IMP's, NS vulnerable. As South you hold:
- Q874
K1072
J54
K3

South	West	North	East
P	P	D31.	1C
?			3C

3. Matchpoints, both vulnerable, As South you hold:
- Q6
J4
AKJ64
AK52

South	West	North	East	
1D	P	1S	P	
2C	P	3D*	P	* non-forcing
?				

4. IMP's, neither vulnerable. As South you hold:
- AKJ5
92
K98543
7

South	West	North	East
?	3H	P	P

5. IMP's, neither vulnerable. As South you hold:
- Q976
J84
105
AQ72

South	West	North	East	
2C*	2D	1NT	P	
?		2H	3D	* stayman



MARCH/APRIL, 1979

EDITED BY GARY HARDER

The Matchpointer

VANCOUVER SECTIONAL:

JUNE 2, 3, AND 4, 1979

AT THE RICHMOND INN,
RICHMOND, B.C.

SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED:

RESERVE THE WEEKEND NOW -
AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH
FOR LIVE PARTNERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACPL UNIT 430, VANCOUVER, B.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please excuse the wrong deadline date in the January-February Watch pointer. The Editor was planning on taking a little rest prior to the May June issue but the "It's Your Bit" boys couldn't bear to be out of the spotlight for a full two months and prevailed on me to put out a March-April issue.

Next Deadline: April 30, 1978 (Honest!)

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UNIT NEWS

Jo MacDonald of Vancouver and George Johnson of Powell River have been appointed 1978 Good Will Committee Members for Unit 430.

Congratulations to new Life Masters Mrs. H. D. Holding of Langley and Mr. Sid Minkoff of Vancouver.

Sandra Borg of Vancouver was elected by acclamation as one of the Canadian Bridge Federation Directors for Western Canada.

Jo MacDonald, who has had more than her share of ill health recently, is currently hospitalized once again. Get well soon!

Membership was up as of December 1977 over 1976, with 1152 renewals and 150 new memberships. This is certainly an encouraging sign.

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UNIT GAME RESULTS

January 2, 1978 Holiday Inn, Howe Street
Two 11 table sections - Average 128

OVERALL

1. G. Swanson, E. Sontag	141	5. G. McCully, D. Jacob	126
2. S. Segal, A. MacBeth	131½	6/7 E. Waks, E. Thomson	124½
3. B. Strehlinger, P. Barrington	131	6/7 S. Kelly, S. Jacobson	124½
4. W. L. MacDonald, J. Adams	130		
 <u>SECTION "A" N/S</u>			
1. G. Swanson, E. Sontag	141	1. H. Waks, E. Thomson	124½
2. N. Stocks, A. Hicks	118½	2. D. McCully, C. Jacob	121½
3. M. Wilson, R. Borg	116½	3/4 J. MacDonald, A. Anderson	120½
4. B. Curry, E. Sauve	115	3/4 E. Vivian, J. Perry	120½
 <u>SECTION "B" E/W</u>			

SECTION "B"	N/S	E/W
1. S. Segal, A. McBeth	131½	1. L. Strohinger, P. Barrington 13
2. S. Kelly, S. Jacobson	124½	2. K. L. MacDonald, J. Adams 13
3. Andy & Anne Nagy	110	3. G. McCully, D. Jacob 12
4. J. Paine, M. Potzold	115½	4. W. Johnson, P. Widber 10

January 5, 1978 Cloverdale Royal Canadian Legion
One 13 table section - Average 156

OVERALL

1. F. Tereposky, U. Mets	182½	4. E. Hodge, M. Tereposky	179½
2. E. Dietrich, R. McConnell	187	5. Egan & Christine Thrane	176½
3. M. Schulmann, D. Freeze	182	6. Gordon & Eve Hoare	176

SECTION AWARDS N/S

1. F. Tereposky, U. Mets	188½	1. E. Dietrich, R. McConnell	187
2. E. Hodge, M. Tereposky	179½	2. M. Schulmann, D. Freeze	182
3. M. Wood, H. Lum	175½	3. Egan & Christine Thrane	176½
4. Heinz & Anne Henneberger	164½	4. Gordon & Eve Hoare	176
5. Frances & Beryl MacLeod	164	5. T. Wicks, Mitch Hodge	172½

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February 5, 1978 Holiday Inn, Howe Street
Two 14 table sections - Average 156

OVERALL

1. M. & M. Johnson	205½	4. D. Thomas, S. Dillabough	182
2. J. Andrews, R. Borg	202½	5. J. Paynter, A. Ballantyne	181
3. M. Dimich, R. Hansen	193	6. F. Sontag, C. A. Swanson	179

SECTION "A" N/S

1. J. Paynter, A. Ballantyne	181	1. M. Dimich, R. Hansen	193
2. F. Sontag, C. A. Swanson	179	2. J. McCully, D. Brazeau	171
3/4 E. Hodge, D. Morrison	177	3/4 F. & P. Barrington	164
3/4 W. Thesberg, C. Christofferson	177	3/4 R. Christie, D. Jacob	164
5. S. Dickie, R. Connor	171	5. M. Potzold, R. Curry	162
6. B. Hoy, M. Krusell	170	6. M. Smith, D. Paskaruk	160

SECTION "B" N/S

1. M. & M. Johnson	205½	1. K. MacDonald, J. Adams	176
2. J. Andrews, R. Borg	202½	2. G. Bell, F. Waters	173½
3. D. Thomas, S. Dillabough	182	3. T. Deeder, M. Reiffer	166½
4. H. Waks, L. Strohinger	153	4/5 A. Thomson, C. Gilmour	163
5/6 J. Richoux, P. Kallberg	150½	4/5 M. & J. Strohinger	163
5/6 B. Johnson, T. Orlandi	150½	6. K. Lee, D. Groden	

February 5, 1978 Cloverdale Royal Canadian Legion
Two 2 table sections - Average 108

OVERALL

1. Bob & Louise Bercher	156	4. Russ & Ione Kline	123
2. F. Tereposky, T. Skytte	155½	5. M. White & M. Morris	121½
3. Gordon & Eve Hoare	144	6. B. Blomme, B. Worsfold	118½

SECTION "A" N/S

1. Gordon & Eve Hoare	144	1/2 E. Dietrich, R. McConnell	116
2. B. Worsfold, B. Blomme	118½	1/2 L. Malley, S. Decker	116
3. T. Stiennon, U. May	110	3. B. & E. Whiddington	114½
4. T. Liem, P. Marr	111	4. E. Schultz, L. Puller	110

SECTION "B" N/S

1. Bob & Louise Bercher	156	1. Russ & Ione Kline	123
2. F. Tereposky, T. Skytte	155½	2. M. White, M. Morris	121½
3. U. Mets, S. Holding	115	3. L. Peeny, L. Vervoort	116½
4/5 Ted & Kay Thompson	100	4. E. Deasley, P. Radnai	109½
4/5 M. Genik & D. Russell	100		

With two games now behind us, Flora Tereposki leads the Cloverdale Ur Game Point Race with 3.19 MP. Bob and Louise Bercher are close behind with 2.10. In the Holiday Inn Race, Fred Sontag and Charlie Swanson hold the lead with 3.03 MP. Martin and Marlene Johnson are second with 2.85.

Unit Game attendance, with a total to date of 81 tables, is 20 better than last year's total at the same time. This attendance is essential as our break-even point at the Holiday Inn is 26 tables. If we do not get this attendance, we will have to increase the entry fee. Let's promote the game and maintain the status-quo.

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MEMBERSHIP GAMES

December and January always feature numerous Membership Games. Here are the results of some of them:

New Westminster - an 18 table team game was won by Dunc and Pillie Williams, Pat Brown and Russ Kline.

Port Coquitlam - This 20 table Swiss Team event was won by Gordon and Eve Hoare, Don Fraser and Maurice Desaulniers.

Cloverdale - Ted Hicks and Howard Sussman put together an impressive 2264 point game to win the 18 table Open.

White Rock - an 18 table Open Pairs was won by Ina Anderson and Marguerite Wiggins.

Tsawwassen - Yet another 18 table Open Pairs. Helen Mitchell and Jean Groome won this with a score of 2174.

Since these games are Sectionally rated, the winners were rewarded with quite a handful of points.

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CLUB CORNER

SALISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB Port Moody Senior High School, 300 Albert Street, Port Moody, B.C. Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:15 p.m. Lou Hubelman, Director.

Calendar for 1978

Wednesday, April 19 - Mixed Pairs Championship
 Tuesday, May 16 - International Fund Game
 July and August - Club closed
 Wednesday, September 20 - Open Club Championship
 Friday, September 29 - Mixed Pairs Championship
 Wednesday, October 18 - Swiss Team Championship: Advanced Registration required.
 Monday, November 20 - Continentwide Charity Game (site to be announced)
 Wednesday, December 6 - Membership Game
 Friday, December 8 - Membership Game
 Wednesday, December 13 - Christmas Party
 Friday, December 15 - Christmas Party

KILLARNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE Games every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
 George Radics, Director (273-3003); Helen Shaver, Manager (876-0613)

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB The annual master point race for 1977 was won by Axel Schulmann, who beat out the 1976 winner - his wife, Margret Schulmann. Games every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the South Delta Recreation Centre, located at the entrance to beautiful downtown Tsawwassen.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB Games every Thursday at 7:45 p.m. at Century House, 620 - 8th Street, New Westminster, B.C. (in Moody Park) \$1.50 per player includes refreshments.

An Open Swiss Teams Charity Game will be held April 20th. For this event only, fees will be \$2.50 per person (\$10. per team) with a minimum of half the fees going to charity. Registration in advance required. Call Ted or Liz Hicks at 937-0843.

May 25th - quarterly Open Pairs tournament.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB #107, 2122 West 12th Avenue; Leon Woolf - 728-6613
 Games Monday: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday: 12:00 and 8:00 p.m., Wednesday:
 11:00 and 7:30 p.m., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday: 8:00
 Saturday: 8:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:30 p.m. Swiss on the last Wednesday of
 the month.

Upcoming Events Open Club Championships

Regular Swiss Teams

Saturday, April 2, 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 10, 12:00 a.m.
 Friday, April 28, 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, May 23, 8:00 p.m.
 Monday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday June 7, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 28, 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. (Novice)

Wednesday, April 26, 7:30
 Wednesday, May 31, 7:30
 Wednesday, June 28, 7:30

Charity Game: Monday, May 1, at 8:00 p.m. \$3.00 per
 player, of which \$1.75 will go to the charity fund.
 Hand records and analysis provided. Limited to 24
 tables on first come, first serve basis.

Starting Thursday, April 6, 1978, there will be a Masters Game
 every Thursday evening. One of the partnership must have over 200 points.
 "Masters" are encouraged to play with "Non-Masters".

Novice and 49'ers will be held on Monday evenings.

POWELL RIVER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Winners of the January 31, 1978 ACBL Membership Game were:
 Sharon Moore and Hank Bojanovsky.

The Mixed Pairs Championship of February 28, 1978 was won by
 K. and G. Joneson.

The club is looking forward to April and their local Charity
 Game which caters to both duplicate and rubber bridge players. Last year
 the Whitney Memorial Trophy (for the duplicate section) was won by Peter
 Black and Don Campbell. As Don has since moved to New Westminster, the
 trophy may be up for grabs, although Don may be coming up for the game to
 defend.

Two Powell River teams journeyed to Parksville for round one of
 the Grand Nationals. Both teams qualified, with the Joneson team winning
 the event.

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THE MUNCHIE CORNER

For those of you who do a little entertaining in conjunction with your
 bridge (IMP League or inviting the neighbours over when duplicate games
 are unavailable - penny a point?!) the following snack was recommended to
 me:

Crab and Deviled Egg Sandwich

1 can crab meat
 2 hard boiled eggs
 1/4 tsp. prepared mustard
 1 tbsp. lemon juice
 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
 1/4 small tsp. curry powder

Drain crab meat. Mix with other
 ingredients. Lobster or chicken
 may be used instead of crab.
 Serve in small buns.

Out of the same cookbook came the following gems:

"If looks could kill, a lot of people would die with
 bridge cards in their hands."

and the H.C.P. special of the week:

"Women: live your lives so that you won't be afraid to
 be the first woman to leave a ladies' bridge party."

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F L A S H !!

CANADA-WIDE OLYMPIAD FUND GAME May 1, 1978. Tsawwassen Bridge Club
 (South Delta Rec. Centre) 7:30 p.m. and possibly at other location

VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL January 27 - 29, 1972Women's Pairs (39 tables)

1. W. Stark, P. Barrington (Vancouver)
2. V. McGonigal, E. Lee (Vancouver)
3. D. Morrison (Vancouver) D. Thrie (West Vancouver)

Men's Pairs (26 tables)

1. A. Graves (Vancouver), J. Marsch (North Vancouver)
2. C. Lindsay (Delta), S. Sather (Portland, Oregon)
3. A. Nagy, D. Andrews (Vancouver)

Mixed Pairs (57 tables)

1. P. Novak (Seattle), J. Donaldson (Burnaby)
- 2/3 H. Waks, L. Strebinger (Vancouver)
- 2/3 T. Hicks, L. Hicks (Coquitlam)

Friday Mite Side Game (14 tables)

1. M. Johnson (North Vancouver), C. Brown (Port Townsend, Wash.)
2. J. Berry (Vancouver), R. Vasara (Richmond)
3. E. Rodd, C. A. Swanson (Vancouver)

Novice Pairs (14 tables)

1. D. Major, W. C. Slavinski (Vancouver)
2. R. Steves, S. Steves (North Vancouver)
3. D. Wilson, G. Wahabavaski (Burnaby)

Open Pairs (73 tables)

1. D. Haller, P. Burns (Seattle)
2. B. Curry, M. Smith (Vancouver)
3. D. Bartlett, G. Estrada (Vancouver)

Open Consolation (52 tables)

1. R. Betts, Andy Nagy (Vancouver)
2. P. Radnai, S. Holding (Langley)
3. R. Hansen, W. Jorgensen (Salmon Arm)

Swiss Teams (96 tables)

1. M. Strebinger, J. Donaldson (Burnaby), Henry Lortz, J. Garrison (Seattle)
2. R. Christie, D. Jacobs (Vancouver) D. Baldwin (Surrey) G. McCully (Burnaby), B. J. May (Richmond)
- 3/4 B. Curry, J. B. Paine, V. McGonigal, E. Lee (Vancouver)
- 3/4 M. D. McCune, M. F. McCune, P. Hartley, J. Swanson, (Seattle)

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BELLINGHAM SECTIONALUnmixed Pairs

1. L. Betts, A. Ballantyne

Swiss Teams

1. A. Ballantyne, D. Thomas, D. Andrews, M. Dimich

Open Pairs

3. E. Gerrie, F. Sontag

Consolation Pairs

1. A. Graves, J. Dickie
2. L. Betts, Andy Nagy

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PORTLAND REGIONALUnflighted Open Pairs

1. Neil Chambers (Vancouver), R. Rainwater (Portland)

Masters Pairs

1. J. Donaldson (Garibaldi), R. J. Ferguson (New Westminster)

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ACBL 1977 ANNUAL AWARDS

The following members of Unit 430 distinguished themselves in 1977.
 Congratulations to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
M. C. Krusell	Rookie of the Year	56.69
L. C. Vervoort		50.42
J. S. Whittlesey		47.31
L. A. Feeny	Non-Master of the Year	57.52
N. Folkins		45.89
A. Stiennon		40.01
M. Angus (Mr.)	Master of the Year	65.49
M. Angus (Mrs.)		64.42
B. C. Hoy		56.03
M. P. Cooper	National Master of the Year	128.60
A. J. Remedios		104.66
A. S. Gerrie		66.37
A. Ballantyne	Senior Master of the Year	186.29
S. M. Kelly		142.88
M. Neate		125.79
M. G. Stock	Advanced Senior Master of the Year	149.26
M. Dimich		137.15
S. Jacobson		123.42
B. J. Ferguson	Life Master of the Year	670.85
R. J. Donaldson		553.44
L. Betts		400.62

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		<u>IMP LEAGUE (as at March 7, 1979)</u>	
A League	Played	V.P.'s	Ave.
1. J. Andrews	8	114	14.3
2. Betts	8	105	13.1
3. Stock	8	102	12.8
4. Sontag	8	79	9.9
5. Nixon	6	55	9.2
6. Johnson	7	64	9.1
7. Dimich	7	60	8.6
8. S. Dickie	7	59	8.4
9. Rasool	7	44	6.3
10. Anthony	8	48	6.0
B League			
1. Liang	7	116	16.6
2. Ryan	8	109	13.6
3. Kostynyk	7	64	9.1
4. Huberman	7	59	8.4
5. Piercy	7	47	6.7
6. Schneider	8	41	5.1

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JAWS, PART 2

By Lauren Miller

It has long been the contention of many knowledgeable players in the Vancouver area that the toughest games occur not at the National or Regional level, but at our very own local clubs. This point was dramatically illustrated recently at the Maida Club's unpredictable Tuesday night game:

	10XX	
	X	
	AK9XX	
JX	AO10X	O96X
Q199X		KXX
JXXX	AKXX	OXX
KXX	AJXXX	JXX
	10	
	98X	

Playing in 3NT, the declarer, one of Vancouver's rising young stars, received a diamond lead, which he ducked to the queen. Back came a low spade, which he won and led the club 9 - low, low, low! With a gleam in his eye, he led another club - king, Ace, low!

The ace, king and another diamond followed, clearing the suit, and the spade jack return was captured by the king. Declarer now led his last club, triumphantly inserted the ten, and when the spade cleared old "Always Duck the First Time Jones and Second Hand High" Smith had chalked up another top.

And that is why, to this day, a forlorn figure with glazed eyes can be seen wandering around 12th and Arbutus muttering "But who were those masked men?"

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IT'S YOUR BID

1. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

S: AJ975 H: 6 D: KQ23 C: A9Q

South	West	North	East
1S	P	2H	P
3D	P	4C	P
?			

Awards: 6C - 10, 4NT - 9, 4D - 7, 5C - 5, 5H - as explained by Waks - 10, otherwise: 0

The direct natural call was slightly favoured over the possibly ambiguous 4NT. Certainly no one was pleased totally about the dilemma caused by partner's 4C call, and this brings up an interesting point - what is the best strategy when partner throws a confusing bid at you? For those wishing to fight fire with fire.

R. Borg: "4NT. The meaning of this bid will hopefully be clearer to partner than it is to me - it's Blackwood or shows a club stopper."

Other 4NT bidders were somewhat more clear that they knew what it meant:

D. Andrews: "4NT Blackwood, intending to bid slam at the appropriate level in clubs and let partner correct."

The six club bidders basically chose to describe their hand rather than taking control:

N. Stock: "As 4C may be natural or the start of a room-saving cue-bidding sequence, I must give him an accurate picture of my hand. We may not bid our grand but then again Blackwood bidders will have trouble counting their tricks."

An interesting alternative which keeps the bidding low, while only slightly misdescribing the hand:

P. Hagen: "4D. A temporizing bid to allow partner to further describe his hand."

And finally the most ingenious call of all:

H. Waks: "5H. From J. Culbertson's How to Bid. Solid tops of partner's last bid suit and a splinter in hearts. Publishers: Lau and Lau, 1936." (Is that A.D. or D.C.?)

After all this, a note of consensus:

R. Purves: "Hope Hurdle doesn't submit any more problems."

2. IMP's, NS vulnerable

S: Q374, H: K1072, D: J54, C: K3

South	West	North	East
-	-	-	1C
P	P	Pbl.	3C
?			

Awards: 4C - 10, Double - 8, Pass - 5, 3H - 4, 4D - 1

Although the aggressive action could be fraught with danger, most solvers decided that the risk of missing a vulnerable game must be avoided

A. Graves: "4C (smiling). Since East may have almost anything, we may be getting set up, but I'll risk getting too high to ensure the best fit. Perhaps they'll take insurance at this vulnerability and take a phantom save."

C. Lindsay: "Double. The rare responsive negative double, seldom seen outside the environs of the Tsawwassen domed stadium."

Sounds like it might be an endangered species. Those -470's can be more fatal than mercury poisoning.

Of the other possible aggressive actions, the 3H (or 3S) call seems me to answer neither of the most pertinent questions: - what's our best suit and how high should we be? - adequately, so it seems that taking the bull by the horns is the only viable option.

The minority conservative advocates deserve their say as well, if for no other reason than that we'd like to keep our column:

G. Harper: "Pass. We shouldn't have gone unless partner can re-open, then I can bid 4C to find the right suit. Defending 3C if partner can't re-open should not be a disaster."

As with many bidding questions, a partnership understanding would be helpful. A logical treatment of this sequence:

E. Kokish: "Double. Responsive. In favourite partnerships we play double of a two-level rebid for business, three-level for take-out."

3. Matchpoints, both vulnerable: As South you hold:

S: 3S W: 3H D: AKJ64 C: AK52

South	West	North	East
1D	P	1S	P
2C	P	3D*	P
?			

*Non-forcing

Awards: 3H - 10, 3S - 7, 4D - 6, Pass - 5, 5D - 3,
3N - 0.

The form of scoring (i.e. match-point duplicate) influenced most panelists to try for a No-trump game rather than 5 or 6 diamonds. For the majority:

C. Belisle: "3H. Should be asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart or - KK or QXX. If IMP's, 5D comes easy."

H. Stock: "3H. Trying for the pedestrian no-trump game. I can raise spade re-bid and get out 5D over 4D."

J. Hurdle: "3H. I can pass 3NT, raise 3S or get to 5D otherwise. Partner will not expect real heart strength or else I would call 3NT myself."

