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THE ROUND - UP SECTIONAL

NOVEMBER 14 - 16, 1980

Richmond Inn
7551 Westminster Highway
Richmond - B.C.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 1:30 P.M. Men's and Women's Pairs
8:00 P.M. Mixed Pair Board-a-Match Teams
Junior Pairs (under 20 MP)
11:45 P.M. Speedball Swiss-Teams
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 1:30 P.M. & Super Open Pairs
8:00 P.M. Flight A: No MP
Flight B: 0 - 500
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 11:00 A.M. & Open Swiss Teams
4:30 P.M. Qualifying
Free coffee and muffins before game-time.

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$4.00 per player per session, except Junior Pairs \$2.00
Margo Johnson, Tournament Director John Bryden, Tournament Director

Going into the final sectional the Master Point races stand thus:

Phil Wood Trophy

1/2. Janet Daling	61.77
Ray Loftis	
3. Dan Jacob	59.61
4. Peter Herold	58.49
5. Neil Chambers	43.76
6. Leo Steil	43.19
7. Gerry McCully	40.20
8. Gord McOrmond	38.16
9. Andy Nagy	35.02
10. Jim Donaldson	34.05

Edith Dilling Trophy

1. Janet Daling	61.77
2. Anne Nagy	58.73
3. Janice Heller	27.76
4. Marcia Kostyniak	27.76
5. Donna Bailey	26.76
6. Selene Jacobson	26.76
7. Delphine Tablotney	26.76
8. Catriona Brown	21.76
9. Jean Groome	18.76
10. Helen Montgomery	18.76

In the Under 200 MP Category:

1. Dave Waterman	25.41	6. Michael Newcombe	17.00
2. Vic Hetman	24.07	7. Mike Zbozny	15.04
3. Catriona Brown	21.56	8. Rick Bennett	14.70
4. Brian Dixon	18.75	9. Moyna Krusell	13.66
5. John Whittlesey	18.20	10. Trudy Hurale	12.50

Of interest to the Seattle-area players at the head of the pack: At a recent meeting the Unit Board decided that players from outside Unit 430 are eligible for the various trophies and will have their names inscribed victorious. The trophies themselves shall remain in the Unit possession.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Please remit \$11.50 to Jo MacDonald, #2-1610 W. 12th, Vancouver V6J 2E4, tel. 732-0360. (New LMs have 5 year period of

UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 14th at the Downtown Holiday Inn (Howe Street) and at the Cloverdale Legion; snacks, bar, unit game. Note- Starting January 4th, 1981, the Unit Games will be held at the Chateau Granville (1100 Granville Street) instead of the Holiday Inn. Cloverdale games continue as before.

The 1980-81 IMP League: Summary and forecasts prepared by the Matchpointer Scouting staff.

A record number of teams is entered this year - 22 counting both the 'A' and 'B' divisions. The 'A' league is open to all players and is a very competitive circuit. The 'B' league is restricted to teams having no more than two Life Masters on the roster. The purpose of this latter league is to introduce relatively inexperienced players to the challenge of extended team play in a friendly home atmosphere. Both leagues employ a round-robin format with a play-off of the top four finishers at the end of the season. The 28 board matches are usually played at the home of one of the participants but teams whose home arenas are under construction or in the process of being re-furnished with Astro-turf have been invited to play at the Haida Bridge Club at a charge of \$5 per team.

The Commissioner this year is Martin "Bowie" Johnson who has brought genuine enthusiasm to the job. Martin may be phoned for director rulings and will hear complaints about deportment etc.

The 'A' league is strong from top to bottom with some returning teams intact or slightly modified, and with some promising new entries. Here is a tongue-in-cheek prediction of the order of finish. (Ed. note - offended readers who might wish to sue can reach the scouting staff in Puerto Rico where they have gone for winter ball.)

1. Dan Jacob (Gord McOrmond, Mike Dimich, Doug Andrews, Gerry McCully and Doug Baldwin).
 strengths- three good 'wired' (practiced) partnerships including Vancouver's top pair, all in good shape and in their prime. Balance, depth, youth yet experience.
 weaknesses- some dissension and inner rivalry, poor poems, a unilateral desire to bid in Slavic, a history of too many beery rubber bridge nights, slow play.
 prognosis- The defending champions return intact, free of injuries and in good form. They should thus maintain a small edge and repeat unless the inevitable slow play penalties prove fatal.
2. Aidan Ballantyne (Jim Andrews, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Jim Donaldson and Bob "unavailable for photo" Connop).
 strengths- about half as many master points as Barry Crane, vital new blood, a wealth of ability, some partnerships, experience galore.
 weaknesses- a helmsman who is a proven bridesmaid, too much arrogance, lack of "hunger", stale partnerships, slow play.
 prognosis- Owner Ron Steinborger astounded veteran observers over the summer when he inked the enigmatic Ballantyne and named him captain. Enough talent to challenge for the title but the desire is still questionable after this perennial winner finished last year a mediocre fifth. The fortunes of this team also have an astonishing correlation with the rise and fall of the stock market.
3. Laurence Betts (Rhonda Betts, Ron Ohmart, Terry Gould, Mike Wilson, Peter E. Herold).
 strengths- about a quarter as many master points as B.J., experience, partnerships, improved morale, first class playing site, speedy play. Opposing pitchers will have trouble finding the strike zone against the shorter members of this team.
 weaknesses- overbearing and meddling management, players reporting to training camp out of shape, lack of concentration induced by homebrewed Gatorade, overconfidence.
 prognosis- Notorious skinflint owner Charlie O. Betts was active in the fake agent market snaring Vancouver's "armless duplicate bridge wonder" the Forum. July 19/4) and the relaxed Peter E. Though Wilson is re-shoulder and "mushrooms" in the off-bridge another albeit bridge

5. Martin O'Reilly (Martin Johnson, John Bryden, Chris Christoffersen, Ron Pratt, Dennis Dohl).
 strengths- "the Commissioner's Choice" should win all disputed rulings. T team has good energy, good recent form, a healthy aggressiveness and a serious approach; hungry.
 weaknesses- immaturity, too many mustaches. Late addition of Dohl (out in left field, a bit like Luzinski) gives team a brutal partnership problem.
 prognosis- The team includes some relative newcomers to 'A' league action but the presence of much talent may get them to the play-offs.
6. Neil Chambers (Jenny Laynter, Julene Johnson, Al Chapelle, Mike Strebinger, Lauren Miller).
 strengths- tremendous individual talent, a first class gourmet cook, national exposure and two "internationalists".
 weaknesses- an unmatched record for futility in 'A' league action: Only the omnipresent free agent Miller has had any degree of success. No male partnerships, some internal dissension, not enough speed on the bases.
 prognosis- Although Chambers and Consolation King Chapelle rank high in the league in stolen contracts "Team Tupperware" is unlikely to deploy its resources efficiently enough to make the play-offs. The team should do well on artificial turf on the road but rates to play poorly at home on grass.
7. Andy Nagy (Fred Sontag, Bob Gerrie, Dave Waterman).
 strengths- one good established partnership, a generous portion of talent. An effective combination of savvy and inspiration, good overall team size.
 weaknesses- no bench, lack of experience in extended team play.
 prognosis- Stamina problems are likely to set in after Christmas unless the team augments. On the other hand team's height should help in those clutch queen-finding situations. Definitely the dark horse team.
8. Joel Martineau (Jim McCully, Leo Steil, Don Brazeau, Bob Sauve, Bert Curry)
 strengths- perhaps the greatest IMP generating potential in the league, three dynamic partnerships, a dangerous mix of youth and experience.
 weaknesses- all pitchers and no catchers, can hit the long ball but also toss the wild pitch. Lacks bunting and other teamplay skills, prone to making errors in the field. Only Martineau can even spell "discipline".
 prognosis- On any given night this team could bury any team in the league, but they will beat themselves often enough to exclude them from being serious contenders.
9. Marcia Kostynyk (Sandra Borg, Don Brander, Ron Christiansen, Dale Jensen).
 strengths- some experienced partnerships as well as some talent. A strong front office and good overall team size.
 weaknesses- out-of-shape players, pre-occupation with off-field activities such as sewing 1000 tote bags with The Brute. Some of the men have a tendency to gamble on the bases.
 prognosis- You can bet that this team will give a good accounting of itself once its veterans round into shape, but it'll be too late for the play-offs.
10. Howard Sussman (Ken Johnson, John Anthony, Oddy Skonard).
 strengths- one very effective partnership, good morale and a friendly demeanor, coming off a surprisingly good year.
 weaknesses- lack of depth, inaccessible playing site.
 prognosis- This is an under-rated team which could make a successful late run for the play-offs if they can bring up viable talent from the minors. On the other hand, the long road trips may bring about exhaustion by mid-season.
11. Anne Nagy (Connie Delisle, Sid Segal, Les Foulks, Sheila Dickie).
 strengths- good partnerships, pleasant hostesses, enjoy practicing, a sense of humour that is likely to come in handy following the inevitable bidding disasters, some 'A' league experience.
 weaknesses- A fatal sexual imbalance and in the case of one of the pairs, a complicated convention card which will often result in getting the signs all wrong.
 prognosis- The former "Andy's Angels" (with modifications) should be out-gunned in many of their matches but may bat over .400.
12. Ina Anderson (Jane Green, Ian McLennan, Ev Hodge, Mary Fines, Donna Morrison)
 strengths- good partnerships, proven tournament performers, friendly approach may work to the team's advantage.
 weaknesses- as above, a fatal number of the fair sex, but also a lack of experience in long team matches.
 prognosis- Led by a hot Donna Morrison (she has been piling up RBIs of late) this team could cause some major upsets and should keep its matches close. In the long run, though, lack of experience will prove too costly.

The "B" League Line-up is as follows:

Brian May (Sheryl Kanee, Elaine Ryan, Bow Liu, Christina Jacob, Wanda Chapelle)
 Al Chapelle (Jenny Paynter, Linda Sims, Mike Zbozny, Moyna Krusell, R. Bennett)
 Thony Stiennon (Betty Hamilton, C. Colin, Don Forsythe, Wilf May)
 Martin O'Reilly (D. Waterman, Marcia Kostynyk, Debby McCully, Julene Johnson)
 Ray Saintonge (Huguette Roy, Mike Newcombe, Maureen Taylor, R. Ward, N. Chappl)
 Julie Moraes (Maureen Wood, C. Hodson, Ralph Purves, Chris Christoffersen)
 Don Fraser (Gladys Mackie, Beryl Hamilton, J. Costain, A. Browning, P. Carruth)
 Doug Andrews (Catriona Brown, Pixie Chung, Resa Dunsmore, Joe Wong, B. Sauve)
 Pauline MacClafferty (D. Strachan, Danny Lee, K. Garfinkel, Bernie Hoy)
 Brian Dixon (John Whittlesey, Edna MacMahon, Sandy White, Mo Aaron)

Our scouts were not prepared to call the 'B' League. It looks to them that the May and Chapelle teams have the edge in experience, though the teams incorporating Martin O'Reilly and Mo Aaron surely have the edge in luck....

After two rounds the standings are:

<u>A League</u>			<u>B League</u>		
	<u>VP</u>	<u>Net IMPs</u>		<u>VPs</u>	<u>Net IMPs</u>
1. Jacob	38	+88	1. Dixon	29	+33
2. Ballantyne	37	+71	2. Fraser	26	+22
3. Sontag	33	+57	3. May	25	+24
4. Andersen	26	+50	4. O'Reilly	24	+43
5. Chambers	20	+4	5. Saintonge	24	+14
6. Sussman	20	-2	6. Moraes	23	+19
7. Lindsay	17	-15	7. Andrews	22	+10
8. O'Reilly	16	-20	8. Chapelle	16	-15
9. Kostynyk	16	-23	9. Stiennon	10	-42
10. Martineau	8	-47	10. McClafferty	-1	-108
11. Nagy	4	-79			
12. Betts	3	-84			

In the 'A' League the top two teams are as predicted, but the Sontag team is no longer a dark horse, and the Andersen team is showing again just which is the stronger sex. The Betts team has decided to play a back game.

1981 Canadian Team Championship Up-date

All but the Jewish Community Centre qualifying games have been held. So far the following teams have qualified:

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

1. Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully, Martin and Julene Johnson.
2. Adrian Hicks, Charlie Swanson, Bert Curry, Anne Nagy.

SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Dave Waterman, Morris Potzold, Rick Bennett, Martin O'Reilly.
2. Isabelle Pratt, M. Hosgoode, G. Lubeseder, Olive Perdue.
3. Rick Baker, Enid Burfitt, M. Yeung, T. Yeung.
4. Joyce Miura, A.K. Korde, H. Nazak, N. Kassam, Thomas Yuen.
5. Edna MacMahon, Sid and Pearl Minkoff, John Whittlesey.
6. Ernie Dietrich, Koos Van Lieshout, Sylvia Castagner, Ken Holland.

CLOVERDALE

1. Selene Jacobson, Rhonda Betts, Connie Delisle, Norm Thesberg.
2. R. Percher, L. Percher, R. Tetreau, Louis Vervoort.
3. B. Blomme, N. Holding, T. Radnai, S. Holding.

POWELL RIVER

1. T. Stokes, George Joneson, S. Sheddan, M. Behand.
2. C. Cairns, W. Hoehn, I. Hoehn, A. Stanford.
3. Kay Snow, M. Havens, J. Brack, M. Cairns.
4. D. Bremers, K. Bremers, D. MacKay, J. MacKay.

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB

1. Doug Andrews, Mike Dimich, Jim Donaldson, Mike Strebinger.
2. Marcia Kostynyk, Richard Christie, Sandra Borg, Ron Christiansen,
Dale Jensen.
3. Mike Newcombe, Maureen Taylor, Fred Shen, Sandy McIlwain.

WHITE ROCK-SUNNYSIDE

1. Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, Colin Colin, Jack Ritch.
2. Jane Green, Ina Andersen, Wilf May, Ian MacLennan.
3. Ron McConnell, Terri Lang, Paul Meichsner, G. Blanke.
4. Jill Costain, Beryl Hamilton, Gladys Mackie, Don Fraser, G. Horne.
5. M. Lower, M. Beatty, A. Diamond, Lee Buller.

An interesting hand came up at the Haida game:

	X	
	AQ8xx	
	Txxx	
	Qxx	
Jxxx		AKxxx
JT		K7x
QJ6x		9
xxx		xxxx
	Qxx	
	9xx	
	AK8x	
	AKJ	

At one table South became declarer in 4H after a transfer auction in which East was able to bid his spades. West led a low spade from the jack, East winning the king. Now came the diamond 9, declarer winning, West ending with the 6. If South makes the game this is a big pick-up as the contract at the other table is 3Nt, which has no play.

Declarer played a low heart to the queen and king, and a club was returned, the king winning. A low heart to the ace, and a heart to the nine picked up the trump. West has to find a discard on the third heart and parts with a club. South must now decide whether the diamonds are breaking, and in practice, played for a 3-2 break in that suit. However, there is a strong inference that they are 4-1, as East's switch feels like a singleton, and this is somewhat confirmed when East does not continue with diamonds when in with the heart king. South can make the hand when in hand with the heart 9 by ruffing a spade and playing the rest of the clubs ending in hand. The position is thus:

	Void	
	x	
	Txx	
	x	
Jx		
Void		Immaterial
QJx		
Void		
	Q	
	Void	
	A8x	
	A	

If West discards a club on the third round of hearts, then he must find a discard when South crosses to his hand with a club in the above position. He cannot throw a diamond else South plays ace and another. If West pitches a spade, South ruffs a spade leaving West with nothing but diamonds. Now declarer runs the 10 and makes the A and 8.

The next CNTO stages are scheduled tentatively as follows:
 UNIT SEMI-FINAL February 7 or 8 at Chateau Granville
 UNIT FINAL March 14 or 15 ZONE FINAL April 10-12
 NATIONAL FINAL May 24-28 in Ottawa

UNIT GAMES

Next year, beginning January 4th, games will be held at Chateau Granville (1100 Granville Street) instead of at the Howe Street Holiday Inn.

September (Downtown)

19 tables

Overall:	1. John and Trudy Hurdle	146-
	2. Bob Connop-Marcia Kostynyk	142-
	3. Debby McCully-Martin O'Reilly	131
	4. E. Christopherson-W. Weinstein	129
	5. Ron Borg-Dennis Dohl	127
	6. Bert Curry-Adrian Hicks	126

Section A

N/S

1. Ron Borg-Dennis Dohl	127
2. Bert Curry-Adrian Hicks	126
3/4. Brian Dixon-Ron Dixon	122
3/4. Jo MacDonald-Frances Waters	122

E/W

1. Bob Connop-Marcia Kostynyk	142-
2. E. Christopherson-W. Weinstein	129
3. Danny Lee-Joyce Miura	117
4. L. McMillan-M. Rivers	106-
5. P. Marr-P. Murphy	106-

Section B

N/S

1. Debby McCully-Martin O'Reilly	131
2. Pearl and Sid Minkoff	116
3. George Bell-Lisa Strebinger	112
4. Enid Burfitt-Ann Oakley	111

E/W

1. John and Trudy Hurdle	146-
2. B. Bennington-N. Thesburg	125
3. Julian Adams-P. Barrington	120-
4. Gord Davis-Chuck Hodson	119-

October (Downtown)

Overall:	1. Laurence Betts-Bernie Hoy	138-
	2. Adrian and J.B. Hicks	135
	3. Gertie Stanford-Koos Van Lieshout	132-
	4. Mo Aaron-Rhonda Betts	126
	5. Dave Herbert-Mike Zbozny	122

Section A

N/S

1. Adrian and J.B. Hicks	135
2. G. Stanford-Koos Van Lieshout	132-
3. Dianne Kinakin-Lisa Strebinger	121-

E/W

1. Mo Aaron-Rhonda Betts	126
2. A. Ballantyne-Leo Steil	121-
3. Jo MacDonald-Frances Waters	121

Section B

N/S

1. Laurence Betts-Bernie Hoy	138-
2. Don Brander-Marcia Kostynyk	117
3/4. Ron Borg-John Berry	114-
Dennis Groden-Ken Lee	

E/W

1. Dave Herbert-Mike Zbozny	122
2. Joe Dolynski-Don Jorgenson	117-
3/4. Chuck Hodson-Jack Tucker	115-
Lauren Miller-Linda Sims	

Unit Game Point RacesDowntown

1. Aidan Ballantyne	8.57
2. Adrian Hicks	6.12
3. George Bell	5.82
4. Mike Dimich	4.54
5. Leo Steil	4.51

Cloverdale

1. Ron Groome	5.24
2/3. Betty Hamilton	5.23
Thony Stiennon	
4/5. Jean Groome	5.21
6/7. Ernie Dietrich	

September (Cloverdale)

Overall:	1. J. Marsh-T. Marsh	214-	13 tables
	2. J. Hawn-S. Decker	198	
	3. A. Schulmann-M. Schulmann	177	
	4. E. Dietrich-I. Goodlad	175	
	5. D. Morrison-E. Hodge	174	
	6. J. Green-I. MacLennan	173	

N/S

1. Axel Schulmann-Margret Schulmann	177
2. Ernie Dietrich-Ida Goodlad	175
3. Donna Morrison-Ev Hodge	174
4. Ray and Leslie Morrison	171-

E/W

1. J. Marsh-T. Marsh	214
2. J. Hawn-S. Decker	198
3. Jane Green-Ian MacLennan	173
4. N. Kindret-E.A. Worsfold	168

October (Cloverdale)

Overall:	1. Pat and Cliff Glen	196
	2. Stan Holding-Paul Radnai	185-
	3. W. Hyde-Ken Johnson	184
	4. Betty Hamilton-Thony Stiennon	177
	5. Ina Anderson-Ian MacLennan	173-

N/S

1. Betty Hamilton-Thony Stiennon	177
2. Ina Anderson-Ian MacLennan	173-
3. Axel and Margret Schulmann	172-
4. Ray and Leslie Morrison	170-
5. Ernie Dietrich-Ida Goodlad	165-
6. J. Hollett-S. MacMillan	161-

E/W

1. Pat and Cliff Glen	196
2. Stan Holding-Paul Radnai	185-
3. W. Hyde-Ken Johnson	184
4. L. Pocock-D. Smidt	167
5/6. Ted and Larry Hicks	166
M. Elliot-D. Paskaruk	

TOURNAMENT RESULTSVancouver Evergreen Sectional (Sept. 19-21)Women's Pairs (58 pairs)

1. Arlene Browning-Pat Carruthers, Burnaby
2. Louise Houde-Mary Sutherland, Vancouver
3. Shirley McKinney-Julie Smith, Vancouver

Men's Pairs (42 pairs)

1. John Bryden-David Waterman, Vancouver
2. N.M. Kassam-H.F. Nazak, Burnaby
3. John Mogen-Laurence Betts, Vancouver

Junior Pairs (28 pairs)

1. Paul Chow-Henry Chow, Vancouver
- 2/3. Barbara Edmonson-Margaret Roselund, Vancouver
- 2/3. Edith Dalbey-Burnaby Norma MacKay, Coquitlam

Mixed Pairs (72 pairs)

1. Margret and Axel Schulmann, Delta
2. Ida Goodlad-Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam
3. Gladys Mackie, Coquitlam-Don Fraser, Burnaby

The Ben Lapidus Trophy - KO Teams (12 teams)

1. Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully, Gord McOrmond, Dan Jacob.
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Peter Herold, Laurence Betts, Dick Yarrington
- 3/4. Mike Dimich, Doug Andrews, Jim Donaldson, Mike Strebinger, M. Potzold.
Ron Borg, Bob Connop, Paul Hagen, Phyllis Novak.

Evergreen Sectional Cont'd...

Friday Night Side Game (20 pairs)

1. Sherman Kwan, Richmond-Mac Campbell, Victoria
2. W. Link, Surrey-J. Klerny, Matsqui
3. Shirley McKinney-Julie Smith

The Adrian and June Budd Hicks TrophyOpen Pairs (102 pairs)

1. Delphine Tablotney, Vancouver-Helen Montgomery, Burnaby
2. Bert Curry, Vancouver-Martin Johnson, Burnaby
3. Anne and Andy Nagy, Vancouver

Consolation (62 pairs)

1. Edna MacMahon, Vancouver-Herby Lum, Burnaby
2. Willie Hyde, Langley-Ken Johnson, Langley
3. Leo Steil, Vancouver-Carl Hansen, Burlington, Wash.

Open Teams (66 teams)

- 1/2. Ray Loftis, Jim Aitken, Janet Daling, Steve Mansfield, all Washington
Al Chapelle, Sherman Kwan, Don Brazeau, Hal Rodd.
3. Peter Cooper, Charlie Swanson, Bernie Hoy, Cec Brown, Pt. Townsend.

Victoria SectionalOpen Pairs

1. Mike Dimich-Gord McOrmond
2. Leo Steil-Aidan Ballantyne

Masters Pairs

2. Leo Steil-Rhonda Betts
4. Lauren Miller
6. John Bryden-Peter Walton

Midnight Speedball Swiss

2. Rhonda and Laurence Betts, Lauren Miller

Open Swiss Teams

1. Laurence Betts, Aidan Ballantyne, Gord McOrmond, Dan Jacob
- 2/5. Jim Donaldson, Lauren Miller
- 2/5. John Bryden, Doug Andrews

Kelowna SectionalFriday Night Side Game

1. Joel Martineau-Chris Christoffersen

Mixed Pairs

1. Kitty Davis

Unmixed Pairs

4. Peter Walton

Open Pairs

3. Peter Herold
4. Jenny Paynter-Rhonda Betts

Masters Pairs

3. Laurence Betts

99's Pairs

2. Mike Zbozny-Dave Herbert

Open Teams

1. Laurence and Rhonda Betts, Joel Martineau
- 4/6. Don Brazeau, Leo Steil, Peter Walton
Mary Fines, Ev Hodge, Donna Morrison, Stella Alliston

Everett Sectional

Swiss Teams

1. Dan Jacob, Dave Waterman, Gord McOrmond, Lauren Miller.

Saskatoon Regional

Flight A Swiss Teams

1. Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully, Diane Kinakin, Vic Hetman

Spokane Regional

Open Swiss Teams

- 3/4. Hobart and Hanna Liang - Cliff and Pat Glen
5. Leo Steil
- 6/10. Don Brander, Jim Donaldson
- 6/10. Neil Chambers, Sandy Herman, Jean Groome

Wednesday Night Side Game

1. Neil Chambers-Sandy Herman

Men's Pairs

4. Laurence Betts- Peter Herold

Open Pairs

3. Laurence Betts-Joel Martineau

Consolation

2. Don Brander-Jim Donaldson

Knock-out Teams

2. Peter Herold
- 3/4. Laurence Betts, Joel Martineau, Aidan Ballantyne

Flight A Swiss Teams

1. Neil Chambers, Sandy Herman

Congratulations to Sandy Herman who became a Life Master by winning the Flight A Swiss Teams at the Spokane Regional.

REPORT YOUR RESULTS!!!

The surest way of having your placing in a sectional or regional reported here is by sending your results to The Matchpointer.

DEADLINE:

For next issue, send copy to the Matchpointer at #12 - 2425 W2nd Ave, Vancouver, by the end of December

3. IMPs Vulnerability - N/S

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
AKT75				
4				
J62	p	1H	p	1S
A643	p	2D	p	3C*
	p	4C	p	?

*4th suit forcing

AWARDS: 5C=10, 4S, 4D=2, 4Nt=1

Partner has by-passed 3Nt and we must believe he has a good reason. But now what? Not surprisingly, 5C was the most popular answer because:
 Cam Lindsay: "5C - Partner's raise should guarantee 4 clubs. My spade holdin should restrict diamond losers to one, but handling problems suggest game is the limit."

Aidan Ballantyne: "5C - What else? Partner guarantees a club fit."

Dave Waterman: "5C - I have a minimum for my bidding opposite a stiff or void spade."

John Hurdle: "5C - No option, since 3Nt is insufficient on this round of bidding."

Jim Donaldson: "5C - Raise of 4th suit promises 4. At matchpoints, with a flexible partner I would pass."

And hope 3Nt and 5C go down one.

Other possibilities:

Big Al: "4D - waiting. Allows partner to clarify his hand."

True, but on the other hand 4D could elicit a 5D or higher bid from partner who could be thinking that 4th suit was in support of diamonds.

Chuck Hodson: "4S - Partner's 4C bid shows either 3-5-4-1 or 0-5-4-4. Either way 4S will clarify my 3C bid and allow partner to make the right decision."

The best thing about a 4D or 4S bid is that it may allow you to pass if partner bids 4Nt.

One panelist took a more optimistic view:

BigMamma: "6C - Pard is 0-5-4-4. My values are certainly duplicated opposite the spade void, but a cross-ruff should produce 12 winners."

That and a quick claim?

4. IMPs Vulnerability - E/W

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
K632				
K76			1S	p
54	p	X	p	1Nt
K732	X	XX	2S	p
	p	3D	p	?

AWARDS: Pass=10, 3H=8, 3Nt=6

If the vulnerability were reversed you would probably shrug and bid on, assuming that r.h.o. had opened light or even psyched. But since they are at unfavourable vulnerability (get that Cam?) it is likely that both opponents have their bids. Probably l.h.o. as at the top of his range for his pass with a good fit for his partner's suit, and r.h.o., with his pull of the double as around 11-12 HCP with a long suit (Ed. note- Gordy reads the Tarot in his spare time.). This leaves partner with a maximum of 15 HCP and a diamond suit. Since you have shown around 10 HCP why didn't he just bid 3Nt?

None of the panelists who chose the popular 3Nt call could explain the auction:

John Hurdle: "3Nt - West is clearly an idiot! We should not let his double of 1Nt deflect our course."

Leo Steil: "3Nt - Can't understand why partner didn't bid 3Nt rather than 3D."

Maybe:

Chuck Hodson: "3Nt - Partner has an outside ace with a running diamond suit of 6 or more."

Then why didn't he bid 3Nt?

Jim Donaldson: "Pass - With solid diamonds or a spade stopper partner should bid 3Nt. Too duplicated to raise diamonds."

Lauren Miller: "Pass - We need eight winners in 3Nt after the spade king is dislodged, and if partner had them he would bid it himself."

Basically this is our view as well, however, for those who always have to have the last bid:

IT'S YOUR BID by Gord McOrmond &
Dan Jacob

1.	IMPs	Vulnerability - none	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
	KQ5					p
	KJ72		p	1D	p	1H
	93		p	3C	p	?
	K865					

AWARDS: 4C=10, 3S=9, 4Nt=5, 3Nt=4

Some panelists squawked over having to pass this "robust" 12 count, however we tended to agree with Big Al Chapelle.... "If only I'd opened this hand I wouldn't have this problem. I'd already be in 6 clubs down one..."

Anyway, as the auction stands there seem to be two problems; how to evaluate the usefulness of our major suit cards and how to describe this hand properly if we decide to investigate slam. The most conservative view was 3Nt:

Doug Baldwin: "3Nt - partner needs minimum of 3 aces and no trump losers for slam to be solid. Agreed I have extra values but my major suit cards aren't working for slam." This sounds a little unilateral since partner can easily have these values for his jump rebid.

Most panelists felt the hand was worth some type of slam try:

Leo Steil: "4C - Don't mind going past 3Nt at IMPs; could be slam in clubs even with these wasted values."

John Hurdle: "4C - All partner needs for slam is 3 aces, D king and C Queen. H rates to have at least this for his jump shift."

Other panelists tried to show where their values were:

Big Al: "3S - shows my values, is forward-going and partner may want to know about the spade control."

Big Momma: "3S - Agreeing clubs. Hopefully pard can work out the best parking spot."

But Aidan Ballantyne and Lauren Miller pointed out that 3S (it has 4th suit forcing connotations) may lead to ambiguities; partner may think you're showing first round control in spades or 4-5 in the majors or possibly asking for a spade stopper. One panelist tried to make up for lost time:

Doug Andrews: "4Nt - I forgot to open the bidding and failed to make up for my pass by jumping to 2Nt. If partner has only 2 aces will play 5Nt."

But what happens if he does have 3 aces and was forced to manufacture a jump rebid on a 3 card suit? We don't like your chances in a 6 club Moysian fit.

2. Matchpoints Vulnerability N/S

KQT3	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
QJ6				1C
J52	p	1H	p	1S
KQ6	p	2D*	p	2H
	p	3C	p	?

*4th suit forcing

AWARDS: 3H=10, 3D, 3S=6, 3Nt=5

Quite a few panelists decided to bid 3Nt hoping for at least a semi-stopper from good old partner.

Aidan Ballantyne: "3Nt - I know I don't have much of a diamond stopper but I bid anything else partner will never realize I'm so flat."

But at least he might realize you don't have a diamond stopper!

John Hurdle: "3Nt - Partner won't expect much in diamonds when I've bid the other three suits."

Big Al: "3Nt - I would open 1Nt(15-17 HCPs). Jxx is about as good a diamond holding as partner can expect."

Don't worry Al, your partner would never expect too many values from you anyway.

Top marks went to 3H, basically because it is the most flexible call:

Reggie: "3H - By elimination. I don't want to bid 3Nt without a full diamond stopper. 3D and 3 spades sound too encouraging, and anything else by passes 3Nt."

Gerry McCully and Doug Baldwin: "3H - I can't bid 3Nt. I don't like to play heart Moysian but I'm giving him a chance to show spade support."

Andy Nagy: "3H - Next time I'll open 1Nt (12-14 HCPs), failing that I'll rebid 1Nt, failing that I'll bid 3 hearts."

It's a hard life Andy...

Big Al: "3H - I feel I cannot pass (there is considerable documentation to support this fact, Al) but what to bid? I'll bid a Moysian heart game or bid 3N over 3S"

Why not?

Aidan Ballantyne: "3H - My gut says pass but the redouble has created an ambiguity: Was pard forcing to game or simply saying he could make 1Nt? If we have to drive out the diamond king and have only one spade stopper, then a 4-3 fit may produce a heart game. Anyway, I've played 3-3 fits before..."

Sounds like a natural for a new article on basic play!

5. IMPs Vulnerability - E/W

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
KJ64				
Void			1H	X
KQ852	2H	X	3C	?
K763				

AWARDS: 3D=10, pass=8, Double=1, 4S=0

Some panelists were misled by our failure to alert partner's double as responsive. The reason for this is that the auction was supposed to go 1H X 2H 2S ... Unfortunately the error wasn't caught until after press time, but we thought the problem as printed was still interesting. Generally, the panel had trouble deciding whether to sacrifice or penalize the opponents.

Going for the throat:

Leo Steil: "Dble - Even though I've shown my values already."

Reggie: "Dble - Mainly to show that I have 4 clubs and a full strength take-out double."

Playing the double as responsive, but also liking throats:

Big Momma: "Dble - Co-operative, assuming pard's double was responsive. If penalties, he'll certainly take action and convert to notrump."

Now that's a strange way to penalize the opponents!

And now from the sacrificers:

Cam Lindsay: "4S - May be an advance save and we may wind up defending 5H."

Doug Andrews: "4S - Let them guess."

DOUBLE!! - good guess! Why would partner make a responsive double with 4 spades? It seems more likely he will have length in the minors or a balanced hand with values, e.g. Qxx Jxxx AJx Qxx. Opposite this hand you'd rather defend hearts or play a part score in diamonds.

The most popular call was:

Gerry McCully: "Pass - I got nothing."

Dave Waterman: "Pass - The best way to show minimum hands is to pass. Partner knows I have extreme heart shortage so he will expect the fourth club."

A good point - doubling clubs should indicate where your values are located. For similar reasons we have a slight preference for the 3D call. It is descriptive and shouldn't promise extra values since you haven't raised the level of the auction.

Aidan Ballantyne: "3D - If I bid diamonds now, and partner doubles them, I shall leave it in with confidence having described an offensive-type hand with diamonds and spades. If partner passes their next bid then I can back in with spades."

Al Chapelle made a similar comment but showed even greater foresight in wondering what his next call would be after he pushed the opponents to 5H! It's tough always having to make the last bid.

This issue's winner, with a score of 44, was Gerry McCully who narrowly edged out Jim Donaldson and Aidan Ballantyne (both with 43) and Dave Waterman (with 42). Honourable mention to Lauren Miller who went into the last problem with a perfect score but was "fried" by our failure to alert the responsive double. The average score of the panel was 35.4.

Panelist	1	2	3	4	5	Panelist	1	2	3	4	5
Doug Andrews	4N	3H	5C	P	4S/35	John Hurdle	4C	3N	5C	3N	P /39
Doug Baldwin	3N	3H	5C	3N	P /38	Cam Lindsay	3N	3N	5C	3N	4S/25
Aidan Ballantyne	4C	3N	5C	3H	3D/43	Gerry McCully	4C	3H	5C	3N	P /44
Al Chapelle (Big Al)	3S	3N	4D	3H	3D/34	Lauren Miller	4C	3H	5C	P	X /41
Connie Delisle	3S	3D	6C	P	X /26	(Reggie)					
Jim Donaldson	4C	3N	5C	P	P /43	Andy Nagy	4C	3H	4N	3N	P /36
Peter Herold	3N	3D	4N	3N	P /26	Leo Steil	4C	3N	5C	3N	X /32
Chuck Hodson	3S	P	4S	3N	3D/27	Dave Waterman	3S	3N	5C	P	P /42

(Ed. note - Mr Haines resides in Brisbane, Australia and has been a regular correspondent and reader of the Matchpointer.)

In a Congress Open Pairs final, almost all E/W pairs arrived at 3Nt holding these cards:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>	
Qxxxx	xx	The opening lead was the heart queen
xxx	K	thereby knocking out dummy's side-suit
Q+	AT87652	entry. What is the safety play, if
AKx	xxx	any, to bring in the diamond suit for
		one loser?

One declarer tried a small diamond from dummy, Jack, Queen, and 3. Next he led the diamond 4 to the ten. Unfortunately this was won by the King!

The next expert came to his hand via a club and led the diamond Queen, 3, 2, Jack. Again a finesse was taken losing to South's bare King.

It was left to Cactus Spinifex, a very ordinary country bumpkin, to show how the combination should be played. He read the 'book play' which called for ducking in BOTH hands. He did not say what book. Accordingly he played the deuce from dummy at trick 2 and allowed South's Jack to win. After winning the heart return, Cactus played the diamond Queen and blandly overtook with the ace, chalking up a big score. "That's the correct way to drop doubleton Kings", he explained.

My next exhibit is also matchpoint play. The hands are:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>	
KQ4	A3	Again the contract was 3Nt and those
K984	T2	players who received the lead of the
A985	KT43	diamond DEUCE, 3, 7, winning with
A4	KQJ62	the 8, were cold for eleven tricks.

What are the prospects for twelve tricks other than a favourable position of the heart ACE? It cannot cost to run some clubs and you find the break 3/3. Should you now lead a heart to the king? One astute (or foolhardy) declarer took a view. He ran the clubs, throwing three hearts from hand. North released the H3 and the HQ and South echoed with the H7,5. Now each opponent followed to three spades. What would you do now? It simply didn't occur to Cactus, our declarer, that North might be unblocking hearts for his partner, and since he never believed the opponents' discards he exited the King of hearts in this position:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
	Void	
	A	
	QJx	
	Void	
Void		Void
K		?
A95		KT4
Void		Void
	<u>South</u>	
	xx	
	J6	
	Void	
	Void	

Had North showed out of hearts Cactus would have had a bottom, but as the cards were, North was one dead wombat; no matter which diamond he played Cactus could pick up the suit for no losers! Had North discarded the heart ACE, Cactus had twelve tricks for a top anyway! "I learned that play from an expert", beamed Cactus!

Mr. Haines' has also sent us "a modest double-dummy problem", presented on the next page. The contract is 3Nt by South. Can you decide which should prevail - the declarer or the defense? Good analyses shall be published in the next Matchpointer...

Declare or defend?

	<u>North</u>	
	T72	
	KQ84	
	3	
	AKT87	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
QJ95		84
JT972		53
QJ52		A964
Void		QJ962
	<u>South</u>	
	AK63	
	A6	
	KT87	
	543	

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The following players have qualified for the District Final to be held in Tacoma, Wash., at the 565 Club (four blocks from the Doric) on 565 Broadway, on January 18, 1981. Starting times are 10:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

In order of finish at the Unit Play-off:

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| 1. Selene Jacobson-Sophus Kelly | 11. Jean Groome-Peter Walton |
| 2. Gord McOrmond-Dan Jacob | 12. George Joneson-Terry Stokes |
| 3. Les Fouks-Sid Segal | 13. Anne Nagy-Andy Nagy |
| 4. Chris Christoffersen-Martin Johnson | 14. Dennis Dohl-Ron Borg |
| 5. Connie Delisle-Rhonda Betts | 15/16. Bob Connop-Ron Dixon |
| 6/7. Greg Arbour-Howard Rubin | 15/16. Adrian Hicks-Charlie Swanson |
| 6/7. Lauren Miller-John Hurdle | 17. Ron Groome-Ev McKee |
| 8. Marcia Kostynyk-Tom Kinakin | 18. Doug Andrews-John Bryden |
| 9. Jim Donaldson-Mike Strebinger | 19. Don Jorgenson-Jim McEvoy |
| 10. Phyllis Barrington-Andrew Ross | 20. Norm Thesberg-Aban Gerrie |

CLUB NEWS

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SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE.....Mr. H. Sexton, tel. 433-5718

Every Monday evening at 7:30 P.M.. Effective November 1 the entry fee will be \$1.50 - includes free coffee!

Membership Game: November 24th.

The winners of the Canadian National Team Championship qualifying round held here were: Morris Fetzold, David Waterman, Martin O'Reilly and Rick Bennett.

WEST VANCOUVER.....At the Brunswick Bowling Alley. Adrian Hicks (tel. 879-7341) directs. Entry fee is \$2.50.

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30.

The winners of the latest club championship and trophy were:
Ted Trites and Willie Weinstein

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE.....At 21st and Fulton in West Van.

Games are every Monday morning at 10:00 A.M.

Club Championship winners: Marion Adams and Stella Alliston

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB.....Anne and Andy Nagy....tel. 738-6613

Upcoming events:

Wednesday Nov. 12th....7:30P.M....Membership game
Tuesday Nov. 18th....8:00P.M....Continent-wide Charity game (hand recs.)
Thursday Nov. 20th....OLYMPIAD IMF PAIRS... Neil Chambers, captain of the Canadian Team which travelled to Holland for the September Olympiad will run this game with hands from the U.S.A.-France Final. After this session hand

Haida Club news cont....

records will be available and Neil will be on hand for a discussion. This should be a most interesting evening and we hope to see a good turn-out for this event.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28-30...Haida Mini-Sectional
 Friday...8:00....Open Pairs
 Saturday...1:00P.M. and 7:30P.M....2 session Open Pairs for the Turnbull Trophy.
 Sunday.....1:00P.M. and 7:30P.M....2 session Swiss Teams.

Saturday December 20th.... Haida Christmas Party...everyone welcome!

The winners of the 2 session Haida Trophy: Aidan Ballantyne and Peter Cooper
 The Haida Club hosts IMP League matches at \$5.00 per team.

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....Wednesdays at 7:30P.M. at the
 Sunnyside Community Centre, 845-154th Str,
 in Surrey.

Upcoming:

Nov. 19th- Quarterly Tournament - Swiss Teams
 Dec. 17th- Christmas Play

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB:....tel. 987-3733....1515 Pemberton Ave., North Van.
 Sandy McCreery directs (tel. 736-7189). For information
 call Gladys Rigg - tel. 985 5647.

The club has recently been enlarged and redecorated!

Games: Sundays....1:00P.M.....Swiss Teams
 Wednesdays...7:30P.M.....Open
 Thursdays....7:30P.M.....Beginners
 Fridays.....7:45P.M.....Open

Upcoming special events:

Wednesday Dec. 3rd....membership game
 Wednesday Dec. 10th, and Friday Dec. 19th....Club Championships
 Wednesday Dec. 24th....Christmas Party and Individual game.
 Wednesday Dec. 31st....New Year's Eve Party and Open game.

The club is closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, open Boxing Day, Jan. 6

PORT COQUITLAM BRIDGE CLUB.....Mondays at 7:30P.M.....NEW LOCATION!

Now located at Elks Hall, corner of Shaughnessy and White
 (2552 White, in Port Coquitlam). Bob Jackson directs.

The Cooper Convention

If you play in an aggressive partnership which seems to try to buy the hand at all cost, then you'll find that you seem to be dummy more than your fair share, especially playing with a hand-hog. Of course, it's not much fun being the dummy, as The Law has more-or-less robotized dummy's role. The convention described here (developed by Peter Cooper, not D.B.) is designed to involve the dummy in the hand, as play develops. The basic idea is that declarer can communicate to dummy, by means of calling for unnaturally high cards or by some related method of signalling, how the hand is progressing and whether declarer is expecting good things or not.

The convention finds its origins in the "Dummy Falsecards" which Peter used when he first started playing bridge at the clubs. He found, to his amazement, that if a weak opponent led an ace or king in a suit in which he had quick losers, then initiating an echo with dummy's worthless cards was often enough to persuade the opponent to shift! The psychology behind this is presently being investigated by a PhD student at U.B.C. The convention also has its origins in a Bridge World article ("The Congratulatory Jack") which describes a legitimate means of signalling emotion at the table, rather than just card holdings.

It is up to the individual partnerships to devise a specific method of signalling dummy, but here are a few examples: Calling for the J from a holding of QJTx could mean "The contract is making..", whereas calling for the 10 could mean "Overtricks, partner!". Meaningless echoes with small cards can also be used to mean that things are going well and a good result is anticipated.

It is the duty of the declarer to pass on good news as early as possible. This allows dummy to relax and save himself for the next hand, even though in certain partnerships, he may be dummy one again. And if the good news never comes? Well, dummy is an emotional wreck by the end of the hand, but at least he'll feel he has participated in the action ...

Here is a sample of the Cooper Convention in action:

As the eventual dummy, you hold: 8642 Matchpoints, both vul.

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0987652

You hear partner open 1S, pass on your right. You automatically reject the forcing raise in favour of the more conservative raise to 2S. L.H.O. jumps to 4H, partner tries 5C, and R.H.O. comes to life with 5H. Your defensive abilities have always been in question so to make sure your side buys the hand you bid 6S. This goes around to R.H.O. who sacrifices in 7H, taking out some insurance. Of course you still have no defense so you get a piece of the rock yourself by competing to 7S. Oddly enough, it goes Double on your left. You're not playing for money, so there doesn't seem to be any point in redoubling. The person on your right pulls out various cards and finally tables the heart king. This is overtaken, but partner ruffs with the spade jack. He now plays the spade ace, (both follow, with the queen falling), and lays down the ace of diamonds. The king is played on your right, and partner studiously calls for the 8 of D. Aha! We're making this one!

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	
AKJT753	8642	Funny, the last time you held four deuces you bid and made Grand Slam too! (Thank you, Peter Walton, for lending this hand from your collection). After ruff-
Void	?	ing high, partner has three spade entries to set up
A	0987652	and cash the diamonds. He doesn't need a club break.
Axxxx	2	"I should have redoubled, but you always put down such bad dummies", says pard.

NEXT ISSUE'S IT'S YOUR BID PROBLEMS

Lauren Miller is the next editor. An experienced and well-respected player, he is known for his aggressive bidding. It has been said that "he has never held a minimum hand in his life" so you're advised to bid 'em up!

Lauren says: "This set of problems will focus on how to handle difficulties arising from the use of some common conventions, by your opponents or by yourselves!"

1. Matchpoints None vul.

AKJ5	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
Q7	2D*	?
Q3		
KC943	* Flannery	

2. Matchpoints N/S vul.

KJ64	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
952	INT	2H*	?
QT853			
9	* Hearts and a minor		

3. Matchpoints Both vul.

AK97	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
65	IH	X	2H	X*
J6				
AKQJ4	3H	?		

4. IMPs E/W vul.

842	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
A	F	ID	2D*	?
J86				
QJT953				

*responsive - tends to deny 4 or more spades.

*Michaels - both majors

5. IMPs None vul.

62	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
QJ9642	P	P*	IS	P
KJT96	3D**	?		

* with apologies to Gord McOrmond and Doug Andrews who would have opened 2H and 3H respectively. **Limit raise in S with D feature.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	1:30 P.M.	Men's & Women's Pairs
	3:00 P.M.	Mixed Pairs
		Junior Pairs (under 20 M)
		Knockout Teams (first session) for the Ben Lapius Trophy
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	9:00 A.M.	Knockout Teams (if necessary)
	1:30 P.M. &	Open Pairs for the Scrien and
	3:00 P.M.	June Budd Hicks Trophy (first session qualifying)
		Knockout Teams (semi-finals & finals)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	11:00 A.M. &	Open Swiss Teams (playthrough)
	4:30 P.M.	

Free coffee and muffins Sunday morning

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$4.00 per player per session, except Junior Pairs \$3.00 per player

Phil Wood, Tournament Director

John Brydon, Tournament
Chairman

IMP LEAGUE - 1980-1981

The registration deadline is the 21 September, 1980 (the last day of the upcoming Sectional).

The Unit Board and Commissioner Martin Johnson have agreed that there will be two flights:

Flight A - Open

Flight B - A maximum of two Life Masters per team.

Players eligible to play in Flight B may also play in Flight A.

Teams of 4 to 6 players are permitted though teams of 6 are encouraged so as to facilitate the arranging of matches. Play is to begin in October, the season ending with playoffs as in previous years.

The entry fee is \$30.00 per team.

Grand National Pairs

The Unit (second) stage of the Grand National Pairs will be held on Sunday, September 28, 1980 at the Howe St. Holiday Inn. The two-session event will start at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

See inside this issue for a list of all qualifiers.

The District Grand National Pairs stage is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 1981 in the Sea-Tac area.

Two trophies are up for grabs at the September Sectional: The Ben Lapidus Trophy for the victors in the Knockout Teams and the Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy for the winners in the Open Pairs. Defending the Ben Lapidus are Jim Andrews, Phyllis Novak, Paul Hagen, Ron Borg and Bob Connop. Leo Steil and John Kamb are the latest winners of the Hicks Trophy which was instituted in 1977.

Benny Lapidus passed away a number of years ago. He was a junk yard owner & trade. Although he travelled to tournaments and won several regional events he was primarily a rubber bridge player - probably for good reason as he is reputed to have been a card rack.

Jim Donaldson tells a story about a rubber game in which Lapidus was paired with a fruit dealer. One auction got out of hand as Lapidus insisted on one major while his partner insisted on the other. Eventually his partner bid 6 Nt and the next player doubled. Lapidus bid 7 Nt... the next player double and Lapidus produced a resounding redouble! As he layed down the dummy he commented, "I'll show you junk is better than fruit".

Adrian and June Budd Hicks are well known to all local players. Adrian has operated several bridge clubs over the last thirty years but he and June Budd are best known for their long-time association with the Vancouver Bridge Club. This club, originally started up by Kate Buchman (a legendary club owner from Toronto), was the home of duplicate in Vancouver for many years until it closed in 1977.

Adrian and June Budd have many Regional successes to their credit. Adrian is famous as Western Canada's first Life Master and June Budd, in her heyday, was one of the best woman players in the Pacific Northwest. Originally from Butte, Montana, June Budd met Adrian in 1957, the year he became a Life Master. A year later June Budd also became an LM.

As a bridge partnership one of their triumphs came at a Billings Regional in the late fifties. The event was board-a-match and Adrian and June Budd - she was still an American citizen at the time - were paired up "with a couple of Montana gals". Adrian recalls that in the final session he and June had about six disasters and were preparing their excuses as they went to compare scores. But the girls had had a great set and saved all their hopeless results so they knew they had a shot at winning the event. However they were disappointed to hear that a Canadian team had won. Adrian was the only non-American on the team and it wasn't until later that they learned they had indeed triumphed!

June Budd, for health reasons, no longer plays in too many tournaments. Adrian, however, is a keen and feared competitor. Just last spring, in Victoria, he added yet another regional win to his long list of achievements by winning the Open Pairs. At that rate he should be good for another 70 years

Hello, goodbye....

As your new editor, I would like to thank Doug Andrews, on behalf of all unit members for the excellent way in which he nurtured and pieced together the Matchpointer while he was serving on the Board. I shall try to maintain the very high standard set by Doug and his predecessors.

One criticism I have heard concerning this newsletter is that it caters too much to the "good" players, with features such as "It's Your Bid" finding a limited audience. Such criticism may be fuelled somewhat by this issue which contains much material on the National Final of the 1980 Canadian Team Championships, likely to be of interest mainly to the experienced tournament player. This extensive coverage may be justified in that the CNTC is a grassroot event, the final is a once-a-year happening, and this year's edition is historically important being the first Canadian substitute for the Grand National Teams.

In future, a serious attempt will be made to balance content but the editor can only do so much. The policy of the Matchpointer is to publish more-or-less whatever it receives and in the past the "good" players have been the most eager to contribute. The newsletter can represent the interests of all members but everyone has to contribute - so please do!

Aidan

Participation Tax Cancelled

At the recent Chicago Nationals the ACBL Board of Directors voted to scrap the "participation tax" which had been proposed in the spring at Fresno and which was to have been implemented this September.

The decision came partly in response to criticism of the tax from the Club Owners Association (club players would have carried a large part of the financial burden according to the proposed scheme) and from the membership-at-large. The decision came also because the League's financial situation has improved since Fresno and present losses are not nearly as great as they were projected to be in March. In fact attendance at all levels of play, in steady decline at the time of the Fresno meeting, has levelled off and even recovered slightly.

Nevertheless the Board agreed on several increases (a complete description may be found in the League's August Bulletin) some of which are outlined here. Most of the increases are effective September 1, 1980.

- beginning with 1981 dues, ACBL membership shall be US\$ 10 (up from US\$ 7) and the Life Master Service Charge (the 5-year grace period remains in effect) shall be US\$ 7.
- annual club franchise fees shall double, from US\$ 5 to US\$ 10.
- entry fees at National Championships are going up.
- sanction fees for clubs, sectionals, regionals and nationals shall increase.

As a result of these increases the card fees shall no doubt go up at all levels of play.

DINO NEWS

Henry Smilie, one of our two reps on the DINO Board reports that a few months ago District 19 voted to withdraw from the Western Conference (W.C.). The W.C. originally encompassed the Western states and provinces and was formed when these areas joined the ACBL. Its most important function at that time was to administer the rights of the Western regions to hold Regional Championships. Its other important function was to publish the Forum.

The viability of the W.C. began to diminish about 10 years ago when a Southern California District withdrew. Shortly after that the other districts gained their right to hold Regionals themselves and district organizations formed as a result. The District 19 Organization - DINO for short - serves Alaska, B.C. and Washington. The need for the W.C. has thus been questionable for some time and the cost of membership to a financially troubled district such as ours is not negligible, hence DINO's decision to withdraw.

Henry reports that the W.C. has now tentatively agreed to financial terms which would allow it to close the Forum. As a substitute DINO intends to reach its members.

UNIT NEWS

Congratulations to newly elected Board members Frances Waters, Jo MacDonald (both re-elected), John Bryden, Peter Walton, Delphine Tablotney, and Jenny Paynter.

Jenny fills a newly created position on the Board, that of Club Officer. One of her responsibilities shall be to establish better rapport between the clubs and the Unit Board. Additionally she may be approached in the settling of disputes between clubs and individual unit members.

The new Board has already made one landmark decision, to drop its sponsorship of the Vancouver-Seattle annual match. The rationale for the decision was that the match did not fall within the jurisdiction of the ACBL and should not therefore be organized by an administrative limb of the league. In addition last year's event lost money meaning that unit funds were being spent for the benefit of a small minority of the membership.