Other panelists anticipate problems by bidding 3H so they found the other possible alternative:

A. Graves: "3S. Since 3H would be natural, showing a heart card. By failing to raise earlier or jump raise now, my spade support is second, and partner can call 4S, 3NT or 5D. Over 4D, I'll bid 5D. Those who call 3H asking (interrogative tone after long thought) overlook the many hands cold for 4S or 5D going down in 3NT. This latter contract is probably best only if partner voluntarily bids it."

A. Ballantyne: "3S." After outlining what Allan Graves said, he added: "Showing support with honour doublington should easily get us to the right spot. 4S might be right even if partner has: (S)AKJ10 (W)KXX (D)QXXX (C)XX - makes 11 tricks on a 4-3 break."

Ed. note to Aidan Ballantyne: Leo Stoil still has a couple of dates open for the Victoria Regional.

4. IMP's, neither vulnerable. As South, you hold:

S: AKJ5	W: 3S	D: KQ8543	C: 7
South	West	North	East
-	3H	P	P
?			

Awards: Double - 10, 4D - 4, 3C - 3, Pass - 3

The only problem with double is whether a diamond bid after partner bids clubs shows extra values. I don't think it should and this hand is an excellent example of why. Strict adherence to "shapely" take-out doubles can cut down the flexibility of high-level actions. However, if you choose to make an "off-shape" double, it is mandatory to have an acceptable rebid available if partner is thoughtless enough to bid your short suit. Best crash of this difficult area was provided by

J. Hurdle: "Double. If one has to follow up a club bid with a diamond correction, on sequences of this sort, partner should realize that your need to cater to the other major surpasses any desire to promise massive strength by rebidding. Right, Fred?"

Problems could arise, however, as noted by:

B. Kokish: "Double. Only because this always works for the other guys. My man usually gives me an immaculate 5C when I step out like this. My heart is with the spade bidders if you must know the truth."

The other major reason for the double is provided by:

D. Andrews: "Double, hoping partner can pass for penalties."

5. IMP's, neither vulnerable. As South, you hold:

S: 0976 H: J84 D: 105 C: A972

South	West	North	East
		1N	2
2C*	2D	2N	3D
P			

* Stayman

Awards: Double - 10, Pass - 9, 3N - 7

Many panelists thought they had already showed their hand by bidding 2C (8+ points, interest in a major suit game) however, in modern methods, 2C is often used for other purposes such as inviting 3N when employing a transfer structure, signing off in 3C or 3D, improving the part-score contract with hands such as JXXK, KXXX, KXXX, X. Thus you have not necessarily shown all your values by bidding 2C, so the real decision is the opportunity to gain against the possibility of disaster. Bear in mind that partner can pull your double with 4 spades or 5 hearts. Over to the panelists:

J. Hurdle: "Double. An obvious "action double" to all our Bridge World readers. Partner knows from the auction that I have cards, not trump tricks."

A. Graves: "Double. This is a variation of responsive doubles I call "action doubles". Since I'm under the diamond bidder and they have a fit, my double here shows enough defense to support a penalty pass by partner while showing a willingness to bid on."

H. Waks: "Double? Long wait before double. It works against me, why not for me?"

The conservative view from a surprising source:

C. Lindsay: "Conditions of contest force a pass. In all probability we will beat it but only at 50 a trick. Can't risk a double which would be almost mandatory at match-points. I know I have 2 "points", but to quote my favourite bridge philosopher "points don't take tricks". If partner is 3-4-2-4-shape, 3D could make. Similarly, a 3N contract will in all probability face a 4-2 or 5-1 trump break and BWC could be setting us up with a major stack, for his 3D call (e.g. 4-5-3-1-shape). Excuse the lengthy explanation, but as I believe this is the first Pass I have submitted to It's Your Bid, I felt it was in order."

G. Harper: "3N. Game is not out of the question if partner has no wasted diamond values (not an unlikely possibility) or a fifth heart. Double could win IMP's via +300, but could lose a match via -470 if there are a few singletons floating around."

Bearing out the old adage that slow and steady wins the race, this month's perfect solver is Slowish Hurdle. We have a special treat next issue, for our readers. It's Your Bid will be edited by Allan Graves, who was recently named to the regular expert panel for BRIDGE WORLD's

imitation of It's Your Bid - The Nester Solver's Club. Allan's analysis is always incisive and valuable (even if your editors sometimes disagree). Of special interest to the readers will be the opportunity to see your editors hoisted on their own petard. Responses should still be sent to:

It's Your Bid
c/o Lauren Miller
4557 West 14th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.

- Deadline is April 30, 1978.

P.S. The Horsefly Individual Invitational Tournament was a flying success. Your editors placed 4th and 6th respectively in the consolation: an excellent showing which has never before been approached by Vancouver players. The brownies were good.

NEW! IT'S YOUR BID PROBLEMS

1. IMP's - North/South vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: A10872 H: AK0653 D: - C: 100

South	West	North	East
1H	2D	Phle	4D
?		(neg)	

2. Matchpoints. North/South vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: AQ964 H: 2 D: AKJ105 C: 06

South	West	North	East
1S	P	1H	P
2D	P	2H	P
3D	P	4C	P
?			

3. IMP's, North/South Vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: J63 H: K106432 D: A5 C: 97

South	West	North	East
P	P	1D	P
1H	2S	3S	5S
?			

4. Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: - H: K1092 D: KQJ1093 C: 1063

South	West	North	East
-	-	1D	Phle.
?			

5. Matchpoints. Both Vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: KJ1064 H: 932 D: Q5 C: A42

South	West	North	East
-	P	1D	P
1S	P	2C	P
?			

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A View from Outside the Bridge World

They all sit in this big room and there's four of them at each table, which is naked save for a small square doilie in the center, and the tables all have numbers on them so that they don't have to count them, and all the people have the same names - North, South East, West - and the master of ceremonies sits at the head table and yells at the people and they all sit down, and then a servant delivers long silver trays to every table with a thud on top of the square doilie, and little children run back and forth with these trays but never get to keep any, and then the master of ceremonies yells again and the people take the insides out of the little silver trays and mix them up and put them back in, and then they pick them up and look at them and become extremely quiet. Finally someone says "one club", which must be some sort of "Hello" 'cause his left-hand neighbor responds "one spade", and the lady on the other side jumps a little and says "double", and the first fellow says "negative", and then they all chatter each one getting his own turn, and finally one of them gets annoyed and shouts "four hearts", and the lady throws a lot of cardboard pieces on the table, and they do this two or three times and then the emcee yells something about what goes up and who goes down, the bells go off, and they all table hop, some of them don't want to move, but they do, and seat themselves at a nearby table and continue fooling around with the little silver trays until the man yells at them again. I think I heard someone say they pay money to do this - I can't believe it!

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UNIT ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, JULY 9, 1978

HOWE STREET HOLIDAY INN

6:30 P. M. to be followed by the July Unit Game

Quorum of fifty (50) is required

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VANCOUVER SUMMER SECTIONAL

Richmond Inn, Richmond, B. C.

No. 3 Road and Westminster Highway

FRIDAY, JUNE 2: 1:30 Men's and Women's Pairs
8:00 Mixed Pairs
Novice Game (Under 20 M. P.'s)

SATURDAY, JUNE 3: 1:30 Open Pairs Qualifying
8:00 Open Pairs Final
Open Pairs Consolation (new
entries accepted)

SUNDAY, JUNE 4: 12:00 Swiss Teams of Four
and
5:30

\$3.00 per player per session

Side games as required

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BRIDGE NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 430 VANCOUVER, B. C.

SLUFF 'N A RUFF

For the benefit of the hundreds of fans who missed Sluff 'n a Ruff last month, I must explain that I was going to write my annual "Apathy Editorial", but couldn't be bothered (HMMM?).

The Unit Annual General Meeting will be held on July 9, 1978 at 6:30 P.M. at the Howe Street Holiday Inn preceding the July Unit Game. It is necessary to have a quorum of 50 people to hold the meeting - so get there right at 6:30.

There will be a change in the Matchpointer Staff beginning with the September issue. It is expected that Doug Andrews will be the new Editor. Sandi Benyon (nee Syrett) has stepped down as Publisher, and currently the Unit is looking for someone to run off the Matchpointer on the Gestetner and help with collating. Any volunteers may phone me at 943-3312.

Phil Wood reminds all persons going to U.S. Tournaments to carry U.S. cash, as fees for American Tournaments must be paid in U.S. funds. (I don't know if this applies in District 19, but would think that more thought will now be given to a third All-Canadian District.)

Have a good summer.

Gary

UNIT ELECTIONS

It is time once again for the Annual Unit Elections. Due to two resignations on the Board, a total of eight positions need to be filled.

A nominating committee of Jack Ritch, Aban Gerrie, Virginia McGonigal, Gary Harper and Louis Percher has come up with the following list of nominees:

MO AARON: Mo is a current member of the Unit Board, involved professionally in auto sales.

DOUG ANDREWS: Doug is an actuary coming to Vancouver via Toronto where he was active in Unit administration and was co-editor of a local bridge magazine. He is interested in assuming editorship of the Matchpointer.

DON CAMPBELL: Don is retired, and now lives in New Westminster following an active stint with bridge in Powell River.

JOE DOLYNSKI: Joe is semi-retired and plays duplicate at both the club and tournament levels. He is a current member of the Unit Board.

SELENE JACOBSON: Selene is a computer systems analyst living in Vancouver.

SOPHUS (MIKE) KELLY: Mike is a Vancouverite via P.E.I. who has a keen interest in bridge.

CAM LINDSAY: Cam, lives in Tsawwassen and works for Imperial Oil in operations analysis. He has extensive tournament experience in the Toronto area.

JO MACDONALD: Jo is our current membership chairman, living in Vancouver.

RON McCONNELL: Ron, from Richmond, is involved in bridge at all levels, and assists in running the weekly game at the Jewish Community Centre.

HENRY SMILIE: Henry, the Board's current past-president, has extensive administrative experience with the Unit Board and Canadian Bridge Federation. He is a lawyer in Vancouver.

JOYCE TURNER: Joyce resides in West Van and is active in bridge at both the club and tournament levels. She formerly operated a landscaping business.

FRANCIS WATERS: Francis, a Vancouverite, works as a bookkeeper in addition to a busy bridge schedule at both the club and tournament levels. She is a former Unit Board member.

It is the belief of the nominating committee that all of the above would make contributions to the Unit Board and should be thanked in advance for offering their time and effort to the Unit.

Nominations from the membership may be forwarded to

Jack Ritch
#1009 - 706 Queens
New Westminster, B.C.

Nominees must agree to run in writing and must be nominated by a member of the Unit. Nominations must be sent to Jack by June 1st, 1978 in order for ballots to be sent out at least 21 days prior to the July 9th, 1978 Annual Meeting. Ballots will be sent out in early June, and due to the cost of postage, members will be asked to affix their own postage to the self-addressed envelopes. Returning officer will be

Gary Harper
5261 - 8A Avenue
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APRIL 1978 UNIT GAME RESULTS

Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe Street

25 Tables, 2 Sections; A-12, B-13 - Average 108

OVERALL

1. A. Pendrigh, B. Lui	138	4. W. Weinstein, M. Clarke	129
2. M. Dimich, R. Hansen	136	5/6 R. Brennan, S. Dickie	124
3. C.A. Swanson, A. Hicks	129½	5/6 M.G. MacGregor, P. Marr	124

SECTION "A" N/S

1. C.A. Swanson, A. Hicks	129½
2. W. Weinstein, M. Clarke	129
3. S. Dillabough, M. Thesberg	123
4. H. McAllister, N. McAllister	115
5. R. Treise, T. Treise	112

E/W

1. A. Pendrigh, B. Lui	138
2. L. Steil, D. Cram	122½
3. J. DeMeulemeester, R. Jarjour	118½
4. K. Busche, M. O'Rielly	117½
5. H. Waks, E. Christofferson	116

SECTION "B"	N/S	E/W	
1. R. Brennan, S. Dickie	124	1. M. Dimich, R. Hansen	136
2. M. Johnson, C. Christofferson	116½	2. M.G. MacGregor, P. Marr	124
3. A. Anderson, J. MacDonald	116	3. S. Kwan, E. Lee	118½
4. P. Minkoff, S. Minkoff	115	4. M. Krusell, P. McClafferty	113
5. A. Nagy, A. Nagy	114	5. R. Wrean, M. Neate	111

Cloverdale Canadian Legion

14½ Tables, 1 Section - Average 156

OVERALL

1. T. Skytte, M. Tereposky	199	5. R. McConnell, E. Dietrich	177½
2. K. Hameer, L. Feeny	198½	6/7 B. Blomme, W. Worsfold	174½
3/4 R. Groome, J. Groome	179	6/7 M. Angus, M. Angus	174½
3/4 H. Dressler, J. Ritch	179		

N/S		E/W	
1. T. Skytte, F. Tereposky	199	1/2 R. Groome, J. Groome	179
2. K. Hameer, L. Feeny	198½	1/2 H. Dressler, J. Ritch	179
3. R. McConnell, E. Dietrich	177½	3. M. Angus, M. Angus	174½
4. B. Blomme, W. Worsfold	174½	4. H. Legault, G. Klotz	168½
5. E. Hodge, D. Morrison	170½	5. P. Radnai, C. Carroll	168
6. B. Bartlett, G. Estrada	168½	6. J. Green, P. Walton	163

UNIT GAME POINT RACE

To and including April 9/78

<u>Holiday Inn</u>		<u>Cloverdale</u>	
1. Martin Johnson	3.45	1. Flora Tereposky	3.19
2. S. Segal	3.31	2. E. Beasley	2.94
3. C. A. Swanson	3.03	3/4 R. McConnell	
4. Marlene Johnson	2.85	E. Dietrich	2.56
5. M. Smith	2.48	5/6 R. Percher	
6. R. Borg	2.40	L. Percher	2.48
7. J. P. Adams	1.74	7. C. Collin	2.25
8. A. MacBeth	1.68	8/9 L. Vervoort	
9. M. Aaron	1.63	L. Feeny	2.08
10. H. Waks	1.49	10/11 G. & E. Hoare	1.88

The Unit Game Point Race is shaping up real fine with Martin Johnson leading at the Holiday Inn and Flora Tereposky maintaining her lead at Cloverdale. The competition is sharp with no pronounced run away in either game. With eight games to go, there is still room at the top for players not presently in the top ten. There could very well be a dramatic turn at the next game held May 7th.

Total number of tables for both Unit Games this year is 161½. This is 38½ more than last year. Attendance at Cloverdale was down in April due to the very nice day. It was just too nice to break off and get to the game. On the whole, more players are attending Unit Games and enjoying it. They get to meet more people from other Clubs in the District and make new friends which is what bridge is all about apart from enjoying the Sport.

Bill Worsfold

CLUB CORNER

The following is the Annual List of clubs in Unit 430 as outlined in the April Bulletin. Club news throughout the rest of the year will be published as it is reported by the individual clubs. It is hoped the clubs will take advantage of this opportunity to publicize upcoming events, winners, and other club news. (Invitational clubs are listed below, but contact should be made via the Club Director or Manager.)

ABBOTSFORD

FOUR SEASONS (Regional Psychiatric Centre; Mr. C. G. Blake - 530-5165; invitational)
Fridays - 12:30 P.M.

MATSQUI BRIDGE CLUB (Matsqui Institution, King Road; Mrs. M. Madeley - 853-3442; invitational)
Tuesdays - 7:00 P.M. (Jan., Feb., March, April, Nov., Dec.)

AGGASIZ

AGGASIZ OPTIMIST CLUB (Lloyd Kaufman - 796-2231; invitational & novice)
Sundays - 7:30 P.M. (except July and August)

BURNABY

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Simon Fraser University; Dr. John Herzog - 291-4150; invitational)
Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M. (except April, Aug., Dec.)

WILLINGDON HEIGHTS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (1491 Carleton Street; Pearl Oake - 298-1990; open games)
Tuesdays - 7:30 P.M. (except July and Aug.)

CHILLIWACK

CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB (Senior Rec. Centre; Bob Percher - 792-4389; open)
Mondays - 7:30 P.M.

DELTA

TSANWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB (1720 - 56th Street; Mr. Axel Schulmann - 943-3398; open)
Mondays - 7:30 P.M.

MAPLE RIDGE

MAPLE RIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (21576 River Road; Margaret Adams - 463-9097; open)
Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M. (except July and Aug.)

MISSION

MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (7623 Taulbut; Mrs. M. Madeley - 853-3442; open)
Thursdays - 7:30 P.M.

MISSION CITY

VALLEY VIEW BRIDGE CLUB (Mission Med. Security Ins.; M. Madeley - 853-3442;
 invitational)
 Fridays - 6:00 P.M. (except May, June, July, Aug., Sept.)

NORTH VANCOUVER

NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB (1325 E. Keith Road; Bernice Mulock - 987-8289;
 Mondays - 7:30 P.M. - novice
 Tuesdays - 7:45 P.M. - invitational & novice (except July and Aug.)

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB (1124 Lonsdale; Gladys Rigg - 985-5647)
 Tuesdays - 7:30 P.M. - open
 Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M. - open
 Thursdays - 7:30 P.M. - open & novice
 Fridays - 7:30 P.M. - open

SILVER HARBOUR CENTRE (144 E. 22nd Street; J. B. MacFarlane - 922-2822)
 Thursdays - 1:00 P.M. - novice
 Fridays - 1:00 P.M. - invitational

NEW WESTMINSTER

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE (Arts & Craft Club; E. T. Hicks - 937-0843; open)
 Thursdays - 8:00 P.M. (except August)

PORT COQUITLAM

PORT COQUITLAM BRIDGE CLUB (2251 Pitt River Road; R. W. Jackson - 942-8031; open)
 Mondays - 7:30 P.M. (except August)

PORT MCNEILL

MOUNT WADDINGTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Port McNeill Comm. Hall; John M. Rowell -
 974-5715; open)
 Sundays - 1:00 P.M.

PORT MOODY

SALISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (300 Albert Street; Louie Huberman - 939-7527)
 Wednesdays - 7:15 P.M. - open & novice (except June, July, Aug.)
 Fridays - 7:15 P.M. - open (except June, July, Aug.)

POWELL RIVER

MALASPINA BRIDGE CLUB (7050 Alberni; G. E. Joneson - 485-4546; open)
 Tuesdays - 7:45 P.M.

POWELL RIVER BRIDGE CLUB (St. David's Church Hall; G. E. Joneson - 485-4546; open)
 Thursdays - 7:45 P.M. bi-weekly (except July and Aug.)

RICHMOND

EAST RICHMOND BRIDGE CLUB (1236 Cambie Road; Mrs. Marie Dallyn - 278-2586; open)
 Sundays - 1:00 P.M.

SQUAMISH

SQUAMISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Elks Hall; Oliver Nelson - 898-9005; open)
Mondays - 7:30 P.M. (except July and Aug.)

SURREY

CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB (17567 - 57 Avenue; Gerald Gauthier - 534-8147; open & novice)
Tuesdays - 7:30 P.M.

VANCOUVER

ARBUTUS CLUB (4226 Arbutus Street; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
Mondays - 9:15 A.M. (except June, July, Aug.)
Thursdays - 7:45 P.M. (except April, May, June, July, Aug.)

ARBUTUS GARDENS BRIDGE CLUB (4700 Arbutus Street; Mrs. Lillian Kruse - 266-5075; open)
Tuesdays - 8:00 P.M.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB (#107 - 2182 W. 12th Avenue; Dr. Leon Woolf - 263-9438; open)
Mondays - 10:00 A.M.
Tuesdays - Noon
Tuesdays - 8:00 P.M.
Wednesdays - 11:00 P.M.
Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M.
Thursdays - 10:00 A.M.
Thursdays - 7:30 P.M.
Fridays - 8:00 P.M.
Saturdays - 8:00 P.M.
Sundays - 7:30 P.M.

HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB (Hastings Comm. Centre; Mrs. M. Scott - 298-3932; open)
Wednesdays - 10:30 A.M. (except August)
Thursdays - 7:30 P.M.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE (950 W. 41st Avenue; Ronald McConnell - 278-8839; open)
Thursdays - 7:45 P.M.

KILLARNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (6260 Killarney Street; Mrs. Helen Shaver - 876-0613; open)
Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M.

POINT GREY GOLF CLUB (3350 S.W. Marine Drive; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
Wednesdays - 12:15 P.M. (Jan., Feb., Oct., Nov., Dec.)

SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB (4300 S.W. Marine Drive; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
Mondays - 7:45 P.M. (except May, June, July, Aug., Sept.)
Thursdays - 9:30 A.M. (Jan., Feb., Oct., Nov., Dec.)

SUNSET MEMORIAL DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (404 E. 51st Avenue; H. C. Sexton - 433-5118; open & novice)
Mondays - 7:30 P.M.

VANCOUVER OPEN TENNIS CLUB (1630 W. 15th Avenue; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
Mondays - 1:30 P.M. (Jan., Feb., March, Oct., Nov., Dec.)

WEST VANCOUVER

CAPILANO GOLF CLUB (420 S. Borough; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
 Tuesdays - 9:45 A.M. (Jan., Feb., March, Oct., Nov., Dec.)
 Wednesdays - 8:00 P.M. (Jan., Feb., March, Oct., Nov., Dec.)

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB (2158 Fulton Avenue; Ralph Ferstay - 926-3266; open)
 Mondays - 10:00 A.M.

HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB (950 Crosscreek Road; Phil Wood - 263-7881; invitational)
 Mondays - 7:30 P.M.
 Thursdays - 9:30 A.M. (except June, July, Aug.)

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB (Brunswick Bowl, Park Royal; Adrian Hicks - 681-3655; open)
 Wednesdays - Noon

WHITE ROCK

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Sunnyside Comm. Centre; Phil Richardson - 536-8968;
 open & novice)
 Wednesdays - 7:45 P.M.