Although private groups may take on the organizing of the Inter-city, the withdrawal of the unit's support, with the resulting loss of impetus, probably signals the end of that event.

THE NEW BOARD

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C.B.F. NEWS

Sandra Borg, director of our zone in the Canadian Bridge Federation (Zone VI) recently reported on her activities. Below are edited excerpts from this report. A copy of the original report may be obtained from her or seen at some of the city's clubs.

1981 Canadian National Team Championships:

The club qualifying period begins this September. Pending ACBL approval there have been some changes in the conditions of contest. Notably...

- intact teams may enter more than once in the first stage, until such time as they qualify.
- 50% of the first stage shall qualify to the unit final or semi-final.
- the dates for the unit and district finals are to be announced before the start of the first round.
- the defending champions automatically qualify for the National Final, but must pay their own expenses.

The ACBL has increased sanction fees at all stages of the event.

The annual meeting in Fredericton:

Seven officials met over three and a half days, often for 16 hour stretches to deal with problems that had arisen in the past year and to plan 1981 events and programs. The minutes will be published in the October digest. Amongst the items discussed.....

- The CBF has applied to hold the 1981 Bermuda Bowl in Canada. Montreal will be competing with Memphis as hosts for the event.
- A committee is presently working on obtaining federal funds for our Olympiad and International competitors. Programs for senior citizens, deaf and other handicapped bridge players are also being looked into.
- The CBF has bought 16 sets of second-hand bidding boxes. They are available at a reasonable rental to the individual zones for use at Regionals or higher level tournaments.
- The CBF is planning to ask clubs and units to hold additional Olympic Fund Games. These games are presently the only source of funds for sending teams to the Olympiad. So far, the amount raised each year is about \$7000, but the cost of sending two teams to the Olympiad (an expense arising every two years) is a bare-bones \$21000.

1982 Olympiad Pairs:

The Grand National Pairs are going to be used as a vehicle for selecting zone winners. This is possible as the ACBL is now allowing for more than one district final to be held in Grand National events. The CBF is asking the ACBL to tax Canadian pairs entering the event (it will cost them an extra dollar to enter) in order to raise Olympiad Pair funds.

Zone VI Elections:

The elections will take place in November of this year. Anyone may run for office. The position is voted on by the six units in the zone. Sandra is stepping down but Doug Andrews, a member of the Vancouver Unit, has indicated he will run in the next election.

Sandra had this to say as the departing director:

"The C.B.F. has made many contributions to Canadian bridge in its more than ten years of existence. Most Canadian players do not know who we are, what we have done or why we exist. In this zone, any player who has been to

a Canadian National event knows that they would not have had that experience but for the C.B.F. That is a slow way to gain fans. Part of the reason for this lack of knowledge lies with me - it is one of my functions to communicate with the Units in my zone and make them aware of what we are trying to accomplish, as well as to carry out the wishes of the Units in regards to the progress of Canadian affairs.

We do not wish to separate Canada from the ACBL; it is to our advantage to be a part of that organization. Rather, the C.B.F. exists to look after matters of purely Canadian interest that cannot be properly perceived and handled by the parent body of the ACBL.

The job of your zone director is a large one; there is much work in areas of bridge. I am stepping down from this position with feelings of regret as I am aware of how much remains to be done, but I can be of assistance to the new director and hopefully lessen the burden he or she is taking up.

The most gratifying experience that I have had as director has been the opportunity to meet many of the people in this country who form the backbone of bridge. So many dedicated people who work to improve the quality of this game we all enjoy."

IN MEMORIAM

The Unit was sorry to hear of the passing of Saint John Madeley who died suddenly last July 24th.

Mr. Madeley was a well-known Fraser Valley Bridge Director who was instrumental in developing prison bridge clubs. He was directing at the Mission Bridge Club, and had formerly directed at the Haney Club.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Molly Madeley who continues the work of her husband.

Vancouver at the National Finals of the 1980 CNTC

Two Vancouver teams represented Zone VI at the finals. The Johnson Team (Martin and Julene Johnson, Doug Balawin, Chris Christofferson, Ron Borg and Bob Connop) made the final play-offs and eventually finished third - an impressive showing. Meanwhile the Herald Team (Peter Herald, Neil Chambers, Gord McOrmond, Lauren Miller, Duncan Smith and Jim McAvoy - the last two are actually from Victoria) went to Toronto with high expectations (several of them had previously made it to the National Final, and some had international experience). Unfortunately this team was eliminated but here is a sampling of their experience.

A Funny thing happened on the way to Oslo - by Lauren Miller

By now the gruesome technical details of our team's annihilation in Toronto will have been mercilessly exposed. However, there was more to the debacle than meets the eye, and as a public service I have consented to provide this unbiased, behind-the-scene report.

Now I wouldn't necessarily say that my teammate Gord McOrmond is superstitious. I have never known him to pale at having his path crossed by a black cat (which any visitor to my humble abode has experienced), nor does he touch wood at any hint of danger. He has been known to wear the same pair of socks throughout a Regional, but I have always attributed this to his student budget rather than to a zealous concern for his luck. One thing Gord is keen on, though, is omens. So it was not too much of a shock when he arrived at the airport bubbling with enthusiasm and confidence with the report that he had been wandering around the docks the day before and the only ship in port was the "Queen of Oslo". When this news was greeted with comments of derision (So what? was one of the mildest) from his jaded teammates, he patiently explained that the winner of the Canadian Team event would represent Canada in the Team Olympiad, which was to be held in Oslo...

When we checked our information sheet and found the Olympiad was being held in Valkenburg, Netherlands rather than in Oslo, a pall descended

on the team. It was to remain throughout the tournament. Compelling evidence of this was the fact that Gord was barred from kibitzing more than two hands at Martin Johnson's table because, as Martin explained, Gord's heavy negative vibes were totally blotting out Martin's table feel!

And that, dear friends, is the real story of how our hopes of international glory were crushed even before we started. As my Tsawwassen guru always says, "You can't fight bad karma".

Hogtown : June : The Team Trials

by Neil Chambers

There were some good teams in Toronto, as expected, but there were also some notable absences....But enough of that. The round-robin had an excellent format: thirteen teams, twelve 14-board matches and a bye, over the space of three days. Boards were duplicated as a victory point scale was used (the scale was from 0 to 80 VPs and each IMP won or lost scored 1VP to a maximum of 80, zero being the worst possible result).

Our team played itself into last place after the first day and only got into aposition to qualify as the round-robin was ending.... However, en route to our kibitzer's chairs for the play-offs, Peter and I ran into some interesting problems.

If you get three or four of these problems right you'll change your average finish into a spot in the semi-finals.

1. Both vulnerable. You have AK and open 2Nt. You see (bidding boxes were used throughout):
- | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------|----|------|------|
| AKJ8x | | | | | |
| A8x | 2Nt | STOP! | 4S | pass | pass |
| Qxx | | | | | |
| | | | | | ? |

Do you bid?

2. You have xx This time at favourable vulnerability.
- | | | | | | |
|--------|----------------|------|------------|----|--|
| Q108xx | | | | | |
| 108x | <u>Partner</u> | | <u>You</u> | | |
| Jxx | 1H | 1S | 2H | 4S | |
| | pass | pass | ? | | |

Do you bid?

3. Defend. You have Qxx at equal vulnerability and see:
- | | | | | | |
|------|--|-----|------|-----|----------|
| A86x | | 1Nt | pass | 3Nt | you pass |
| 10xx | | | | | |
| 98x | | | | | |
- Partner leads the 3H (low from interest).

Dummy

1097
J92
KQJ2
Q7x

On the play of the ace of hearts, declarer drops the queen.
How do you continue?

Partner

led the 3H

You

Qxx
A865
10xx
98x

4. Lead. You have Jxxx at equal vulnerability. The bidding goes:
- | | | | | | |
|-------|--|------------|---|-----|----------|
| x | | | | | |
| 1098x | | <u>You</u> | | | |
| 10xxx | | 1Nt | p | 2D* | p |
| | | 2H | p | 4Nt | p |
| | | 5H | p | 6H | all pass |
- *2D=forcing Stayman

Some confusion was evinced in the auction when partner inquired about 4Nt. Anyway, what do you lead?

(solutions on next page)

Answers

1. Yes, I doubled too and pushed, -790. The opponents' hands:

<u>Declarer</u>	<u>Dummy</u>
JT98xxx	Q76
void	T9xx
J	KTxx
AKJTx	xx

Pass wins 5VP.

2. 5 Hearts goes for 500, 4S is down 1 only with fine declarer play. Partner's hand is J8x AJxxx AK9 (over dummy's QJxx) Qx. Pass gains 12VP.
3. Be careful to return the 8 or 6 hearts. Look at the hand from declarer's point of view.

<u>Graves</u>	<u>Mittleman</u>
KJ6x	T97
QT	J92
Axx	KQJx
Axx	QJx

Since declarer is allowed to hold the second heart in dummy it is mandatory to take the club finesse if hearts are 5-3, but if the hearts are judged to be 4-4 there are options. My carding (return of lowest heart) showed hearts to be breaking and Allan used this information to divine the winning line; he played on spades and took nine tricks.

The 8 hearts return gains 14 VIs..

(Ed. note- Gord McOrmond submitted an analysis of the play giving reasons why it is right to play on spades. Briefly stated, his analysis says that playing the ten of spades at trick three gives declarer more control in combining his chances in the black suits.)

4. A small diamond!

This is your one chance to allow declarer to hold the trick in dummy, and then to make his natural play in trumps - 9 hearts to the queen in hand. (Not completely double-dummy as partner's trumps figure to be the key to beating the slam).

	<u>Dummy</u>		Partner must let the 7 diamonds hold the trick.... but he will.
	Qxx		
	K98x		
	K7		Beating the slam gains
<u>You</u>	AQJx	<u>Partner</u>	22 VIs.
(on lead)		Txx	
		AJ52	
		Q6x	
		9xx	
	<u>Declarer</u>		
	AKx		
	QT7x		
	AJ42		
	Kx		

Test your bridge with 3 hands from the 1980 Canadian Teams Final

by Gord McOrmond

In view of our team's mediocre finish I've abandoned my original plan of giving you a detailed and triumphant report of our performance and instead have chosen to give you a few of the more interesting hands that were played at my table.

I've set these hands in a format which I hope will give you a flavour of the event and also let you compare your own performance with that of the actual competitors. To aid this comparison I've rated possible plays on a scale of 0-5. You may have to rate your own variations as I've given the most obvious only!

1. You are playing 4S against Kokish and Nagy, members of the winning Graves team. You are South and Peter Nagy leads the Q diamonds.

<u>Declarer(you)</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	<u>Auction</u>	
AQ8742	T963	<u>N</u>	<u>S</u>
J5	AK9		
97	63	p	2S
K94	AT75	2Nt	3H*
		4S	all pass

*3H= a good hand with a bad suit

On the Q diamonds Kokish follows with the 8, and on the J diamonds he follows with the 4. Nagy shifts to the heart 3. Plan the play.

2. In this hand, from the first match of the round-robin, against the Johnson team from Vancouver you are defending a partscore played by Julene.

<u>You</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	<u>The auction:</u>			
	85	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>You</u>
	742				
	AK3				
	A6532				
AQJ3			p	p	1H
AQT96		p	p	1S	p
T75		2C	2H	3C	3H
9		3S		all pass	

You lead the D5, the dummy plays the king and your partner signals with the nine. Declarer then passes the S8 around to your queen. How do you continue?

3. This hand was played by my partner Lauren Miller against the Markotich team which eventually finished second in the event.

<u>Lauren</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	<u>The auction (both vul):</u>	
A	J863	<u>L.M.</u>	<u>G.M.</u>
AQ9753	KT842	1H	4C = splinter
53	AQ84	4S	5C
KJ83	void	5H	6H
		pass	

The opening lead is the D9, won in dummy with the ace. When you cross to your hand with the Q hearts LHO discards the C2. Plan the play.
(Hint: If you ruff two clubs in dummy your RHO will follow with the 10, then the Q of clubs.)

SOLUTIONS

1. Having already lost two diamond tricks you must avoid losing both a spade and a club. Two lines of play appear to stand out as superior. You can duck the heart and if this loses fall back on the spade finesse or you can rise with the heart ace, cash the spade ace and if the king does not drop play the king of hearts, ruff dummy's last heart and exit a spade. This forces an opponent to open the club suit. This second line requires either the singleton of trumps or split club honors, assuming spades 2-1; a slightly better than 60% chance. The first line actually requires that LHO is leading away from the heart queen, for if the other hand holds the queen the spade king is likely to be offside since RHO passed originally. The odds that the queen is on your left are very good, around 66%, but who cares. Why is RHO endplaying his partner when he could have overtaken the first diamond and returned a spade? Probably because he holds the heart queen.

In practice Nagy did lead away from the queen of hearts, but Lauren followed the best line of rising with the ace and trying the end-play. Nagy had begun with the king doubleton of spades and was put in after hearts had been stripped. Nagy then made the standard return of the club jack, but Lauren hopped up with the ace and finessed the nine successfully.

Score-

Lauren's line of play..... 5
 Same play as Lauren's except for
 planning to cash the top clubs
 before exiting the spade..... 2
 Finessing the heart, planning to
 drop the king of spades offside
 if the heart queen wins..... 3
 Finessing the heart, and planning
 to finesse the spade..... 1

US: 5 YOU _____

2. It looks like you have four defensive tricks guaranteed and there are several ways you might go about developing another. If partner gets in with either the diamond queen or with a club you'll beat the contract at least one trick. However, if declarer has two diamonds and partner has no sure club entry then declarer might make 2 spade tricks, 2 diamonds and 5 clubs to make the contract. On the auction partner has 3 hearts so you can establish another trump trick via a forcing game by shifting to ace and another heart, the surest way of beating the contract.

85
 742
 AK3
 A6532

AQJ3
 AQT96
 T75
 9

KT976
 KJ
 J4
 KJ84

42
 873
 Q862
 QT7

At the table Lauren continued a diamond (his only defensive error in 140 hands so I just had to write it up!). Dummy won and passed another spade to his jack. Julene ruffed the next diamond and drove out the ace of spades. Lauren had to return a trump won by declarer. She crossed to the ace of clubs with the 8 spot, finessed a club jack, cashed the king and overtook the carefully preserved club 4 to run the clubs, making three spades.

Score-

Heart ace and continuation..... 5
 Heart queen or club eventually
 planning to get partner in for a
 ruff..... 3
 Diamond 7..... 1

US: 1 YOU _____

3. You have eleven tricks for certain; one spade, six hearts, one diamond and three club ruffs. Twelve tricks are there if you can ruff another club or if the two top outstanding spade honors come down. Ruffing four clubs is a problem if RHO has only two, along with the long trump and can over-ruff dummy. To get a count on the hand and to prepare a potential trick in the spade suit it is best to begin by playing off the ace of spades. A further advantage of unblocking the spade ace is that it may pave the way for a possible endplay.

In this hand, after playing the ace of spades, you'll be in dummy in the following position when RHO follows with the club Q:

	Dummy
void	J8
75	KT
5	Q84
KJ	void

Now you ruff a spade, pull the outstanding trump by crossing to dummy's heart king. If the spade Jack is not good, ruff it. If RHO shows out or if both follow simply play a diamond to the eight; you'll make another trick on a club or diamond return (play the king of diamonds to be on your right no matter what

diamond is returned). If LHO shows out on the last spade you can confidently play RHO to be 5-2-4-2 (assuming he follows to two hearts and the diamond lead was top of nothing) and take a ruffing finesse in clubs.

At the table Lauren wasn't given the hint and did not anticipate the 7-2 club division. Since he hadn't cashed the spade ace early he was more-or-less on a guess, but eventually took the ruffing finesse in clubs to bring home the slam.

Score-

Spade ace and strip the spades to end-play RHO.....5
 Spade ac.to get a count on the spades: If
 RHO has 5 or more plan to ruff-finesse, if
 RHO 4 or less plan to try to ruff out the A.....4
 Not cashing the spade ace but guessing to
 ruff-finesse.....3
 Misguessing.....2

US: 3 YOU _____

Rate yourself!

Total score: 13-15 I think I have a team for you! Send your name and
 address to me c/o the Match.....
 11-12 Start packing for the Olypiad (you might have won in
 Toronto as we scored 9).
 9-10 Pack for Toronto
 7-8 All the way to the B.C. Championships
 5-6 Must be a Matchpoint player
 0-4 Maybe pin-ball suits you better

1981 Canadian National Team Championships

The following clubs have scheduled qualifying games, starting in 1980.

Sunset Community Centre 404 E. 51st Ave. Vancouver, B.C.	Sept 29 and Oct 6 (one session each) 7.30 p.m.
White Rock Sunnyside Comm. Centre	Oct 1 and Oct 8 (one session each) 7.30 p.m.
Haida Bridge Club	Nov 1 (two sessions) 1.30 and 8.00 p.m.
Jewish Comm. Centre	Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 (one session each) 7.45 p.m.
Northside Bridge Club	Oct 26 and Nov 2 (one session each) 1.00 p.m.
Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Oct 16 and Oct 30 (one session each) 7.15 p.m.
Maple Ridge Bridge Club	Oct 1 and Oct 8 (one session each) 7.45 p.m.
Cloverdale Bridge Club Canadian Legion	Oct 19, Sunday, (two sessions) starts at 1.00 p.m.

Notice that playing in the qualifying round requires a two session commitment

ATTENTION! The ACBL has decided not to ratify the qualifying round conditio
 of contest outlined in Sandra Borg's report (page 4 of this issu
 Consequently the qualifying round will take place in the same
 manner as last year, that is, a team can play once only in the
 qualifying round. If the team fails to qualify in one attempt i
 is eliminated.

Volunteer Sewers Needed

Marcia Kostynyk has advised the unit that she needs twenty volunteers to
 sew 1000 tote bags that are to be given away at the next Vancouver Regional
 (in January) as part of the hospitality package.

In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Maude Powers,
 a member of our unit who recently passed away.

UNIT GAMESJuly (Downtown) Overall Winners:

26 tables

1.	L. Strebinger - G. Bell	211-
2.	M. Dimich - M. Potzold	202
3.	L. Steil - S. Levine	195-
4.	T. Trites - J. Mogan	185-
5.	C. Hodson - G. Davis	185
6.	F. Bowers - J. Goodman	178

Section A

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1.	L. Strebinger - G. Bell	211-	1. C. Hodson - G. Davis 185
2.	T. Trites - J. Mogan	185-	2. F. Bowers - J. Goodman 178
3.	A. Ballantyne - P. Herold	172-	3. M. Aaron - J. Berry 176-
4.	R. Sauve - A. Hicks	170	4. F. Waters - P. Barrington 174-
5.	E.A. McKee - R. Groome	163	5/6 J. and G. Brownridge 172-
			F. Clark - F. Friis 172-

Section B

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1.	L. Steil - S. Levine	195-	1. M. Dimich - M. Potzold 202
2.	A. Nagy - A. Nagy	175	2. M. O'Reilly - S. McIlwain 175
3.	S. Borg - J. Wong	173	3. M. Johnson - J. Johnson 169-
4.	B. Angus - B. Curry	170	4/5 L. Miller - L. Sims 163
5.	J. Greening - B. Haley	165-	A. Skuce - M. Krusell 163

August (Downtown) Unit Game Overall Winners:

17 tables

1.	A. Ballantyne - J. Donaldson	212
2.	A. Kallberg - P. Kallberg	198-
3.	M. Dimich - M. Potzold	186-
4.	S. McIlwain - M. Newcombe	178
5.	A. Hicks - J.B. Hicks	176-
6.	B. Sauve - N. Thesberg	171

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1.	A. Kallberg - P. Kallberg	198-	1. A. Ballantyne - J. Donaldson 212
2.	A. Hicks - J.B. Hicks	176-	2. M. Dimich - M. Potzold 186--
3.	G. Stanford - K. Van Lieshout	168	3. S. McIlwain - M. Newcombe 178
4/5	N. Chambers - M. Johnson	164-	4. B. Sauve - N. Thesberg 171
	P. Hupka - M. Smith		5. D. Irvine - M. Irvine 166-
6/7/8	M. Aaron - J. Berry	159-	6+ G. Bell - L. Strebinger 158-
	G. Davis - C. Hodson		7. H. Smilie - M. Reiffer 155
	L. Miller - L. Sims		

August (Cloverdale) Unit Game Overall Winners

10 tables

1.	D. Fraser - J. Groome	130-
2.	T. Stiennon - B. Hamilton	127
3.	E.T. Hicks - L. Hicks	125-
4.	R. Andersen - I. Andersen	124-
5.	P. Walton - J. Greene	118
6/7	P. Radnai - I. McLennan	116-
	N. Treleaven - B. Dack	

<u>N/S</u>		<u>E/W</u>	
1.	D. Fraser - J. Groome	130-	1. E.T. Hicks - L. Hicks 125-
2.	T. Stiennon - B. Hamilton	127	2. P. Walton - J. Greene 118
3.	R. Andersen - I. Andersen	124-	3/4 P. Radnai - I. McLennan 116-
			N. Treleaven - B. Dack

Unit Game Point Race - Downtown

1.	Aidan Ballantyne	8.04
2.	George Bell	5.46
3.	Doug Andrews	4.94
4.	Mike Dimich	4.54
5.	Sefton Levine	4.30

The cumulative standings for Cloverdale are not available at this time.

Grand National Qualifiers for Unit Stage

By alphabetical order using the following abbreviations: H=Haida, JCC=Jewish Community Center, T=Tsawwassen, N=Northside, C=Cloverdale, M=Mission, WR=White Rock, A=Agassiz, PR=Powell River, Ch=Chilliwack, Ar=Arbutus, NW=New Westminster. 225 players qualified.

Mo Aaron	JCC	Al Freeze	WR	Wilf May	C,WR
Ina Anderson	T	Donna Freeze	WR	Irma Miller	PR
Doug Andrews	N	Isabel French	Ch	Keith Miller	N
Frank Appleby	M	Phyllis Gerber	Ar	Lauren Miller	JCC
Greg Arbour	H	Aban Gerrie	JCC	Mike Moffatt	NW,WR
Aidan Ballantyne	H,JCC	Bob Gerrie	H	Mike Molnar	Ch
J. Barnett	C	L. Gorling	WR	Tod Moore	T
Phyllis Barrington	H	Jane Green	C,WR	Vernica Moore	T
Donna Beedle	PR	Jean Groome	T,C	Julie Moraes	JCC
George Bell	H,JCC	Ron Groome	T,JCC,WR	Alvira Morris	Ar
Bennington	N	Jim Groves	Ch	D. Morrison	C,NW,N
Marg Benoit	WR,M	Susan Gyonont	Ar	Ray Morrison	WR
Joy Berry	C	B. Hamilton	C	Ron Morrison	A,Ch
Laurence Betts	H	Betty Hamilton	WR	Dean Mountain	M
Rhonda Betts	H	(7935714)		Pat Murphy	Ar
Mavis Bifano	WR	Doug Hansford	T	Ian MacLennan	C
Blake	N	Bill Hartford	C	Ron McConnell	JCC
A. Blinkhorn	WR	Anne Hartop	NW	Debbie McCully	JCC
B. Blomme	A,JCC	Mike Hartop	NW	Gerry McCully	JCC
Henry Boyananowsky	PR	Margaret Havens	PR	Jim McCully	N
Ron Borg	H	Bernice Hawkins	Ar	E. McDiarmid	T
A. Browning	C,WR	Jim Hawkins	Ar	M. McDonna	T
John Bryden	N	Peter Herold	H	J. McEvoy	WR
Enid Bye	PR	Vic Hetman	JCC	Ev McKee	JCC,WR
Austin Byrnes	Ch	Adrian Hicks	H,JCC	Edna McMahon	Ar
Marg Cairns	PR	Liz Hicks	C	Gord McOrmond	JCC,H
Ted Cairns	PR	Ted Hicks	NW,WR	Andy Nagy	H
S.P. Caldwell	C	Ev Hodge	C,NW	Anne Nagy	H
P. Carruthers	A,WR	Chuck Hodson	H,JCC	Marg Neate	NW,N
S. Castagner	WR	Ken Holland	NW,WR	M. Newcombe	N
N. Chambers	H	Evelyn Hosgood	NW	A. Nielsen	T
N. Chapple	WR	Louise Houde	N	Mrs. A. Nielsen	T
Henry Chow	Ar	Dorothy Hughes	M	Bob Olson	Ch
Paul Chow	Ar	John Hurdle	JCC	Joan Olson	Ch
Chris Christopherson	H	Dan Irvine	Ar	F. Oliver	A
Mary Clarke	T	Marjorie Irvine	Ar	M. O'Reilly	H
Collin Collin	WR	Bob Jackson	WR	Jenny Paynter	H,JCC
L. Compain	A	Dan Jacob	H	Bob Percher	Ch,A
B. Connop	H	Selene Jacobson	JCC	G. Phelan	NW,N
N. Cook	WR	Dale Jensen	H	G. Plumridge	M
Bill Combes	Ch	Julene Johnson	JCC	Larry Pocock	T,C,NW
Jill Costain	C	Martin Johnson	JCC	D. Poule	A
Jack Crosfield	PR	George Joneson	PR	Isabel Pratt	NW
Millicent Crow	Ar	Don Jorgenson	A,JCC	Peter Racina	NW
Gus Cunningham	PR	E. Jorgenson	JCC	E. Rockwell	M
Rick Cunningham	WR	Mary Keith	Ar	Andrew Ross	H
Bert Curry	H	Bernard Kelleher	Ar	Jim Ross	M
G. Davis	H,JCC	Tess Kelleher	Ar	R. Ross	C
Connie Delisle	H	Jean Kelly	Ch	Howard Rubin	H
D. Denman	T,A	Sophus Kelly	WR	Joe Ruskin	H
E. Denman	A	Dianne Kinakin	JCC	Ray Saintonge	JCC
Ernie Dietrich	NW	Ton Kinakin	JCC	Bob Sauve	H
Jim Dilworth	Ch	A. Kiper	C	Dave Schmidt	T,C,Ch
Ron Dixon	H	George Klotz	C	Sid Segal	JCC,WR
Dennis Dohl	H	Marcia Kostynyk	JCC	F. Shen	N
Jim Donaldson	N	Moyna Krusell	H,JCC	Nick Shugaalo	T
A. Dymond	C	Danny Lee	H	Linda Simms	H
Carl England	M	Hannah Liang	Ar	Od Skonnard	NW
Len Feeney	M	Hobart Liang	Ar	Alana Skuce	JCC
Mary Fines	NW	Betty Luft	Ch	Rose Slutsky	Ar
D. Forsythe	WR	Gladys Mackie	T,C,A	I. Smith	C
Les Foulks	WR	Molly Madely	Ch	Kay Snow	PR
Cliff Fowler	Ch,M	Jim Marshall	NW	Fred Sontag	H,JCC,WR
Laura Francis	Ch	M. Marshall	A	R. Sontowski	WR
Don Fraser	T,C,NW	Joel Martineau	H	Gertie Stanford	H
				Leo Steil	H

T. Stienmon	C,WR	S. Turgeon	T	Emil Westerland	H
Terry Stokes	PR	Doris Tynan	WR	M. White	A
Lisa Strebinger	H,JCC	Koos van Lieshout	H	Wes White	Ch
Mike Strebinger	N	Peg Verchere	M	Marguerite Wiggins	T
Mary Sutherland	N	L. Vervoort	A	Dunc Williams	Ar
Charlie Swanson	H,JCC	Bob Vosburgh	Ch	Vernice Wilson	Ar
Dennis Taylor	H	Lil Vosburgh	CH	W. Worsfold	A
Flora Tereposky	M	Pete Walton	T,C	Rose Wrean	N
Norm Thesberg	JCC	R. Ward	JCC	Mr. Yallouze	N
Howie Thomas	Ch	D. Waterman	Ar	Mrs. Yallouze	N

Well played, Sid!