RESULTS

VICTORIA REGIONAL

WOMEN'S PAIRS - 4th - Trudy Moore, Elaine Ryan (Vancouver)

FLIGHT C - MASTER'S PAIRS - 4th - Trudy Moore, Elaine Ryan (Vancouver)

FLIGHT C - SWISS - 2nd - M. Newcombe, Fred Shen (North Vancouver)
 Trudy Moore, Elaine Ryan (Vancouver)

SUPER OPEN PAIRS
FL. A

- (1) Jim Donaldson (Vancouver)
 Henry Lortz (Seattle)
- (3) Mike Strebinger (Vancouver)
 Joe Jabon (Seattle)
- (4) Sherman Kwan (North Vancouver)
 Ron Fox (Vancouver)

MASTER'S PAIRS

- (2) Sandra Borg (Burnaby)
 Sherman Kwan (North Vancouver)

OPEN CONSOLATION

- (1) Peter Nixon (North Vancouver)
 Dick Grant (Courtenay)

TUESDAY SWISS TEAMS

- (1) Ron and Sandra Borg (Burnaby)
 Andy and Anne Nagy (Vancouver)
- (2) Rhonda Betts (Vancouver)
 Terry Gould
 Don Brazier

MEN'S PAIRS

- (3) Greg Brink
Lauren Miller

CANADIAN OLYMPIAD PAIRS

The B.C. Finals were won by Mike Strebinger and Jim Donaldson, who will be one of eight pairs representing Canada at the 1978 Olympiad to be held in New Orleans. Good Luck.

GRAND NATIONALS - DISTRICT 19 FINAL

- (1) Jim McAvoy - Gord McOrmond - Duncan Smith (Victoria) - Lauren Miller - Laurence Betts (Vancouver) - Gary Harper (Tsawwassen)
- (5/8) Cam Lindsay (Tsawwassen) - Howard Rubin (N. Vancouver) - Terry Gould (Vancouver) - Ron Ohmart (New Westminster)
- (5/8) Ron Borg (Burnaby) - Paul Hagen - Jim Andrews - Bob Connop - Mike Wilson (Vancouver)

The McAvoy team now meets the winners of Districts 18 and 20 to determine a zonal champion to compete in the round of 8 at the Summer Nationals in Toronto.

NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB
CHARITY TEAMS

(April 30, 1978)

1. Murdoch Smith, Bert Curry, Morris Potzold, Aidan Ballantyne.
2. Helen Mitchell, Jane Green, Ken Lee, Dennis Groden.
3. Gerry McCully, Debbie McCully, Richard Christie, Marcia Kostynyk.

UNIT NEWS

Congratulations to New Life Masters:

Sid Minkoff (Vancouver)
Mrs. M. B. Holding (Langley)
Jim Marshall (Port Coquitlam)

and to McKenny List placers:

B. J. Ferguson	671 M.P.'s
Jim Donaldson	553
Laurence Betts	405
Allan Graves	322
Andy Nagy	305
Anne Nagy	302

IMP LEAGUE

I am pleased to report that my first year as commissioner of the IMP League passed relatively uneventfully. I did not have to institute fines for fighting nor disallow any player trades. The League was sanctioned for masterpoints by the A.C.B.L. At the time of writing the only outstanding item is the eligibility conditions for next year's player draft.

The final standings at the end of regulation play are shown below for both leagues.

<u>A League</u>			<u>B League</u>		
<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>
1	J. Andrews	128	1	Liang	156
2	Betts	123	2	Ryan	129
3	Stock	103	3	Kostynyk	102
4	Johnson	95	4	Huberman	86
5	Dimich	87	5	Schneider	66
6	Sontag	82	6	Piercy	53
7	S. Dickie	81			
8	Nixon	59			
9	Anthony	48			
10	Rasool	44			

In the B League playoff Liang defeated Ryan to win the championship. The winners were Hobart and Hanna Liang, Art and Noni Hein, Peter Morse, and Bob Taylor. The runners-up were Elaine Ryan, Trudy Moore, Michael Newcombe, and Fred Shen.

In the A League semifinals, Andrews defeated Johnson while Stock upset the Betts team, perennial bridesmaids. The 64 board final was held at Ron Borg's and the home-count advantage proved to be too much for the young Stock team. They trailed by 13 IMP's at the quarter, 6 at the half, 13 at three-quarters before being steamrolled in the fourth quarter. The winning team was composed of Jim Andrews, Ron Borg, Bob Connop, Jim Donaldson, Paul Hagen, and Mike Wilson. The runners-up were Nick Stock, Doug Andrews, Aidan Ballantyne, Gerry McCully, and Doug Thomas.

The wildest hand of the final is shown below:

		<u>NORTH</u>	
N deals		S	xxxx
E-W vul		H	xx
		D	xx
		C	Q97xx
	<u>WEST</u>		<u>EAST</u>
	S AQ109x		S K
	H ---		H K9xxx
	D QJxxx		H AK
	C K10x		C AJ86x
		<u>SOUTH</u>	
		S	Jxx
		H	AQJ10xx
		D	xxxx
		C	---

In the open room the Stock team had the following auction to reach 6 clubs doubled.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
pass	1 heart	pass	1 spade
pass	2 clubs	pass	3 diamonds
pass	4 clubs	pass	5 clubs
pass	6 clubs	double	(all pass)

East thought for a long time about pulling the double to 6NT but eventually passed. The play was straightforward but interesting. Declarer won the spade lead with the king. Led a club to the dummy discovering the bad trump break, cashed two diamonds, ruffed a heart, and cashed the A, Q, 10 of spades to produce this end position:

<u>NORTH</u>				<u>EAST</u>	
<u>S</u>	---	<u>S</u>	---	<u>S</u>	---
<u>H</u>	x	<u>H</u>	K	<u>H</u>	K
<u>D</u>	---	<u>D</u>	---	<u>D</u>	---
<u>C</u>	Q97x	<u>C</u>	AJ86	<u>C</u>	AJ86

<u>WEST</u>		<u>SOUTH</u>	
<u>S</u>	9	(immaterial)	
<u>H</u>	---		
<u>D</u>	QJx		
<u>C</u>	10		

On the lead of the diamond queen North was finished. If he ruffed declarer would overruff, ruff his last heart and lead another diamond for another overruff. In practice he and declarer both pitched hearts. The jack of diamonds was led and overruffed by declarer. Now declarer led a club to the 10, conceding a trick to North, but claiming his contract - + 1540.

In the closed room the auction proceeded.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
pass	1 heart	pass	1 spade
pass	2 clubs	pass	2 NT
pass	3 NT	double	pass
pass	redouble	(all pass)	

South thought about pulling the redouble but elected to leave it in. He won the desired heart lead but failed to cash the heart ace so declarer made 3 redoubled overtricks - + 2150. 12 IMP's to the Andrews team.

Most valuable player of the year was Sandra Borg. Not only did she play on teams in both leagues she also prepared a delicious dinner at half-time in the A finals.

Congratulations to both the A and B winners, condolences to all others, and a special word of thanks to Gerry McCully for his assistance in organizing the League.

Doug Andrews

IT'S YOUR BID

As advertised in last issue, It's Your Bid was edited by Allan Graves this month. Without further fanfare, over to Allan.

1. IMP's - North/South vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: A10872	H: AKQ653	D: -	C: 109
South	West	North	East
-	-	-	P
1H	2D	Dble	4D
?		(neg)	

Awards: 6D - 10; 5S - 9, 5S - 8; 4S - 7; 5D, 4NT - 5; 6H - 3; Dble - 1

Appreciating the number of losers.

Gould: "4S. Being a meek, mild mannered Clark Kent type."

Some have already been to the phone booths.

Kokish: "6S. Not really a good time to get cute with a sandbagging 4S or a red flag 5D. Partner may bid 7S. We may not be on for 6S and someone may save."

Steil: "6S. Should make and someone may save."

There are tactical considerations but partner does need a good hand to make six on this poorly breaking hand. Also, as Smith points out if partner has weak spades and good clubs we belong in hearts.

Catering to six or seven of EITHER major while still jamming the bidding.

Borg: "6D. Overstates the values but describes the shape. I'd feel more comfortable with the J of hearts. In my opinion 5D will not resolve your club problems."

Suitably apologetic and vague was

Betts: "5D. Not proud of this action but will probably assist partner when the auction gets to a higher level." (of abstraction - Ed.)

Don't worry Laurence. While Gary is wondering what to do with the 85¢ buck you've passed him maybe they'll call the round.

Now for a Harry Truman.

Harper: "5S. May not get to a slam that makes but should avoid one that doesn't."

Yes, and the way is still open to hearts or a grand slam while involving partner in any competitive decisions that have to be made.

2. Matchpoints. North/South vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: AQ964 H: 2 D: AKJ105 C: Q6

South	West	North	East
1S	P	1N	P
2D	P	2H	P
3D	P	4C	P
?			

Awards: 5C - 10; 5D - 8; 4NT - 7; 4D - 5; PASS - 3

Has partner got hearts and clubs or is 4C a cue bid with diamonds? If it is a cue bid what is the hand worth in diamonds?

Some are sure he has clubs.

Hurdle: "P. Partner has few values, 11 cards in the round suits."

Waks: "P. My partners do not bid 1 NT with 6S. So presumably you are teasing someone else's partner."

Some are sure he has diamonds.

D. Andrews: "4D. Too many spade losers for 5D."

Ballantyne: "5D. Partners bidding should show long weak hearts, spade shortage, a club card and agree diamonds as trumps."

Yes, 4C is a cue for diamonds surely five has a play - we have too many spade losers, but for six, not five.

Some don't know and relay to 4D.

Gould: "4C is a cue and I'm not sure for what yet."

Well, it's not to practise bidding 4C and if it's a cue bid pass 4D.

Borg: "4D. I'm on the ropes with this one."

Some others are also on the ropes but know the Ali-Shuf rule.

Miller: "5C. Can tolerate 5C or 5D."

Kokish: "5C. At first I thought 4C was a try for 5D. Then Nagy hit me with a 'Whuddif'. Whu dif the poor guy had some 6-6."

Aha! Now I know why Kokish - Nagy occasionally bid some thing they have, Nagy sends out a whuddif.

Harper and Dimich also cater to either possibility via C. When my answers to the November Bridge World are returned via Bangkok I'll change 4C to 5C.

3. IMP's, North/South Vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: J63 H: K106432 D: A5 C: 97

South	West	North	East
P	P	1D	P
1H	2S	3S	5S
?			

Awards: PASS - 10; 6D - 7; 6H - 5

Should we pass now to allow partner to clarify his cue bid or shall we bid directly to show strength? If we bid, what do we bid?

The passers.

Borg: "With this vulnerability I would like to buy the hand."

Yes, there are tactical considerations. Direct bids may convince them to save.

Miller: "Want to make two encouraging bids. Will bid 6D my next turn."

Kokish: "Will pull double to 6H; raise 6H to 7H; will bid 6D over 5S, 5NT or 6C."

Yes, if partner doubles 5S, we don't have seven.

Ballantyne: "Investigate heart slams and allows partner to bid 6D."

Yes, it's unlikely, but partner may have been pressured with long diamonds and no heart support. Passing seems safe enough and is often the right move in these situations, however, we could pass on much less to invite SIX. If LHO bids 6S, partner is under a great deal of pressure. The 6D bidders want to make clear immediately they are looking for seven.

Smith: "6D is clear; all my cards are working. I consider it a reasonable call."

I don't. Partner could have bid 4S and partner's 3S was his only slam move.

D. Andrews: "Gives us the best chance to bid the grand if opponents save."

I agree with bidding in these situations, however, 6D is ambiguous. What if we have weak hearts, good diamonds and want to suggest 6D? If we pass 5S partners may call 6H leaving us in an inferior slam. I would suggest 5NT as a general grand slam try. We can now pass 6H or 6D, bid 6D/6C and it's easier for partner to pass 6S with a void if LHO does that.

With most of the time looking for 7 and 2 or 3 ways to do that I don't understand 6H.

Lindsay: "6H. But I don't expect to play the hand opponents are almost forced to sacrifice."

Well ok, but why give up on a grand slam. Partner "won't see" good trumps and the diamond ace so sliding into 7H after partner passes; 6S is a fantasy. He'll double even with a void spade.

4. Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: - H: K1092 D: KQJ1083 C: 1063

South	West	North	East
-	-	1D	Dble.
?			

Awards: 3S, 2NT - 10; 1H - 7; Redouble, 5D - 5

Three distinct options:

1. Pre-empt without explorations

Betts: "5D. A more deceptive action may fool weaker opponents."

Steil: "5D. To make or crowd the auction."

Using tricky Dick's favourite metaphor.

Hurdle: "5D. I'll punt and let the opponents fight out the runback."

Unless of course you've punted the wrong way then all they have to do is fall on the ball.

Ballantyne: "5D. A straightforward 5D putting partner in the picture."

Which picture, the Lost Supper? If it's our 3NT against their 1S, partner will wish you'd been a little more devious.

2. Explore with no pre-emption

Lindsay, Smith: "1H. It's important to find out about the heart fit."

Miller: "1H. And hope to show my diamonds below the five level so partner can make the decision if they bid 4S."

Yes, this is the real danger of 1H. If the opponents bid lots of spades how can you feel comfortable about any decision partner makes. Even if you get the diamonds in, how will he suspect KQ10XXX?

3. Explore with some pre-emption

Gould: "3S. If we have hearts they have spades."

Harper: "3S. Constructive and pre-emptive. Hope I'm not hung."

Yes, the defect in 3S is that it's light on values. However, at least partner will have some idea of what we have. I feel 3S is a good partnership call.

And of course, some minority views.

Borg, Dimich: "Redouble - hope to slow the pace down."

How anyone who plays with Paul and Bob could want to slow the pace down is beyond me. Actually Ron once had it all pass and became converted. A "born again" redoubler.

Aggressively challenging our views of time and space:

Waks: "Pass."

Pass the what?

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RICHMOND INN
Richmond, B.C.

Friday, August 18

1:30 p.m.	MEN'S and WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 p.m.	MIXED PAIRS
	KNOCKOUT TEAM
	NOVICE PAIRS

Saturday, August 19

1:30 p.m.	OPEN PAIRS (qualifying session) (Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy)
	KNOCKOUT TEAM
8:00 p.m.	OPEN PAIRS (final and consolation) KNOCKOUT TEAM

Sunday, August 20

12 noon and 5:30 p.m.	(two sessions play through)
	MASTER PAIRS (over 100 MP)
	99er PAIRS

A party will be held Friday from 11:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the
Richmond Legion No. 5, 7831 Westminster Highway.
ALL UNIT MEMBERS WELCOME.

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$3.00 per session

Phil Wood
Director

Brian May
Tournament Chairman

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SLUFF 'N A RUFF

In this, my final Sluff 'n a Ruff, I feel it's best to keep it short and simple (reminds me of a favourite partner). Seriously, I have been pleased with the turn that the Matchpointer has taken - both content and cost-wise. Both these areas could only have come to the present state with the cooperation of people too numerous to mention, but I would like to especially thank Peter and Judy Nixon, Laurence and Rhonda Betts, Sandi Beynon, John Hurdle, Lauren Miller, Aidan Ballantyne and Jenny Paynter for their help. I've enjoyed putting out the Matchpointer, but now will be content to help publish it and get in my cheap shots in "It's Your Bid". And now over to Doug.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the recent elections seven new board members were elected. The new Board and the Member's term of office is shown below.

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Deadline for copy for the next issue is September 12, 1978.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 1978 WORLD OLYMPIAD

After a glorious 10 days in the Carribean we arrived at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans not really knowing what to expect. As we checked in we noticed all these people with name tags on showing their name and country and suddenly we started to feel the excitement of being at a world championship. We checked into the hotel, which is the most fantastic hotel we have ever stayed in, and went down to the playing area. There on a huge bulletin board were posted the overall leaders and much to our delight we saw that Mike Strebinger and Jim Donaldson, B.C.'s hopefuls, were running 7th overall. Our joy was dampened however when we met Mike and he told us that those were the results after 4 qualifying sessions and that they had since played their first semi-final and dropped to 32nd. Since only 40 pairs qualify for the final they would have to have a good game that evening to stay in there. Unfortunately they didn't have a good game that night so they were eliminated, but it was a good showing to make the semi-finals anyway.

On the following day we decided to do some serious kibitzing, both to get our heads into bridge and to see how the bidding boxes work. They used bidding boxes for all the events at New Orleans and everyone agreed that they were a great benefit. Their primary purpose is to overcome the language barrier, with 55 nations competing, but we found that they had other advantages also:

1. You never need to review the auction because it's always visible on the table. (The Turtle would die.)
2. It's impossible to miss a bid or miss hearing a bid or an alert because the bidding cards are very visual with big bold lettering. The colour contrasts are very striking so that a skip bid, double or alert are really brought to your attention. The bids from 1C to 7NT are all white cards with black lettering, the double and skip bid cards are bright red, the alert card is bright blue and the pass cards are green.
3. You can't overhear an auction from the next table.
4. The bidding boxes seem to cut down on discussions, it's so quiet in the room that you feel conspicuous if you say anything. (Sandra recommended that they should be mandatory for all mixed pairs.)

I sat down to kibitz the first session of the open final behind Peter Nagy and Eric Kokish of Montreal. They were playing the fine American pair of Bob Lipsitz and Neil Silverman. The first hand out of the box Nagy/Kokish had a fine auction to reach 7NT, dummy came down, Nagy played two rounds of spades, then everyone folded their hands and went on to the next board. The second round Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel came to the table and Eric and Peter got the best of them, then Eric and Peter had to move on, because of the Howell movement, and Eddie Kantar and Billy Eisenberg came to play Sontag/Weichsel, then came Fred Hamilton and John Swanson, Roger Bates and John Mohan and on and on and on. I had only intended to kibitz for a couple of rounds but the match ups were so incredible that I just couldn't leave. When the session was over and a few minutes later the computer printout of the results came out we found that Nagy and Kokish were leading the field and Ted Horning and John Stevens of Toronto were running third, jubilation in the Canadian camp.

We kibitzed the rest of the finals and saw some superb bridge as well as some super blunders which made us feel a little better than the great ones make them too. Nagy/Kokish maintained their lead for three of the four final sessions and for the first time ever the possibility of a world championship for Canada became a reality. Unfortunately, after 9 super sessions of bridge, Peter and Eric finally had a poor set in the tenth session and dropped to 2nd. Nothing seemed to go right for them in the last set but they still showed their championship class by surviving disaster after disaster and still not falling apart. This is an example of how things were going for Kokish and Nagy and for the Brazilian winners Branco and Cintra in the final session.

S	KQXXX	X
H	AKXX	QJXXXX
D	X	AXXX
C	AJX	XX

Eleven of the 20 pairs reached 6 hearts on this hand including both Kokish/Nagy and Branco/Cintra. Nine of the pairs, including the Canadians, got a club lead to go down one; however, against the Brazilians Kathie Cappelletti chose this moment to lead the JD out of turn, accepted, making 6 hearts.

At any rate Canada had its best showing ever with Kokish/Nagy 2nd and Horning/Stevens 10th in the open pairs.

In the Mixed Pairs the B.C. contingent of Ron and Sandra Borg, Paul Hagen and Connie Deslisle, Jim Donaldson and (Alberta's) Pat Smolensky and the Nagys didn't give a very good showing, maybe it was too much sun in Barbados. There were however three Canadian pairs in the top 15 which is a respectable showing. The winners of the mixed were the heavy favourites Barry Crane and Kerri Shumann. The following is an example of the combination of luck and expertise that wins so many events for them.

	A10X	
	QXXX	
	XXXX	
	KX	
KXXXX		QJ9X
A		XX
KQJXX		10X
AJ		Q109XX
	X	
	KJ1098X	
	AX	
	XXXX	

Like the rest of the field, Barry and Kerri got to 4S on the east/west cards. Kerri was given most of the matchpoints by north when he led the K of clubs. Kerri won the A attacked trumps, won the return in dummy and ran the 10 of diamonds, when this held she ran all her clubs pitching the K, Q and J of diamonds and saved her little 7 of diamonds. At the end she cashed her A of hearts and long trump as both defenders pitched their last diamond so the 7D was the 12th trick for +480 and all the matchpoints.

Anyway it was a fascinating experience and I hope we can go next time and give a better accounting for Western Canada before those people in Toronto and Montreal get too fat-headed.

Andy Nagy

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

CLUB LEVEL - ½ Red ½ Black Master Points

Play as many times - with same or different partners - but must choose which partner to play with prior to Unit Level Competition.

August 2	-	Wednesday	-	7:30 p.m.	-	Northside
August 3	-	Thursday	-	8:00 p.m.	-	Haida
August 8	-	Tuesday	-	7:30 p.m.	-	Cloverdale
August 9	-	Wednesday	-	7:30 p.m.	-	White Rock
August 10	-	Thursday	-	7:45 p.m.	-	Jewish Community Centre
August 14	-	Monday	-	7:30 p.m.	-	Tsawwassen
August 14	-	Monday	-	7:30 p.m.	-	Chilliwack

UNIT LEVEL - All Red Points - Sectionally Rated

September 10 - Sunday - Holiday Inn, Howe Street
Noon and 5:30 p.m.

2 Session - Play Through

Partnerships must present Certificates of Qualification.

MOUNT VERNON SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

1. S. McCreery

MASTERS' PAIRS

1. D. Jensen, K. Woolsey

WOMEN'S IMP LEAGUE

(Debbie McCully who formed the League with the assistance of Sheila Dickie gives a report.)

A Women's IMP League was formed last May for the purpose of increasing the number and calibre of women bridge players in the Vancouver area. By restricting the league to women it was felt that a more relaxed atmosphere would be created and hence a better learning situation.