Lots of people hate club bridge - the smoke, the tedium of slow play, the occasional rude player, the fixes and other unpleasant aspects. But occasionally a hand comes along that puts the game in the proper perspective and makes it all worthwhile. Such was the experience that befell Sid Segal a few weeks ago.

Sid, sitting South, and his partner bid aggressively to 6 clubs after Sid had opened his three card minor and his left-hand opponent had pre-empted at the 3 level in spades. The opening lead was the 10 diamonds.

<u>Sid</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	
A9x	x	The slam was ambitious with two probable diamond losers and a potential loser in the trump suit.
KJx	A10	Sid saw that he had a chance if trumps broke evenly, and if the lead was a singleton. He won the ace of diamonds, played the king
Jxxx	Axxx	
A10x	KJxxxx	

of clubs and a club to the ace, drawing the trump. Now he played ace of spades and ruffed a spade, played ace of hearts and a heart to the jack. On the king of hearts he pitched one of dummy's diamonds. Now he played his last spade but let the pre-empter hold the trick as he pitched another diamond from the dummy. His opponent was down to nothing but spades and had to give Sid a ruff and sluff enabling declarer to eliminate dummy's last diamond. In all Sid lost a spade trick, but no diamonds!

When the hand was over Sid was heard to say, "If only it had happened in the finals of the Spingold!"

New Life Masters

Congratulations to the following members for achieving gold card status:

MS. ELAINE RYAN
 MRS. D. WILLIAMS
 MR. W.R. WORSFOLD

CLUB NEWS

In addition to the club news on page 18, edited by Catriona Brown, the following items have been received:

SALISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:
 300 Ioco Road, Port Moody, tel 939-7527.
 Operated by Lou Huberman

Sept 23 (Tues), Open Pairs Championship, 7.15 p.m.
 Oct 28 (Sunday), Open Pairs Championship, 7.15 p.m.

Special games:

Oct 7 (Tues), District-wide Charity Game (Hand Records)
 Nov 18 (Tues), ACBL Charity game (Hand Records)

Lou needs some "How to play duplicate bridge books" for the new "Senior Citizen Club".

NOTICE TO NEW ACBL MEMBERS-Starting with 1981 dues, it costs \$11.50 Can. to join the league. This amount should be sent to Jo MacDonald at #2-1610 W 12th Ave., Vancouver, V6J 2E4 (tel. 732-0360) and she'll register you with the ACBL.

It's Your Bid

by Doug Andrews

The A.C.B.L. strongly discourages the opening of One No Trump with a singleton. Generally, the offending side will be penalized. However, it is permissible to overcall in No Trump with a singleton provided that the action is reasonable. This set of problems features several such situations.

1. MATCHPOINTS	Neither	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
7		I Club	?		
AQ8					
AQT52					
AQ93	AWARDS: Double = 10; LNT = 9; 1D = 8; Pass = 6.				

This problem might be solved by a LNT overcall. Only Dan Jacob selected this option, stating that No Trump impedes the opponents bidding more effectively than does 1 Diamond and that the hand seems too strong for 1 Diamond. Most panelists were afraid that partner would keep bidding spades if they overcalled 1 No Trump. This is a pessimistic view in that the opponents may have a 5-4 spade fit which they may discover over 1 Diamond but be unable to find over 1 No Trump. Nonetheless, 1 Diamond was the choice preferred by the panelists for the following reasons:

Duncan Smith: "An imaginative LNT might work at matchpoints, but I prefer the less unilateral heavy overcall."

Aidan Ballantyne: "One Diamond - a bit heavy but if partner bids we have time to find the best game. Other actions are too dangerous thought LNT might work the odd time."

True, if partner bids, game is likely, but if the opponents bid spades we may miss the best partscore.

Martin O'Reilly: "One Diamond. This makes it easier to describe my hand to partner when he or the opponents bid spades - and someone will bid spades!"

Certainly over 1 Diamond someone will bid spades but will they over LNT?

Gary Harper: "One Diamond - to quote the legendary Jim Donaldson, 'What's the problem?'"

You must have your wires crossed, Gary, because Jim Donaldson answered "Pass" without comment as did several other panelists.

Micheal Dimich: "I would pass because of all the delightful decisions in bidding that face us depending on what sort of balance partner makes."

Which is exactly the reason not to pass. Balancing is probably the least discussed and least scientific areas of North American bidding - avoid it if you can.

The other alternative was double with the intention of bidding diamonds at your next opportunity. This is probably the best answer since it allows you to show the strength of the hand without distorting overly the picture of the hand pattern.

Dave Waterman: "Double. Followed by bidding diamonds. If I call 1 diamond or a weird LNT, partner will never know that Kxx in the reds is enough for six. Some pairs will play 3NT off 5 spade tricks, with 6D a peeler!"

Gord McOrmond: "Double. With an 18 count in pass out seat (sic) I have easily enough to double and then bid diamonds to show a good hand."

Or even in direct seat, eh Gord!

The perfect answer was suggested by Unit President Don Fraser; however, I discarded it on the basis that most pairs do not play the convention.

Don Fraser: "Two Diamonds - we still play strong jump overcalls."

2. MATCHPOINTS	Vul vs. Non-Vul	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
J73		3D	P	P	3NT
KT964		P	?		
2					
J987	AWARDS: Pass = 10; 4H = 8.				

Pass was practically unanimous as it should be. Why bid when there could be

nine tricks in No Trump and no other game available.

Bob Sauve: "Pass. No reason to think we can improve the contract."

Micheal Dimich: "Pass. I would hate to be responsible for a minus 50 or plus 420 when my partner might be plus 430 simply by me passing."

Dennis Dohl: "Pass. Dummy gets to go to the bar."

Actually, this hand was given to me by a distraught player who argued that South should have bid because North had overcalled 3NT with a singleton spade. Perhaps two panelists knew the hand or had heard this reasoning:

Martin O'Reilly: "Four Hearts. The diamond pre-empt makes it most likely that partner has a flat hand.. Therefore, there is a better chance of taking ten tricks in hearts than nine tricks in no trump, even if partner happens to have a doubleton heart."

Dave Waterman: "4H. Close but your club holding suggests partner's 3NT was not based on good clubs. Only if partner has soft diamonds and poor hearts will I get tapped. Unlucky!"

But what if partner had a singleton heart instead of a singleton spade?

Gord McOrmond: "Pass. Bidding hearts is unilateral and besides, partner doesn't promise even heart tolerance."

3. MATCHPOINTS	Vul. vs. Non-Vul				
----	E	S	W	N	
	P	P	3S	3NT	
9853					
AK82	4S	?			
K8764					

AWARDS: 5 spades=10; 5NT=9; 4NT=7; Double=5.

The majority of the panelists decided to force partner to slam.

Duncan Smith: "5 Spades. Hope partner can bid a makeable minor slam."

John Hurdle: "5 Spades. We must be close to slam."

Lauren Miller: "5 Spades. Even with partner's wasted spade values we should have a good shot at slam in his best suit."

True only 5NT would be closer but still not slam.

Peter Herold: "5S. Prefer 11 solid spades for this bid but that's life."

Jim Donaldson: "5S. Right suit even if wrong level."

Martin O'Reilly: "5 Spades. The worst that can happen is that you will end up in your 5-3 club fit. Unlike Bob Sauve, I am not looking for a grand!"

Which brings us to the conservative viewpoint...

Bob Sauve: "4NT. To play; partner should be able to scramble ten tricks. Too many heart losers to contemplate slam."

Gord McOrmond: "4NT. With bad splits likely and wasted values in spades I am not going to bid any more."

Yes, frequently the suits split badly when both opponents are pre-empting.

A truly pessimistic view was expressed by:

Don Fraser: "Double - only way at this level to tell partner I have values. If he bids 5 I'll gamble a slam. If he passes we should get a plus score although possibly not the best result,"

Harper summarized the options and found an imaginative solution:

Gary Harper:: "5NT. 4NT would be to play. 5S would be a 3-suit takeout (and show better hearts.) Therefore, 5NT equals slam in the better minor."

Partner actually held AK AQxx xx AQxxx and could make 6 Clubs but not 6 Hearts. The hearts split 4-1 with a singleton K onside so it was necessary to endplay with one of the opponents in hearts to make 6 Clubs.

4. MATCHPOINTS		No-one Vul.			
		E	S	W	N
		1D	1NT	2H	2S
S. AKQ8	D. K976	3H	4S	P	P
H. 4	C. AQT9	3H			

AWARDS: Pass- 10; Double - 7; 5Spades = 6.

The LNT overcall with a singleton strikes again. Some panelists approved while others disapproved. From the legendary Jim Donaldson...

Jim Donaldson: "5S. Glad I described so well."

And from Gary Harper, who is a legend in his own mind:

Gary Harper: "5S. It seems that we are trying to make up for the original misdescription of LNT - a very real danger in the haphazard bidding style which the retiring editor has forced upon us!"

I disagree with both these panelists on the grounds that 5S is the most unilateral and therefore least desirable call one can make. A more flexible call was suggested by:

Dave Waterman: "Double. Partner did not need much to bid 2 Spades, you know. Also, I would have overcalled 1 Spade if I had a 5 card suit."

Just like you failed to do in the first problem, Dave? At least double gives partner a chance to make a decision. 5 Spades may make partner refrain from even bidding again with a weak hand and long suit after you've overcalled LNT. Pass is the most flexible of all calls for the widest variety of reasons..

Lauren Miller: "I suppose to be consistent with my previous psycholtic bidding I should make another unilateral call, but I'll give partner the chance to contribute toward this disaster."

Don Fraser: "I've told my story and partner must make some decisions."

Take note, Lauren, of how much more subtly the president conveys the same message.

Duncan Smith: "Pass. Guessing, but this way if our decision is wrong, I can blame partner, as I gave him the chance to go right."

Gord McOrmond: "This (pass) must be forcing although I really don't think partner will be able to visualize my hand and make an intelligent call. However, if by some chance he does bid 5S it should be right."

Bob Sauve: "Pass showing second round heart control; partner should realize hand potential and double or bid 6 spades."

No grand slam on this one either, eh Bob?

Peter Herold: "If partner doubles, I'll send in my next bid next month."

5. MATCHPOINTS

No-one Vul.

	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
KQ72		?		
Q853				
KQ				
964				

AWARDS: 1H = 10; 1D = 9; 1S = 8; 1C = 6; Pass = 5.

Top marks should have gone to one no trump (weak) but none of the panelists seemed to play the convention. Consequently, one heard giving you a chance to find either major suit fit is preferred.. While the majority of the panel passed, it is my experience that the majority of matchpoint players would open this hand so I demoted the pass.

Duncan Smith: "Pass. In Victoria, we don't open on tram tickets like these." Sure, Dunc - you're just setting us Mainland players up for the next Victoria Sectional.

And from a former Victorian who found salvation:

Gord McOrmond: "Pass. If I open on this kind of junk, how will partner know when I've really psyched?"

Bob Sauve: "Pass...for timing."

Dennis Dohl: "1 Club, System fix. No five-card major, therefore longer minor."

Dave Waterman: "1 Spade. Pass is timid and the hearts are not biddable. Haida Club players can't bid 1 Club since psychs are prohibited."

But David, if this hand is biddable, surely the hearts are biddable.

Michael Dimich: "A Meredith 1 Spade, of course."

Aidan Ballantyne: "A Diamond."

A master call since you will seldom play diamonds instead of No Trump at Matchpoints, you impede competition by the opponents; you want a diamond lead if the opponents buy the contract so that you can score a ruff and you still have not bypassed either of your possible major suit fits. However, I demoted this answer in the scoring since I thought our editor might have been presenting this answer for another problem. (Ed. note -- Yes, I didn't really want to lead a "pass" in Problem 6, either. Frankly, I don't see why anyone would want to open this piece of molding cheddar, especially playing Drury. Why not see what partner, who has played Matchpoints before, does in in third seat?)

6. MATCHPOINTS

Non-Vul vs. Vul.

	E	S	W	N
K98		3D	P	P
72	3NT	P	P	P
KT98654	What do you lead?			

AWARDS: SK = 10; S9 or 8 = 9; H7 = 7; Any diamond = 5.

As some panelists guessed, this is the complementary hand to Problem 2. Declarer had a singleton spade, diamonds well-stopped and 9 runners on obtaining the lead. At the table, partner shifted to a diamond after winning the spade 8 and declarer claimed her contract. That is the main trouble with the spade 8 or 9, partner may think we are putting him in to lead through declarer. Another trouble is if the dummy is the one in Problem 2 or declare has a singleton spade queen.

The panelists had their reasons:

Michael Dimich: "I've been so conservative in my answers to this point that I feel I owe myself some aggressive pleasure. K of spades!"

John Hurdle: "Spade king. I have decided to attack, and I lead the spade least likely to cause my partner to err."

A little self-gratification and some altruism.

Dave Waterman: "King of spades. A spade because my stiff club is so ominous. The king because partner may misread the 8. It's Matchpoint I never do well, anyway."

Generally, the other spade leaders were guessing.

Lauren Miller: "Spade 8 - even without having seen the dummy in Problem 2. I only wish I had a smaller spade."

Don Fraser: "Spade 9 - partner has to take most of the tricks to defeat this contract and this is the suit I can help in setting up."

Gary Harper: "Spade 8 - a guess as to a spade or heart - would have to find partner with less in spades than in hearts, although low spade is more likely to cost a trick."

Which brings us to another aggressive lead which might succeed, although declarer would have to have engaged in pretty psychotic bidding to be missing the pointed suit kings plus the whole heart suit.

Duncan Smith: "Heart 7. A spade is the best IMP lead but at Matchpoints the heart 7 is probably best."

Michael Strebing: "Heart 7. The rest of my answers are too much like Donaldson's."

Now we know why these boys play so well as a partnership.

And finally the faction that believes if a suit is good enough to bid it's good enough to lead.

Gord McOrmond: "Diamond 10. An outside entry and a good suit makes this lead better than guessing for partner's suit."

Bob Sauve: "Diamond 9 (0 or 2 higher) will give least away; declarer can play wide open without a diamond lead."

Declarer may already be playing wide open in the spade suit and you just gave her the contract..

Thanks to the generous scoring system, most panelists scored commendably but no-one was near perfect (except me and I missed as well). Tied for second and third were Ron Borg and Lauren Miller with 51. Congratulations to John Hurdle who submitted a thoughtful set of answers and had the winning score of 52. Just goes to show that bridge is a timed event.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Chicago Nationals

Flight B Women's Pairs (Regional Championship)

1. Elaine Ryan

Wigwam Open Pairs (Regional Championship)

- 10/11 Peter Cooper - Elaine Ryan

Anchorage Regional

Women's Pairs:

1. Maureen Wood (Vancouver) - Kay Snow (Powell River)

Masters' Pairs:

4. Maureen Wood (Vancouver) - George Joneson (Powell River)

Edmonton Regional

Open Swiss Teams

- 4/5. John and Trudy Hurdle, Elaine Ryan

Women's Pairs

- 2/3. Trudy Hurdle and Elaine Ryan

Men's Pairs

3. Chas Swanson - Ted Hicks

Open Pairs

5. Jim Donalson
6. David Herbert - Michael Zbozny
7. Cam Lindsay - A. Ballantyne
- 11/13. Neil Chambers

Masters' Pairs - Flight A

4. Dan Jacob - Aidan Ballantyne
10. Neil Chambers

Masters' Pairs - Flight B

5. Catriona Brown - Michael Zbozny
6. Don Jorgenson - E. Jorgenson

Super Open Pairs - Flight A

3. Jim Donalson
6. Leo Steil
9. Dan Jacob - Gord McOrmond
11. Neil Chambers

Super Swiss Teams - Flight A

5. Jennifer Paynter
7. Chas Swanson - Maureen Wood - Catriona Brown - Diane Kinakin
- 8/13. Neil Chambers
- 8/13. Aidan Ballantyne - David Waterman - Don Brazeau

(Addendum) Victoria Regional

Men's Pairs

3. Les Foulks - Sid Segal

Mount Vernon Sectional

Open Pairs

2. Pat and Cliff Glen
3. Neil Chambers - Martin Johnson

Masters' Pairs

4. Marg Neate - Donna Morrison
5. Gord McOrmond - C. Kane

Swiss Teams

1. Neil Chambers - Martin Johnson - Rhonda Betts - Jennifer Paynter

Parksville Sectional

Masters' Pairs

1. Frances Waters - Eila Moyer

Seattle Seafair Sectional

Barometer Open Pairs

4. Laurence Betts - Aidan Ballantyne
5. Jim Donaldson

Junior Pairs

1. Avril Grant - Madeleine Becker

Consolation Pairs

1. Big Al Chapelle

Ocean Shores Sectional

Open Pairs

3. Al Chapelle

Swiss Teams

2. Al Chapelle

CLUB CORNER

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB:

Mini-sectional winners -

Friday Night Open Pairs

1. Enid Burfitt - Anne Oakley
2. Sandra Borg - Marcia Kostynyk
3. Syd and Pearl Minkoff

Saturday 2 session Open Pairs

1. Charles Swanson - Adrian Hicks
2. John Bryden - Ken Lee
3. Dave Waterman - Gord Davis

Sunday 2 session Swiss Teams

1. D. Waterman - John Bryden - Martin O'Reilly - Lauren Miller
2. Rhonda and Laurence Betts, Aidan Ballantyne - Mike Dimich
- 3./4. C. Swanson - Hal Rodd - Ron Dixon - Brian Dixon
R. Bennett - Peter Cooper - Moyna Krussell - Jenny Paynter

Upcoming events:

Monday Sept 15	10.00 a.m.	Club Championship
Tuesday Sept 30	12.00 noon	Brown Baggers' Championship, free hot dog
Thursday Oct 2	8.00 p.m.	Club Championship
Sunday Oct 5	12.00 noon	2 session Swiss Teams
Monday Oct 6	7.30 p.m.	Novice Championship
Tuesday Oct 7	8.00 p.m.	Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game
Tuesday Oct 21	8.00 p.m.	Club Championship
Wednesday Oct 22 and Oct 29	7.30 p.m.	Non-Life Master Championships for the HAIDA TROPHY (two sessions)

NORTHWEST BRIDGE CLUB:

Tel. 987-3733. The Northwest welcomes old friend Sandy McCreery as Director.
Two new games are scheduled - starting Sept 7 @ 1.00 p.m. weekly Swiss Teams.
- Tuesdays @ 10.30 a.m., weekly Open Pairs.

Other games as usual - Wednesday 7.30 p.m., Open
- Thursday 7.30 p.m. Novice/Junior
- Friday 7.45 p.m. Open

NEWESTMINSTER:

The Fraser Valley Bridge Club announces an earlier starting time, 7.15 p.m.

SEACOVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL:

A new game starting Monday Sept 22 at 7.30 p.m.
Price: \$1.50 with free coffee
Address: 1204 Caledonia Avenue, North Vancouver.
Director: Louise Houde, tel. 929-5559

WILLINGDON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

The club re-opens with the regular Open game on Tuesday, Sept 2.
New starting time is 7.15 p.m. Regular \$1.50 fee except for these games:
Oct 7, Canada Olympiad Fund Game, and 15, Continent wide Charity - \$3.00.

This next set of problems will be handled by Gord McOrmond and Dan Jacob. Gord has a reputation as a bridge theoretician while Dan is known for his aggressive bidding and for making contracts where most declarers would fail. Together they form one of Vancouver's most effective pairs, having recorded most of their successes in the Open Pairs.

You are South on the following deals:

1. IMPS No-one Vulnerable

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
KQ5				<u>P</u>
KJ72	P	1D	P	1H
93	P	3C	P	?
K865				

2. MATCHPOINTS N-S Vulnerable

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
KQT3				<u>IC</u>
QJ6	P	1H	P	1S
J52	P	2D*	p	2H
KQ6	P	3C	P	?

*Fourth Suit Forcing - may be artificial

3. IMPS N-S Vulnerable

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
AKT75	<u>P</u>	<u>1H</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>1S</u>
4	P	2D	P	3C*
J62	P	4C	P	?
A643				

*Fourth Suit Forcing --may be artificial

4. IMPS E-W Vulnerable

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
K632			<u>1S</u>	<u>P</u>
K76	P	X	P	1NT
54	X	XX	2S	P
K732	P	3D	P	?

5. IMPS E-W Vulnerable

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
KJ64			<u>1H</u>	<u>X</u>
----	2H	X	3C	?
KQ852				
K763				

Bridge Nuptials

Congratulations to Al Chapelle and Wanda Zambrzycki who were married recently. Both are unit members. Wanda is the daughter of Leon Zambrzycki, also a member of our unit.

Andy Pendrigh was also married a few months ago and Nick Stock will be yoked this coming sectional. Wonder how many tables are going to show up at the wedding.

Laurence Betts goes to the Bar

Recently unretired from competitive bridge, Laurence Betts will become a full-fledged lawyer on September 10. Laurence is going to be practicing in partnership with Greg Arbour and Howard Rubin, two other bridge-playing lawyers.

Wanted: A typist for the Matchpointer. An experienced player who frequents the clubs would be preferred. A small remuneration is involved.

Deadline: Please submit next issue's copy by Oct. 25. Send IYB answers c/o the Matchpointer, #12-2425 W 2nd, Van., V6K 1J5, tel: 738-9012, or give them directly to Gord McOrmond or Dan Jacob. Please send all club news to Catriona Brown, 105-1396 Burnaby, Vancouver, tel: 683-6176.

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RICHMOND INN,
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 1:30 P.M. MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
3:00 P.M. MIXED PAIRS
JUNIOR PAIRS (under 20 MP)
KNOCKOUT TEAMS (1st session)
(for the Ben Lapidus Trophy)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 9:00 A.M. KNOCKOUT TEAMS (if necessary)
1:30 P.M. & 2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH
3:00 P.M. OPEN PAIRS: 1st session - Qualifying
2nd session - Final or Consolation
(for Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy)
KNOCKOUT TEAMS (semi-finals and finals)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 11:00 A.M. & 2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH
4:30 P.M. OPEN SWISS TEAMS

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$4.00* per player per session, except Junior Pairs \$3.00* per player per session.

* Participation tax, if any, to be added.

Phil Wood
Tournament Director

Aidan Ballantyne
Tournament Chairman

PHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE

1	Peter Herold	49.44
2	Dan Jacob	46.28
3	Neil Chambers	41.87
4	Leo Steil	40.02
5/6	Janet Daling	39.35
5/6	Ray Loftis	39.35
7/8	Dennis Heller	27.79
7/8	Janice Heller	27.79
9	Jim Donaldson	27.78
10	Gerry McCully	27.29

EDITH BONNELL TROPHY RACE

1	Janet Daling	39.35
2	Janice Heller	27.79
3	Donna Bailey	26.78
4	Anne Nagy	24.86
5	Marcia Kostynyk	23.16
6	Selene Jacobson	21.19
7	Catriona Brown	18.29
8	Jean Groome	17.03
9	Mildred Wohleben	16.70
10	Donna Morrison	16.64

PHIL WOOD RACE UNDER 200 SECTION

1.	Vic Hetman	21.36	7	Rick Bennett	12.35
2	Dave Waterman	18.84	8	Moyna Krusell	11.29
3	Catriona Brown	18.29	9	Dave Herbert	10.92
4	Brian Dixon	16.21	10/11	Trudy Hurdle	10.69
5	Mike Newcombe	15.86	10/11	Mike Zbozny	10.69
6	John Whittlesay	15.66			

Congratulations to DOROTHY EHRLE who became a Life Master at the recent Victoria Regional Tournament. Congratulations also to PHYLLIS GERBER who has become a Life Master.

THE LAST WORD

My two year term on the Board has expired and I am not standing for re-election hence this is my last chance to be able to print what I wish.

During my term of office the Board members have worked reasonably hard and effectively; however, there are two types of situations which have occurred which have not been resolved satisfactorily. The first is the combined problem of increasing costs and falling attendance at our Unit games and Sectionals.

To overcome the increasing costs the Board has passed a motion that bridge fees, before adding on participation tax, will be \$3.00 per player per session for Unit games and \$4.00 per player per session for Sectionals, effective September 1, 1980.

The problem of falling attendance is more difficult to resolve and cannot be corrected merely by a resolution of the Board. To improve attendance we must offer a product which can compete effectively for our members' entertainment and recreation dollars and we must promote it.

Neither of these items can be accomplished without a great deal of effort. I would guess that the Board of Directors, acting only on its own, cannot accomplish them - they just require too much time.

The solution lies with the membership. If you want to see our games grow and improve YOU must devote some of your time to assisting the Board members. Please volunteer your services.

The second legacy of the outgoing Board is an increasing number of complaints from members of rudeness or wrongdoings by other players, club owners, directors. The Board has attempted to deal with these matters at its meetings, by telephone, and by correspondence. In general the result has been a long dragged-out affair with little satisfaction for the sponsor of the complaint.

The new Board should find a better way of handling these situations.

Also serving their last term in office are Henry Smilie who's given over 15 years of his time to the Unit, Cliff Forrester, Past President and a 5 year veteran, Ron McConnell who has handled the Unit games for the past two years, and Gerry Brownridge who stepped into the breach when Paula Zalkowitz resigned. The terms of Frances Waters and Jo MacDonald have expired but they have agreed to run again.

Other candidates for election this time are John Bryden, Len Feeney, Lou Huberman, Don Jorgenson, Ray Morrison, Jennifer Paynter, Delphine Tablotney, Peter Walton. It is nice to see such a large slate of willing volunteers. Please show your appreciation by voting for the six candidates of your choice.

The results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn, Howe Street at 6:30 p.m. on July 6, 1980. The meeting will be followed by the Unit Game.

As promised by the title there will be a last word and it is "thanks". Thanks to all who have helped me as a Board member and as Editor of the Matchpointer. Aidan Ballantyne will be taking on the job as editor and he will need your assistance and support by reporting news, collating, stapling, distributing copies, contributing to It's Your Bid, etc. Many have helped me, please support Aidan.