The response was excellent, especially considering the season, and we now have 8 teams consisting of 5 or more players, at least one of whom is a "novice". The teams are as follows:

Jenny Paynter
Leslie Gold
Lynn Kangro
Debbie McCully
Pauline McClafferty

Helen Mitchell
Jane Green
Leslie Morrison
Enid Anderson

Anne Nagy
Dianne Kinakin
Judy Nixon
Fran Frost
Sandi Beynon

Sheila Dickie
Rhonda Betts
Christina Jacob
Alana Skuce
Julene Johnston

Marcia Kostynyk
Lorraine Hagen
Sandra Borg
Pixie Chung
Sheri Thomas

Betty Michno
Wendy McAlpine
Dorothy McAlpine
Truda Vandegaast

Francis Waters
Koos Van Leesmont
Jo MacDonald
Donna Morrison
Kathy MacDonald

Connie Delisle
Moiria Kansell
Judy Strebing
Lisa Strebing
Julie Moraes

(Editor's Note: Anyone able to find a novice on each of these teams will be considered a male chauvinist pig.)

One suggestion we have had is to reduce the number of boards in play thereby allowing more time for discussion. As the league is in an experimental stage, further suggestions would be appreciated.

The double game swing is a great equalizer as shown on the following deal:

	<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>C</u>	
		Q	J	J	
		X	X	X	
		X	X	X	
		X	X		
		X			
S: KJXXX					S: AQXXX
H: 10XX					H: KJ
D: A					D: X
C: QXXX					C: AKXXX
	<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>C</u>	
	X	A	K		
	X	X	Q		
	X	X	X		
			X		
			X		
			X		
			X		

At Table one, East opened one spade and five spades was reached making six. At the other table the auction proceeded.

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
1 club	1 diamond	1 spade	pass
3 spades	5 diamonds	double	(all pass)

When declarer guessed the doubleton king of hearts offside, 5 diamonds doubled rolled home for a 17 IMP pickup. (Note that a club ruff beats 6 spades if played by West.)

After 3 rounds of play the top 5 teams are as follows:

CAPT.	V.P.'s
1 JENNIFER PAYNTER	53
2 HELEN MITCHELL	47
3 SHEILA DICKIE	43
4/5 MARCIA KOSTYNYK	24
4/5 FRANCIS WATERS	24

UNIT NEWSGRAND NATIONALS

I'm sorry to report that the District 19 Reps. in the Grand Nationals (Gary Harper, Laurence Betts and Lauren Miller from Vancouver with Gord McOrmond, Jim McAvoy and Duncan Smith from Victoria) did not win. Although the B.C. Team beat Oregon (Portland/Corvallis) by about 30 - 35 IMP's. We lost to Edmonton by about 55 IMP's. Although Oregon beat Edmonton by about 20 IMP's, Edmonton had the best quotient and advanced to Toronto vs. New Mexico. They played extremely well against us and deserved to win. Thanks also to Phil Wood and the District 18 staff for the organization of the event, as the planning, accommodations and hospitality were terrific!

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Aidan Ballantyne	(March 10/78)
Diane Kinakin	(April 10/78)
B. Purrott	(April 10/78)
D. Tablotney	(April 10/78)
Doug Thomas	(May 1/78)
M. Kostynyk	(June/78)
Bob Percher	(June/78)

LEADING CANADIAN LIFEMASTERS

As of January 10, 1978, B.C. and Unit 430 had 8 representatives among Canada's top 25 Life Masters.

10	Jim Donaldson	3397
11	Allan Graves	3214
13	Otto Leesment	3194
14	Adrian Hicks	3024
19	Buddy Crapko	2783
21	Ron Borg	2611
22	Paul Hagen	2582
25	B. J. Ferguson	2392

CLUB CORNERSALISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

(Port Moody Sr. High School, Lou Huberman, Director - 939-7527)

Club will be closed July and August.

Upcoming events:

Wed., Sept. 20 - Open Club Championship
 Fri., Sept. 29 - Mixed Pairs Championship
 Wed., Oct. 18 - Swiss Team Championship

CHILLIWACK D.B.C.

(Bob Percher)

Results of June 26 Club Championship: (1/2) Ron Tetreau - Louis Vervoort
 (1/2) Frank Thompson - Bob Isbister

FRASER VALLEY D.B.C.

(Ted and Liz Hicks directing)

The Club will be closed for August and will re-open the first Thursday in September.
 Starting time - 7:30.

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB

(Gladys Rigg, Director - 985-5647 or 987-3733)

Note - new location - #202 - 1515 Pemberton, North Vancouver.

Games Wednesdays at 7:30, Thursdays at 7:30 (novice), Fridays at 7:45.
 New games to be added in September.

PHIL WOOD RACE

At the half way mark of the Phil Wood Trophy Race for the most Master Points in Vancouver's Sectionals, the standings are as follows:

1	Jim Donaldson	35.00	12	Doug Thomas	20.86
2	Andy Nagy	28.20	13	Anne Nagy	20.29
3	Bert Curry	27.10	14/15	Dennis Heller	18.92
4	Henry Lortz	25.92	14/15	Paul Burns	18.92
5	Doug Andrews	24.06	16	Liz Lee	18.40
6	Mike Strebinger	23.29	17	Stan Dillabough	17.78
7	John Garrison	22.77	18	Richard Christie	17.22
8	Hy Waks	22.44	19/21	Karl Van Renesse	17.08
9	Murdoch Smith	22.30	19/21	Derek Ward	17.08
10	John Hurdle	21.42	19/21	Jim McCully	17.08
11	Ted Hicks	20.93			

UNIT GAME RESULTSHOLIDAY INN

July 10, 1978

(No game was held at Cloverdale because of the Annual Meeting.)

OVERALL

1	A. Nagy, A. Nagy	208
2	D. Strachan, P. McClafferty	197½
3	F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	191½
4	E. Hodge, F. Henderson	179
5	G. McCully, D. Jacob	178
6/7	A. Gerrie, B. May	177½
6/7	M. Angus, M. Angus	177½

SECTION A - 15 Tables

N/S		E/W		
1	F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	191½	1 D. Strachan, P. McClafferty	197½
2	J. Johnston, M. Newcombe	173	2 G. McCully, D. Jacob	178
3	S. Kelly, L. Sims	171	3 M. Angus, M. Angus	177½
4	M. Potzold, N. Thesberg	167	4 C. Lindsay, M. Strebinger	176
5	A. Hicks, C. Swanson	166½	5 B. Curry, B. Sauve	175
6	B. Connop, B. Liu	166	6 G. Rigg, J. Egri	168½

SECTION B - 15 Tables

N/S			E/W		
1	A. Nagy, A. Nagy	208	1	M. Tenenbein, E. McMahon	181½
2	E. Hodge, F. Henderson	179	2	A. Gerrie, B. May	177½
3	R. Borg, R. Christensen	176½	3	T. Stiennon, C. Collin	174½
4	J. Green, E. McKee	164	4	T. Kinakin, D. Kinakin	172½
5	G. Bell, F. Waters	162½	5	D. Irvine, M. Irvine	172
6	D. Brander, L. Lockerby	162	6	A. Skuce, J. Adams	167

TOURNAMENT RESULTSVANCOUVER SPRING SECTIONAL

June 2 - 4, 1978

Richmond, B.C.

WOMEN'S PAIRS (68 pairs)

1. Gerti Stanford - Gerda Lubeseder, both Vancouver, B.C.
2. Tora Morrison - Anne Oakley, both Vancouver, B.C.
3. Doris Frizzell - D. M. Ehrle, both West Vancouver, B.C.

MEN'S PAIRS (42 pairs)

1. Karel Van Reuesse, West Vancouver, B.C. - Frank Henderson, Vancouver, B.C.
2. Michael Dimich - L. Betts, both Vancouver, B.C.
3. Russ Kline, Delta, B.C. - S. W. Campbell, Vancouver, B.C.

MIXED PAIRS (114 pairs)

1. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hicks, both Coquitlam, B.C.
2. Tom and Vivian Pelton, both Victoria, B.C.
3. Richard Christie - Marcia Kostynyk, both Vancouver, B.C.

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT (16 pairs)

1. Michael Newcombe, North Vancouver, B.C. - Frederick Shen, Burnaby, B.C.
- 2/3 Ivy Perodie - Bernice Mulock, both North Vancouver, B.C.
- 2/3 A. D. Wilson, Langley, B.C. - Muriel Conroy, White Rock, B.C.

JUNIOR PAIRS (17 pairs)

1. W. D. Jorgenson - G. Nath, both Vancouver, B.C.
2. Janice Byers - Brian O'Connell, both Burnaby, B.C.
3. D. Howie - A. White, both Vancouver, B.C.

OPEN PAIRS (110 pairs)

1. John Kamb - John Moffat, both Mt. Vernon, Washington
2. John Hurdle - Dennis Dohl, both Vancouver, B.C.
3. Debbie McCully, Surrey, B.C. - Marilee Johnson, North Vancouver, B.C.

CONSOLATION PAIRS (76 pairs)

1. A. K. Simon, Calgary, Alta. - AB-Bert Curry, Vancouver, B.C.
2. John Berry, Vancouver, B.C. - Ron Borg, Burnaby, B.C.
3. Rosamunde Brennan - Christina Jacob, both Vancouver, B.C.

SWISS TEAMS (66 teams)

- 1/2 Anne Nagy, Andy Nagy, Doug Andrews, all Vancouver, B.C. - Doug Thomas, Burnaby, B.C.
- 1/2 Stan Dillabough, Hy Waks, Derek Ward, all Vancouver, B.C. - Jim McCully, North Vancouver, B.C.
3. Terry Gould, Don Brazeau, John Hurdle, all Vancouver, B.C. - Cam Lindsay, Delta, B.C.

In tournaments outside the Unit, our players performed well.

PENTICTON REGIONALOPEN SWISS TEAMS

1. D. Dohl, C. Lindsay, R. Connop, M. Kostynyk

KNOCKOUT TEAMS

1. L. Betts, J. Hurdle, D. Brazeau

MEN'S PAIRS

2. C. Lindsay, R. Connop

OPEN PAIRS

- 1/2 S. Jacobson, F. Sontag

MASTERS' PAIRS FLIGHT A

3. J. McCully, Chris Christopherson
5. L. Betts, A. Ballantyne

MASTERS' SWISS TEAM

1. D. Dohl, D. Andrews, R. Connop, A. Ballantyne

IT'S YOUR BID

1. IMP's - No one vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: AJ102	H: AKJ84	D: 2	C: A93
North	East	South	West
-	-	1H	P
2D	P	2S	P
4D	P	?	

Awards: 4NT - 12; 5C - 10; 6D - 9; 5D - 5

In the light of the diamond jump, should South push towards slam, settle for game, or tread water with a descriptive waiting bid?

First, from two tigers unexpectedly turned pussy cats -

Cam Lindsay: "5D. My hand is worth no more in support of diamonds than my earlier reverse had suggested."

Mike Dimich: "5D. Since he didn't bid the fourth suit followed by a rebid in diamonds, then 5D is probably the maximum we will make."

The fourth suit auction might show a better overall hand, but perhaps a weaker diamond suit. A raise to 5D will likely end the auction. Partner would be guessing on controls in bidding six, and he'll probably think he's done his bit too.

The great majority thought their hand much improved by North's jump. The question was how best to approach slams.

From those restricting themselves to a descriptive role:

Jim McAvoy: "5C. Partner doesn't appear to require much in diamonds so this should allow him to make a reasonable decision."

Terry Gould: "5C. As I am unsure where 4D will lead us I will complete my pattern and show my values."

Gary Harper: "5C. Shows club ace without promising diamond support."

But there were those who drove towards slam. The scientific approach:

Leo Steil: "6D. Sign off. We've got a diamond loser. If not partner can easily tell I have three aces."

Maybe if you show him your hand...

For many, the key was how to approach the grand. Probing for more information:

Jim Donaldson: "5C. 4D should show solid diamonds. Will pass 6D, bid 6D over 5D, and 7D over other bids."

Leaving the final decision to partner:

Dennis Dohl: "5C. Raising 5D to six. The 5 clubs call should start a cue-bidding auction and my sequence show three aces. Partner can raise to seven with solid diamonds."

It's certainly true that if you had only one major suit ace you would have cue bid it over 5D, assuming that 5C does initiate cue-bidding...

A more traditional approach to seven, that is not ambiguous and gives both members of the partnership a say in making the decision:

Gordy McOrmond: "4NT. Partner is showing a solid suit with values limited to less than a jump-shift. With a broken long suit he could have simply rebid 3D, forcing to game after my reverse and his two over one. If partner shows an ace I'll re-Blackwood. If he has two kings seven should be icy. With solid diamonds and the heart queen partner should be able to find 7D over 5NT."

4NT - 5NT issues a clear invitation to seven. Partner can evaluate both his heart fit and his diamond length.

One panelist found an ingenious compromise: "Cue - Blackwood"

Ron Borg: "4NT. Over 5D I'll bid 6C."

That would certainly deny any diamond support and leave partner in good shape to decide. Unless of course, he starts thinking that 4NT was natural!

2. IMP's - Both vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: K874	H: ---	D: 2	C: A93
North	East	South	West
1H	4D	?	

Awards: (Negative, Co-op) - 5; Dble; 5C - 2; Dble (penalty) - 0

Some thought there was a problem, others did not. Almost everyone doubled, most intending this to show general values.

Duncan Smith: "Dble. I miss the point. A void in partner's suit, four trumps and a good lead. I realize we may have a slam somewhere, but take the sure plus rather than risk a bid (I wouldn't know what to bid anyway) which could lead to a minus score."

Perhaps not a sure plus... The void in partner's suit may be awkward. It may be difficult to reach his hand for repeated ruffs, and in the absence of trump control you'd want to engineer as many quick ruffs as possible. This brings up the question of the "good lead". Laying down a club honour may remove a vital entry to his hand.

Less sure:

Gordy McOrmond: "Dble. I don't particularly like this call; I could be missing slam or the opponents could even make 4D, however, I must show my values and this is better than looking around for a fit at the four and five level."

Missing +1370 or +600 is likely to prove costly if you only get +200 or are even -710. The mathematical odds of defending are not so good, although one would expect four diamonds to go down more often than not. In my opinion these should be considerations as partner may well leave a double in. If he removes the double, it may be to four hearts. That would be okay only if he had the sort of suit he might have rebid had you passed. But no one considered passing:

John Hurdle: "Dble. Too strong to pass."

Gary Harper: "Don't like it but other alternatives too unilateral."

Lauren Miller: "Only reasonable choice - partner can still pull if he can't stand to defend."

Hopefully that won't result in a doubled disaster other way.

The panel considered one alternative to double:

Leo Steil: "5C. Don't figure to beat 5D enough to make up for game. Partner is marked with diamond shortage. (Ed. note. Not against all opponents), so hopefully has at least three clubs to the J or Q. May get to slam or find our spade fit if partner has one of those 7 - 5 major-suiters.

I'd love to be kibitzing.

Dennis Dohl: "5C. Unfortunately double is negative and we may not beat it with me on lead. (Ed. note. But you wouldn't lead a trump, would you Brute?) so 5C seems all that's left.

5C is certainly risky but it might par the result at the other table where our sane partners may have bid only 3D.

Sorry about the non-problem, though.

3. IMP's - East/West vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: K532	H: Q6	D: ---	C: J987632
North	East	South	West
-	-	-	1D
X	5D	?	

Awards: 5S (planning to run if doubled) - 10; 6C - 8; 5S (holding fast if doubled) - 6; PASS - 3; Dble - 1

There's always some guesswork involved. Can our side make game or slam, or should we be sacrificing, and if so, in what? Finally, if we bid will we push them to a makeable slam?

Almost everyone tried to find bids that catered to more than one of these possibilities.

Combining game and sacrifice intentions:

Gordy McOrmond: "5S. I would not hesitate to contract for 4S but one level higher is very dangerous. The opponents are more likely to try a double. Most of the time I'll go down a trick or two, hopefully, a lot of those times 5D will make."

Lauren Miller: "5S. 6C may play many tricks better, but 5S may make when we're off two cashable aces."

It's true that in spades, diamond leads will probably kill dummy, perhaps even when the trumps break.

Mixing slam with sacrifice:

Gary Harper: "6C. Right if either 6C or 5D makes, and either could."

With a huge black suit fit, why not?

With only sacrifice in mind:

Doug Andrews: "6C. Taking out insurance."

Leo Steil: "6C. I've got two defensive cards if they bid sixD."

Jim McAvoy: "6C. The question is will I bid 6S over 6D if partner passes."

Some prepared for the opponents reaching slam:

Laurence Betts: "5S. If opponents double loudly I'll run to six clubs, and if they compete to 6 diamonds partner will lead a spade."

Confident bidding often helps:

Jim Donaldson: "5S. Will run to 6C if doubled."

They never have trouble doubling me.

The passers were frustrated:

Cam Lindsay: "Pass. We might be cold for 6C or might push them into a cold 6D. If I bid, the resultant number may be unlisted in the pages of the local telephone directory."

And out for blood:

Mike Dimich: "Dble. I think they are trying to push me into an unmakeable contract. I don't think they will go down more than one trick but it is better to have a plus."

A distributional five-level responsive double - maybe, but:

Duncan Smith: "Double is insane."

4. Matchpoints, No one vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: A1093 H: J8532 D: AKJ4 C: ---

North	East	South	West
1C	P	1H	P
1N	2C*	?	

*natural

Hands: Dble - 13; 3C - 10; 2S, 2D - 9; 3D - 7

What to do after this sudden intrusion?

Some chose to ignore it:

Gordy McOrmond: "2S. I would play 2D and 2S as forcing, however, 2S better shows my values and also makes it easier to find a 4 - 4 spade fit if partner has suppressed his major. Over 2NT I'll show my diamonds and let him decide. If he bids 3H I'll raise to four."

If he suppressed his major and didn't raise hearts, chances are his values are in clubs.

Lauren Miller: "2D. Should enable us to reach at least our second best spot. Double puts all your eggs in one basket, and pass puts too much pressure on partner when he doesn't have enough information."

A pass would probably show a very weak hand. Partner's table-feel would have to be good here.

Showing greater strength but perhaps suggesting a good suit:

Doug Andrews: "3D. Though double is tempting against all but expert players."

My suspicion is that an expert player would not overcall clubs in this situation. He should know what these people know:

Jim Donaldson: "Dble. Partner should be 3, 2, 3, 5 unless he didn't raise with 3, 3; 3, 4.

Mike Dimich: "Dble. Partner is marked with a 5 card club suit so he will know that my double is based on a good hand without clubs."

Even with four clubs, opener is bound to read the double, and decide on the strength of his suit.

John Hurdle: "Dble. We'll get a bad break in hearts even if a 3C call would unearth a weak fit. Let the opponents play the hand in partner's suit if they really want to."

It's true that the uncertainty of game might argue in favour of defending. +300 may be good enough. Still there were those making use of an unexpectedly available cue-bid.

Terry Gould: "3C. Announces game-going values."

Leo Steil: "3C. Gives partner the option of bidding 3 Hearts or 3NT."

But Laurence Betts points out that it also gives LHO the option of cheaply doubling for a lead against 3NT.

Duncan Smith: "I like 3C because it gets across the message that I'm very short in clubs immediately."

A possible problem with 3C is that it may lose the diamond suit. Partner may rebid 3NT to emphasize good clubs. He could have opened 1C with 4 - 4 in the minors and a bad diamond suit.

Dennis Dohl: "Double may lose game or slam as partner can't visualize offensive-type hand. Also 2C bidder may know what he's doing."

But is it necessarily an offensive hand? With clout in the unbid suits, a weak long 1st bid suit (in which partner could be short), probable wasted club values, it may well be better to defend.

5. Matchpoints, East/West vulnerable. As South you hold:

S: A984	H: A83	D: 3	C: A8742
North	East	South	West
-	-	1C	4H
4S	P	?	

Awards: PASS - 10; 5H - 8; 6S - 5; 5C - 3

A minimum opener with no texture, opposite a partner who could have bid on light values with this vulnerability... But then again, those three bare grow bigger by the second.

Appreciating that partner was under duress.

Gary Harper: "Pass. Can't see how we're necessarily going to make 12 tricks. Partner may have been strapped over 4H."

That's true, but he might have quite a good hand also.

Jim Donaldson: "Pass. Glad partner bid."

Right. You might have had a problem backing in had partner passed.

Gordy McOrmond: "Pass. In matchpoints, at this vulnerability partner could have very shaded values. I'll hope for a plus. Cluck, cluck."

Chicken alright, but +480 will probably get it's share of matchpoints.

Dennis Dohl: "Pass. Partner is under pressure and though slam may fetch easily West was vulnerable and may have key kings."

In the same vein:

Cam Lindsay: "Pass. Why hang partner? I should assume that vulnerable LHO hasn't just finished smoking those funny cigarettes."

Yeah, those menthols can be deadly.

Many thought they could get away with a mild try.

John Hurdie: "5H. Most hands with two black kings will produce a slam if clubs can be set up without loss."

Lauren Miller: "5H. Can't resist making a slam suggestion with all my controls."

If partner was under pressure at the four level, he'll collapse at the five level, and he still has to play the hand!

Doug Andrews: "5H. Partner should be short in hearts and will likely have some clubs. 5H tells him not to worry about controls and asks him to evaluate the club fit."

Another slam try:

Jim McAvoy: "5C. Might be burning Smith (Ed. note. Duncan Smith is Jim McAvoy's only partner), but what the hell, never up never in... (Ed. note. Victorian saying?)

Terry Gould: "5H. Partner may pass 5C."

That certainly would be disastrous.

Finally, a word from those itching souls that just had to scratch.

- With poetry:

Mike Dimich: "6S. Although my hand is minimum my three aces and stiff diamonds are pure ambrosia."

- And with Faith:

Laurence Betts: "6S... If partner's declarer play is good."

Yes, your play was sound, but you might have had more than -

<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>C</u>
K		Q	Q
10		X	J
7		X	10
X		X	X
X			

With the club K onside and a 3 - 1 spade break (stiff honour) - a lucky +980.

The winner of this set; Jim Donaldson with 48 out of 50. He may be embarrassed...

The runners-up: John Hurdle - 46
Duncan Smith and Laurence Betts - 45

The "It's Your Bid" editors are on holidays this month. This feature will return in the next issue.

1978 IMP LEAGUE

The 1978 IMP League will have a new format. There will be three flights;

Flight A - Unlimited

Flight B - Limited to players with fewer than 1,000 Master Points

Flight C - No more than one team member may have more than 200 Master Points

Entries will close at the Grand National Unit Final on September 10, 1978. You may enter then, by mail, or at the August Sectional. Mail entries should be sent to:

Doug Andrews
MT008 - 1600 Beach Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6G 1Y7

Teams will be limited to four, five or six players. Any player may play in as many flights as he or she is eligible for. The entry fee per team per flight will be \$24.00 and is payable upon entering.

So form your teams now and play in as many flights as you are eligible for.

SEPT IT'S YOUR BID

1. HQ 10xx Kxxx Kxxx YOU ARE SOUTH
(MP'S - NS VUL (MATCHPOINTS))

N	E	WSB	W
10	P	2NT	P
30	P	?	
2. M.P.'S - N-S VUL
AS SOUTH YOU HOLD:
X Q10xxx KQx AQxx

N	E	S	W
4NT	P	D	4S
		?	
3. IMP'S - NONE VUL
AS SOUTH YOU HOLD:
10xxx A AKQ10x Axx

N	E	S	W
D ^(NEG)	P	1D	1S
		?	
4. M.P.'S - BOTH VUL
AS SOUTH YOU HOLD
Axxxx QJxxxx AA

N	E	S	W
1S	P	1H	P
		?	
5. M.P.'S - BOTH VUL
AS SOUTH YOU HOLD
XX X AKQJxxx Jxx

N	E	S	W
		?	

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ANSWERS TO GARY HARPER

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ROUND UP SECTIONAL

NOVEMBER 17 - 19, 1978

RICHMOND INN
Richmond, B.C.

Friday, November 17

1:30 p.m. MEN'S and WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 p.m. MIXED PAIRS BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
8:00 p.m. NOVICE PAIRS (less than 10 MP)

Saturday, November 18

1:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (two sessions play through)

SUPER OPEN PAIRS
Flight A (unlimited)
Flight B (0 - 500 MP)

Sunday, November 19

*11:00 a.m. and *4:30 p.m. (two sessions play through)

MASTERS SWISS TEAM
99ers SWISS TEAM

*Note early starting times Sunday

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$3.00 per session

Phil Wood
Director

Brian May
Tournament Chairman

An A.C.B.L. Unit #430 publication.

Phil Wood Trophy Race

1. Doug Andrews	42.63
2. Jim Donaldson	39.47
3. Doug Thomas	36.26
4. Bert Curry	31.57
5. Andy Hagy	28.20
6. Henry Lortz	25.92

CROSSRUFF

Between you and me, it is with relief that Gary Harper has been relegated to the back pages of this publication. It was becoming increasingly embarrassing to the Unit that a bridge player of Gary's calibre would be giving a Ruff n Sluff every two months. Usually one is enough to split up most partnerships, let alone one every second month.

Although Gary's now bringing up the rear of the issue you'll find that his wit has not gone the way of his bidding judgement, it's still as incisive as ever.

A WORD OF THANKS

It has been suggested that the Matchpointer feature members' thoughts on those deserving of praise. Ron McConnell selected Bert Sexton as a likely candidate and contributed the following piece.

One of the A.C.B.L. members who has in my opinion the leading claim to the title of "Unsung Hero" is Bert Sexton, the director and operator of the Sunset Community Centre game held Monday nights.

Bert started this club in 1969 and has operated it as a non-profit club for its entire existence holding banquets and numerous other activities for his patrons. But more important than his generosity, Bert has made both Novice and Master fool at home and has made more friends for Duplicate Bridge than can be counted.

So please would you all say a hearty Thank You to Bert Sexton, a credit to our Unit.

Thank you Bert (and Ron). There must be other people you feel deserve recognition. Please let us know.

LOU NOTE

On a sombre note we are sorry to report the passing of Doug O'Neil and the death on September 7, 1978 of Dr. E. C. Levine.

Since the last issue, Murdoch Smith was hospitalized and Jo MacDonald purchased a new set of legs. Both have recovered and are back at the tables.

DEADLINES: for It's Your Bid Solutions - November 12th
for copy - November 19th

CLUB NEWS

Salish Duplicate Bridge Club - Port Moody Senior High School
300 Albert Street
Port Moody, B.C.
Lou Huberman, Director - 939-7527

October 18 - Wednesday - Swiss Team Championship, Advanced Registration required.
939-7527

November 20 - Monday - Continentwide Charity game - site to be announced.

December 6 - Wednesday - Membership Game
8 - Friday - Membership Game
13 - Wednesday - Christmas Party
15 - Friday - Christmas Party

Wednesday Games start at 7:15 p.m. and Friday Games will start at 7:15 p.m.

New Westminster Bridge Club

October 19 - District 19 Charity Game
7:30 p.m. Free plays for entire DINO Regional to District winners. Free play for 2 sessions at DINO Regional for Unit winners.

November 2 - Open Pairs
7:30 p.m.

December 14 - Swiss Teams
7:30 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. except Christmas week in the Leisure Centre - Taulbut St. at 7th, Mission. Regular admission - \$1.50

Championship game - no trophies Sept. 28th
 Championship game - no trophies Nov. 16th
 Charity game - Oct. 19 - admission - \$3.00
 Christmas party - Individual game - Dec. 14th

VALLEYVIEW DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets Fridays at 6:00 p.m. October through to April in the Mission Medium Security Institution, Dewdney Trunk Rd., Mission. Admission - 30¢

Championship game - Nov. 24th
 Christmas party - Individual game - Dec. 15th

MATSQUI DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. October through to April in the Matsqui Institution, King Rd., Abbotsford. Admission under 20 and over 60 - 30¢ others - \$1.00

Championship game - no trophies points only Nov. 7th
 Christmas party - Individual game - Dec. 12th

Valleyview and Matsqui Bridge Clubs would like more community players. If anyone thinks they might play in either club even once during the season, get in touch with Mrs. Madeley, 34137 Cedar Ave., Abbotsford, 853-3442 so that gate passes may be arranged.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

107 - 2182 West 12th Avenue
 Vancouver, B.C.
 Telephone - 738-6613

Monday:	10:00 a.m. Open	
	7:30 p.m. Novice & under 200 MP	
Tuesday:	12:00 noon Open	
	8:00 p.m. Open	
Wednesday:	7:30 p.m. Swiss Teams	
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. Open	(1st Thurs. of each month,
	8:00 p.m. Over 200 MP	Beat The Experts and win a
		free play.)
Friday:	10:00 a.m. Open	
	8:00 p.m. Open	
Saturday:	8:00 p.m. Open	
Sunday:	7:30 p.m. Open	

Special Games - MARION GRINSTEIN CHARITY GAME. Proceeds to the Canadian Mental Health Fund. Hand Analysis provided. Entry fee - \$3.00
 Thursday, October 19th - 7:30 p.m. 24 tables maximum so reserve an entry in advance.

Saturday, Nov. 25th - 8:00 p.m. TURNBULL OPEN PAIRS TROPHY TOURNAMENT

UNIT GAME POINT RACE

September 4, 1978
 CLOVERDALE

1	Flora Tereposky	6.24	6	Louis Vervoort	3.80
2/3	Ron McConnell	6.04	7/8	Bob Percher	3.43
2/3	Ernie Dietrich	6.04	7/8	Louise Percher	3.43
4	Len Feeny	5.37	9	Colin Collin	3.19
5	Toivy Skytte	4.53	10	Eric Reasley	2.94

Vancouver Race will be published in the next issue.

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME OVERALL WINNERS

<u>August</u>			<u>September</u>		
1	D. Tablotney, S. Herman	197	1	R. McConnell, E. Dietrich	194½
2	A. J. Brown, L. Cole	188	2	T. Steinnon, C. Balendran	190½
3	F. Tereposky, T. Skytte	186½	3	J. Dunn, J. Cesford	186
4	S. Dillabough, R. Nichol	180	4	K. Thompson, W. May	182½
5	E. Thrane, C. Thrane	179	5	B. Worsfold, B. Blomme	181½
6	J. F. Yeung	177½	6	C. Collin, E. MacClennan	179½

August Section Winners

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1	D. Tablotney, S. Herman	1	S. Dillabough, R. Nichol
2	A. J. Brown, L. Cole	2	H. Mitchell, K. Lee
3	F. Tereposky, T. Skytte	3/4	J. Green, I. Anderson
4	E. Thrane, C. Thrane	3/4	R. McConnell, E. Dietrich
5	W. Worsfold, F. Yeung	5	T. Hicks, D. Estrada
6	R. Tranise, T. Tranise	6	M. Angus, M. Angus

September Section Winners

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1	R. McConnell, E. Dietrich	1	T. Steinnon, C. Balendran
2	J. Dunn, J. Cesford	2	K. Thompson, W. May
3	C. Collin, E. MacClennan	3	B. Worsfold, B. Blomme
4	G. Estrada, D. Estrada	4	S. Yeung, C. Kokke
5	P. Rachi, M. MacGregor	5	B. Percher, L. Percher
6	D. Bartlett, P. Haischner	6	J. Adams, J. Simms

VANCOUVER UNIT GAME OVERALL WINNERS

<u>August</u>			<u>September</u>		
1	M. Dimich, B. Liu	197½	1	D. Minkoff, S. Minkoff	197½
2	F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	194½	2	M. Johnson, J. Johnson	188
3	J. Hurdle, D. Brazeau	192	3	B. Curry, D. Morrison	184½
4	J. Adams, A. Ross	185½	4	M. Strebinger, P. Hagen	183½
5	E. Moyer, E. Christopherson	178½	5/6	P. Wood, D. Lee	181
6	C. M. Holden, B. McLeod	173½	5/6	J. Berry, R. Borg	181

August Section Winners

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1	F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	1	M. Dimich, B. Liu
2	E. Moyer, E. Christopherson	2	D. Brazeau, J. Hurdle
3	P. Kallberg, A. Kallberg	3	J. Adams, A. Ross
4	D. Morrison, G. Bell	4	C. M. Holden, B. McLeod
5	P. Minkoff, S. Minkoff	5	D. Thomas, D. Andrews
6	D. Malcolm, J. MacDonald	6/7	J. Brownridge, G. Brownridge
7	R. Slutsky, J. Rogers	6/7	S. Lucow, M. Wohleben

September Section Winners

<u>Section A N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1	B. Curry, D. Morrison	1	M. Strebinger, P. Hagen
2	F. Waters, G. Bell	2	P. Wood, D. Lee
3	A. Nagy, A. Nagy	3	R. Groome, D. Groden
4	H. Piercy, D. Malcolm	4	S. Borg, S. Kwan
5	L. Kangro, M. Dimich	5	R. Lowringer, E. Christopherson

<u>Section B N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1	P. Minkoff, S. Minkoff	1	M. Johnson, J. Johnson
2	J. Berry, R. Borg	2	H. Waks, C. Swanson
3	T. Prodigier, R. Hansen	3	D. Dohl, E. Ryan
4	F. Sontag, R. Gerrie	4/5	K. McDonald, J. Adams
5	D. Brazeau, B. Anderson	4/5	R. Betts, G. McOrmond

1978 SUMMER NATIONALS

The 1978 Summer National Championships were held in Toronto and a host of British Columbian players attended. The tournament established a new attendance record of over 18,400 tables, smashing the old record by more than 2,000 tables. Most of our players had their names in the Daily Bulletin at least once. Lawrence Betts and Gordon McOrmond did exceptionally well in the 210 team Spingold Knockout Teams as they avoided elimination until the round of 16. Doug Andrews playing with a partner from Toronto finished a creditable sixth overall in the six-session Life Masters Pairs.

Cam Lindsay gives a report on some of the action.

Spingold '78 - A Deceiving Margin of Victory

Aligning myself with 3 former partners from Toronto we managed to comfortably breeze through our first two Spingold matches. In the third round we drew the powerful Precision team (Kathie Wei, Ron Anderson, Dave Berkowitz, Gerald Caravelli, Alan Sontag and Peter Weischel) who were seeded 4th in the event. Sixty four exciting boards later we emerged on the short end of a 150 - 99 score for a 51 IMP loss. A disappointing result - yes, but a sound thrashing - definitely NO. Although there were numerous hands where IMP's could have been salvaged, two in particular from the 4th quarter come to mind. In 4th seat at equal vulnerability you hold Q10, K10XXX, X, AXXXX. The bidding to you commencing with LHO; 1NT (precision 13 - 16 pts.); 2H (Brozel 5 - 5 or better in majors); 5D by RHO. Now what?

I chose to compete with 5H (a possible make) and after considerable cogitation LHO bid 6D which comes back to you. I now produced a double (for a great variety of reasons) and had to find an opening lead. I selected the Queen of Spades (Ace and other Club was my 2nd choice) as partner required only the King of Spades for this to be right while I retained the Club control.

Unfortunately this was wrong, as a Heart lead was required... the full hand:

	K8XXXX	
	AQXX	
	X	
AJ9X	XX	X
JXX		X
AQXX		KJ109XXX
KX	Q10	QJ10X
	K10XXX	
	X	
	AXXXX	

Declarer was able to ruff out the 10 of Spades for a Heart pitch. Therefore - 1540 in lieu of +200 on a Heart lead. Partners successfully made 5DX at the other table to hold our losses to 14 IMP's. Had I led a Heart we would have picked up 13 IMP's... a 27 IMP swing.

A few boards later we majestically arrived in 4 Hearts (vulnerable) on the following hand combination:

AXX	X
QJ9XX	K10XX
XXX	AKQJXX
AX	XX

I was quite content with the contract when the King of Clubs was led as there was no place to deposit the Club loser until the Ace of Hearts was driven out. At the other table Sontag-Weischel were in 6 Hearts making! - on a Club lead. The full layout:

	Q10XX	
	X	
	--	
AXX	KQ109XXXX	X
QJ9XX		K10XX
XXX		AKQJXX
XX	KJXXX	AX
	AXX	
	10XXX	
	J	

With the hand holding the Ace of Hearts also holding a stiff Club the contract is unbeatable. Note that neither N/S pair entered the auction with 5 Spades cold (our auction 1D, P, 1H, P!, 4H out).

Had 6 Hearts failed we would have gained 13 IMP's rather than losing 13 - a 26 IMP swing.

The final margin of loss as mentioned was 51 IMP's. These two hands swung a total of 53. Thus, I found slight solace in perceiving that the final loss margin was not completely indicative of the closeness of the match.

Powerful Spot Cards (A Rare Squeeze)

Earlier in the week, after being requested to discontinue my participation in the LM pairs, I found myself playing in one of the Regional open pair events which was running concurrently. This event attracted a mere 6 to 700 tables.

En route to improving upon the section - bottom achieved in the first session the following gem appeared early in the evening set.

	A	K	J	K	
		Q	6	Q	
		4	4	J	
			2	8	
				2	
K96					J75
87					J1032
A105					Q983
A10953					74
	Q	A	K	6	
	10	9	7		
	8	6			
	4	5			
	3				
	2				

With the opponents declining to enter the auction we stumbled into four Hearts. The opening lead of the Diamond 5 was followed by the deuce and eight and pounced upon by my King. West rose quickly with the Ace of Clubs at trick two and exited with Ace and another Diamond which I biffed in hand with the Heart 5. A Spade to the Ace was followed by the King of Clubs on which I jettisoned a Spade. The Queen of Clubs was ruffed by RHO with the Heart Jack and over-ruffed by the Ace. A Spade was now ruffed with dummy's Heart 4 as all followed. The Jack of Clubs was led and ruffed on my right with the Heart 10 forcing me to discard a Spade. At this point my somewhat exasperated LHO decided to lead the Diamond Queen and look what happened:

		K	J	8	
		Q			
K					J
87					32
--					Q
10					--
	Q	9	1	1	
	10	6			

I ruffed with the Heart 9 and LHO was caught in a three suit squeeze including trumps! Obviously a trump return at this stage would have left me a trick short, but the actual Diamond return put West in a triple vise.

So close, and yet...

Not undaunted by our Spingold elimination, we fielded the same foursome in the tournaments final event -- the Swiss Teams. With seven matches completed we found ourselves with a record of 5 3/4 (including a Pyrrhic 37 IMP victory over the aforementioned Precision team). We were somewhat amazed to learn that a win in the final match would place us no worse than 3rd-4th overall. (It later turned out that 6 3/4 was a clear second.)

For our final match we drew a team who quickly confirmed themselves as our weakest opposition of the day. With minor gains fairly obvious on the early boards the penultimate hand of the day arose: AQJXX, X, AJXX, KQX. I opened 1S and partner called 2D. I got a mite excited at the improvement in my hand and splintered 4H. Partner called 4S and I was at the crossroads... 4S could be the cheapest available cue bid or a desire to play 4S or... I finally pulled out the "old black" and when partner showed one Ace, I put him in 6D. Wrong again! He held KXX, AJXX, Q8XX, XX. The KD was onside but third.

Needless to say the 13 IMP's lost on this board were instrumental in our losing the match by 5. And so, once again relegated to the also-rans.

Philosophically, if we made all the correct decisions at the table, perchance the game might soon become boring.

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

During the first two weeks of August, qualification trials were held at clubs throughout the Unit. Players could play in as many club games and with as many different partners as they wished. However for the Unit Playdowns it was necessary to play in partnership with a player with whom one had qualified.

The Unit Playdowns were held Sunday, September 10th at the Holiday Inn. The event was organized by Aban Gerrie and ran smoothly under the direction of Sandy McCreery with assistance from Bob MacDuff. Phil Wood volunteered to seed the field which turned out to be a curse upon the Unit's "finer players" as most of the seeded pairs failed to qualify.

Sixty pairs participated in the Unit Playdown which was run over two sessions in the same format as a masters' pairs event - the field being divided into two 15 table sections with N-S in one section meeting E-W in the other section in the second session. The matchpointing was by section rather than across the field which drew criticism from a number of players. It did appear to your editor that a session could matchpoint nearly 10 points differently depending on which section one played in.

The top eighteen finishers qualified for the District Playdown to be held in Seattle on the weekend of January 6th, 1979. It is expected that three to six pairs will qualify from the District to play in the final to be held at the 1979 Spring National Championships in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Unit qualifiers and the club they represent are listed below:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Clubs</u>
1	D. Andrews - D. Thomas	Jewish Community Centre
2	M. Johnson - M. Johnson	Northside
3	R. Hansen - M. Wilson	Tsawwassen
4	M. Aaron - D. Barrett	Tsawwassen
5	F. Sontag - R. Gerrie	Northside
6	G. Sagen - M. Wiggins	White Rock
7	S. Dillabough - M. Thesburg	Tsawwassen
8	C. Swanson - A. Hicks	Jewish Community Centre
9	B. Liu - A. Pendrigh	Haida
10	A. Nielsen - A. Nielsen	Arbutus
11	T. Kinakin - D. Kinakin	Jewish Community Centre
12/13	D. Dohl - R. Borg	Haida
12/13	S. Borg - S. Kwan	Northside
14	T. Hicks - O. Skonnord	Jewish Community Centre
15	G. Bell - M. Neate	Northside
16	J. Groome - P. Walton	White Rock
17/18	S. Kelly - S. Jacobson	Northside
17/18	R. Christie - M. Kostynyk	Haida

A deal from the first session which presented problems as to what to open was the following one. As North you hold:

S - K H - AQ85 D - AKJ10 C - AJ104

Norths who chose to treat this hand as a balanced hand equivalent to 2NT usually ended in 4 spades going one or two down for a below average result. Martin Johnson reached 3N after opening 2N and rebidding 3N when his partner attempted to transfer him to 3 spades. He was headed for a top as he could have made 3N when the defense erred but he failed to diagnose correctly the end position.

Top on the board went to Mike Streibinger who opened a quiet 1 diamond and found himself playing there. This was the full deal:

	K	A	A	A	
		Q	K	J	
		8	J	10	
		5	10	4	
1032					AQ9
K1063					942
Q72					953
765					KQ82
	J	J	8	9	
	8	7	6	3	
	7		4		
	6				
	5				
	4				

East led the K of clubs to Mike's ace and the play went as follows: 4 of clubs ducked by east won in dummy; J of spades, 2, K, 9 (whoops); J of clubs, Q, ruff, 5; J of hearts, K, A, 2; Q of hearts; 5 of hearts, 9, ruff, 6; Mike eventually drew trumps losing one heart trick to make six, for +170.

The idea of a Grand National Pairs event attracted a huge turnout at the club level and appears to be a popular event. Hopefully some of our pairs will reach the final so that we can have a progress report at each stage.

Bridge Limericks by Dimich

(Please sue Michael Dimich not the Unit.)

There was a bridge player called John Hurdle
Whose nickname of course was "The Turtle";
With thirteen cards in hand
He'd forget his new found land*
'Til reminded by a Screech and a kirtle.

*My apology to John Donne

There was a weightlifter called "The Morris"
Whose habits at bridge were so notorious;
A balk, wince, curse or beam
To aid partners it did seem
But all it was....was hemorrhoidous!