Thanks.

DOUG ANDREWS

TEST YOUR SECTIONAL DEFENSE

While the stars were off in Toronto fighting for the chance to represent Canada in Holland, the rest of us decided to have a little old Sectional. Here are a couple of defensive gems from the Swiss Teams (yes the Open not the Speedball).

Both Vul

Dummy

A K 8 6 5 3

A K 9 8 7 4 3

You

J 9 4

Q 2

J 9 6 5

A 10 8 3

The auction:

Dummy

2 clubs

3 hearts

4 spades

6 hearts

Declarer

3 diamonds

4 clubs

4 NT

6 NT

You lead the club ace, dummy pitches a spade, partner plays a discouraging 2 and declarer plays the 7 of clubs. What now?

Answer on page 6

CLUB NEWS

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB: Anne and Andy Nagy (and family) Tel. 733-6613

Upcoming Club Tournaments: Tues. June 17 Noon

Tues. June 24 8 p.m.

July 18 8 p.m. A.C.B.L. Charity Game

Starting Sat. June 14 there will be a 12:30 noon game.

Anne and Andy would like to thank the many people who have shown such tremendous support in their new venture ... for all the telegrams and flowers and good wishes.

Our first Mini-Sectional was such a success. We congratulate the winners:

Friday Open: Adrian Hicks and Charlie Swanson

Saturday Open: Andrew Ross and Catriona Brown

Sunday Swiss: Moyna Krusell, Rick Bennett, Peter Hupka and Terry Mikkelsen.

Special congratulations to Moyna who was a double winner, coming second in the open pairs on Friday.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB: Century House, New Westminster. Liz Hicks Tel. 937-0843

Every Thursday evening at 7:30 sharp.

Charity Game on June 19th (proceeds to Canadian Cancer Society).

WHITE ROCK BRIDGE CLUB:

Games every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunnyside Community Centre, 1345 - 154th Street, Surrey, B. C.

Upcoming Events: Jun. 18 Quarterly Tournament Swiss Teams

Sep. 10 Quarterly Tournament Open Pairs

The Club will be open all summer.

SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE: Mr. H. Sexton Tel. 433-5113

Games every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Winners of the Sunset Cup for 1980 were Gordon Davis and Chuck Hodson with Don Campbell and John McCharles second in the two session event.

KENSINGTON BRIDGE CLUB: Goerge Radics Tel. 273-3003

The Club will be closed for the months of July and August.

First game after the summer break is Wednesday Sept. 3rd.

There will be a club tournament on September 24th.

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB: Gladys Rigg Tel. 985-5647 Club No. 937-3733

Bridge club for sale.

Congenial clientele! Phone Gladys Rigg

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CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RESULTS - JUNE 1980

Overall:	1.	E. A. McKee - R. Groome	138
	2.	A. Schulmann - M. Schulmann	133
	3.	R. Woroch - J. Dolynski	130½
	4.	J. Marsh - T. Marsh	126½
	5/6	S. Holding - P. Radnai	125½
	5/6	D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott	125½

Section A

N-S			E-W		
1	J. Marsh - T. Marsh	126½	1	J. Green - H. Montgomery	121½
2	S. Holding - P. Radnai	125½	2	I. Goodlad - E. Dietrich	120
3	R. Myers - G. Estrada	125	3	L. Buller - A. Dymond	117½

Section B

N-S		E-W		
1	E. A. McKee - R. Groome	138	1 A. Schulmann - M. Schulmann	133
2	D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott	125½	2 R. Woroch - J. Dolynski	130½
3	J. Hawn - S. Decker	123½	3 J. Richoux - T. Deeder	114½

HOLIDAY INN UNIT GAME POINT RACE (results include June Unit Game)

Rank		Points	Rank		Points
1	A. Ballantyne	558	6	C. Delisle	303
2	D. Andrews	494	7/8	R. Betts	300
3	P. Herold	333	7/8	Andy Nagy	300
4	A. Hicks	327	9	S. Levine	295
5	H. Rodd	306	10	G. McOrmond	293

VANCOUVER UNIT GAME RESULTS -- JUNE 1980

Overall:	1	L. Steil - A. Ballantyne	154-
	2	H. Smilie - D. C. Allen	141-
	3	A. Nagy - A. Nagy	134-
	4/5	J. Brownridge - G. Brownridge	126
	4/5	D. Brazeau - H. Rodd	126
	6	P. Barrington - A. P. Fawley	122-

Section A

N-S		E-W		
1/2	C. Delisle - E. Low	121-	1 H. Smilie - D. C. Allen	141-
1/2	C. Jacob - D. Jacob	121-	2 P. Barrington - A. Fawley	122-
3	E. Burditt - A. Oakley	112	3 R. Coote - K. Hameer	115
4	B. Curry - A. Hicks	111	4 R. Bennett - H. Krussell	112-

Section B

	N-S		E-W	
1	L. Steil - A. Ballantyne	154-	1/2 J. Brownridge - G. Brownridge	126
2	A. Nagy - A. Nagy	134-	1/2 D. Brazeau - H. Rodd	126
3	R. Betts - A. Chapelle	117-	3 D. Andrews - B. Sauve	121
4	B. Hoy - D. Waterman	110	4 C. P. Brown - L. Sims	120-

PORTLAND SECTIONALS

Board-a-Match Teams - 1. A1 Chapelle

ASHLAND REGIONAL

Men's Pairs - 4. A1 Chapelle

VICTORIA REGIONAL

Opening Day Swiss - 2/3 A1 Chapelle
Super Swiss - 4/7 A1 Chapelle

PARKSVILLE SECTIONAL

Open Pairs - 1. Charlie Swanson - Don Campbell
2. Aidan Ballantyne - Leo Steil

SEATTLE SECTIONAL

Knock Out Teams - 2. Gord McOrmond - Lauren Miller - Neil Chambers - Peter Herold - Jim Donaldson

VERNON SECTIONAL

Open Pairs - 1. M. Dimich - H. Piercy
2. P. Herold
Midnight Speedball Swiss - 1. D. Jacob - J. Martineau - G. McOrmond - D. Dohl

VANCOUVER UNIT GAME RESULTS - MAY 1980

Overall:	1	J. Barry - G. Bell	192-
	2	J. Donaldson - D. Andrews	186
	3	S. Kwan - R. Pratt	179-
	4	C. & N. Delisle	173-
	5	R. Bennett - M. Krusell	173
	6	E. Ryan - R. Betts	172-
	7	K. Lieshout - G. Stanford	171-

N-S			E-W		
1	J. Berry - C. Bell	192-	1	J. Donaldson - D. Andrews	186
2	C. & N. Delisle	173-	2	S. Kwan - R. Pratt	179-
3	R. Bennett - M. Krusell	173	3	K. Lieshout - G. Stanford	171-
4	E. Ryan - R. Betts	172-	4	J. Bryden - D. Waterman	165
5	C. Jacob - G. McOrmond	162	5	K. MacDonald - J. Adams	164
6	J. Budd - Hicks - D. Campbell	161	6	M. Hoff - B. Angus	163
7	J. Muira - M. Taylor	155-	7	E. Burfitt - A. Oakley	161-

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RESULTS - MAY 1980

Overall:	1	Herb Lum - Ted Hicks	222
	2	E. Dietrich - I. Goodlad	193
	3	J. Dunn - C. Colin	190-
	4	N. A. Treleaven - A. Dymond	183-
	5	R. & I. Andersen	177-

N-S			E-W		
1	Herb Lum - Ted Hicks	222	1	E. Dietrich - T. Goodlad	193
2	N. A. Treleaven - A. Dymond	133-	2	J. Dunn - C. Colin	190-
3/4	C. & P. Glen	167	3	R. & I. Andersen	177-
3/4	L. Buller - B. Bloome	167	4	P. Walton - J. Groome	177
5	J. Dolynski - J. McElrox	162	5	P. Stapff - P. Blackall	161-

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CANADIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

As we go to press the results of the Canadian Team Championships held in Toronto in early June have just become available. A full report will be included in the next issue.

In the Open event, thirteen teams competed in a round robin and the order of finish was as follows: 1. Kokish, Montreal; 2. Markotitch, Toronto; 3. Johnson, Vancouver; 4. Crosby, Edmonton. The McOrmond team (Gord McOrmond - Lauren Miller - Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith - Peter Herold - Neil Chambers) finished about average in a closely bunched field. In the single knockout playoff, Kokish defeated Johnson and Markotitch after Markotitch eliminated Crosby.

Canada should be capably represented by the Kokish team which is drawn from players across the country and is composed of three established partnerships. Congratulations and continuing good luck to Eric Kokish - Peter Nagy (Montreal) - Allan Graves (Vancouver) - George Mittelman - Eric Murray - Sammy Kehela (Toronto).

Special mention goes to the local Johnson team: Martin Johnson - Julene Johnson - Doug Baldwin - Chris Christoffersen - Ron Borg - Bob Connop, for their commendable placing.

In the Women's event, B. C. was well-represented by Sandra Borg - Marcia Kostynik - Debbie McCully - Lynn Kangro - Jenny Paynter - Julene Johnson who finished third in a 8 team round robin. The winners were Sharon Kokish - Francine Cimon - Karen Allison - Diana Gordon and two others (sorry ladies) from Montreal and Toronto. Second was Cecille Fischer's Toronto contingent.

To give you a taste of the competition in the Open event, vulnerable versus not vulnerable, in first chair, you open four hearts holding:

xx	AQxxxxxxx	x	x	
The auction proceeds:	<u>You</u>	<u>Kokish</u>	<u>Pard</u>	<u>Nagy</u>
	4 hearts	pass	pass	5 clubs
	pass	6 clubs	double	all pass

What do you lead?

The only fatal choice is the ace of hearts. The complete deal is shown at the right. Declarer ruffs the ace of hearts, draws trumps with the ace and queen and leads a diamond to the jack.

- a) If partner ducks, he leads a diamond toward the queen. Now if partner wins declarer has a heart and a diamond pitch for his spades and if partner ducks declarer has a heart pitch for his diamond and he can lead to the spade queen.

- b) If partner wins the diamond jack with the ace and returns the 10 of diamonds, declarer wins the queen of diamonds, crosses to the king of clubs, cashes the king of hearts pitching a spade, cashes the ace of spades, ruffs a heart to his hand and runs all his clubs subjecting partner to a squeeze. The two card ending with partner to discard is shown below:

You	
xx	KJxxxx
AQxxxxxx	-----
x	A109xx
x	xx
	Qxx

	Q7x
	AQxxxxx

You

K8

immaterial

K

9x

Q

7

Another important lead came on the following hand from the Open. Both vulnerable. in first chair, partner opens 3 clubs, you hold

xxx AQJ10xx xxx x
and the auction proceeds:

Partner
3 clubs

Declarer
3NT

You
all pass

Dummy

What do you lead?

The only lead to beat them is a club. Partner has bad clubs but he has the ace. Once he wins the first trick he'll shift to a heart finessing declarer's doubleton king and they'll go two down. On any other lead they make at least nine tricks.

The Women's event was exciting right to the last day. With two matches to go, Borg bevy was second and the final two opponents were the leaders, Kokish and third place Fischer.

At the half against Kokish, B. C. trailed by 23 IMP so early in the second half Sandra took a flyer and bid 6 spades on the following layout:

Marcia
AQxx
Qxxx
x
KJxx

Sandra
Jxxxx

J109xx
AQx

The opening lead was the ace of diamonds (the bidding had revealed a singleton in dummy) and the leader's partner signaled for a heart shift by playing her diamond king. When the spade king was on side and the suit split evenly Sandra was able to establish her diamond suit by taking a ruffing finesse and make her contract.

Half way back to even the match got even closer on this deal:

Marcia
AKJx
Ax
AJx
Axxx

Sandra
10xx
xx
Qxxx
KJxx

The auction:

One Pretty
Face
pass
pass
all pass

Sandra
pass
3 spades

Another
Pretty Face
3 hearts
pass

Marcia
double
4 spades

Sandra won the heart ace and led the jack of spades and OPF ducked from five spades to the queen. Sandra was now able to make the hand by dropping the queen of clubs doubleton and endplaying the hand with the spades so it had to lead away from her diamond king.

Unhappily the women were not able to maintain their momentum and ended up losing by 26 IMP's in total. According to Sandra there were about 3 or 4 slams per 32 board match and the team only missed 2 slams in the entire event. A very high percentage on slam bidding. As you may have guessed the missed slams occurred against the Kokish team.

In the final match against Fischer, with the knowledge that a trip to Holland was no longer a possibility the team slipped slightly and dropped a place to third. Too bad ladies but an admirable showing just the same.

BITS AND PIECES

At the April Sectional at Richmond Inn, Syd Hinkoff's classic grey lambswool sweater, was missing from the playing area on the Sunday Swiss Teams. If anyone picked this up by mistake - please return it - it has sentimental value. Thank you.

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Deadline for copy for the next issue is August 24, 1980. Send club news to Catriona Brown 105-1396 Burnaby Avenue, Vancouver (683-6176), and all other news to Doug Andrews, 1008-1600M Beach Avenue, Vancouver, V6G 1Y7 (669-2022) or give them to Aidan Ballantyne.

IT'S YOUR BID - NEXT ISSUE'S PROBLEMS

Next issue Doug Andrews, outgoing Matchpointer editor takes a parting shot at the panelists. Send your answers to Doug at 1008-1600M Beach Avenue, Vancouver, B. C. V6G 1Y7 by August 20, 1980.

You are South on the following deals at matchpoints:

- | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. No one Vul. | E
T club | S
? | W
— | N
— |
| 7 | | | | |
| A Q 8 | | | | |
| A Q 10 5 2 | | | | |
| A Q 9 3 | | | | |
| 2. Vul. vs. N-Vul. | E
3 diamonds | S
pass | W
pass | N
3NT |
| J 7 3 | | | | |
| K 10 9 6 4 | pass | ? | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| J 9 8 7 | | | | |
| 3. Vul. vs. N-Vul. | E
pass | S
pass | W
3 spades | N
3NT |
| ----- | 4 spades | ? | | |
| 9 8 5 3 | | | | |
| A K 2 2 | | | | |
| K 8 7 6 4 | | | | |
| 4. No one Vul. | E
T diamond | S
T NT | W
2 hearts | N
2 spades |
| A K Q 8 | 3 hearts | 4 spades | pass | pass |
| 4 | 5 hearts | ? | | |
| K 9 7 5 | | | | |
| A Q 10 9 | | | | |
| 5. No one Vul. | S
? | W
— | N
— | E
— |
| K Q 7 2 | | | | |
| Q 3 5 3 | | | | |
| K 0 | | | | |
| 9 6 4 | | | | |
| 6. N-Vul. vs. Vul. | S
3 diamonds | W
pass | N
pass | E
3NT |
| K 9 8 | pass | pass | pass | |
| 7 2 | | | | |
| K 10 9 8 6 5 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |

What do you lead?

ANSWER TO SECTIONAL DEFENSE

The play to the first club trick seems to indicate that declarer not partner has the club king. Declarer may have a useful club tenace so continuing a club could be disastrous.

Partner may have the diamond ace. This possibility seems remote since declarer made a positive response in diamonds and then bid 6NT over 6 hearts. In other words if declarer has no aces and no heart fit he won't make the hand even if you don't lead a diamond and if he has no aces and a heart fit he would have passed six hearts.

It is hard to see how a spade lead can gain other than by being passive.

By deduction we've arrived at a heart lead and with this holding it can't hurt to lead the queen.

The complete deal is shown at the right.

Declarer won the king of hearts in dummy, unblocking the 10 from his hand. Crossed to the Q of spades, cashed the K of clubs and the A of diamonds discarding dummy's last 2 small spades. Now he led the 5 of hearts toward and when you followed low smoothly played the 9 of hearts losing to partner's jack.

I believe the final tally was down five.

	AK8653	
	AK98743	
J94	----	1072
Q2	----	J6
J965		K732
A1083	Q	Q642
	105	
	AQ1084	
	KJ975	

IT'S YOUR BID

by Gary Harper

1. IMP'S Neither	S	W	N	E
K J 10 8 3	<u>1S</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>P</u>
Q 4	1S	P	2C	P
Q 8 6	2D*	P	2H	P
K Q 3	?			

* 4th suit forcing

3C: 5 votes	3 points	4H: 3 votes	7 points
3H 3 "	10 "	2NT: 2 "	8 "

As to preliminary objections, only "Stretch" Toker from the ½ cent rubber game at the Legion and Mike Strebinger (former IMP League runner-up) objected to fourth suit forcing. The number of temporizing bids from the solvers gives one the feeling that a "2D - further information, game force" was appreciated.

There is always the danger of an Alphonse-Gaston auction, however:

C. Lindsay: "3C - back to you, pard ... maybe after partner's next call one of us should take charge."

Other reasons for 3C as a call ranged from the unarguable:

Jim Andrews: "3C - I've got good clubs".

to the pessimistic

Andy Pendrigh: "3C - may be the only way to escape disaster at 4C."

If this hand is a disaster, I'd hate to be around if you actually went down in a contract!

The 4H bidders felt that partner's probable 6-5 distribution in hearts and clubs (Bob Sauve) and the obvious diamond lead (Andy Nagy) precluded 3NT.

Most of the 3H bidders, however, felt that partner might still have an unmentioned diamond stopper over there somewhere.

Bert Curry: "3H - like to get to 3NT - partner should bid a diamond stopper if he has it."

I would think that getting to 3NT with partner having a full diamond stopper is not nearly as much of a problem as getting to 3NT where partner has but half a stopper (stiff K, Jxx, etc.). A bid of 2NT is the most probable avenue - with good diamonds we would have bid 2NT or 3NT directly; therefore a delayed bid of NT would tend to show a balanced hand with ½ a stopper. I have therefore upgraded 2NT:

Doug Andrews: "2NT - show we can play NT and wait for him to describe his hand further."

(Also, Doug yields a fierce editorial pen, and patronage pays in the rough and tumble world of bridge writers).

A final "shot":

Terry Gould: "3H - should be unanimous."

Well - 10/20 ain't bad!

2. MATCHPOINTS; Both	S	W	N	E
J 6 5	<u>TD</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>P</u>
A K Q	?			
A K 10 6 4				
Q 3				

3H: 9 votes	8 points	1S: 1 vote	2 points
2N: 10 "	10 "		

The problem here is to describe a game-going hand, playable in hearts, and yet NT oriented. The solvers were evenly split between 2NT and 3H. My feelings are summed up by:

Duncan Smith: "2NT - (1) if we belong in hearts, this bid won't make it difficult to get there, but if we belong in NT, it will be difficult to get there over 3H. (2) if the K of hearts were the K of clubs, this hand wouldn't be discussed."

Aidan Ballantyne/Peter Cooper: "2NT - planning to jump to 4H over a club rebid."

Captain of the good ship "Turtle" vowed to go down with the ship:

John Hurdle: "2NT - protecting my Q & J." (Remember the Alamo!)

Finally, another pessimist

Mike Dimich: "2NT - a bad 20 points. At least give partner a chance to pass or at least describe his hand further."

A question raised by the 3H proponents: is good three card support equal to poor four-card support. Apparently so, sayeth:

Leo Steil: "3H - one heart short but quality almost makes up for that. Best bid available.

More irrefutable logic from:

Jim Donaldson: "3H - what's the problem?"

Time to change feet for:

Terry Gould: "3H - how odd! Another unanimous."

"All things are unanimous, but some are more unanimous than others."

Finally, from the "go forth and hang yourself" department, a bid that needs (and received) no explanation:

Lawrence Betts: "1S."

Looks like Lawrence is mellowing into a theoretician in his retirement.

3. IMP'S, neither	S	W	N	E	
A Q 3	-	-	P	P	
K Q 10 9 8 6 5 2	1H	3C*	3S	5C	* Pre-emptive
A	?				
3					
	6H: 4 votes	9 points	5D: 2 votes	4 points	
	6S: 6 "	10 "	PASS: 2 "	4 "	
	6C: 1 "	5 "	5S: 1 "	5 "	
	5H: 4 "	7 "			

On a hand in which the votes were spread over seven possible bids, even Terry Gould acknowledged that this may not be unanimous. More surprisingly, Jim "What's the Problem" Donaldson admitted it was a close decision.

While both the level and suit are open to question, I must side with minority 6H bid. To bid at the five level is to put too much pressure on partner, for he may feel that he has already bid his Kxxxxx and one outside Ace (and probably has!). As to denomination, if partner has the A of hearts, 6H should be a laydown, while 6S could easily be wrecked on the rocks of a heart ruff or a bad spade break. Without partner having the Ace of hearts, 6H may well still be an equal, if not superior contract. So much for my analysis: let's hear from the solvers (guessers?).

First, the 6H bidders:

A. Ballantyne/P. Cooper: "6H - pard likely to have heart length or heart A. Will raise to 7H looking at 2 Ace's and spade K."

C. Lindsay: "Partner should have an A for his free bid."

A lot of "should's" and "likely's" that may be a hot topic in the post mortem.

For the cowards among us:

John Hurdie: "5H - too likely that dummy's hearts will become marooned if partner declares at spades." (Sounds like a 2 or 6 hand, John).

It appears that most of the spade bidders never considered 4 hearts, but only the level of the contract

Bob Saive: "6S - settle for small slam - I don't bid grands at IMP's needing a magic hand from partner!!"

Andy Nagy: "6S - here, I don't have the tools."

Some felt that partner may not have an ace:

Bert Curry: "5D - hope partner reads this as a cue bid and bids 6 of anything with an ace."

And Dimich - one step ahead of us mere mortals:

Mike Dimich: "PASS - (1) partner is a passed hand, remember; (2) you also want to break up the sacrifice tempo so over partner's double or suit bid you will bid the spade slam."

4. MATCHPOINTS; neither	S	W	N	E	
A 7 6	-	-	TC	P	
A 8	?				
10 6 5					
A K Q 3 2	1S: 4 votes	7 points	2NT: 2 votes	9 points	
	1D: 13 "	10 "	3NT: 1 "	2 "	

A substantial majority opted for a temporizing one diamond bid, although I have upgraded an imaginative 2NT bid preferred by two of the more respected and innovative players around:

Duncan Smith: "2NT - to be followed by 4C - obviously slamming. 1D and jump in clubs OK, but makes it impossible for partner to properly evaluate his diamond holding."

True - partner might actually believe that KJx of diamonds is a "filler" (fool that he is).

Jim Donaldson: "2C or 3C if forcing raise - if not, 2NT followed by 4C over 3NT rebid."

It is true that both standard "Goren" and inverted minors take this hand out of the "problem" category. I would venture, however, that more than half the solvers employ neither of these methods. In fact the boys at the rubber bridge game at the Legion strike a blow for those of us weened on Goren:

"Stretch" Toker: "1D. 3C must be too easy. This must be a duplicate subtlety or a psychic, so in matchpoints I fool them all by bidding 1D which is my worst suit."

Most, however, favoured 1D as temporizing and the least of all evils:

Jim Andrews: "1D - testing the table and seeing what happens."

Mike Dimich: "1D - why not find out about partner's hand."

And yet still keep partner in the dark. Mike obviously doesn't come from the "I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours" school.

Finally, a pair of 1S bids to inhibit a heart bid - one feared a heart response by partner, the other, an overcall.

Bert Curry: "1S - don't want partner bidding hearts. NT probably better from his side."

Bob Sauve: "1S - preventing the heart overcall - let partner bid NT."

5.	MATCHPOINTS;	E-W Vu1	S	W	N	E
	A Q 2		-	-	-	TNT
	K Q 8 6 5 4		2H	X	2S	P
	6 3 2		P	3NT	P	P
	5		P			

What do you lead?

A of S: 10 votes 10 points K of H: 2 votes 3 points
Q of S: 7 " 9 "

After due consideration, I must suppress my instinctive lead of the spade Q and side with the majority who chose the A. First let us hear from the heart proponents.

A. Ballantyne/P. Cooper: "K hearts - playing pard for a virtual yarborough and nailing all the matchpoints for holding them to five."

For this to be right, the opponents must be able to take 10 tricks in the minors, the K of spade and A of hearts. Possible, but unlikely, in my humble opinion. In fact, only 8 minor suit tricks are available, the K of hearts lead will give them the timing to take 11 tricks.

From those who led the Lady:

Cam Lindsay: "Q spades - should fool everybody."

Cam figures that anytime he can fool two opponents, but only one partner, he's ahead in the game.

An interesting point on this hand is the location of the K of spades - and whether it is singleton or not:

Duncan Smith: "Q spades - should steal a trick if S king is in dummy."

Not this side of the water, Jack! (Especially if it's singleton!). Seriously, with but 3 or 4 spades between the opponents, and few high card points unaccounted for, it is difficult to see declarer ducking with Kx in dummy.

John Hurdle: "A of spades - better than Q because of strong chance of finding bare K in dummy."

To wrap up for the majority, we will hear from an optimist:

Nike Dimich: "A of spades, Q of spades, 2 of spades in that order."

And from one who sounds like he's been burned by a partner with a "little knowledge"

Doug Andrews: "A of spades. Presumably partner will not play his highest spade under my ace."

High score for the month goes to Stretch Toker and the rest of the guys at the Legion with a perfect score of 50. This duplicate game ain't so tough, Stretch. Next were a pair of Andy's at 47 (Pendrigh and Nagy) followed by Dan Jacob at 46 - showing that he doesn't need seven-card suits for his bidding to be effective. The sportsmanship award goes to Duncan Smith, c/o Blue Pastures Rest Home, Victoria.

BITS AND PIECES

On behalf of the membership we extend our condolences to Adrian and June Budd Hicks and to Don Malcolm whose apartments were ravaged by separate fires during May.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Marjorie Lewis whose husband passed away suddenly.

The Unit palydowns for the 1981 Grand National Pairs will be held on September 23, 1980 at the Holiday Inn Howe Street. Players must qualify at the club level in special games to be held from August 4 to August 24.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn Howe Street on July 6, 1980 starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be followed by the July Unit Game.

THE JULY UNIT GAME AT CLOVERDALE IS CANCELLED.

The Matchpointer is published 6 times per year and is available at the clubs unit games and tournaments. We've mailed a copy of this issue to all new members.

SUMMER SECTIONAL

JUNE 6-8, 1980

RICHMOND, B. C.

LADIES PAIRS

- 1 Jean Groome - Anne Nagy, both Vancouver (58 pairs)
- 2 Shirley McKinney - Julie Smith, both Vancouver
- 3 Stella Alliston - Mary Fines, both Vancouver

MEN'S PAIRS

- 1 Peter Cooper - Dennis Dohl, both Vancouver (32 pairs)
- 2 Joel Martineau - Dr. Orchard, both Vancouver
- 3 Alan Chapelle, Vancouver - Cec Brown, Port Townsend, Wa.

JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 H.P.)