There was a blond gorilla called Dohl
Who roared "I am the greatest of all";
But this blond hilarity
Was matched by temerity
We're still waiting for the Brute to fall.

There was a bridge teacher named A. Hicks
Who liked to show pretty girls his tricks;
He'd lay them on the table
As fast as he was able,
Who says bridge and pleasure don't mix?

There was a lawyer named Sefton Levine
Whose manners at bridge were somewhat porcine;
And the reason for his canker
Was the loss of a Tam O' Shanter
Which he wore for an act "quite" narcissine.

There was a chemist John B. Paine III
Who had an affair with a kinky BIG BIRD
But NEGATIVE DISCARDING
Led to their parting
Even Sesame Street isn't that absurd.

EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

August 18 - 20, 1978
Richmond, B.C.

MEN'S PAIRS (48 Pairs)

- 1 John Bryden, Bob Sauve - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 Joel Martineau, Doug Andrews - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 M. Potzold, Jim Andrews - both Vancouver, B.C.

LADIES PAIRS (60 Pairs)

- 1 Wendy McAlpine, Betty Michno - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2/3 Aban Gerrie, Selene Jacobson - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2/3 Betty Nash, Dory Nelems - both Vancouver, B.C.

MIXED PAIRS (90 Pairs)

- 1 Enid Burfitt, Allan Fawley - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 Jean Groome, Ron Groome - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 Martin O'Reilly, Sandra Herman - both Vancouver, B.C.

KNOCKOUT TEAMS (12 Teams)

- 1 R. Borg, Paul Hagen, J. Andrews, Bob Connop - all Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 Jim McCully, Joel Martineau, Don Brazeau, Nick Stock - all Vancouver, B.C.
- 3/4 Laurence Betts, Mike Wilson, Aidan Ballantyne - all Vancouver, B.C.
Gord McOrmond, Ron Smith - Victoria, B.C.
Peter Herold - Bellingham, Wa.
- 3/4 Jim Donaldson, Bert Curry, Don Brander - all Vancouver, B.C.
Phyllis Novak, Leo Svarks - both Seattle, Wa.

SIDE GAME (20 Pairs)

- 1 Dianne Wilson, Grace Wakabayashi - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 Nellie Moore, Vernice Wilson - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 Sally Craig, Sandra Aldinger - both Vancouver, B.C.

OPEN PAIRS (112 Pairs)

- 1 Buddy Crapko, Sharon Bruneau - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 Juilene Johnson, Martin Johnson - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 Earl Adams, Jim Fisher - both Vancouver, B.C.

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION (70 Pairs)

- 1 Mike Wilson - Vancouver, B.C. Gord McOrmond - Victoria, B.C.
- 2 Doug Strachan, Ken Garfinkel - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 Art Hein, Peter Morse - both Vancouver, B.C.

MASTERS PAIRS (90 Pairs)

- 1 Doug Andrews, Doug Thomas - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 2 N. Stock, Dennis Dohl - both Vancouver, B.C.
- 3 F. Sontag - Vancouver, B.C. B. Gerrie - Richmond, B.C.

99ers PAIRS (28 Pairs)

- 1 O. Howard, M. Howard - both Port Coquitlam, B.C.
- 2 B. Manning, P. Manning - both Burnaby, B.C.
- 3 W. Whiddington, E. Whiddington - both Vancouver, B.C.

NANAIMO SECTIONALOPEN PAIRS

- 1 Leo Steil, Aidan Ballantyne

MEN'S PAIRS

- 1 Adrian Hicks, Charlie Swanson

SWISS TEAMS

- 1 Laurence Betts, Terry Gould, Gord McOrmond

TACOMA REGIONALOVERALL FINISHERS

Lighter Than Air Pairs: 4. D. Tablotney, H. Montgomery

Michael's Deli Pairs: 3. J. Green, M. Wiggins

Women's Pairs: 9. I. Goodlad, B. Anderson
10. D. Tablotney, H. Montgomery

Men's Pairs: 1. F. Sontag, G. McOrmond
4. J. Donaldson

Open Pairs: 4. D. Groden, A. Kenmuir
5. A. Chapelle
6. J. Donaldson, J. Hurdle
7. L. Kangro, D. Dohl

Pie Patch Pairs: 1. H. Montgomery, D. Tablotney
2. O. Leesment

Mama Lamoyne's Pairs: 6. Hobart Liang

Masters Pairs (Flight A): 2. J. McCully, G. McOrmond

Masters Pairs (Flight B): 3/4. H. Sussman, K. Johnson

Super Open Pairs (Flight B): 3. C. Glen, P. Glen

Super Open Pairs (Flight B): 2. E. Ryan, T. Moore, F. Shen, M. Newcombe

PENTICTON REGIONALMore Overall Winners

Oldstream Pairs: 2. R. Tetreau, D. Murrar

Super Open Pairs (Flight B): 3. Len Feeny, Bob Percher
7. Joel Martineau, G. McCully

winner of the game with Ron Feldman, courtesy of DINO was Louis Vervoort of Chilliwack, B.C.

IT'S YOUR BID

After a year of being on the receiving end of "It's Your Bid" it was time to strike a blow for liberty, Tsawwassen and the W.C.B. I note that one of the two regular editors, Lauren Miller, has been sent to Tulsa for more seasoning and did not submit solutions, while the other, Laurence Betts, submitted only brief comments, perhaps realizing that "Anything you may say can and will be used against you!"

In any event, on to a most interesting set of problems and an even more interesting set of solutions:

PROBLEM #1

MP's - N-S Vulnerable

As South you hold: AQ 10XX KXXX KXXX

N	E	S	W
1H	P	2NT	P
3D	P	?	

3H (12 votes); 3S (5) - 8

4H (1) - 6; 3NT (1) - 4

The problem on this hand appears to be one of NT vs. hearts (or even diamonds) rather than the level:

Bow Liu: "4H. Need your partner to have stiff club, solid hearts and K of spades to make slam. 3NT is a bad spot."

While there was a consensus regarding the first proposition, most panelists did not feel that the 3NT was necessarily a bad spot.

E. Kokish: "3H. Surely the best move for now. Real decision still to come over 3NT."

G. McOrmond: "3H. Partner either has some doubt about playing in NT or has slam aspirations. Either way, 3H suggests a fit, discourages slam, and keeps 3NT open."

R. Borg: "3H. First task is to show partner I have heart support."

It would appear that 3H would allow for further description on a solid foundation. I would be pessimistic over all but a 4C cue-bid by partner.

The 3S bidders felt that by bidding their values, the decision could be left up to partner.

J. Hurdle: "3S. Over 3NT (Pass), over 4C, (4D) over 4D (4S) over 4H (5H) etc. My gut feeling is to play 3NT at matchpoints, but to bid that is too unilateral with seven cards in partner's suits."

And from unilateral Tsawwassen:

C. Lindsay: "3NT. Any other call commits the partnership to either a poor matchpoint 5D or a marginal 6D."

(We play a lot of four card majors out here.)

N. Chambers: "3S. Hear further from partner - hoping he will bid 3NT. Essentially, 3S is in support of diamonds."

D. Andrews: "3S. If partner does not show an interest in slam, sign off in 4H at matchpoints."

The virtue of 3S is its flexibility - showing values toward 3NT if partner has club cards, as well as a mild slam try. I expect that this hand will be played in 4H more often than not.

PROBLEM #2

MP's - N-S Vulnerable

As South you hold: X Q10XXX KQX AQXX

N	E	S	W
	2S	D	4S
4N	P	?	

5C - 10 (11 votes); 5D - 6 (4); 6C - 3 (2); 6H - 2 (2)

I have personally had many problems during auctions involving 4NT - is it Blackwood, unusual, general takeout or a general slam try-cue bid. Once I have decided which interpretation partner intended, I am plagued by self-doubt - "how else could partner ask for aces?" or "he could have no other way of showing the minors, etc." While some of our panelists found this not to be a serious problem, there were sufficiently divergent views to make me realize that I was not alone.

When this was written up in the Bridge World, it was felt that partner's age was the key factor: Over 60 - general takeout
50 - 60 - Blackwood
Under 50 - minors or two suited.

This appears to have been borne out to some extent:

B. Barrington: "6H."

R. Borg: "6C. I play 4NT in this sequence for general takeout, but it could be for minors, Blackwood or general takeout."

(Ron's youthful appearance belies his years.)

And now for the Blackwood proponents:

B. & R. Purves: "5D. Assume my partner wants ace count."

D. D. Smith: "5D. Hope it's Blackwood."

G. McOrmond: "5D. 4N should be Blackwood. Playing it for the minors is not necessary, as you've already shown support for these suits. Without Blackwood there is absolutely no slam mechanism over this type of pre-emption."

(This supports another of my theories - that no one from Victoria is younger than 50.)
(Sorry, Blue.)

Finally, for the majority, some found it to be no problem:

L. Betts: "5C. 4NT is unusual or at least two-suited."

C. Lindsay: "5C. Can there possibly be another call?"

E. Kokish: 5C. Sorry, even I don't understand the problem."

While others had some consideration as to the other options:

J. Hurdle: "5C. 4NT is two suited (with partner bidding 5D over 5C with hearts and diamonds. The merit of this theory is that partner is more often uncertain as to which suit to compete in, than only needing to know ace count - for Dennis Dohl - in one clear cut suit."

D. Dohl: "You talkin' to me, Turtle?"

My personal favourite is a "cover-all-bases approach":

D. Andrews: "5C. If partner was asking for aces, he'll likely assume that I misread his bid since I would almost certainly have an ace for this auction at this vulnerability

And now, for a little action:

A. Ballantyne: "6C. Guessing, as we may be too high with a sure spade loser - but they may bid 6 spades."

(There won't be many push boards in our IMP League matches this year!)

PROBLEM #3

IMP's - none vulnerable

As South you hold: 10XXX A AKQ10X AXX

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
		1D	1S
D(negp)		?	

3D - 10 (6 votes); 2N - 9 (5); 2S - 8 (4); 3S - 6 (1); 2C - 4 (1); P - 1 (1); 2D - 4 (1)

As is evident from the wide range of answers, there is no clear cut bid: is 10XXX a spade stopper?; how will communication unfold during the play of the hand?; how to convey the high-card and possible playing strength of the hand, and still allow flexibility in the auction?; is a cue bid a game force?

Most bids are reasonable and yet lacking in one respect: the spade stopper is not as solid as it might be for 2NT; 3D may land the partnership in the wrong strain - either missing 3NT or precluding clubs; etc.

G. McOrmond: "3D. Describes my good diamond suit and my values. 2N should guarantee one solid stopper (and a more balanced hand). 2S is an overbid, especially with no established fit."

(Although 3D does little to find a fit and puts a lot of pressure on partner to bid NT with JX, etc.)

R. Borg: "3D. While other calls may be winners on some hands, the advantage of the pedestrian bid of 3D is that subsequent bids will be easier if partner bids again."

2NT, however, appears to be more flexible. Acknowledging the risk regarding spades:

E. Kokish: "2NT. Very tough. So many ways that 10XXX will provide a stopper that some risk is justified. 3D a close second choice."

J. Hurdle: "2NT. About shows my strength and I doubt that the opponents will unscramble 5 spade tricks, even if it can be done. Partner can bid 3S over 2NT with a singleton spade - leading to some level of diamonds."

C. Lindsay: "2NT. Denies support for unbid suits, shows values and stopper(???)"

N. Chambers: "2NT. Hoping something good will happen."

The cue bidders were led by a man resplendid with a copy of Page 108 of the Bridge Encyclopedia on Directional Asking Bids:

M. Dimich: "A directional asking bid of 2S. Partner must bid NT with QX, JXX or better. If he is unable to do so, I would follow it up with another D.A.B. of 3S. Partner with JX or stiff J, Q, K must bid NT."

(Science is alive and well in East Vancouver.) And from the heart of Victoria:

Downtown Duncan Smith: "2S. Must force with this moose. Playing with McAvoy would make an asking bid of 3 spades."

(Duncan and Jim don't miss many games, although even they would admit that they don't make them all.)

J. Paynter: "2S. Over partner's 3H, will venture 3NT."

I like this approach, in that it shows values and only a partial stopper, as one could not bid NT immediately.

Not playing for an average:

Bow Liu: "Pass. You won't make 3NT."

(Wouldn't A of hearts and a small diamond to partner's J be wonderful if it worked!)

PROBLEM #4

MP's - Both vulnerable

As South you hold: AXXXX QJXXXX A A

N	E	S	W
		1H	P
1S	P	?	

4C, 4D - 10 (8 votes); 4N - 9 (1); 3C, 3D - 6 (3); 5S - 5 (2); 4S - 4 (3); 5H - 4 (1); 6S - 2 (1)

A difficult problem, in that it appears that there should be a scientific way of ascertaining partner's spade and heart holdings. It seems that most auctions lack certainly if partner has particular holdings, although my feeling is that partner should not hesitate to freely cue-bid the king of hearts at his earliest opportunity, which could be followed by a jump to 5S to determine his trump quality. Despite the enormous playing strength of your hand, partner's holding of the two major suit kings would not make slam much more than 50%.

But better minds than mine have applied themselves to this problem:

L. Betts: "6S. Science in action."

(Now everyone know why we do so well together - everybody's off balance.)

N. Chambers: "5H. Asking bid in support of spades."

A. Ballantyne: "5S. This may be asking about spades, but hopefully partner will look at his hearts, too."

(If he has them. With KQJ etc. of spades, partner may foolishly assume that you have all the hearts.)

G. McOrmond: "4C. Over a rebid of 4S by partner, I will bid 5D. The best I can hope for is to show my controls in the minors and let him evaluate his major suit holdings."

This seems to be the best course, allowing partner to view his hand as a whole, as it does not appear possible to place specific cards in his hand.

Eric, not surprisingly, has a treatment:

E. Kokish: "3NT. Which in our style shows at least 4 - 6 with appropriate values. With less exotic agreements, I would try 4C and pass a return to 4S without much pleasure.

Another agreement which may come in useful:

Johnstons: "4NT. Keycard (5C = 0 or 3, 5D = 1 or 4; 5H = 2; 5S = 2 + trump 0)."

The merit of this is that partner will consider both major suit kings to be "keycards" and treat them as aces in responding.

And now from the "Mad Bull from Tsawwassen":

C. Lindsay: "4C. An underbid splinter. If partner bids 4H, there may be no holding back! Options thereafter are multiple."

A pseudo-scientific auction for a pseudo-scientific problem:

D. Andrews: "4D. (Splinter) followed by 5C over 4S and 6S over a heart cue bid by partner at the five level. A pseudo-scientific auction."

Putting the onus on partner is:

B. Liu: "4S. With extras, partner should make a mild slam try."

(I would think that if partner's extras are in the minors, we wouldn't want to be much higher, and if his minimum is in the majors, we'll wish we'd bid more.)

Finally, a solution which only his partners (past and present) could fully appreciate:

R. Borg: "3C. I intend on making forcing calls to the 5 level and hope partner finds a way to give me the information I need about spades and hearts. Hate to mastermind (Yea - sure! ed. note) but hand is one where I need specific information and have no specific tool for asking.

In conclusion, all roads could lead to the right spot. I feel that partner's hand evaluation (i.e. not to cue bid hearts with JXXX of spades) will be determinative factor in any auction.

PROBLEM #5

MP's - both vulnerable

You hold: XX X AKQJXXX JXX

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
		?	

3NT - 10 (8 votes); 1D - 8 (4); 3D - 6 (4); other - 3 (3 votes)

This was the most straight-forward problem of the bunch, featuring a tactical question: to blast with a gambling 3NT (assuming one plays the convention); to soft-pedal with 1D; to start with a solid 3D or to have fun with any other bid. I personally feel it is close between 3NT and 1D, as each will work out at different times. I don't like 3D, as it's pre-emptive value is marginal and it could help opponents as much as hinder them. (I fully support the other bids, but only in a Helena, Montana midnight game.)

From a "what's the problem" viewpoint:

D. Andrews: "3NT. Conventional showing solid minor, no voids and no outside A or K."

L. Betts: "3NT. Perfect."

J. Hurdle: "My only question is 'Have I agreed to play the Betts' 3NT?'"

(Interesting - my understanding was that the bid was originated by Mrs. Penelope Loveless in Muskogon in 1962.)

Acknowledging the risk:

G. McOrmond: "3NT. At equal vulnerability, I'm willing to risk -800, I'll probably have company."

Maybe, but not from -

R. & B. Purves: "Pass. I'm 'conservative' and hope that all other pairs get into trouble. Prepared to bid 5D later if necessary."

And now from a man with an appetite for adventure:

D. Smith: "1D. Too good for pre-empt. I don't play gambling 3NT, but if I did, this hand would be ideal. On second thought - 3NT."

Some preferred a descriptive 3 diamonds:

C. Lindsay: "3D. A style bid. May either facilitate or complicate opponent's auction, but should leave partner well placed."

R. Borg: "3D. Play this bid showing solid seven card minor - and so do my partners."

Johnstons: "3D. (With help from Ron.)"

The 1D bidders based their view on both logical and extensive experience:

M. Dimich: "1D. Lead directing without letting opponents know that they are essentially dealing with a 30 H.C.P. deck."

E. Kokish: "1D. Based purely on personal experience, 3NT is a big loser."

It appears that somebody spiked the brownies at the "Little House on E. 22nd":

N. Chambers: "1NT. Automatic."

(With 7 tricks in his own hand, who could argue?)

A. Ballantyne: "1S. 1NT is good, but 1 spade has pre-emptive value and is sure to confuse."

What more can I say?

Highest score was achieved by Jenny Paynter (48) closely followed by Eric Kokish (47), Mike Dimich (46), Gordie McOrmond (46) and the Johnstons (45). The Johnstons stood to win, had they not been swayed by the persuasive Ron on the last problem.

It's been fun. I hope to do it all again next year.

- Gary Harper

In the next issue Aidan Ballantyne, outraged by his score of 24 this month takes over as It's Your Bid Editor, so choose your answers carefully or wildly.

NEXT MONTH'S PROBLEMS

1. MP's - none vulnerable

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
?			

AJ3 A987542 AK6 --

2D - would be a good bid if partner had a weak hand. If partner has a strong hand, 2D is a bit risky. 2S is a better bid.

2. MP's - E-W vulnerable

S	W	N	E
-	-	1H	2D
?			

AJ965 Q10973 -- 642

2S - also a good bid. 2D is a bit risky. 2S is a better bid.

3. MP's - E-W vulnerable

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	2D
?			

-- Q108654 AJ85 K03

2D - would be a good bid if partner had a weak hand. If partner has a strong hand, 2D is a bit risky. 2S is a better bid.

4. MP's - E-W vulnerable

$\frac{S}{-}$	$\frac{W}{-}$	$\frac{N}{-}$	$\frac{E}{-}$
?	15	P	4D (splinter)

A6 AQJ4 Q107532 8

5. MP's - N-S vulnerable

$\frac{S}{-}$	$\frac{W}{-}$	$\frac{N}{-}$	$\frac{E}{-}$
P	P	3D	P

Q9762 A8653 K K5

BITS AND PIECESNEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to the following new life masters:

Mr. B. "Chris" Christofferson
 Mr. N. N. "Bert" Curry
 Mrs. C. R. Fear
 Mr. C. Glen

OLD LIFE MASTERS AND THE COST OF LIVING

Condolences to life masters of five years or more who'll have to start paying a recording fee if they want their "account" serviced. All but new life masters will face an increase in fees according to the latest pronouncement from the A.C.B.L.

The Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League acted in March, at Houston, to recognize the wide variation in the exchange rate for the U.S. and Canadian dollar. The Board took this action:

Effective July 1, 1978, and until further notice, all charges assessed or approved by the A.C.B.L. Board of Directors, in the past and in the future, shall be considered to be in U.S. dollars.

The "A.C.B.L. rate of exchange", effective July 1, 1978, is: \$1.15 Canadian equals \$1.00 U.S.

The 1979 A.C.B.L. Membership Fee for Canadians is pegged at \$8.00 Canadian, and will stand for the 1979 dues year, becoming effective with all dues payments for 1979.

The Service Fee for Life Masters of more than five years will be \$4.60 Canadian. These figures will not change during the dues year.

UNIT BOARD MOTIONS

Two motions of interest to tournament players which were passed at the September meeting of the Unit's Board of Directors are that:

- every Vancouver and area sectional will include a Swiss Team Championship of some type
- entry fees will remain at current levels until the Board reviews the 1979 budget to determine if any change in fees is likely to be necessary.

As Gary Harper eases himself into semi-retirement, jobs are opening up for enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy work for little praise. The latest opening is for a statistician to tabulate the Phil Wood Trophy Race results. Anyone interested should speak to a Unit Board member.

IMP LEAGUE

As we go to press the Women's IMP League (WIMP League in some circles) has gone the way of most summer pastimes. The final outcome rests on the Paynter - Dickie match.

THE MATCHPOINTER

Christmas 1978

Publisher: Gary Harper

Editor: Doug Andrews

W I N T E R S E C T I O N A L

FEBRUARY 2 - 4, 1979

RICHMOND INN
Richmond, B.C.

Friday, February 2, 1979

1:30 p.m.	MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 p.m.	MIXED PAIRS, NOVICE PAIRS (Less than 10 MP)

Saturday, February 3, 1979

1:30 p.m.	OPEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING
3:00 p.m.	OPEN PAIRS - FINAL
	CONSOLATION

Sunday, February 4, 1979

11:00 a.m.	(2 SESSION PLAY THROUGH)
4:00 p.m.	SWISS TEAMS

SIDE GAMES AS REQUIRED

\$3.00 Entry Fee

Phil Wood
Director

Brian May
Tournament Chairman

An A.C.B.L. Unit #430 publication

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

SWISS TEAMS - RED POINTS - SECTIONALLY RATED

STAGE I - Local - 2 Sessions

Place: Richmond Inn
Date: January 23, 1979 (Sunday)
Times: Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30.00 per team

STAGE II - Semi-Finals - 3 Sessions

Place: Richmond Inn
Date: March 24th & 25th (Sat. 2 sessions, Sun. 1 session)
Times: Sat. 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Fee: \$45.00 per team

STAGE III - Finals - to be held sometime in April 1979.