- 1 Reid Fleming - Anne Katrichak, both Vancouver (32 pairs)
- 2 Barbara Edmondson - Margaret Rosenlund, both Vancouver
- 3 Stella Steves - R. Steves, both Vancouver

OPEN PAIRS

- 1 Jim Donaldson - Marcia Kostynyk, both Vancouver (110 pairs)
- 2 Gary Phelan - Donna Morrison, both Vancouver
- 3 Don Brazeau - Jeanne Bentley, both Vancouver

MASTER'S PAIRS

- 1 Gerry McCully - Dan Jacob, both Vancouver (60 pairs)
- 2 Ray Loftis - Janet Daling, both Seattle, Wa.
- 3 John Bryden - Doug Andrews, both Vancouver

NON MASTER'S PAIRS (0-200 H.P.)

- 1 Mike Hartop, Vancouver - Gavin Houghton, Basingstoke, Hampshire, ENG (40 pairs)
- 2 Cristina Jacob - Linda Sims, both Vancouver
- 3 Peter Hupka - Dr. D. J. Herbert, both Vancouver

SIDE GAME

- 1 Don Orchard - Frank Jarvis, both Vancouver (14 pairs)
- 2/3 Pat Glen - Cliff Glen, both Vancouver
- 2/3 Ron Pugh - Dennis Groden, both Vancouver

SWISS TEAM - SPEED BALL

- 1/2 Martin O'Reilly - Joel Martineau - Mike Hargreaves - Burt Curry, all Vancouver (12 teams)
- 1/2 Andy Nagy - Les Fouks - Anne Nagy - Sid Segal, all Vancouver
- 3 Dr. Lou Fischer - Aidan Ballantyne - Alan Chapelle - Pete Cooper, Vancouver

SWISS TEAMS

- 1 Carl Hansen - John Kamb, both Mt. Vernon, Wa. - Leo Steil - Sefton Levine, both Vancouver (60 teams)
- 2 Sam Lucow - Mildred Wohlleben - Brian Dixon - John Whittlesey, all Vancouver
- 3 Six Teams tied for Third.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM THE A.C.B.L. TO CLUB MANAGERS

..... With the expectation inflation will not appreciably abate in the near future, it is probable that by the end of 1981 our losses will reach a staggering \$1,200,000! Without dramatic change the ACBL will consume more than one-half of its total worth in those 2 years!

The Board concluded that the best way to raise needed funds would be to establish a new "tax" to be levied on those who receive the most in the way of benefits from the ACBL - that is - those who actually participate in ACBL competition ... at all levels. The vast majority of our members play in clubs - relatively few compete in tournaments. An estimated 25-35% of those who play in clubs are not ACBL members, consequently do not share in the support of operation of our organization to the same extent as those who pay dues. Also, there are literally thousands of dues-paying ACBL members who rarely play duplicate - anywhere. Perhaps this group is paying more than its share of the Leagues' cost.

By establishing the principle of a tax for playing ("participation fee") the aforementioned cost will be more equitably shared by those who receive the most benefit from the ACBL - the players. At the club level, beginning September 1, 1980, the participation fee to be collected over and above the club's own entry fee, will be 25¢ per player per session. The fee is to be handled exactly as are most state retail sales taxes; it is not paid by the club, but is paid by the player with the purchase of an entry to a club game or tournament event.

.... the directors eliminated, effective September 1, the charge of 50¢ per session and 15¢ per table previously levied against clubs. The price of rating point books has been lowered to \$3.00 from the previous price of \$6.00 for 100 slips. Additionally, the BULLETIN, perhaps the biggest bridge bargain in the world, will devote even more space to what bridge people are doing at the club level.

..... The new fees at the competitive level, are 35¢ per player at sectional tournaments and 50¢ per player at regional tournaments. There will be a \$1.00 per player fee at North American Championship Tournaments.

..... There have been increases in dues and fees, but they were far below the rate of inflation. The time has arrived when these economies can no longer absorb the pressure of inflation.

.....

Yours very truly,

Richard L. Goldberg

IMP LEAGUE FLIGHT B FINAL RESULTS

With the completion of the Flight B playoffs the IMP League is finished for another year. Congratulations to the winners: Brian May, Cheryl Kanee - Bob Sauve - Elaine Ryan. Double congratulations are due Elaine as she acted as Commissioner for the League with the able assistance of Trudy Hurdle.

The runners-up also deserve special mention, not only for their high placing but also because two of the members, Al and Wanda, may be forming a permanent partnership. Congratulations to Al Chapelle - Wanda Zambrzycki - Moyna Krusell - Howard Sussman - Lauren Miller - Linda Sims.

Bob Sauve prepared the following report on the final match:

After much delay the mixed IMP League champions were finally decided: Cheryl Kanee - Bob Sauve - Brian May - Elaine Ryan defeated Moyna Krusell - Howard Sussman Linda Sims - Lauren Miller - Al Chapelle - Wanda Zambryzcki by 20 IMPS.

The first half placed the Chapelle team a slim 14 IMPS ahead. Unfortunately, Lauren had to respond to an emergency call. Happily, Rhonda Betts was available to fill in the gap. The final set was very exciting with key decisions by the May team. A 11 IMP pickup was achieved when Kanee - Sauve reached a slam on the following auction:

Kanee (N)	S	N			
K A x J	TS	2N*	*	Jacoby	
Q K x x	3Cxx	3Hxxx	xx	Sing. Club	
x x	3S?	4Hxxxx	xxxA	heart	
x x	5Dxxxx	5S	xxxxK	heart	
x	6S	All pass	xxxxxA	diamond	

A less scientific auction produced; the powerful fit was disclosed too late.

Sauve (S)	S	N
A x A x	TS	2H
J x K	3D	3S
10	4S	All pass
x x		
x x		
x		

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

We would like to convey our thanks to all who helped so generously after the fire in our apartment. As it is impossible to thank everyone personally, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all bridge players collectively. It certainly bears out the saying that when you play bridge you are never alone.

Thank you all so much,

June Budd and Adrian Hicks

VANCOUVER SUMMER SECTIONAL

RICHMOND INN

7551 Westminster Highway
Richmond, B. C.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6	1:30 P.M.	MEN'S PAIRS
		WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 P.M.	OPEN PAIRS (1 session)
		JUNIOR PAIRS (under 20 MP)
SATURDAY, JUNE 7	1:30 P.M.	2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH
	& 8:00 P.M.	MASTERS' PAIRS (at least one member of each pair must have 200 MP or more)
		199ER PAIRS (both players must have less than 200 MP)
SUNDAY, JUNE 8	11:00 A.M.	2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH
	& 4:30 P.M.	OPEN SWISS TEAMS (TURKEY SHOOT)

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All sessions \$3.50 per player, except Junior Pairs \$2.50 per player.

Phil Wood
Tournament DirectorAidan Ballantyne
Tournament ChairmanPHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE

1	P. Herold	49.44
2	N. Chambers	41.87
3	D. Jacob	28.50
4/5	D. Heller	27.79
4/5	J. Heller	27.79
6/7	M. Bailey	26.78
6/7	D. Bailey	26.78
8/9	J. Daling	26.53
8/9	R. Loftis	26.53
10	G. McOrmond	24.88

EDITH BONNELL TROPHY RACE

1	J. Heller	27.79
2	D. Bailey	26.78
3	J. Daling	26.53
4	A. Nagy	15.21
5	C. Brown	14.22
6	S. Jacobson	13.10
7	M. Kostynyk	12.33
8	M. Benoit	12.23
9	M. Fines	10.87
10	M. Krusell	10.21

PHIL WOOD RACE UNDER 200 SECTION

1	V. Hetman	16.45	4	D. Waterman	13.43
2	C. Brown	14.22	5/6	R. Bennett	10.21
3	M. Newcombe	14.03	5/6	M. Krusell	10.21

Congratulations to the following players who have attained Life Master: Beryl MacLeod, Aban Gerrie, Rose Wrean, Don Sache, D. Groden, Ina Andersen, Marg Wiggins and Ron Pratt.

The 1979 Unit #430 Academy Awards have been announced:

Best Animation By A Male Actor - Michael Dimich

Best Animation By A Female Actor - Liz Lee

Best Use Of Another Medium - Henry Smilie, for smoking the Globe and Mail at a Vancouver Sectional

Best Set Design - Sefton Levine who went for 1400 in eight consecutive club games

Best Review Of the Year - June Budd Hicks

Best Script - John Hurdle for his hieroglyphic convention card

Best Director - Normal Turnbull for his tenacious matchpointing

Fast Forward Category - The contestants were asked to play 7NT (with 13 to 18 tricks available depending on the line of play selected) with Bert Curry turning the cards as dummy. First was Bob Sauve in 2.1 seconds. The best time was posted by Willie Weinstein of 1.9 seconds, but he was disqualified because he only took 12 tricks.

Slow Motion Category - No results as Moyna Krusell, Gord McOrmond, John Hurdle and Ken Lee are still cutting for partners.

Bid Of The Year - The Oscar goes to Leon Woolf who held the following hand, playing at the Haida, at equal vulnerability:

J
A x x x x x x
Q x
Q x

He could not open one heart for that would be a psych according to the Club's rules for two reasons: firstly, because he was more than 2 HCP away from an opening bid; secondly, because the suit was not within 2 cards of the promised length (he was playing 5 card majors). He could not pre-empt because the suit was not of the necessary texture. He could not open a minor because he was playing "better minor" and his minors were equal. Consequently he passed and was forced to re-enter the auction at his next turn with 5 hearts, which was doubled and made.

CLUB NEWS

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB: 2912 West 12th Avenue. Tel. 738-6613

Now under new management by Andy and Anne Nagy.

Upcoming club tournaments are:

May 5th 10:00 a.m.

May 7th 7:30 p.m.

The Haida Mini Sectional: May 23 8:00 p.m. Open Pairs

May 24 8:00 p.m. Open Pairs

May 25 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. 2 Session Swiss Teams

June 17 8:00 p.m.

June 19 8:00 p.m.

June 24 12 Noon

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE: Every Thursday at 7:45 p.m. - Ron McConnell 278-8839

At the recent quarterly Club Tournament the winners were: Jim Fisher and Barbara Olsen.

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE: 5173 Dumbries - Every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. George Radics 273-3093

George Radics writes: "We are now open every Wednesday at 7:30. The new Community Centre is complete ... even a sauna and swimming pool so why not start with this and then come over to the old gymnasium and have an enjoyable evening of bridge. We have about 11 tables every Wednesday but have the room for 24. So please come along and join us.

These are open games and cost only \$1.50 (\$1.00 for Kensington Community Centre Members)

We are happy to announce that our Club members, John Demeulemeester and Don Major won the Carling O'Keefe trophy. Winners of the March 19th Charity Game were David Waterman and Danny Lee with John Demeulemeester and Don Major a close second.

Our club championship on the 16th and 23rd of April was won by Amy Wicklow and Raymond Lee who also won the Kensington Community Centre Club trophy for 1980.

NORTHSHORE WEDNESDAY GAME: Director Adrian Hicks Tel. 681-3655

Every Wednesday at the Brunswick Bowling Alley, Park Royal at 11:30 a.m.

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB: Director Gladys Rigg Tel. 987-8289

Winners of Continentwide Charity Club Championship - Bob Sauve and Doug Andrews.

Winners of Friday Night Club Championship - Clarence Andrade and partner.

In Victoria: Rose Wrean and Don Sache made LIFE MASTERS - now Joanne and Keith have to catch up.

Upcoming Club Championships: Thursday NOVICE May 29th 7:30 p.m.

Friday OPEN May 30th 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday OPEN June 11th 7:30 p.m.

	Points Earned
CATEGORY A - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	
Mr. J. H. Dunn, White Rock	59.50
Mr. D. T. Lee, Vancouver	42.90
Ms. S. C. Hulme, Vancouver	34.50
CATEGORY B - NON-MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Mr. D. J. Waterman, Vancouver	92.10
Mrs. C. P. Brown, Vancouver	69.14
Mr. M. D. Jorgenson, Vancouver	51.17
CATEGORY C - MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Mr. J. S. Wong, Vancouver	81.08
Mrs. J. Costain, Burnaby	55.62
Mrs. C. Jacob, Vancouver	48.04
CATEGORY D - NATIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Mr. D. R. Jacob, Vancouver	295.36
Mr. T. E. Mickelson, Burnaby	137.37
Mr. J. S. Whittlesey, Vancouver	85.41
CATEGORY E - SENIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Mr. J. A. Bryden, Vancouver	268.03
Mrs. L. Kangro, North Vancouver	140.64
Mr. M. G. O'Reilly, Vancouver	140.10
CATEGORY F - ADVANCED SENIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Mr. H. L. Piercy, Vancouver	191.92
Mr. W. P. Cooper, Vancouver	177.25
Mrs. I. Andersen, Richmond	127.20
CATEGORY G - LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR*	
Mr. N. J. Chambers, Vancouver	705.34
Mr. L. Betts, Vancouver	397.78
Mrs. R. Betts, Vancouver	333.73

* Gord McOrmond would have placed highly in our Unit if he were a member.

VANCOUVER UNIT ONE RESULTS - FEBRUARY 1980

Overall:	1	R. MacDuff - D. Andrews	137
	2	M. Zbozny - D. Herbert	132
	3/4	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	129
	3/4	Andy Nagy - Anne Nagy	129
	5/6	C. P. Brown - Maureen Taylor	128-
	5/6	L. Betts - C. Christoffersen	123-

Section A

N/S			E/W		
1	P. Barrington - F. Waters	126-	1	R. MacDuff - D. Andrews	137
2	P. Minkoff - S. Minkoff	122	2	R. Dixon - J. Muira	128
3	M. Dimich - B. May	121-	3	S. Herman - S. L. Levine	122-
4	C. A. Swanson - A. Hicks	119	4	F. Sontag - S. Jacobson	110

Section B

Section 6

	N/S		E/W	
1	Andy Nagy - A. Nagy	129	1	M. Zbozny - D. Herbert 132
2	C. Brown - H. Taylor	128-	2	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne 129
3	K. V. Leishout - G. Stanford	127-	3	L. Betts - C. Christoffersen 123-
4	R. Baker - H. Potzold	121-	4	Alan Hill - J. Fisher 127
5	T. D. Cowan - J. H. Cowan	119-	5	D. Waterman - J. Bryden 125

NORTH SHORE CHARITY TEAMS

1	Ted Hicks - Donna Morrison - Pat Glen - Cliff Glen
2/3	M. Dimich - H. Potzold - R. Bennett - D. Orchard - D. Waterman
2/3	M. Johnson - H. Johnson - A. Ballantyne - J. Paynter
4/5	J. Bryden - H. O'Reilly - H. Piercy - P. Walton
4/5	P. Zalkowitz - J. MacDonald - G. Lubeseder - E. Baerwald

SALISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: 300 Ioca Road, Port Moody.
This club will be closed from the end of April until the second week in September
For more information contact Mr. Lou Huberman 939-7527

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:
Games are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Community Centre,
1845 - 154th Street, Surrey.
Overall winners in our Feb. 20th Club Championship were
1. N. Treleaven and B. Dack
2. B. Cave and E. Beasley
3. J. Weiderspohn and B. Burdick
4. L. Buller and G. Klotz.
Upcoming club events are: May 14th Club Birthday Party (Local Charity)
June 18th Quarterly Tournament Swiss Team event.
The club will remain open all summer.
Novice players also play each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

COUNTRY CLUB LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
Wednesday morning, April 16th at the Hollyburn Country Club were 33 tables of ladies
from private clubs in the Vancouver area, ready willing and able to play for the
Country Club Pairs Trophy. It was the 14th year that this event has been held.
Everyone had a delightful lunch and a great time. Winning the event was the Hollyburn
pair of Alina Pearman and Lilianna Polacco, followed by Nell Elliott and Jeanie Foster
from Shaughnessy. Tied for third were Joan McDonald and Bodil Moller from Hollyburn
and Joyce Clark and Ruby Bridger from Capilano.

IMP LEAGUE

Play is just getting underway in the Flight B playoffs. In semi-final action
Chapelle came from behind to defeat Whittlesay. The other semi-final match between May
and McCully has not yet been played.

The final results are tallied in Flight A of the IMP League. For the first
year in memory the Jim Andrews team not only did not win the championship but also did
not even make the playoffs. In the semi-finals Dimich overcame a sizeable half-time
deficit to eliminate Betts and Ballantyne who had accumulated a modest lead at the half
held on to defeat Johnson.

The 40 board final between Michael Dimich's team (Doug Andrews - Doug Baldwin -
Dan Jacob - Gerry McCully - Gord McOrmond) and Aidan Ballantyne's crew (Al Chapelle - Peter
Herold - Joel Martineau - Jim McCully) was close all the way. Dimich led 16-15 at the
quarter, 39-27 at the half, 62-59 at three quarters, and with one board to go 78-77. For-
tunately for Dimich's team the last board involved a large swing in their favour and they
won by 15 IMP. Congratulations to both teams on their fine seasons.

One of the reasons for the low score in the match was the inordinate number of
part score hands which did not lend themselves to producing large swings. Regardless of
the level of the contract the contestants played with great intensity often labouring over
each card. As one kibitzer remarked, portions of the match were as exciting as watching
paint dry.

Two hands in the second quarter provided interesting lead problems. You are West,
playing the Michael's Cue Bid to show the other major and an unspecified minor and the
auction proceeds:

<u>West (you)</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Pass	1 club	Pass	1 heart
2 hearts (Michaels)	Pass	2 spades	2 NT
Pass	3 clubs	Pass	3 NT (all pass)
What do you lead from Q J 10 x x Q K J x x x Q x?			

Did you guess right? Partner has four spades but they're all small. He also has
the Ax of diamonds and you must take your five diamond tricks before declarer takes his 10
or 11 top tricks.

This hand was a push at both tables; however, at the other table the correct
lead was more difficult to find as partner with the Ax of diamonds was on lead.

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<u>Overall:</u>	1	G. McOrmond - D. Dohl	152-
	2	M. Newcombe - B. Hoy	135
	3	R. Trerise - T. Trerise	134-
	4	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	132-
	5	B. Borg - S. Levine	128-
	6	M. Potzold - H. Dimich	124-

Section A

ction A

	N/S		E/W		
1	J. Hurdle - R. Betts	118-	1	M. Newcombe - B. Hoy	135
2	K.V. Lieshout - B. Stanford	118	2	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	132-
3	L. Steil - G. Rigg	117	3	D. Waterman - J. Bryden	120
4	S. Minkoff - P. Minkoff	112-	4	L. Betts - E. Ryan	115

Section B

Section B

	N/S		E/W	
1	R. Trerise - T. Trerise	134-	1	G. McOrmond - D. Dohl 152-
2	M. Potzold - H. Dimich	124-	2	R. Borg - S. Levine 128-
3	B. Sauve - A. Hicks	122	3	G. Stuart - S. Segal 119-
4	M. Randles - R. Saintonge	116	4	J. Fisher - G. Bell 112-

VANCOUVER UNIT GAME RESULTS - APRIL 1980

<u>Overall:</u>	1	S. Levine - G. Arbour	137
	2	P. Hagen - C. Delisle	131-
	3	D. Brazeau - R. Betts	131
	4	E. Burfitt - A. Oakley	130-
	5/6	H. Rodd - R. Connop	130
	5/6	J. Bryden - D. Waterman	130

Section A

Section A

	N/S		E/W	
1	D. Brazeau - R. Betts	131	1	S. Levine - G. Arbour 137
2	A. Nagy - Anne Nagy	119-	2	P. Hagen - C. Delisle 131-
3	J. Goodoin - G. McOrmond	115-	3	B. Hoy - L. Betts 129
4	C. Jacob - Dan Jacob	113	4	Rod Coote - K. Homer 118

Section B

Section B		N/S		E/W	
1	H. Rodd - R. Connop	130	1	Enid Burfitt - A. Oakley	130-
2	J. B. Hicks - D. Campbell	128	2	J. Bryden - D. Waterman	130
3	C. A. Swanson - R. Dixon	117	3	D. Andrews - B. Sauve	123-
4	A. Ballantyne - P. Herold	115	4	M. Dimich - R. Bennett	122

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RESULTS - FEBRUARY 1980

<u>Overall:</u>	1	M. Angus - M. Angus	193-
	2	B. Hamilton - T. Stiennon	193
	3/4	A. Freeze - D. Freeze	188-
	3/4	M. Moffatt - S. Castagner	188-
	5	E. Hodge - D. Morrison	186-
	6	M. Elliott - D. Paskaruk	134

Section

Section		N/S			E/W		
1	B. Hamilton	- T. Stiennon	193	1	M. Angus	- M. Angus	193-
2/3	A. Freeze	- D. Freeze	188-	2	M. Elliott	- D. Pakaruk	184
2/3	M. Moffatt	- S. Castagner	188-	3	B. Hassell	- A. Marcotte	183
4	E. Hodge	- D. Morrison	186-	4	C. Kokke	- F. Yeung	181-
5	R. Morrison	- L. Morrison	172-	5	J. Groome	- R. Groome	181
6	F. Tereposky	- T. Skytte	167-	6	C. Glen	- P. Glen	169

ANNOUNCING: CONTINENT-WIDE CHARITY GAME

To be held at the Mountain Institute, Agassiz on May 13, 1980 commencing at 7:00 p.m. All players are welcome. For directions or further information call Len Feeny at 792-3031.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sympathy that we note the passing of Anne Rowse of West Vancouver and of Jane Nightingale who died some time ago after an extended illness.

<u>Overall:</u>	1	C. Glen - P. Glen	195
	2	P. Richardson - M. Beatty	188
	3	E. Dietrich - R. Groome	186½
	4	E. A. Worsfold - W. Borman	184
	5	J. Groome - I. Andersen	178
	6	D. Bartlett - R. McConnell	177½

Section A

Section A			Section B		
	N/S			E/W	
1	C. Glen - P. Glen	195	1	E. Dietrich - R. Groome	186½
2	P. Richardson - M. Beatty	188	2	E. A. Worsfold - W. Borman	184
3	J. Groome - I. Andersen	178	3	D. Bartlett - R. McConnell	177½
4	J. Green - M. Schulmann	175	4	L. Vervcort - J. Groves	175½
5	D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott	169	5	J. Richoux - T. Deeder	173½

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RESULTS - APRIL 1980

<u>Overall:</u>	1	R. McConnell - W. Angus	129½
	2	J. Groome - R. Groome	123½
	3	J. Green - P. Walton	120
	4	R. W. Jackson - B. MacLeod	119
	5/6	A. J. Brown - L. Brown	118
	5/6	J. Sim - M. Morris	118

Section

Section		N/S		E/W	
1	R. McConnell - W. Angus	129½	1	J. Groome - R. Groome	123½
2	R. W. Jackson - B. MacLeod	119	2	J. Green - P. Walton	120
3	A. J. Brown - L. Brown	118	3	J. Sim - M. Morris	118
4	N. Treleaven - C. Collin	117½	4	F. Wright - K. Wright	113

PLANNING THE PLAY FOR INTERMEDIATES

A x x As South, playing rubber bridge, you are the declarer in 3NT. West
 J 10 x x leads the King of spades. Plan the play.
 A J x x
 A 10 (Spades are divided 4-3 and diamonds 2-3).

x x x ANSWER: You have 8 top tricks - 1 spade, 1 heart, 4 diamonds, 2 clubs.
 A 9 x You might get your ninth trick by repeated heart finesses which will
 K Q x x succeed whenever at least one heart honour is on your right or by
 K J x guessing which opponent has the club Queen. However there may be
 another play.

You should begin by ducking the first 2 spades in order to begin obtaining a count on the hand and to reduce your opponent's means of communication. LHO cashes the King and Jack of spades and leads the Queen to dummy's Ace, as all follow.

You should next cash three diamonds ending in dummy. (They split). Now lead a heart and play the nine as RHO plays low. LHO wins and leads the fourth spade in the diagrammed position - what do you pitch?

You can discard a heart from dummy and a diamond from your hand, thereby retaining your tenace positions in both hearts and clubs. You LHO has only hearts and clubs remaining and whichever he leads produces your ninth trick, regardless of the position of the heart and club honours.

Note that if you had cashed four diamonds before leading a heart you would have been squeezed when LHO cashed his fourth spade. Dummy could still pitch a heart but you would have had to abandon one of your tenace positions in hearts or clubs.

J 10 x

A

A 10

A x

x

K J x

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNIT LEVEL PLAY-OFF

- Group 1: 1. Peter Herold-Neil Chambers, Jim Donaldson-Mike Strebinger
 2. Peter Walton, Harvey Piercy, Martin O'Reilly, Ken Lee, D. Groden
 3. Jim McCully, Joel Martineau, John Hurdle, Don Brazeau, Andy Nagy
- Group 2: 1. J. Andrews, Ron Borg, Bob Connop, Paul Hagen
 2. H. and M. Johnson, Chris Christoffersen, Doug Baldwin
- Group 3: 1. Mike Wilson-Rhonda Betts, Aidan Ballantyne-Laurence Betts
 2. H. Kostynik, Sandra Borg, D. McCully, D. Kinakin, Connie Deniste
 3. P. Nilton, Rick Grant, David D. ...

by Dan Jacob &
Richard Christie

1. IMP'S	N-S Vul	N	E	S	W
Q		3S	Pass	?	-
KQ9xxxx					
Ax		4C - 10; 4S - 9; 4H - 3; 4NT - 1			
AKx					

Most bidders decided that the chance of missing a slam is remote therefore 4S is high enough! Very rightly so! Only 90% of the time. Since we are not worried about 4S, I think that there is no reason to waste a 10% chance for a slam.

Partner could have something like:

KJ109xxxx - KJx, xx
or AKJxxxx - Q109, xxx etc.

4H - is basically wrong because partner will pass with 2 small hearts (as far as he knows you could have a void in spades).

4NT - Do you expect to find partner with 2 Aces and some other cards?

The 4S bidders:

B. Sauve: "I like my quicks in the side suits".

Michael Dimich: "If you are pessimistic and/or rational". I am not sure about rational, but I am sure that you are pessimistic.

Gord McOrmond & Lauren Miller mentioned something about 4D asking bid. The only problem is how do you find out if partner has good spades, or void heart?
With AKJxxxx, xx, Kxx, x he will probably open 1S.

Other 4S bidders were: John Hurdle, Jim McAvoy, M. Potzold, Leo Steil, Mike Strebinger and Bob Sauve.

2. IMP'S	N-S Vul	S	W	N	E
x		-	Pass	Pass	2NT*
AK10937C		Db1	Pass	3S	Pass
AKQJ		?			
A					
		*2NT - preemptive with unspecified 7 card suit.			
		5H - 10; 6H, 4H - 4; 4D - 4			

5H was the most popular answer and by far the most descriptive bid, which will allow your partner to evaluate his heart Q or spade A.

5H bidders were:

Gord McOrmond: "Russian Roulette". Partner will raise with the spade A, but will he raise with only 3 rag hearts?

Leo Steil: "Can only be asking about heart support or ace of spades".