Details will be announced.

NOTE: It is permissible for a team to play in Stage I only.

For further information and/or assistance in finding partners, teams, etc., please contact: Alan Gerrie at 274-0506.

CROSSRUFF

It won't be long before the reindeer are on the roof and that round red man will be coming down the chimney (not yet Phil). On behalf of the members of the Unit Board and the staff of the Matchpointer we wish everyone a happy holiday season and a successful 1979.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

In lieu of a Christmas Party the Board decided to hold a New Year's Party. The Party will be held on January 7th and will begin at 6:30. At 7:30 the Unit Game will begin. Parties will take place at both the Holiday Inn and in Cloverdale. There will be door prizes, snacks, and a free drink to all attending. See you there.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Appointments to the A.C.B.L. Goodwill Committee for 1979 have been announced. Appointed from our District are Jane Green and Cliff Forrester. Congratulations folks.

Ourgoing representatives from our District are Jo MacDonald and George E. Joneson.

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The District final of the Grand National Pairs event will be held on January 6, 1979 at the Seattle Centre. The starting times for the two session event are 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. It is expected that four or five pairs will qualify to represent the District at the final held in conjunction with the 1979 Spring Nationals.

Each pair eligible for the District final should obtain a certificate of qualification from Aban Gerrie.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sympathy that we report the passing of two very well liked women players from our Unit, E. Bonnell and Eileen Stokes.

WHOOOPS

We omitted to thank Phil Wood for donating his time to seed the Unit level of the Grand National Pairs event. Sorry Phil, and thank you.

Our apologies also are extended to players from Valleyview, Matsqui, and Mission Bridge Clubs whose Matchpointers were very late in arriving due to a mix-up in mailing instructions.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Nathan Divinsky who was elected to School Board in the recent Vancouver elections.

CHANGE OF RANK

ACBL RANK CHANGE AS AT OCTOBER 10, 1978

Junior	Mrs. J.M. Beamish, Surrey	Master	Mrs. A. Browning, Burnaby
Master	Mr. G.F. Denison, Vancouver		Mrs. J. Costain, Burnaby
	Mrs. K.E. Denison, Vancouver		Mrs. G.F. Wakabayashi, Bby.
	Mr. L. Morrison, Vancouver		Mrs. M.D. Wilson, Burnaby
	Mr. P.F. Wood, Vancouver		
National	Mr. C.G. Blake, Chilliwack	Senior	Mr. K.H. Danielson, Surrey
Master	Mr. L. De Haan, N. Vancouver	Master	Mr. L.W. Gorling, Vancouver
	Mr. F.C. Shen, Burnaby		Mrs. H. Gray, W. Vancouver
			Ms. T. Moore, Vancouver
Life	Mr. A.L. Carlson, Powell River		Mr. P. Radnai, Aldergrove
Master	Mrs. M.J. Carlson, "		Mr. P.S. Richardson, Surrey

Special congratulations to the Carlsons who are new life masters. For the record, he made it first.

PHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE

Doug Andrews hung on to win the Phil Wood Trophy Race despite fine showings by Jean Groome and Stan Dillabough at the last Vancouver sectional.

The winner of the under 200 master point award has not yet been determined. If you started the year with less than 200 points and think you may have a chance of winning, contact Mo Aaron at 732-7363.

Both winners will receive free plays to all sessions of the 1979 Vancouver sectional tournaments.

Our call for a statistician for the Phil Wood Race was answered by Peter Walton who will assume the job for 1979. Thanks Peter.

WE NEED A PUBLISHER

Since our last ad was so effective we'll try another. Gary Harper has indicated that he would like to have a successor as publisher. Anyone interested in the job should speak to Gary, Doug Andrews, or any Board member.

The requirements for a publisher are enough room to set up a Gestetner machine, about a 6 foot by 4 foot area, room to store paper, and 6 to 8 hours of time six times a year as each issue comes to press.

With the current newspaper strike on you'd better get your application in quick if you want the job.

RECORDING FEES

Several life masters of five years or longer have asked what the situation is with respect to the recording fees introduced in 1979. I'm not sure of all the details but my understanding is as follows.

If you pay the \$4.50 recording fee everything continues as it is now.

If you don't pay you will stop receiving monthly notifications showing points won. However, for no charge, you may ask the A.C.B.L. what your current total of points is and they will tell you.

We suspect that, if you don't pay, you'll stop receiving the Bulletin and the Forum. If this happens you may subscribe to the Forum by paying an annual fee of one dollar.

Well what's it going to be? Don't forget, we have ways to make you pay.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, club news, It's Your Bid Answers should be sent to:

Doug Andrews
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Vancouver, B. C. V6G 1Y7

We're short on club news, club managers please send us a list of your special events up to April 1979. Concerning It's Your Bid anyone can submit answers, so please contribute.

DOUG ANDREWS

DEFENSIVE QUIZ

North

10 8 7 4

J 9

4 3

A K 10 9 5

You

A 6 2

K 7 3

J 10 6

Q J 3 2

At IMP the bidding goes:

South

1N (15-17)

2D

3D

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

North

2C

2N

3N

East

Pass

Pass

All pass

Partner leads the club 8; declarer plays the 9 and you win the J. What now?
ANSWER ON PAGE 3.

CLUB NEWSNORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUBChristmas Activities:

Wednesday, 20th December - Open Pairs Club Tournament
 Thursday, 21st December - Novice Pairs Club Tournament (under 20 mp's)
 Friday, 22nd December - Party Night (Individual Movement Game)
 Friday, 29th December - Open Pairs Club Tournament
 Wednesday, 3 Jan./1979 - Membership Game - Sectionally rated

SILVER HARBOUR CENTRE BRIDGE CLUB

The new club manager is:

Mrs. Edna Cassey
 9-127 East 12th Street,
 North Vancouver, B. C. V7L 2J3

1979 CANADA WIDE OLYMPIAD FUND GAMES

Wednesday, April 25, 1979
 Thursday, September 16, 1979

THE 1979 UNIT GAME CALENDAR

All games to be held at both the Holiday Inn on Howe Street and in Cloverdale. All games start at 7:30 p.m. Entry fees in 1979 are up to \$2.50 per player. The player accumulating the most master points during the year wins free plays to the following year's Unit Games.

January	7 - New Year's Party	July	8
February	11	August	5
March	4	September	9
April	1	October	7
May	6	November	4
June	10	December	16 - Christmas Party

UNIT GAME POINT RACEVancouver (To end of October)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	C. A. Swanson	8.27
2	R. Hansen	8.04
3	F. Sontag	6.76
4	M. Dimich	6.25
5	B. Liu	5.82
6	Martin Johnson	5.34
7	A. Hicks	5.00
8	S. Jacobson	4.98
9	T. Prediger	4.78
10/11	A. Nagy (twice)	4.00

ANSWER TO DEFENSIVE QUIZ

From the auction declarer is known to hold at least 5 diamonds and no four card major. If he holds the top three diamonds he has five tricks in that suit, two club tricks and needs only two more. Since declarer does not have 4 hearts, partner has at least 5 so this suit provides the best prospects for the defense. Which heart should you lead?

If partner has 5 hearts to the Q the hand will not be set unless he also has the 10. If he doesn't have the 10 it may be important to switch to spades because declarer will have 2 heart tricks to fulfil his contract. If you lead back the heart 3 partner may well play you for both heart K and 10; therefore, you should lead the heart K. If partner has the Q and 10 he'll know to continue hearts. If he lacks the 10 he'll switch to spades. Partner's hand was: KJ5 Q8642 872 84 and the defense can take 3 spades, 1 heart and 1 club.

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME OVERALL WINNERS

<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>	
1. Ernie Dietrich, Ron McConnell	221½	1. L. Vervoot, T. Stiennon	190
2. Tony Stiennon, L. Vervoot	203	2. N. Treleaven, B. Dack	184½
3. D & G Estrada	201	3. H. Legault, G. Klotz	182½
4. A & E Henke	187	4. K. Thompson, D. Tynan	181
5. H. Sussman, K. Johnson	184½	5. J. Green, M. Schulmann	179
6. Bob Jackson, B. McLeod	182½	6. L. Feeny, J. Groves	178

October Section Winners

<u>N-S</u>	<u>E-W</u>
1. Ernie Dietrich, Ron McConnell	1. Tony Stiennon, L. Vervoot
2. A & E Henke	2. D & G Estrada
3. H. Sussman, K. Johnson	3. R & J Groome
4. Bob Jackson, B. McLeod	4. B & B Wersfold
5. K. Thompson, Wilf May	5. Herbie Lum, Midge Hodge
6. J. Adams, J. Sims	6. D. Blinkhorn, M. Tifano

November Section Winners

<u>N-S</u>	<u>E-W</u>
1. H. Legault, G. Klotz	1. L. Vervoot, T. Stiennon
2. K. Thompson, D. Tynan	2. N. Treleaven, B. Dack
3. J. Green, M. Schulmann	3. L. Feeny, J. Groves
4. A.J. Brown, L. Brown	4. A. Henke, E. Henke
5. S.L. Bruneau, D. Crapko	5. M. Fines, E. Fines
6. C. Collin, W. May	6. C. Carroll, P. Radnai

VANCOUVER UNIT GAME OVERALL WINNERS

<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>	
1. C. Swanson, E. Moyer	132½	1. H. Waks, C. Swanson	137½
2. R. Betts, C. Christoffersen	131½	2. J. Tucker, A. McBeth	178½
3. J. Bryden, E. Christopherson	130½	3. R. Dixon, B. Curry	177½
4. R. Jorjour, J. DeMeulemeester	127½	4. R. Borg, J. Berry	177
5/6 A. Hicks, B. Curry	123½	5. M. Smith, D. McCully	175½
5/6 D & C Jacob	123½	6. F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	170½

October Section Winners

<u>Section A</u>	<u>N-S</u>	<u>E-W</u>
1. R. Betts, C. Christoffersen		1. J. Bryden, E. Christopherson
2. A. Hicks, B. Curry		2. J. McCully, B. May
3. S. Jacobson, F. Sontag		3. M. Newcombe, J. Whittlesay
4. H. Rodd, V. Hetman		4. C. Delisle, J. Paynter

<u>Section B</u>	<u>N-S</u>	<u>E-W</u>
1. C. Swanson, E. Moyer		1. R. Jorjour, J. DeMeulemeester
2. D. Grodden, A. McBeth		2. D & C Jacob
3. B. Buchanan, J. Miura		3. V. Miles, K. Lee
4. B. Hicks, D. Campbell		4. D. Thomas, S. Dillabaugh

November Section Winners

<u>N-S</u>	<u>E-W</u>
1. H. Waks, C. Swanson	1. R. Dixon, B. Curry
2. J. Tucker, A. McBeth	2. A. Nagy, A. Pendrigh
3. R. Borg, J. Berry	3. S. Scotland, R. Garrett
4. M. Smith, D. McCully	4/5/6 A. Anderson, J. McDonald
5. F. Sontag, S. Jacobson	4/5/6 B. Barrington, A. Ross
	4/5/6 N. Thesberg, L. Steil

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

By: L.J.

Santa has a very full sack this year, he didn't forget any of us. I just got one peak but here's what I saw:

- a book by Blackwood for Cam Lindsay
- a detailed road map of Vancouver for Doug Andrews
- a new shirt without a single hole for Henry Smilie
- a large oil painting of Bert Curry for Moyna Krusell
- five free regional palys with Fred Sontag for Dennis Dohl
- the best lawyer in the country for Jim Andrews
- a copy of "Five Weeks To Winning Bridge" for Bow Liu
- a bottle of "Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific" for Mike Kelly (does Santa know something we don't?)
- a personal director for Harvey Piercy
- 3.31 gold points for Morris Potzold (is this too many Morris?)
- a new Giant scribbler for John Payne
- a singleton King of Clubs offside for John Hurdle
- a new curling iron for Gerry McCully
- Santa's tallest elf for Elaine Ryan
- a large bottle of ketchup for Ron Dixon
- a year's supply of first round late plays for Paul Hagen

and a big wish for a Happy New Year to all.

INTERCITY TRIALS

The 1978 trials to select teams to play against Seattle in the Intercity Challenge Match were held October 28th and 29th. The three session IMP pairs event, the only one of its kind in the Unit, was organized by Aban Gerrie and directed by Sandy McCreery assisted by Bob MacDuff.

Thirty-two pairs participated in the over 200 master point section and fourteen pairs competed in the under 200 section. The first four pairs in each section qualified for the Intercity Team. These four pairs selected a non-playing captain and with more or less difficulty selected a fifth pair to join the team.

The captain, order of finish of the first four pairs, and the selected pair are shown below. Good luck to all in Seattle on December 9th and 10th.

	<u>Over 200 MP</u>	<u>Under 200 MP</u>
N-P Captain:	B. May	A. Ballantyne
1.	L. Betts - G. McOrmond	K. Johnson - H. Sussman
2.	J. Andrews - R. Connop	C. Hodson - B. Favell
3.	J. Hurdle - F. Sontag	D. Bartlett - D. Estrada
4.	P. Hagen - R. Borg	M. Krusell - J. Payne
Selected:	M. Strebinger - J. Donaldson	J. Bryden - D. Strachan

Lawrence Betts and Gord McOrmond rolled over the field in the over 200 picking up about 50 IMP each session (zero is average).

The following hand from the Vancouver Swiss Teams illustrates the combination of good play and aggressive bidding which are the marks of their style at IMP's.

X
K10XX
AKQXXX
K10

KQ10XXX
AXX
JX
OX

XX
XXX
XXXX
XXXX

AJXX
QJX
X
AJXXX

<u>West</u>	<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Gord</u>
IS	X	P	2S
X	4D	P	4H
P	4N	P	5H
P	6H	all pass	

When Gord rebid his hearts over Blackwood Lawrence drove to slam not anticipating that his partner had a three card suit. With hearts splitting 3-3 and diamonds 4-2 with the hand with the heart ace holding 2 diamonds, the Moysian fit is the only slam which makes the play went: spade K won by the A, heart Q ducked, diamond A, diamond ruff, heart J. Dummy was eventually entered with the club K to draw trumps and run diamonds.

IMP LEAGUE

After the first three complete rounds of play the standings in each league are as follows (average is 30 victory points):

"A" League

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>
1	Andrews	56
2	Christie	48
3	Dimich	44
4	Betts	37
5	Johnson	29
6	Curry	27
7/8	Ballantyne	20
7/8	Dickie	20
9	Minkoff	12
10	Dillabough	6

"B" League

Division I

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>
1	Groome	39
2/3	Hein	35
2/3	Herman	35
4	Thomas	27
5	Lee	25
6	Johnson	6

Division II

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>
1	Sussman	45
2	Hodson	35
3	Ryan	34
4	Whittlesay	29
5	Johnson	19
6	Hetman	18

One aspect of IMP play which differs from matchpoint strategy is the rule of playing for your contract. Let's look at two deals which came up recently.

In fourth chair, after three passes, both vulnerable, you pick up,
 QJ AKQJX AXX AJX
 and decide to open 1 heart. As might be anticipated everyone passes. Dummy hits with

XX X QJ109XX OXXX

The opening lead is the spade 8 and you can see that if the diamond finesse works you can probably make five diamonds. RHO wins the spade K and returns a low club, what do you play?

If you played low, the defense continues as follows: club K, club back ruff, diamond back ruff, club back ruff, diamond back ruff, spade to the A, diamond back ruff; down two, minus 200. At the other table, declarer played the club A and drew trumps making three, plus 140 - an 8 IMP swing. The complete deal was as follows:

	XX	
	X	
	QJ109XX	
	OXXX	
XXXXX		AKXX
XXX		XXXX
----		KXXX
KXXXX		X
	QJ	
	AKQJX	
	AXX	
	AJX	

That was an example of being conservative and playing for your contract. The same principle applies when you're in an apparently hopeless contract but are not doubled.

As East you are declarer at 3NT on the following cards:

AXXX	XX
AQ10X	KX
----	AQJXXXX
AQJXX	XX

The defense attacks spades. You win the third round and play the club Q, hoping to find clubs 3-3. The defense wins, cashes the last spade and puts you back in dummy with a club. You cash the other high club and find them 4-2. What should you do?

Let's review the situation. You have one spade, one diamond, two clubs, and three, possibly four hearts, at least one trick short. If you concede a club to get another trick you're down automatically, having lost three spades and two clubs.

At matchpoints you should probably concede a club for one down, likely not a bad result on these cards. But at IMP, not doubled, play for your contract.

Cross to the heart K, cross your fingers and lay down the diamond A. Yes, in the actual deal there was a singleton diamond K and a game swing to the team that played for their contract. This is the Christmas issue you know.

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

Editor's Introduction: The following article is composed of excerpts from letters by Canadian Bridge Federation representatives. The article is published for informational purposes only, it should not be construed as representative of the views of any of the Unit Board membership. In fact, the Unit is on record as being strongly opposed to the concept of a third all-Canadian Zone.

Excerpts of a letter from Sandra Borg to Unit #430:

"As your Zone 6 representative, I attended a meeting in July of this year, of The Canadian Bridge Federation, held in Toronto.

A highlight of the meeting, was that the Canadian Bridge Federation met for the first time with the Board of Directors of the A.C.B.L. Our President Alex Kisin made a fine presentation to the board.

We asked for two things: briefly,

1. That the C.B.F. be recognized as the spokesman for Canadian interests, with a further request for a direct line of Communication with the A.C.B.L.
2. We submitted a proposal that the Grand Nationals be divided into Canadian Zones for purposes of our selecting Canadian Champions, and that these winners would gain a birth in the Bermuda Bowl play-offs.

The A.C.B.L. has appointed a committee to consider our requests, and will discuss the matters further in Denver. The director of Zone 1, Judge James Harper, has sent me a copy of a letter he forwarded to the committee, which encapsules our presentation.

..... Many members have a suspicion that the C.B.F. is a rebel organization with the intent of separating from the A.C.B.L., this is not our purpose and I think this letter clarifies our views.

I would appreciate a further discussion with your Unit executive on the subject of a third all Canadian District. We wish to keep a record of the views of the Western Units on this matter."

Excerpts of a letter from James D. Harper to Richard Goldberg:

"First of all, a re-statement of what the C.B.F. is and is not. The Canadian Bridge Federation has no people as members. It is, therefore, without any disciplinary powers except insofar as its own executive is concerned. It cannot impose penalties of any sort whatsoever upon any bridge player involved in any A.C.B.L. sanctioned event. It has no direct authority at all over any player.

The C.B.F. is a federation of those units of the A.C.B.L. whose members reside in Canada. Without the A.C.B.L. there would be no units and hence no federation. The C.B.F. is, therefore, by its constitution irrevocably wedded to the A.C.B.L. and (I might add) is very happily married.

The C.B.F. is quite content with the present vertical structure of the A.C.B.L. (i.e. club to unit to district, etc.) and if we are granted our requests, this structure would remain exactly "as is". The A.C.B.L. would continue to govern Canadian duplicate bridge in the same manner and to the same degree as it does at present.

The A.C.B.L. would remain the sole sanctioning authority for each and every duplicate tournament run in Canada at which master points are awarded. The A.C.B.L. Rules and Regulations would not be in any manner varied and the A.C.B.L. would remain the sole authority in matters involving discipline of players and all other matters arising out of the ordinary machinery of running duplicate bridge in North America.

Why, then does the C.B.F. exist? What does it do for Canadian bridge the A.C.B.L. cannot do at least as well, if not better?

It is our desire that the A.C.B.L. formally recognize that Canadian bridge players are not only members of its organization with all the rights, duties, and responsibilities attendant thereon, but that they are also citizens of a different country than are the vast majority of A.C.B.L. members.

To a certain extent the A.C.B.L. has already evidenced recognition of this fact by permitting Canadians to choose the annual charity of their choice and to collect and disburse funds within our national boundaries. This is one of the present functions of the Canadian Bridge Federation, but it is not the be-all and end-all of our existence. We look forward to the day when there will be a third Canadian A.C.B.L. District in the western provinces so that a portion of the present districts 18 and 19 will be geographically redefined to form a new district north of the border.

At the present time this is impossible to achieve even were the A.C.B.L. to agree, because of honourable disagreement of some of our Canadian Units that this would be a change for the better. So be it, and the task of attempting to convince those units now disagreeing with such a proposal is purely a matter for the C.B.F. itself to attempt to resolve. There are some matters in the world of North American duplicate bridge that are purely Canadian in scope.

In order that we may properly present these views on a nationalistic rather than regional plane, and on a "Canadian coast-to-coast" rather than a "north-south Canadian-U.S." basis, we therefore propose that the A.C.B.L. formally recognize the C.B.F. as the voice of its Canadian members in matters involving Canada as a nation and not merely as the sum of its parts, i.e. Districts 1, 2, and part of 18 and 19.

Please understand we are very well pleased with the present representation of Districts 1, 2, 18 and 19 on the A.C.B.L. Board of Directors. We feel that the per capita representation of Canadian bridge players under the present system is more than fair and equitable.

It must be remembered, however, that those directors of the A.C.B.L. who happen to be Canadians have neither the authority nor the right to speak for the bridge players of Canada as a nation. The loyalty of those directors (and rightly so) is pledged to whatsoever district elected them and to the A.C.B.L.

The C.B.F. directors are elected by the various units within Canada in a manner equally democratic and very similar to the manner in which A.C.B.L. directors are elected. The main difference is that Canada, for C.B.F. purposes, is split into zones from east to west north of the border, rather than districts which may straddle the border as is the case with the A.C.B.L.

Each unit has the right to appoint delegates in numbers that are pro-rated to the number of members in a unit and each delegate is entitled to participate in and vote at the annual general membership meetings of the C.B.F.

The Canadian Bridge Federation is governed by an executive consisting of one director from each zone across Canada so that the Federation represents all parts of Canada. Each zone elects one director, regardless of the number of A.C.B.L. members who may be within its geographical area so that each section of the nation has an equal voice on the executive.

Our first request is, therefore, recognition.

We do not request permanent representation, either on or at the A.C.B.L. directorate; we do request that the A.C.B.L. recognize us as the "voice of Canada" in matters involving the World Bridge Federation and on any other matter in which the interests of Canada as a nation might be affected.

We are requesting, for example, that the "Grand Nationals" be immediately altered so as to provide a purely Canadian play-off with the winner to receive automatic qualification for the Bermuda Bowl trials. In return for this, we are willing to forego our right to qualify as eventual winner of the Grand Nationals on the present "North America wide" basis.

If we receive such recognition, and if we are granted the right to an all-Canadian play-off in the Grand Nationals, we also feel that we should have the right to set our own conditions of contest for any such wholly Canadian event. Our population is so sparse and our area so huge that we have problems of space, time, and money that are not duplicated anywhere else in the bridge-playing world."

NEXT ISSUE'S IT'S YOUR BID PROBLEMS

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|---|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. MP N-S vulnerable
A10 104 J76 AQ9842 | N
1S | E
3D (pre-emp) | S
? | W
— |
| 2. IMP no one vulnerable
AKQJ8632 K97 --- AQ | N
P | E
1D | S
? | W
— |
| 3. IMP N-S vulnerable
KQ854 AJ 108 AK63 | N
1D
2D
3H | E
P
P
P | S
1S
3C
? | W
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P |
| 4. IMP N-S vulnerable
A AK985 AK73 A54 | W
3C | N
P | E
4C | S
? |
| 5. IMP N-S vulnerable
AQ1063 102 A1084 AJ
What do you lead? | S
1S
P | W
3D (pre-emp)
P | N
P
X | E
4H
All pass |

OLYMPIA SECTIONAL

October 27-29, 1978

MASTERS PAIRS

Leo Steil

NANAIMO SECTIONALWOMEN'S PAIRS

Jean Groome - I. Andersen

TACOMA - WINNER OF REGIONAL

2 Session free play with Mary Jane Farrell - Jean Groome

VICTORIA SECTIONAL

November 3-5, 1978

MASTERS

Harvey Piercy - Peter Walton

OPEN

D. McAvoy - L. Betts

SWISS 1/2L. Betts - G. McOrmond
D. Smith - L. MillerSEATTLE SECTIONAL

November 10-12, 1978

SWISS TEAMCONSOLATION:F. Sontag - D. Brazeau
G. Harper - L. MillerROUND-UP SECTIONAL

November 17-19, 1978

Richmond, B.C.

LADIES' PAIRS

(72 Pairs)

1. Isabelle Pratt, New Westminster - Evelyn Hosgood, Burnaby
2. Delphine Tablotney, Vancouver - Sandy Herman, Vancouver
3. Stella Alliston, West Vancouver - Mary Fines, North Vancouver

MEN'S PAIRS

(40 Pairs)

1. Ted Trites, Vancouver - Gill McCully, Kamloops
2. Mike Angus, Port Coquitlam - Peter Marr, Burnaby
3. John Bryden, Vancouver - Rolf Lowinger, Squamish

MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

(42 Teams)

- 1/2. Aidan Ballantyne - Lawrence and Rhonda Betts, Vancouver -
Jean Groome, Delta
- 1/2. Dorrie and Bruce Hignell, Vancouver - Mike and Judy Strebing, Burnaby
3. Izzy Anderson - Gord McOrmond, Vancouver - Ron Smith, Victoria -
Lynn Kangro, North Vancouver

SIDE GAME, Friday Evening

(44 Pairs)

1. Paul Burns, Seattle, Wa. - Stan Dillabough, Vancouver
2. Sefton Levine - Hal Rodd, Vancouver
3. Gil McCully, Kamloops - Pete Walton, Surrey

NOVICE PAIRS

(12 Pairs)

1. Victor and Angeline Bennington, North Vancouver
- 2/3. Sharon Ferguson - Joyce Peters, Vancouver
- 2/3. Joyce and Ted Seeberg, West Vancouver

SUPER OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT A

(62 Pairs)

1. Jean Groome, Delta - Brian May, Vancouver
2. Gary Phelan - Jim Marshall, Port Coquitlam
3. Lynn Kangro, North Vancouver - Gord McOrmond, Vancouver

SUPER OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT B

1. Sam Lucow - Mildred Wohlleben, Vancouver
2. Chris Christoffersen, Vancouver - Laureen Holley, North Vancouver
3. Pearl and Syd Minkoff, Vancouver

SIDE GAME, Saturday Evening

(14 Pairs)

1. Morris Potzold, Burnaby - Bernie Hoy, Vancouver
2. Chuck Hodson, Vancouver - Bob Favel, Richmond
3. Anne and Alan Nielsen, Vancouver

MASTER SWISS TEAM

(58 Teams)

1. Leo Steil, Vancouver - Norm Thesberg - Doug Oram -
Stan Dillabough, Vancouver
2. Ron Groome - Ken Lee - Margaret Schulmann, Delta
Jane Green, Surrey
3. Doug Baldwin, Surrey - Gerry McCully - Doug Andrews -
Mike Dimich, Vancouver

NON-MASTERS SWISS TEAMS

(12 Teams)

- 1/2 Joe Wong - Linda Cohen, Vancouver - Robert Cameron,
North Vancouver - Peter Lauren, Port Alberni
- 1/2 Elsie and Don Jorgenson - Judith and Fritz Bowers, Vancouver
3. Four way tie.

DENVER-FALL NATIONALS

G. McOrmond participated in the Reisinger Team Finals.

THANKSGIVING SECTIONAL

PENTICTON, B.C.

OCTOBER 6-9, 1978

UNMIXED PAIRS

1. John Bryden	Harvey Piercy	both Vancouver
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MIXED PAIRS

1. R. Betts	G. McOrmond	both Vancouver
3. Tom Kinakin	Diane Kinakin	both North Vancouver

PEACH BOWL

1. Ken Dang Prince George	Lauren Miller	Vancouver
3. Bill Lim Prince George	Sandy McCreery	Vancouver

MIDNIGHT PAIRS

Editorial discretion prohibited the publication of results achieved by Unit #430 players in this category.

OPEN PAIRS

1. Marcia Kostynyk	Richard R. Christie	both Vancouver
2. Aidan Ballantyne	Laurence Betts	both Vancouver
3. Anne Nagy	Connie Delisle	both Vancouver

SWISS TEAM

1. Martin Johnson	Chris Christoffersen	both Vancouver
Ron Pratt	Alan Neid	both Kelowna
2. Jim Andrews	Paul Hagen	both Vancouver
Ron Borg Burnaby	Bob Connop	Vancouver

MASTER PAIRS (FLIGHT A)

3. Aidan Ballantyne	Dennis Dohl	both Vancouver
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COURTNEY SECTIONALOPEN PAIRS

1. H. Piercy - P. Walton

SWISS TEAMS

1. A. Ballantyne - G. McOrmond - R. Betts - L. Betts
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IT'S YOUR BIDPROBLEM #1

By: Aidan Ballantyne

MP's - none vulnerable

You hold: AJ3 A987542 AK6 --

S	N	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
?			

3D - 10 (12 votes); 3H - 4 (6 votes); 4H, 2D - 2 (one vote each)

South is still not sure just how good a hand he has. Everything seems to depend on his partner's major suit holdings.

The majority of the panel chose a game-forcing bid that would allow partner to give a fuller description:

Combining flexibility with brute force:

Dennis Dohl: "3D - Need to show strength and save bidding room."

Gordy McOrmond: "3D - Partner's response makes my hand good enough to force to game. Over 3NT or 4C I'll rebid 4H; otherwise I'll show spade support."

Doug Andrews: "3D - No call is attractive. 3 hearts might be passed when we can make 6 spades. Alternatively an immediate spade raise may get us to the wrong major suit game. 2 diamonds can be passed."

Leo Steil: "3D - Hope to hear a spade rebid by partner, or a heart preference, but expect to hear 3NT, over which I will bid four hearts."

Judging from these remarks, opener gets to show spades only if partner rebids them or goes back to hearts. With club cards, and as many as two hearts partner is bound to bid no trump, even with five spades. Unfortunate, since South with his ruffing values really hopes to play spades. As many pointed out, there would be less of a problem playing Flannery since partner's one level response would then strongly suggest possession of a five card suit.

One panelist gave up on spades altogether;

Lawrence Betts: "4H - I'm sure 3D will be the consensus choice; it is also the shortest road to a minus since partner usually bids 3NT, and then what? Partner can bid over 4 hearts with heart honors."

There is perhaps a danger he will bid on without them, expecting a solid, or at least semi-solid suit.

Surprisingly, many chose bids that most would consider non-forcing.

Gary Harper: "3H - Hearts should provide as good a strain as any unless partner can rebid spades. Then, we may be slam-bound after my 4 diamond cue."

Cam Lindsay: "3H - As much as I would like to support spades I feel that initially I must rebid my seven bagger. If partner rebids spades, I'm not stopping short of slam. Over 3NT I will bid 4S".

With all this stop and go it's bound to be a rough ride. Partner might take the pessimistic view with no heart fit and pass. It's hard to believe that a spade rebid is the difference between stopping short of game and zinging into slam

With most of the experts hell bent on game I find this comment interesting.:

Ralph Purves: "3H- Somewhat bold, but I think I must make a move now."

Does this man drive a Volkswagon?!

PROBLEM #2

MP's - E-W vulnerable

You hold: AJ965 Q10973 -- 642

S	W	N	E
-	-	1H	2D
?			

2S - 10 (9 votes); 4H - 7 (5 votes); 3D - 5 (3 votes); 4D - 3 (2 votes); 3H - 1 (1 vote).

How does one describe a lovely playing hand with little defence in what promises to be a highly competitive auction? Is the best strategy to jam the vulnerable opponents or make low level descriptive bids either in search of slam or in the interest of reaching a partnership decision at the five level?

The majority decided to go slowly.

Duncan Smith: "2S - Should put us in a better position as to what to do if they bid 5 diamonds after I have raised hearts."

Lawrence Betts: "2S - Will not cue bid 3 or 4 diamonds with three small clubs."

Lauren Miller: "2S - I want to inform partner of the location of my side values so he can make a high level decision to double or take the push. Also 2S tactically tends to intimidate already nervous opponents at unfavourable vulnerability and hinder them from discovering their true offensive potential."

Lauren's personal preference is actually 3S which can be played conventionally as showing spades with a limit raise in partner's suit. This bid seems to combine the right amounts of pre-emption and description.

Other panelists hoped to avoid a five level decision by bidding quickly.

Leo Steil: "4H - Unless partner bids over that there is no slam."

Gordy McOrmond: "4H - This suggests my playing strength and lack of high card values. It will also put my l.h.o. under pressure if he was considering supporting diamonds at a low level. Any other call like splinter or 2S grossly exaggerates my values."

Leslie Gold: "4H - Before East finds out that West has a diamond fit, know something of my hand pattern, partner will make a more intelligent decision at the five level. 2S followed by heart support shows a better hand."

There were other ways of showing a good heart fit: First, with intimidation in mind.

Doug Thomas: "3D - (in a forceful tone) hope to keep timid E-W from bidding 5 diamonds."

Eric Kokish: "3D - Better than 2S since cue bid promises a fit and auction figures to accelerate a bit very soon. Jump to 4H would have the effect of end-playing me if either opponent bid at the five level. 4 diamonds is a bit much but better than either 2S or 4H."

Andy Nagy: "3D - Guarantees hearts and should make subsequent calls a lot easier."

A new Kokish-Nagy partnership?

Does this mean 3 diamonds is weaker than 4 diamonds? I like playing it the other way around, so the splinter retains pre-emptive value.

Cam Lindsay - "4D - showing the massive heart fit and the diamond void. I dislike suppressing the spade suit, but with a known heart fit, I will bid 5 hearts over 5 diamonds unless partner can crack it."

It's certainly difficult to say what would work best. Anything but a heart raise may mislead partner as to the defence of prospects. Cue bids give l.h.o. the added option of doubling to show diamond shortage. Here's the really tricky one.

Lydia O. Lovelace: "Pass - after they get to 5 diamonds I'll sacrifice in 5 hearts doubled and making for most of the matchpoints."

(Ed. Note: Mrs. Lovelace is a Cloverdale expert--on horses).

PROBLEM #3

MP's - E-W vulnerable:

You hold: --	Q108654	AJ85	KQ3
	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
	1H	P	1S
	?		2D

Double - 10 (13 votes); 2H - 7 (4 votes); Pass - 4 (3 votes)

Ugh! Why do I persist in opening these dogs? With minimum values one's first inclination might be to pass, but as many pointed out, this is dangerous in that partner might back in with spades. The Panel's main objective was to stop partner from bidding again.

The popular action:

Lawrence Betts: "Dble - penalty."

Jenny Paynter: "Dble - no spades, partner."

Doug Thomas: "Dble - warns of misfit. Partner will take it out if he has heart support. I'm risking -180, or -380 but I really don't want to hear spades bid again."

Lauren Miller: "DOUBLE!! - I would take off my shoe and pound the table in the manner of Khrushchev at the U.N., being careful not to spóll my Southern Comfort in the process."

But if you're wrong? I wonder if they play bridge up in Siberia

Dennis Dohl: "Dble - looks promising at this vulnerability."

True that even a slam-minded partner will bend over backwards to leave it in, white against red.

Gary Harper: "Dble - I may take more tricks in diamonds than in hearts."

Connie Delisle: "Dble - I like to tell pard what my rebid would have been - denies spade support."

Certainly one way of looking at it. My own rebid might have been 2 hearts, had there been no interference.

I like this answer:

Ralph Purves: "2H - I'm afraid a double would bring on a 2 spade response from a weak partner."

It's true that if partner is weak and can't remove to hearts they either make their contract with overs or we go for a number.

I would have thought a double showed values. This man didn't even consider the majority bid:

Eric Kokish: "2H - A mild overbid but to pass would be best only if partner re-opens with double rather than 2S or 3S! Even then it could be wrong to leave it in."

And, in the same spirit:

Doug Andrews: "2H - Not proud of this call but better than passing and hearing 2 or 3 spades from partner. I'm too weak to double."

Lastly, the passers:

Andy Nagy: "Pass - I haven't decided what I will do over the re-opening double."

Capp Lindsay: "Pass - I will be most appreciative of partner's re-opening double. The pass should be 90% forcing. Double from my side might be a bit close."

Both assume that North will not rebid spades, and perhaps they are right. After hearing that you are minimum, partner may be very wary of bidding a suit that could take the partnership to the three level, and chances are good he'll double with a decent hand.

PROBLEM #4

MP's - E-W Vulnerable

You hold: A6 AQJ4 Q107532 8

S	W	N	E
-	1S	P	4D (splinter)
?			

Pass - 10 (9 votes); 4H - 8 (5 votes); Dble - 4 (4 votes); 5D - 1 (2 votes)

The opponents may have all the outstanding high cards, but even then, with a heart lead, they would probably not make game. For this reason, many chose a rather low-risk action that would likely pay large dividends on defense.

Eric Kokish: "4H - Ask me what I'll bid next turn. We might have a slam or a cheap 900 point phantom save, so I'll guess to bid what I want led and worry later."

Paul Hagen: "4H - lead director - will retreat to 5 diamonds if doubled. However I expect the opponents to bid 4 spades which I will defend."

Dennis Dohl: "4H - A heart lead should provide most of the matchpoints, but I'll run to 5 diamonds if doubled, as 4 spades looks pretty safe."

It's certainly unlikely that the opponents will double 4 hearts. At this vulnerability they are likely to settle for game, unless one of them has a huge stack. The danger is perhaps that partner may take the dive with some hearts and no defense after r.h.o. signs off in game.

The passive position is perhaps best outlined by:

Duncan Smith: "Pass - First instinct was to bid 4 hearts (setting up defense vs 4 spades) and run to 5 diamonds if soundly doubled, however, I think it is presumptuous for two reasons:

- 1 - we don't necessarily have a fit
- 2 - I like the chances of beating 4 spades."

Leslie Gold: "Pass - I don't want a diamond lead. With a heart lead I have some defense."

Yes, partner may lead a heart despite not bidding the suit. A heart lead gives the defense more control, but even a club lead will score us a ruff if partner has a red suit entry."

Doug Thomas: "Pass - I want no part of the phantom."

Disagreeing:

Leo Steil: "Dble - and hope partner can find a diamond sack. He knows the vulnerability."

Lauren Miller: "Dble - which is sacrifice-suggesting. If partner has 3 or 4 diamonds and no defense we should probably give them a decision at the five level, rather than bank on beating 4 spades."

Gordy McOrmond: "Dble - A lead-directing double of a splinter is a wasted bid since a singleton suit provides the defense with only one trick, and this one probably isn't going away. A double showing interest in competing to 5 diamonds is perfect here. Who knows, we might even make it or push them into a slam off two aces."

It's true that the opponent's might misjudge the hand if we sound weak and manage to jam their communication.

On another plane altogether:

Mrs. Lovelace: "4NT - I could wait and do this later but it may be right to take Blackwood away from the opponents. If partner bids clubs (unlikely as I tell my partners never to bid clubs at matchpoints) I'll correct to diamonds describing my red two-suiter."

PROBLEM #5

MP's - N-S vulnerable

You hold: Q9762 A8653 K K5

S	W	N	E
-	-	-	3C
P	P	3D	P

3NT - 10 (8 votes); Pass - 7 (4 votes); 3S - 5 (3 votes); 4C - 4 (3 votes); 3H - 3 (1 vote); 5D - 1 (1 vote)

There's bound to be some guesswork after opponents pre-empts, but who needs this? South has a decent hand, but who's hand is partner bidding? Does he have a good hand too, or has he stretched to enter the bidding? It's certainly a problem trying to show major suits and a club stopper all at the same time.

The majority chose what I would call a new version of the "gambling 3NT".

Leo Steil: "3NT - the King of diamonds should be a useful card."

Paul Hagen: "3NT - How to find a major-suit fit?? May not want to play major anyway."

True that with poor major suit texture one may worry about bad breaks.

Carm Lindsay: "3NT - I'm sure I've been in worse contracts."

Connie Delisle: "3NT - Partner has a good hand vulnerable against not - he's not bidding to take a minus. I hate the bid, but maybe they make bad pre-empts like me!"
(Ed. Note. Connie has been known to "pre-empt" on JXXXX and out at favorable vulnerability).

Somehow, they don't sound very convinced. Self-justification in the form of a match-point argument:

Ralph Purves: "3NT - a lot of others will be there."

Judging by the votes this is an astute judgement. However, in dicey situation there is sometimes much to be gained by betting against the field:

Gary Harper: "Pass - At matchpoints, will take my chances at getting a plus versus the field's possible minus, as no bid looks clear."

Lawrence Betts: "Pass - Settle for a plus rather than fishing for the magic spot."

Andy Nagy: "Pass - At matchpoints a minus is always bad. Missing a game won't cost as much as getting too high."

Taking the view that South's values have already been bid:

Dennis Dohl: "Pass - lack of double suggests less high card, so play safe and don't punish partner for light balance."

Still, a pass is very unilateral. Partner could have bid diamonds hoping for better things (like a club stopper for 3NT) or because he couldn't cover both majors.

Many made some effort to discover a better fit:

Mike Dimich: "4C - Partner didn't double so he isn't semi-balanced. He probably has 6 or more diamonds but that still leaves room for a 3 card major. I hope he interprets this as asking for his better major."

Doug Thomas points out that he might have a 4 card major and that he might bid it over the cue bid.

Similarly:

Duncan Smith: "4C - 3NT could be right but I think it is safer to try and find a major suit fit. No, even in Victoria this is not Gerber. 4C leaves the door open for no trump but 3NT precludes major-suit games."

4C isn't Gerber in Montreal either:

Eric Kokish: "3S - Expect to be able to bid again. If you think 4C means pick a major, you're wrong, but you might luck out when you then guess to pass partner's major suit bid that he intended as a cue-bid."

And,

Gordy McOrmond: "3S - I'd be happier if I was an unpassed hand and 3S therefore forcing. This is my best chance to show both suits, my second choice is a pass. A cue bid of 4C is not appropriate since it should guarantee a fit with diamonds and should never be construed as Michael's!"

Times have certainly changed since this problem was posed to an expert panel in 1970 and the overwhelming majority was for cue-bidding.

Last month's champion hoped to guess right:

Jenny Paynter: "3H - I refuse to bid 3NT. In fact, I refuse to bid, period. Come back to the table Connie - I'm bidding 3H. (You've left again?)."

And finally, expressing some of the panel's frustration with this problem:

Carm Lindsay: "I must take exception to the initial pass of 3 clubs. On these shapely hands it's often best to set yourself up for the -1100 at the earliest opportunity."

The winner this time was Paul Hagen with a score of 48. Second by a hair was Doug Andrews (47). The Brute (Dennis Dohl) threatened to break my dealing arm so I had to give him third (45).

Since the Matchpointer Editor was treated fairly this month, Aidan has been asked to continue as It's Your Bid. However, answers should be sent for screening to: Doug Andrews, M1008-1600 Beach Avenue. DEADLINE: January 25, 1979.

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