Other 5H bidders: L. Miller, B. Sauve, M. Potzold, T. Gould, J. Hurdle, G. Harper,

6H, 4H: We gave 4 for both bids, one being an overbid and the other one being an underbid. Both are unilateral and probably final.

Mike Strebinger: 6 Hearts. Finding out about the ace of spades still leaves you guessing. This way partner may bid 7 with A spades + Q hearts.

4D: A very obscure bid - angling for a diamond slam? Cue-bid in support of spades?

3. IMP'S	N-S Vul	S	W	N	E
---		TD	Ts	Db1.	3S*
Ax		?		(Neg)	
AKQJ109xx					
Jxx					
		* preemptive			
		5D - 10; 4S - 4; 4D - 1			

The panelist answers that best sum up our thoughts on the 5 diamond bid.

G. Harper - Bid what I think we can make. A mere negative double by partner is not grounds for going crazy with this hand.

G. McOrmond - If I don't bid it now, partner will never get the idea of my type of hand.

M. Dimich - I have a solid suit and if opponents bid again, partner can decide what to do.

Other 5D bidders were: Hurdle, Gould, Miller, Steil, Sauve, D. Andrews.

The lone 4S bidder was Jim McAvoy who planned to follow up with 6D. You must have stringent requirements for negative double!

4. IMP'S N-S Vul	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
A	-	Pass	Pass	Pass
Qx	1D	Pass	1NT	Pass
AK103xx	?			
K9xx				

2C - 10; 3D - 6; 2NT - 5; 2D - 1

Considering that partner is a passed hand and obviously holds some minor suit length, a simple 2C rebid allows him more room to express his minor holdings.

3D does not describe the hand and precludes any possibility of a club contract.

2C bidders:

D. Andrews: "He may get to 3NT yet. On the other hand 5 or less of a minor may be the best spot".

J. Hurdle: This leaves me in good position to try 3 diamonds if I net another chance. Otherwise 2 clubs should be a good spot.

L. Miller: "Partner will move if game is possible".

Other 2C bidders were: Gould, Steil, Sauve, McOrmond, Dimich.

For the 3 club bidders, McAvoy and Smith: We consider that even if partner was not a passed hand 3 club is a heavy overbid.

5. IMP'S N-S Vul	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
1093	TH	P	TS	P
Q10765	2D	P	2NT	P
AQ10	3NT	P	P	P
Q8				

10S - 10; QD, 7H - 5; 6H - 3; QC - 1

The most interesting thing about this lead is that only one answer was in favour of leading the unbid suit, Clubs! In fact, several warned against it - and rightly so.

The near-unanimous answer,

M. Streibinger: 10S - "... they probably both have clubs".

D. Smith: 10S - should be unanimous

B. Sauve - 10S - "... protective lead of a spade stands out".

G. McOrmond - 10S - I can't see where their tricks will come from unless I set them up. Therefore, I'm going passive.

G. Harper - 10S - When in doubt, go passive. Nixon and self-proclaimed clairvoyants will undoubtedly strike out with the diamond queen.

Funny you should mention that, Harpo, because at the table the lead of diamond ace or queen was the only one to beat the contract. In practice the winner, in our Quiz a 5.

For the minority, a suit well-considered in isolation,

L. Steil - 6H - only chance to beat this contract is for partner to hold the jack of hearts, and hopefully the 8 or 9. No use to try and set up his suit as I have all the entries.

This month winners are: John Hurdle, Bob Sauve, Gord McOrmond and Lauren Miller with 49 out of 50.

The lowest scorers were: Duncan Smith (15) and Jim McAvoy (25), from Victoria where they don't ghoulie-deal hands or on a set of problems which obviously did not suit their style.

Good luck in Toronto!

IT'S YOUR BID - NEXT ISSUE'S PROBLEMS

Gary Harper, once a well-known Matchpointer editor, now a semi-retired bridge player, has been begging me to give him one more chance to take a shot at the panelists. O.K. Gary, here it is. Please send your answers to Gary or Doug Andrews by June 1.

1. IMP'S; neither:	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
K J 10 8 3		P	TH	P
Q 4	1S	P	2C	P
Q 8 6	2D*	P	2H	P
K Q 3	?			

* 4th suit forcing

2. MATCHPOINTS; Both	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
J 6 5	TD	P	TH	P
A K Q	?			
A K 10 6 4				
Q 3				

3. IMP'S; neither	S	W	N	E
A Q 3	-	-	P	P
K Q 10 9 8 6 5 2	1H	3C*	3S	5C
A	?			
3				
		* Pre-emptive		
4. MATCHPOINTS; neither	S	W	N	E
A 7 6	-	-	TC	P
A 8	?			
10 6 5				
A K Q 3 2				
5. MATCHPOINTS: E-W Vul	S	W	N	E
A Q 2	-	-	-	TNT
K Q 8 6 5 4	2H	X	2S	P
6 3 2	P	3NT	P	P
5	P			

What do you lead?

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PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

xxx
 Q9x
 Qxxx
 Qxx

xx
 K
 AJxxx
 AJxxx

Axxx
 Ax
 Kxx
 10xxx

KQJ10
 J10xxxxx
 x
 K

Persistence paid off for Allan Graves, West, and George Mittelman, East, in their defense against South's 4 heart contract.

Allan led one of his three small spades which George permitted declarer to win. Declarer led a heart to the King and Ace. George returned a small spade which declarer won.

South was beginning to wonder what was happening in the spade suit so he cashed the club King, crossed to the diamond Ace, pitched a spade on the club Ace, returned to his hand with a diamond ruff, and led the heart Jack. Allan won the Queen, led a spade to George's carefully-preserved Ace, and George returned the last spade for an upper-cut, thereby promoting Allan's heart 9.

Down one - losing the spade Ace and three trump tricks.

Masters Pairs - Flight A

12 B. Hoy - K. Lee

Men's Pairs

6 J. Donaldson - S. Levine

Midnight Game

1 C. Swanson - P. Cooper

K.O. Teams

1 J. Donaldson

2 J. Martineau

3/4 M. Newcombe

3/4 A. Chapelle - N. Chambers

Speedball Swiss Teams

2 Monica Angus

Super Swiss Teams - Flight A

1 N. Chambers

4/7 D. Morrison

4/7 L. Hicks

8 A. Ballantyne

Super Swiss Teams - Flight B1 I. Andersen - W. May - I. MacLennan
- M. WigginsSpeedball Swiss Teams

2 D. MacDonald - M. Angus

3/7 A. Nagy - C. Collin

3/7 Ray & Leslie Morrison - Don Bartlett
- E. McKee3/7 Jennifer Paynter - Marilee & Martin
Johnson - John BrydenWestern Conference Junior Pairs

4 David Howie - Alan White

5 E. Barrey-Evans - V. Porteous

Super Open Pairs Championship - Flight C

4 D. Bartlett - C. Allen

5 M. Reiffer - B. Sadger

6 L. Hicks - B. Mason

Masters Pairs - Flight B

7 Joe Wong

Swiss Teams

1 R. Wrean-M. Fines-D. Morrison-D. Sach

2/3 S. Levine-A. Ballantyne-J. Hurdle-

J. Donaldson

5 C. Swanson - P. Cooper

Open Pairs

1 A. Hicks - W. Weinstein

8 J. Donaldson

9 C. Swanson - J. Mogan

Under Sea Garden Pairs

1 L. Betts - R. Betts

Side Game

3 T. Deeder - J. Costain

4 J. Fisher

Super Open Pairs - Flight B

1 B. Hoy - C. Brown

3 D. McCully - D. Kinakin

4 D. Waterman - M. O'Reilly

5 R. Wrean - K. Miller

9 H. Behan - F. Shedden

10 I. Andersen - I. MacLennan

11 J. Tucker - B. Favel

12 M. Taylor - J. Berglund

Fable Cottage Pairs

1 Bob Sauve

2/3 E. McKee

Super Open Pairs Championship - Flight A

4 Jim Donaldson

5 L. Betts

6 Liz Lee - Lisa Strehlinger

7 P. Cooper - G. Mittelman

9 H. Smilie

Western Conference Junior Pairs

2/3 E. Barrey-Evans - A. White

2/3 D. Howie - A. White

4 F. Gildraine - M. Crawford

SEATTLE SECTIONALOpen Pairs: 3. A. Ballantyne - L. Betts
Teams: J. Hurdle - F. Sontag, D. Jacob - G. McOrmond finished 6-2.BELLINGHAM SECTIONALOpen Pairs: 1/2 Peter Herold - (Jim Dickie)
3 Aban Gerrie - Sheila Dickie
4 R. Gerrie - F. Sontag
Others in there were D. Jacob - R. Christie
Teams: 1/2 D. Dohl - (J. Kamb) and J. Martineau - (D. Yarrington)
3 A. Ballantyne - (J. Moffat) and L. Betts - B. May
5/4 D. & L. Gold, L. Foulks, S. Segal
6 M. Potzold, S. Levine, M. Dimich, R. BennettTACOMA SECTIONALMasters Pairs: 1 Joe Wong
5 Dan Jacob - Al Chapelle
Open Pairs: 1 Gord McOrmond - Dan Jacob
2 Joel Martineau - Al Chapelle - Dan Jacob - Gord McOrmond

Later in the same quarter, the opponents bid 1NT-3NT and you are on lead holding 8xx 9x Jxxxx K9x. What's the correct lead this time?

The only lead to beat 3 NT is a small diamond. Partner holds four to the ace and the suit splits 2-2. At the table, the defender led the 9 of hearts trying to establish partner's hand. The board was practically a push as your partners played their 4-4 spade fit making five.

The hand that produced the largest single swing is suitable for "You Be The Judge". The East-West hands are as follows:

West	East
K 10 9 x x	A Q 8
A x x	K J 10 9
x	J x x x
K Q 10 x	A x

The auction was:

West		East
1S	2D	2H
3H		3S
4H		5C
5D		5S
6H		Pass

After two rounds of diamonds, declarer could no longer handle the 4-2 heart and the 1-4 spade breaks and went one down. Six spades was bid and made at the other table. How would you apportion the blame between West and East? Report your answers to Gord McOrmond and Dan Jacob.

Next issue: A report on the finals of the B Flight. Will Gord McOrmond and Gerry McCully be double winners?

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sixteen teams from around the province competed in a one day team event late in March. The teams were seeded into two eight team sections and a round robin was played in each section. The top two teams in each section played two matches in a double knockout format the following day.

At the conclusion of those matches the team from Nanaimo had been eliminated, the team of Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith - Gord McOrmond - Lauren Miller had qualified to represent our zone in the Canadian National Team Championships to be held in Toronto in June, and the teams of Mike Wilson - Rhonda Betts - Laurence Betts - Aidan Ballantyne and Martin Johnson - Julene Johnson - Doug Baldwin - Chris Christoffersen agreed to play another match in two weeks to determine our second representative.

The McAvoy team was very lucky to have been in the event at all. They were the first alternate and when one player from an out-of-town team was late arriving their team was substituted.

The Johnson team defeated the Wilson squad in the additional match and have also qualified to represent Zone 6. One hand from that match illustrates how wrong things can go when they start to go wrong.

	x	
	A J 10 x x x	
	x x	
	Q x x x	
x x x x		J x
K x		x x x
-----		J x x x x x x x
A J x x x x x		-----
	A K Q 10 x x	
	Q x	
	A K Q	
	K x	

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APRIL 18-20, 1980

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Friday, April 18

1:30 p.m. MEN'S and WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 p.m. MIXED PAIRS
NOVICE PAIRS (under 20 MP)

Saturday, April 19

1:30 p.m. and
8:00 p.m. (Two sessions, play-through)
FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS
FLIGHT A - no MP limitations
FLIGHT B - zero to 500 MP maximum

Sunday, April 20

11:00 a.m. and
4:30 p.m. (Two sessions)
MASTER SWISS TEAMS
FLIGHT A (Masters) - 200 MP and over (at least 1 player per
partnership must have 200 MP or over)
FLIGHT B (199'ERS) - under 200 MP

SIDE GAMES AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

All events \$3.50 per session per player, except novice, \$2.50.

Director: Phil Wood

Tournament Chairman: Aidan Ballantyne

1979 FINAL STANDINGS IN THE UNIT GAME POINT RACE

Congratulations to Bernie Hoy and Peter Walton who have won free plays to all 1980 Unit Games. Condolences are extended to Aidan Ballantyne, Len Feeny and other players who came close to winning but were prevented by some obscure action taken by their partners or the opponents.

<u>Vancouver</u>			<u>Cloverdale</u>		
1	B. Hoy	9.60	1	P. Walton	6.53
2	A. Ballantyne	7.28	2	L. Feeny	6.40
3	A. Hicks	6.10	3	I. Andersen	6.23
4	C. Jacob	5.95	4	R. Andersen	5.37
5	R. Ohmart	5.92	5	J. Green	5.33
6	P. Herold	5.05	6	J. Groome	4.83
7	M. Newcombe	4.90	7	I. MacLennan	4.34
8	M. Dimich	4.89	8	P. Radnai	3.55
9	L. Betts	4.88	9	W. May	3.43
10	M. Potzold	4.85	10	R. McConnell	3.41

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS - DISTRICT STAGE

Congratulations to Dan Jacob and Richard Christie who finished second in the District play-off for the Grand National Pairs and who have won the right to represent our District as well as an all expense paid trip to the Spring National Championships. Good luck in Fresno in March.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Aidan Ballantyne

The next stage of the CNTC will take place on Sunday, March 9th, 1980 at the Downtown Holiday Inn on Howe Street. Starting time for the first session (there will be two sessions) is 1:00 p.m.

Of the 27 teams selected to play in this unit play-off, seven will go on to play in the Zonal Final scheduled for March 29-30 at Langara Gardens.

Conditions of Contest for March 9th

The 27 teams shall be divided into 3 groups of 9 teams. Neutral seeding shall ensure that the three groups are of equal strength. The seeding shall be based on master point holdings of the players, as well as on past performances of teams and individual team members at various levels of competition.

A round-robin will take place within each group, so that each team plays every team within its own group in a series of 8 9-board matches. A formula devised by Doug Andrews will ensure completion of the round robin without sit-outs or byes. This formula requires that a team play two teams simultaneously, in the same fashion that odd numbers of teams are handled in Swiss Team events. A final ranking based on the won-lost records of the teams will be established in each of the 3 groups. The top two teams in each group automatically qualify for the next round. The seventh qualifier shall be the team with the best overall won-lost record of the 21 remaining teams. Ties shall be broken by short play-offs.

Entry fee is \$32 per team.

Phil Wood has agreed to direct the event.

Replacements

If a member of a team must drop out (a valid reason must be given or penalties could result) then an eligible player who is not and never has been a member of a team currently active in the CNTC may take his/her place. The replacement player takes on all the rights of his predecessor, though master points are awarded in proportion to amount played. Any team must maintain at least three of its original members in order to continue in the Championships.

Good luck!

C.N.T.C. - Vancouver Unit #430 - Qualifiers
27 Teams

Based on 40%

<u>Jewish Community Centre</u>		12 Tables	-	5 Teams		
R. Christie	M. Neate			M. Kostynyk	J. Andrews	M. Aaron
D. Jacob	D. Morrison			S. Borg	B. Connop	W. Weinstein
B. Gerrie	E. Hodge			D. McCully	R. Borg	L. Henderson
F. Sontag	M. Fines			C. Delisle	P. Warren	F. Henderson
				D. Kinakin		J. Berry
<u>Powell River</u>		9 Tables	-	4 Teams		
T. Stokes	R. Whitney			K. Kuntsi	H. Belyea	
G. Joneson	J. Brach			E. Bye	M. Belyea	
M. Behan	M. Cairns			J. Lynch	D. Wate	
F. Sheddian	S. Moore			D. McKenzie	K. Wate	
<u>Haida</u>		6 Tables	-	2 Teams		
P. Nixon	J. McCully					
C. Lindsay	J. Martineau					
H. Rubin	A. Nagy					
D. Grant	J. Hurdle					
	D. Brazeau					
<u>Surrey</u>		12 Tables	-	5 Teams		
M. Strebingner	M. Johnson			A. Loy	P. Walton	D. Jackson
P. Herold	M. Johnson			R. Backman	H. Piercy	P. Blackall
J. Donaldson	P. Cooper			A. McMillan	M. O'Reilly	L. Zambrzycki
N. Chambers	C. Christoferson			D. MacMillan	K. Lee	J. McDonald
					D. Groden	
<u>Cloverdale</u>		12 Tables	-	5 Teams		
I. Anderson	C. Collin			H. Sussman	J. Costain	D. Denman
I. MacLennan	N. Trealeven			K. Johnson	B. Hamilton	D. Freeze
M. Wiggins	J. Dunn			Liz Hicks	G. Mackie	E. Denman
W. May	A. Dymond			R. Bennett	B. Salander	M. Schulmann

C.N.T.C. - Vancouver Unit #430 - Qualifiers (cont'd)

Sunset	14 Tables	-	6 Teams	
P. Gerber			M. Wilson	J. Dolynski
D. Tablotney			R. Betts	M. Wohleben
A. Wicklow			L. Betts	S. Lucow
S. White			A. Ballantyne	C. Michno
R. Irving			C. Hodson	S. Nielson
R. Irving			G. Davis	A. Nielson
D. Strachan			M. Holt	R. Boynton
K. Garfinkel			B. Favel	H. Boynton

CLUB NEWS

Salish Bridge Club

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. - Lou Huberman

Instructions for Beginners and Intermediates

Haida Bridge Club

Club Tournaments:

February

Mon. 4th 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. 7th 10:00 a.m.

Sat. 16th 8:00 p.m.

Mon. 25th 10:00 a.m.

March

Tue. 4th 12:00 p.m.

Thu. 13th 8:00 p.m. (preregistration if possible. Swiss teams if enough entries)

Sun. 16th 7:30 p.m.

Wed. 26th 7:30 p.m.

1. Tom Kinakin is going to start another series of lessons for beginners & intermediates. You may sign up for lessons by calling Tom at 430-4434 or 738-6613.
2. Wednesdays beat the champ is now a big game. The pair to beat is John Bryden & Rick Baker.
3. 1st Thursday in every month beat the experts (Charlie & Adrian) for free play.

Kensington Bridge Club

Kensington Community Centre, 5175 Dunfries (37th & Knight)

Geo Radics 273-3003

Club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th - continent wide charity game starts 7:30 p.m.

2 session Kensington Trophy.

Tournament April 16th and 23rd.

Willingdon Bridge Club

Winners of the January 15th Membership Tournament were Edna McMahon & Herby Lum.

After a few successful novice games held in October we have been unable to get enough players for another. We would still like to have a novice game the fourth Tuesday of every month. So, if we have enough players for 3 tables we will try again.

Simon Fraser Open Bridge Tournament

Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Concourse Cafeteria Simon Fraser University.

First prize: Trip for 2 to Reno - Other prizes to be awarded also.

Fee: \$4.00 per player - Director: Cam Cameron

For further information: Joe Van Snellenberg 291-4824

Advance registration not required.

Event not sanctioned by the A.C.B.L.

Ron McConnell reports: A First For #430

On January 15 our very capable membership chairperson Jo MacDonald journeyed to Port Moody to attend a membership game.

She signed up 8 new members and among them were 3 brothers, Chris, John and Anthony Page, aged 13, 14 and 16.

I'm sure it is the first time in A.C.B.L. history that three brothers so young have joined the League at the same time.

I partnered Jo MacDonald for that game and I can tell you that in addition to their excellent manners, the boys have a very sound bridge beginning. Good luck boys and welcome to the Unit.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Ida Goodlad, Gertrude Stanford and Harvey Piercy all showed class by becoming a life master at a Regional. Harvey, the last life master of 1979 won the Super Swiss Teams, Flight B at Reno. Ida and Gertrude, are the Unit's first life masters for the '80's. They placed second in the Swiss Teams in Seattle.

BASIC MATCHPOINT STRATEGY

Bidding: Part 2

by Aidan Ballantyne

This is the third instalment of a series written for the duplicate tyro.

Last issue we looked at sacrificing, with the emphasis on partscore situations. Sacrificing is often the result of strongly competitive auctions, when both sides are exerting pressure on each other. In many instances a less than ideal final contract is reached. In this segment we shall assume that your side more or less has free rein to choose its final contract and we shall see which kinds of contracts are likely to pay off with matchpoints.

Again it is necessary to go back to the scoring structure of duplicate. As we have seen, the trick value for minors is 20 pts per trick. Thus if you bid and make 2 D you receive $20+20+50$ (part score bonus) = 90 pts. The trick value for major suits is 30 pts, so bidding and making 2S will net you $30+30+50$ = 110 pts. The trick value in no trump is also 30 pts per trick, except for the first trick which is worth 40 pts. Thus bidding and making 2Nt will fetch $40+30+50$ = 120 pts. You can see that it is most rewarding to play contracts in notrump, and least rewarding to play in a minor, assuming that you make the same number of tricks no matter what the strain. Obviously, if you can make nine tricks in diamonds, and only 7 in no trump, it is better to play in the minor as you would get $20+20+20+50$ = 110 pts instead of $40+50$ = 90 pts. Once again, a certain familiarization is required before you can properly appreciate these differences.

Experienced players try to stay out of minor suits as much as possible. They will try to play no trump unless there is a great danger that the opponents can run their own suits unhindered on defense. They will often settle for playing a 4-3 major suit fit if no trump is out of the question, even though the success of their contract may depend on favorable breaks. Minor suit holdings are a liability in competitive auctions also as minors hold little sway in the bidding - to declare a minor suit you have to bid one level higher every time the opponents compete in a major or in no trump. In competitive situations the side that holds the spade suit has a clear advantage for, assuming the hand will not be played in no trump, the side holding the spades can outbid the other at any given level, spades being the "master suit".

The hierarchy of preferred suits (no-trump, first; majors, second; minors, third) is especially pronounced at the game level. In no-trump you get the game bonus if you bid and make at least three no-trump. In a major, you have to declare and succeed at the four or five level in order to receive the game bonus, and in a minor, the only game contract is at the five level. Thus, assuming you declare game, you only have to take 9 tricks in no-trump, whereas in a major you have to take 10 tricks, and in a minor 11 tricks in order to score the bonus. At the slam level these differences disappear, the number of tricks to be contracted for and taken being the same (12 tricks for the small slam bonus and all 13 tricks for the grand slam bonus).

The differences in trick values continue to make themselves felt no matter what the level, however. For instance let us say you can make 11 tricks no matter what the strain. Let us say you play in 3Nt (enough for game) and make your 11 tricks (i.e. you make 2 overtricks). You receive 460 pts not vulnerable and 440 pts vulnerable:

Non-vulnerable: $40 + 20 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 300$ (game bonus) = 460
 Vulnerable: $40 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 500$ (game bonus) = 660

(remembering that in no-trump the trick value for the first trick is 40 pts)

Let us say you bid four of a major (enough for game) and make those same tricks (i.e. you make 1 overtrick). You receive 450 pts not vulnerable and 650 pts vulnerable:

Non-vulnerable: $30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 300$ = 450
 Vulnerable: $30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 30 + 500$ = 650

Again you can see that it is preferable to play in no-trump (460 vs. 450 and 660 vs. 650) assuming that the same number of tricks can be made. The difference of 10 pts, attributable to the difference in value for the first trick in no trump wouldn't amount to much playing rubber bridge but at matchpoints this can be the difference between a top and an average. If everyone in the field is playing in 4 of a major and makes 10 tricks, and you play in 3 or 4 Nt and make the same 10 tricks you get a "top".

Now look at those down-trodden minors. If on that hand you bid game in a minor you receive 400 pts (non-vulnerable) and 600 pts (vulnerable):

Non-vulnerable: $20 + 20 + 20 + 20 + 20 + 300$ = 400
 Vulnerable: $20 + 20 + 20 + 20 + 20 + 500$ = 600

These scores are equivalent to bidding and making 3 Nt, a contract which requires making 9 tricks rather than 11. Now you know why no-trump reigns supreme at matchpoints and why "minors are for the birds" (Alfred Sheinwoid from an excellent introduction to matchpoint play called "Duplicate Bridge").

Next time we shall look at play and defense applied specifically to duplicate. The emphasis in the play section shall be on how to play when you are in the wrong contract.

VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL
February 1-3, 1980
Richmond, British Columbia

LADIES PAIRS

(74 pairs)

- 1 Marion Adams, Vancouver - Mary Fines, Vancouver
- 2 Gwen Fear, Burnaby - Carolyn Huget, Vancouver
- 3 Marg Neate, Vancouver - Rose Wrean, Vancouver

MENS PAIRS

(44 pairs)

- 1 Mo Jacob, Vancouver - George Hicks, Vancouver
- 2 Ted Scott, Victoria - Doug Scott, Victoria
- 3 Jim Donaldson, Vancouver - Hal Rodd, Vancouver

MIXED PAIRS

(106 pairs)

- 1 Marg Benoit, Coquitlam - Ted Hicks, New Westminster
- 2 Sherwood Campbell, Vancouver - Shirley Holme, Vancouver
- 3 Richard Christie, Burnaby - Marcia Kostynyk, Burnaby

SIDE GAME

(28 pairs)

- 1 Cec Brown, Port Townsend - Rolf Lowinger, Vancouver
- 2 Ram Hira, Vancouver - A. G. Thakur, Vancouver
- 3 Andy Pendrigh, Vancouver - Doug Hansford, Vancouver

JUNIOR PAIRS

(40 pairs)

- 1 M. Zbozny, Vancouver - D. Herbert, Vancouver
- 2 Fred Shumas, Vancouver - Ray Shumas, Vancouver
- 3 Wayne Salter, Vancouver - Gilbert Calhoun, Vancouver

SIDE GAME

(10 pairs)

- 1 L. Glassman, Vancouver - M. Goldberg, Vancouver
- 2 Eida Mordo, Vancouver - G. Lieblich, Vancouver
- 3 Della Smith, Victoria - Paul Smith, Victoria

OPEN PAIRS

(120 pairs)

- 1 Gord McOrmond, Vancouver - Dan Jacob, Vancouver
- 2 Neil Chambers, Vancouver - Peter Herold, Vancouver
- 3 Bob Sauve, Vancouver - Doug Andrews, Vancouver

OPEN CONSOLATION

(78 pairs)

- 1 Selene Jacobson, Vancouver - Eila Moyer, North Vancouver
- 2 Don Malcolm, Vancouver - Martin O'Reilly, Vancouver
- 3 Gordon Estrada, Surrey - Rick Myers, Fort Langley

SWISS TEAMS

(84 teams)

- 1 Peter Herold & Neil Chambers, both Vancouver - Janet Daling, Seattle, Washington - Ray Loftis, Bellevue, Washington
- 2 Dennis Heller & Janice Heller, Kirkland, Washington - Mark Bailey, Seattle, Washington - Donna Bailey, Seattle, Washington
- 3/4 Adrian Hicks - Bert Curry - R.C. MacDuff - Stan Dillabough, Vancouver
- 3/4 M. Krusell - Dave Waterman - Michael Newcombe - Rick Bennett, Vancouver

SWISS TEAMS CONSOLATION

- 1/2 Peter Marr & Frances Thomson, Burnaby - Pat Murphy, Vancouver - Doug Sowden, Coquitlam
 - 1/2 Al Chapelle - Lauren Miller - Linda Sims, Vancouver - John Sokolowski, Robson
- Fourway tie for third.

PHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE

- | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Peter Herold | 34.70 |
| 2 | Neil Chambers | 34.47 |
| 3/4 | Janet Daling | 23.90 |
| 3/4 | Ray Loftis | 23.90 |
| 5 | Gord McOrmond | 20.34 |

EDITH BONNELL TROPHY RACE

- | | | |
|---|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Janet Daling | 23.90 |
| 2 | Janice Heller | 16.28 |
| 3 | Donna Bailey | 15.27 |
| 4 | Moyna Krusell | 9.28 |

THREE SLAMS FROM SEATTLE

The first hand from the Master's Pairs is one on which to decide whether you would rather play or defend 6 spades, with North as declarer, after East has opened 5 clubs.

	A J 9 7 6 5	
	A 6	
	K 8 6 5	
	5	4 3
T 8		K 7
J T 9 5 4 3		-----
Q J T 2		K Q J T 7 6 4 3 2
8	K Q 2	
	Q 8 2	
	A 9 7 4 3	
	A 9	

Well who have you placed your money on - declarer or the defense?

I hope you backed the defense - because if you did, you lose.

Suppose East leads a club, you win, ruff a club, and play two rounds of trumps. You now lead Ace and another heart.

If East failed to unblock the King of hearts he must lead a club to give you a ruff and a sluff which permits you to discard a diamond loser. Your other losing diamond may be discarded on the Queen of hearts.

If East unblocks the King of hearts, win the Queen of hearts and ruff a heart. Now lead a diamond and duck to West. If West returns a diamond you can take the rest of the tricks. If West returns a heart you can discard the losing diamond from the North hand while ruffing in dummy.

The next hand from the Grand National Pairs will give you a chance to demonstrate your skills as declarer. You are East and are declarer in 6 spades on the following auction:

West	East	East	South	West	North
AQx	J98xx	1S	3D	3H	Pass
Qxxxxx	AK	4D	Pass	4S	Pass
J	Axx	4N	Pass	5D	Pass
Kxx	Axx	6H	Pass	6S	All Pass

You win the King of diamonds lead with the ace, play a spade to the Queen which loses to the King as everyone follows, and ruff the diamond return low in the dummy. How do you continue?

Unless there is a doubleton 10 of spades, the hand can only be made if hearts are 3-2. This latter distribution is much more likely than the doubleton spade 10.

You should cash the Ace-King of hearts before playing any more trumps. Both opponents follow. You now cross to the spade Ace as South discards a diamond. Your foresight in cashing the hearts has been rewarded as you are now in a position to execute a trump coup on North.

Cash the Queen of hearts discarding a diamond as North follows and play the next heart. If North ruffs, overruff, draw trump and re-enter dummy which is now high.

If North sluffs, discard a club. Next ruff a heart to shorten your trumps to the same length as North's, then re-enter dummy with the club King. Keep leading hearts and discarding until North ruffs, then you overruff, draw trump and claim.

Finally a lead problem from the Swiss Teams - you are South and hold:

	K 10 x x	Q x	K 10 x x	K x x
The auction proceeds:	East	(you)	West	
	1H		2C	
	2S		3H	
	4N		5H	
	5S*		5N**	
	7H		All Pass	

* 5S asks for Kings

** 5N shows 0 or 3 Kings

What do you lead?

If you led from either of your K 10 x x suits you conceded the contract. If you led a rounded suit (hearts or clubs) you defeated them.

The combined hands were as follows:

West	East
J x	A Q x x
x x x	A K J 10 9 x
A Q x	J x

SEATTLE REGIONAL RESULTSOpen Swiss Teams Championship

- 2 Sandi White - K. Lieshout - Ida Goodlad - G. Stanford
 10/13 Neil Chambers
 10/13 Aidan Ballantyne

Men's Pairs Championship

- 2 Aidan Ballantyne - Joel Martineau
 5 Chris Christoffersen

Wednesday Morning Side Game

- 1 Gladys Mackie - Bernice Selander
 2 Jill Costain - Ted Deeder

Mixed Pairs Championship

- 2 Jim Donaldson

Master Swiss Teams - Flight B

- 3/4 Mo Aaron - Sherman Kwan - John Berry

Midnight Speedball Swiss

- 1 S. Dillabough - C. Christoffersen

Thursday Morning Side Game

- 2 John Whittlesay
 3 John Richoux - Gladys Mackie

Thursday Afternoon Side Game

- 6 James Dunn - Colin Collin

Thursday Evening Side Game

- 2/3 Dan Jacob - Aidan Ballantyne
 5 C. W. Collin - James Dunn

Knockout Teams

- 1 Neil Chambers

Super Open Pairs - Flight A

- 7 Alan Chapelle
 8/9 L. Betts - Aidan Ballantyne
 12 Gordon McOrmond

Super Open Pairs - Flight B

- 7/8 Michael Newcombe - David Waterman

Friday Morning Side Game

- 1 John Richoux - Marg Neate

Friday Evening Side Game

- 4 Don Brazeau

Lucky Draw Pairs

- 1 Jennifer Paynter - Al Chapelle

Master Pairs Championship - Flight A

- 8 Peter Herold - Neil Chambers

Master Pairs Championship - Flight B

- 3/4 Peter Marry - Frances Thomson
 3/4 Chuck Hodson - Jack Tucker
 6 Eleanor & Albert Henke

Saturday Morning Side Game

- 2 John Richoux - Ted Deeder

Master Swiss Teams - Flight A

- 2 Joel Martineau - Gord McOrmond - Dan Jacob - Aidan Ballantyne

TRI-CITIES ATOMIC REGIONALKnockout Teams

- 1 Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver, B.C.

Board-a-Match Teams

- 3 Jim Donaldson, Vancouver, B.C.

Chardonnay Pairs

- 1 Don & Elsie Jorgenson, Vancouver

Chenin Blanc Pairs

- 2 Henry Smilie, Vancouver, B.C.

Swiss Teams

- 3 Jim Donaldson, Vancouver, B.C.

Pinot Noir Pairs

- 1 Joe Dolynski, New Westminster

White Riesling Pairs

- 1 Cliff & Pat Glen, N. Vancouver

INTERMEDIATE DEFENSIVE PROBLEMS

OR

HOW TO MAKE A RABBIT STEW

by Michael Dimich

In the last edition of the Matchpointer I presented this problem.

The bidding has proceeded by North and South.

North	South
1 NT (15 - 17)	2 D (forcing stayman)
3 C (a 5 card club suit)	3 S (5 or more spades)
4 C (cue bidding the Ace and agreeing to spades as trump)	4 D (cue bidding A of diamonds)
4 H (cue bidding the A of hearts)	4 S (I've told my story)
5 S (how good are your spades)	5 S (good enough)

Your partner leads the deuce of hearts (fourth best) and you see this North dummy come down.

	North	
	K A x A	
	x x x K	
	x x Q	
West	10	East (yourself)
2 of hearts led	x	x K Q J
		x 10 10 x
		x 9 x
		x x

The declarer ducks and you win the K of hearts. The question directed at all you avid readers of the Matchpointer was "What do you lead back and why?"

Lauren Miller gave three answers "fully expecting to receive the full range of rabbit presents". He does. Well done Thumper!

1. I return my 4th best heart. Remove dummy's entry so declarer can't set up dummy's clubs without being overuffed. Partner needs just Jxx for this to work.
2. 4th best heart. Assume South thought that they were playing transfers and is 6-5 in the majors, giving partner a stiff heart. I would try this defence against Jim McCully and Don Brazeau.
3. A trump. Cut down those ruffs!

From some field of clover in Coquitlam the "Rueful Reject" (rumored to be a relative of R.R. of the Griffins) responded with these answers:

"Naturally I'd return a heart, because I always return my partner's suit ... Otherwise I get big berries from him right at the bridge table.

The heart return knocks out dummy's Ace, and declarer must start his clubs before drawing trumps so that the spade K on the third round of trumps can serve as the vital re-entry to the board.

On the third club round partner may be able to overuff. If not the trump J will force out the trump K one round too soon, and the contract goes down."

David Walker wrote an analysis that was a pleasure to read. I am presenting it to you in its entirety, confident that you will find it an instructive exercise in logic.

Dear Editor,

Re: Rabbit Stew, Berries or Laughter by M.D.

I vote for a heart return.

1. If declarer has 6 trumps our task is hopeless, therefore I assume partner has 3 trumps.
2. Without the heart Q and needing a heart ruff, declarer should have gone up with the heart A and given away a heart before we remove his diamond A while his heart A is uncashed. Therefore we must assume declarer started with 3 hearts to the Queen.
3. If declarer has only 1 or 0 clubs, he can ruff a club before drawing trumps. Therefore we must assume he has at least 2 clubs or we cannot beat him.
4. If declarer has 2 clubs we can't beat him if he also has AQJxx of trumps, since he can ruff a club high before drawing trumps. Therefore we must assume that if partner has 2 clubs he also needs Jxx of trumps.
5. If declarer has 3 clubs then we beat him with a heart return. (If declarer has 4 clubs (he shouldn't because he would then have a stiff A of diamonds and should have cue bid 5D instead of 4S) we may as well wait for the club J).

Therefore, we beat these hands (or worse) but only with a heart return.

A Q A x
Q x x x
x x x
x
x

A Q A x
Q x x x
J x x
x
x

We must kill the entry to dummy for the fifth club at this stage.

The actual hands were:

K A x A
 x x x K
 x x Q
 10
 x
 J J K x
 x x x x
 x x x
 x x
 A Q A x
 Q x J x
 10 x x
 x
 x
 x K Q J
 x 10 10 x
 x 9 x
 x x

IMP LEAGUE STANDINGS AFTER FIVE ROUNDS

A LEAGUE			B LEAGUE		
Position	Team	Victory Points	Matches Played	Team	Victory Points
1	Dimich	89	4	Chapelle	74
2	Ballantyne	74	5	Whittlesay	61
3	Betts	67	4	McCully	57
4	Sussman	53	4	May	36
5	J. Andrews	46	4	Groome	27
6	Hein	42	5	Andrews	22
7	Johnson	41	4	Christofferson	10
8	Kinakin	30			
9	Nagy	28			
10	Hodson	18			

IT'S YOUR BID

by Doug Baldwin and
Gerry McCully

1. IMP'S
Vul vs. N-V
AQJ6
A84
K865
Q6

W N E S
 P P 3D P
 P Db1 P ?

3NT - 10; 4S - 7; P - 5; 4D - 1

Basic IMP strategy suggests that bidding at this vulnerability is right so.

PASS - For those who have no courage or who can't see to find the right contract and want to take their 100, 300 or possibly 500 we can only give an average score.

4D - is wrong because you don't know what to do over 4H (A. Guess to pass and hope partner isn't 3-3 in the majors or that he won't be tapped even if he has 4 hearts. B. Guess to bid 4 spades and hope partner has 4 spades with his 4 or 5 hearts in which case you might as well have bid 4S over the double.

4S - precluding 3NT as the right spot - but definitely reasonable. There is a game somewhere and you will have at least a good 4-3 fit (you hope).

3NT - is by far the top choice as it leaves all options open to find the correct spot. If partner judges to pass that should be right even if you do have a 4-4 spade fit in view of a possible bad break. (A) 4C bid by partner says 3NT is not right but is not a run out. He is looking for a fit with 4-4-0-5 or 6 clubs and 4 of one major. You will bid 4 spades and if partner bids 4NT over that you will be able to use your judgment as to pass or play in your 8 card club fit. (B) 4D bid by partner should show 5-5 or 6-5 in clubs and a major in view of the fact that partner didn't balance with 4D. You should bid your Axx of hearts now and when partner either passes or bids 4 spades you have found your 8 or 9 card major suit fit with no guessing involved.

I have more to say about the overall mood of the hand but Gerry says get on with problems 3 and 6.

The 3NT bidders - Dan Jacob "Easier to take 9 tricks against possible bad breaks". Others basically agreeing with that point were Harpo D, L. Betts and Leo Steil.

4S bidders

Duncan Smith. Pass or 3NT might be right but don't like nebulous cue of 4D.

Gord McOrmond: "4 spades - pre-emptor could have an outside entry in 3rd or 4th seat. Would bid 3N if pre-emptor were in 1st or 2nd seat."

John Hurdle: "Pass could well lose from 3 to 8 IMP's if we have a vulnerable game available but I stand to lose a lot more by bidding the wrong game".

John you must be getting old or senile looking at your floral arrangements at home.

Doug Andrews: "I would have bid 3NT immediately. So in my style partner can't expect me to have this much with such weak diamonds. I'll try 4D and hope we stumble into a contract that makes".

Sorry Doug you get 1.

2. IMP'S - No one vul

N	E	S
TH	4C	?

Q7

K107532

8765

4D - 10; Double - 6; Pass and 4H - 2

With partner's marked shortage in clubs we feel that 4D is the right action here even though we have a moth-eaten suit and are short a HCP or two. After all, how much does partner need to make six?

For the diamond bidders -

Steil: - 4D partner is short in clubs so must have diamond support or good hearts for which I have good support, any slam move must be made by him.

Harpo - 4D most partners would take into account that we are under a little pressure here. We may have a diamond slam.

For the doublers -

Turtle - double - surely cooperative.

Indeed cooperative and if partner passes you may be lucky enough to get +300. What are you going to do with all those daisy petals, John?

McOrmond - Double - would be happier at Matchpoints but at least have potential defense, if partner pulls, it will hopefully be to 4H. Can't argue with 4D but prefer better suit.

Don't worry Gord daisies grow on both sides of the fence.

3. IMP'S Vul vs. N-V

AK986

106

AQ10954

S	W	N	E
TC	2D (Pre)	2H	5D
?			

5S - 10; Pass - 8; 6H - 1; 6D - 1

I think there are only 2 calls here and they are very close. 5S gets the top score because of the majority of votes. 5S certainly describes your black holding but are you going to bid more if partner bids 6C. Personally I like a forcing pass followed by 5S over Double and 5H. Now if partner bids 6C I'll bid 6H. If there's a grand partner should know all he needs to.

For Pass.-

Harpo D.: "Will pull partner's double to 5S and raise 5H to 6 (gulp)".

J. Hurdle: "Pass, forcing".

G. McOrmond: "Pass 5S is forcing and 90% of partners would take as a cue. If partner doubles will bid 5 spades, should be natural because with fit would cue bid immediately."

Yeah Gord I'm one of the 10% that needs some kind of further explanation for that one.

For 5 spades -

D. Jacob "On way to a slam partner must have club tolerance for failing to make negative double."

The majority of 5 spade bidders felt as

Lauren Miller: "What else? If this were Dimich's problem I'd be hearing rabbit laughter already"

4. Matchpoints Both vul

A	W	N	E	S
A953	TH	P	P	?
KQ7				
K10754	Pass - 10;	2C - 7;	Double - 6;	1N - 4

Two rules of thumb in balancing are:

- 1) don't balance with length in opponent's suit
- 2) don't balance when short in an unbid major

hence our top award for pass.

The passers (Smith, Miller, McOrmond, Harper, Foot, Scholls, D. Kinakin, S. Borg and R. Christie) all thought plus 200 a distinct possibility and were best summarized by

L. Miller - Pass and hope for

- a) +200 with no game our way
- b) opponents have a better spot in spades.
- c) people get too high with our cards.

For the bidders -

Steil: 2C - only bid available other than a pass which could work out. Would sooner have them in 1H rather than spades.

L. Betts - double is correct because partner will not hang you in spades, after all he passed 1 heart.

Of the two calls we prefer 2C as it makes it more difficult for opponents to find their spade fit. If we double, not only might partner hang us but also opponents - especially if opener bids 1S over the double.

5. Swiss Teams Both vul

AK10	S	W	N	E
KQ10875	TH	P	TS	P
Q9	?			
AJ	3C - 10;	2N - 9;	3H - 6;	3 or 4S - 5

The first decision on this hand is whether or not we should force to game.

The majority of solvers thought that this hand should be forced to game via 3C, hence the top award. We find it difficult to agree with this call for two reasons:

- 1) as pointed out by several solvers we have 5 losers
- 2) what to do if pard raises clubs.

Not being flannery enthusiasts we find spade raises (3 or 4) unacceptable and therefore have few choices left, 3 non forcing hearts and 2N. Of the two calls we prefer 2N.

L. Betts best summarizes our position - nothing right but 2N shows values.

For the 3C bidders -

Martineau: 3C - always nice to have a hand where you can manufacture a jump rebid and then follow up with a clear preference. Especially if partner will check about your "announced" control in the 4th suit instead of hanging you out to dry.

6. IMP'S Both vul

What do you lead?	W	N	E	S
K 10 7 3	TD	P	2C	P
A 9 8 6	3C	P	3D	P
9 5	3S	P	3N	P
J 7 2	4C	P	4D	P
	5D	P	5H	P
	6C	A L L	P A S S	

Ace hearts 10, 10 and 7 spades 7; K and low spade 6; anything else 0

East's 5H bid is the clue to this hand. He doesn't own the heart Ace for obvious reasons and I think East should bid 6C with K hearts in view of West's attempts at finding a control in the heart suit. I think we are cashing 1 or 2 hearts. If only 1 heart cashes we will hope for a slow minor suit winner.

John Hurdle thinks similarly "Since the 5th bidder should have this card, I suspect his honor" A hearts.

Gary Harper: "10 spades - partner may have Q and declarer may also have alternatives at trick one (I sure hope so)."

Leo Steil: - Low spade "Declarer could have KQJ of hearts and get rid of 2 of dummy's 3 spades. If partner's Q is in diamonds the hand can still go down if we blow a spade trick".

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VANCOUVER UNIT GAME

December 1979

Overall

1	S. Kwan - R. Pratt	203
2	S. Levine - B. Hitchens	193-
3	M. O'Reilly - D. Waterman	188
4/5	D. Jacob - C. Jacob	187
4/5	R. Hansen - D. Brazeau	187

Section ANorth-South

1	R. Hansen - D. Brazeau	187
2	A. Hicks - M. Hall	184-
3	B. Moller - J. Turner	174
4	H. Smilie - J. Hogan	158-
5	J. Johnston - A. McBeth	156-
6	B. Dixon - J. Whittlesey	156

East-West

1	M. O'Reilly - D. Waterman	188
2	D. Jacob - C. Jacob	187
3	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	184
4	B. Hoy - C. P. Brown	176
5	L. Betts - J. Anthony	175-
6	R. Borg - J. Berry	174-

Section BNorth-South

1	R. Dixon - H. Rodd	183-
2	A. Anderson - J. MacDonald	182
3/4	R. Ohmart - L. Miller	177
3/4	S. Minkoff - P. Minkoff	177
5	J. Rogers - R. Slutsky	161-
6	E. Moyer - F. Waters	159

East-West

1	S. Kwan - R. Pratt	203
2	S. Levine - B. Hitchens	193-
3	M. Dimich - B. Liu	176
4	L. Steil - G. Rigg	175
5	J. Paynter - N. Chambers	170
6/7	S. Borg - P. Barrington	169
6/7	K. Busche - S. McIlwain	169

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Overall

1	B. Curry - A. Hicks	141-
2	R. Connop - H. Rodd	135-
3	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	131-
4	S. Dillabough - R. McDuff	130
5	F. Sontag - S. Jacobson	128
6	F. Waters - E. Moyer	126

Section ANorth-South

1	A. Hicks - B. Curry	141-
2	R. Connop - H. Rodd	135-
3	S. Segal - G. Stuart	123-
4	D. Andrews - B. Sauve	121-

East-West

1	P. Herold - A. Ballantyne	131-
2	S. Dillabough - R. McDuff	130
3	S. Borg - B. Liu	125
4	A. Nagy - R. Betts	118-

Section BNorth-South

1	F. Waters - E. Moyer	126
2	S. Kwan - R. Pratt	118-
3	M. Dimich - L. DeBetts	117
4	M. Newcombe - J. Wong	114

East-West

1	F. Sontag - S. Jacobson	128-
2	B. Dixon - J. Whittlesey	124-
3	R. Borg - J. Berry	121
4	L. Strebing - G. Bell	113-

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME

December 1979

Overall

1	A. J. Brown - L. Brown	136½
2/3/4	D. Morrison - E. Hodge	134
2/3/4	C. Collin - J. Dunn	134
2/3/4	L. Feeny - R. Olson	134
5	C. Glen - P. Glen	127½
6	J. Groome - P. Walton	126

Section ANorth-South

1	A. J. Brown - L. Brown	130½
2	E. Dietrich - R. McConnell	125½
3	B. Hamilton - T. Stiennon	115½

East-West

1	J. Groome - P. Walton	126
2	J. Green - R. Andersen	118
3	K. Wright - F. Wright	116

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME

December 1979

Section B

	North-South			East-West	
1/2/3	D. Morrison - E. Hodge	134	1	C Glen - P. Glen	127½
1/2/3	C. Collin - J. Dunn	134	2	R. Groome - R. Andersen	119½
1/2/3	L. Feeny - R. Olson	134	3	G. Fear - H. Fines	119

January 1980

Overall

1	B. Nichol - R. Nichol	192½
2	T. Stiennon - B. Hamilton	187
3	D. Freeze - A. Freeze	186
4	S. Holding - P. Radnai	180
5	J. Marsh - T. Marsh	178
6	G. Estrada - R. Myers	177-

Section

	North-South			East-West	
1	B. Nichol - R. Nichol	192½	1	D. Freeze - A. Freeze	186
2	T. Stiennon - B. Hamilton	187	2	S. Holding - P. Radnai	180
3	A. Brown - L. Brown	175	3	J. Marsh - T. Marsh	178
4	D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott	173	4	G. Estrada - R. Myers	177-
5	R. McConnell - F. Dietrich	170-	5	I. MacLennan - W. May	175
6	E. Thrane - C. Thrane	168-	6/7	G. Blanke - P. Weichsner	168-
			6/7	D. Groden - J. Groome	168-

REGIONAL RESULTS

<u>Richland</u>	Super Swiss Teams Flight A	8. Harvey Piercy - Dennis Groden
<u>Seattle</u>	Super Swiss Teams Flight A	6. M. Kostynyk - R. Christie
<u>Reno</u>	Super Swiss Teams Flight B	1. Harvey Piercy
	Super Open Pairs Flight A	3. Brian May - Bob Connop
	Western Conference Junior Pairs	3. Len Giroday
	99'er Pairs	1. Don Jorgenson - Catroina Brown
	Money Tree Pairs	1. Phil Kallberg - Al Kallberg
	MGM Pairs	6. Sheila Dickie

IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Vancouver Unit extend deepest sympathy to the husband and family of Margaret Wood, who passed away unexpectedly on January 31st. As a long-time Bridge instructor of Vancouver Night School "Beginners" courses, Marg was instrumental in introducing many people to Bridge; and, as their skill improved, encouraged them to continue on to the more competitive world of Duplicate. She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

VANCOUVER - SEATTLE INTER-CITY MATCH

The 1979 edition of the Vancouver-Seattle IMP Team Match was played at the Haida Bridge Club in three sessions on December 8 and 9. The event was coordinated capably and smoothly by Jean Groome and included a delicious multi-course dinner of Chinese fare between the first two sessions.

Both of Vancouver's teams emerged victorious. The Over 200 Team of Gord McOrmond, Lauren Miller, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Dennis Dohl, Brian May, Fred Sontag, John Hurdle, Howard Rubin, Peter Nixon with Doug Andrews as non-playing captain defeated their Seattle counterparts by 158 IMP. The Under 200 Team of Chuck Hodson, Bob Favel, Dave Waterman, Michael Newcombe, Moyna Krusell, Martin O'Reilly, Doug Strachan, Pauline McClafferty, Bernie Hoy, Joe Wong under the non-playing captaincy of Aidan Ballantyne won by 86 IMP. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Seattle for participating.

The following hand from the first set swing a total of 28 IMP to Seattle. Only the Under 200 Seattle pair of Epley-Stilson bid and made a slam, namely 6 NT. Two pairs went down in 7 hearts and two pairs were defeated in 6 hearts. Can you make 7 hearts double dummy on the North-South cards?

Both Vul
H deals

J 8 5 3
7
8 7 6 4 3
Q J 3

Q 9 6
A
A Q J 10 5
A K 10 2

A 7 4 2
K Q J 8 5 2
K
8 6

K 10
10 9 6 4 3
9 2
9 7 5 4

The third session produced a hand which was labelled by Tom Hammond of Seattle as "The Canadian Blindspot". All eight Canadian pairs playing this hand went minus on these cards. Special mention goes to Miller, Dohl, Krusell, O'Reilly who avoided a minus by sitting out. The cumulative results: as North-South, 5D Db1 - 700, 5D Db1 - 500, 5D Db1 - 500, 5D Db1 - 500; as East-West, 4S Db1 - 500, 4S Db1 - 500, 4S - 200, 4S - 200.

E-W Vul
E deals

J 8 5 2
5
6 4 2
K Q J 6 2

3
A 6 4
A K Q J 8 5
5 4 3

Q 10 9 7
J 8 7 2
9 7
9 8 7

A K 5 4
K Q 10 9 3
10 3
A 10

Obviously our teams did a lot of things right in order to win the match. This deal from the final session swung 14 IMP to the Over 200 Vancouver Team when, at one pair of tables, Seattle reached 7N, which failed, while Vancouver played 5 spades making seven. The other pair of tables were a saw-off at 6 spades making seven.

Both Vul
E deals

5
J 10 9 6 2
10 9 3
8 6 5 2

10 9
A K Q 8 3
K 8 6
A 4 3

A K Q J 8 6 4 3 2
7
Q J 5

7
5 4
A 7 4
K Q J 10 9 7

The action was furious in the Under 200 match. Both Seattle pairs reached 6 spades making seven. Nevertheless Seattle lost 28 IMP as both Vancouver pairs bid and made 7 spades doubled!

On a somber note, the Unit incurred heavy expenses in running this year's trials and hosting the match. A Committee composed of Gerry Brownridge, Frances Waters and Doug Andrews has been formed to determine if there is sufficient interest among the membership in continuing the event and to make recommendations on the format and manner in which this event might be run in the future. Please express your views on this subject to any of the Committee members or any member of the Unit Board.

BETWEEN HANDS

The A.C.B.L. has published the final standings of master points won during 1979. On the honour roll for winning more than 300 points during the year were the following players from our Unit: #35 Neil Chambers, 705 points; #170 Gord McOrmond, 409 points; #184 Laurence Betts, 398 points; #297 Rhonda Betts, 334 points; #315 Aidan Ballantyne, 327 points.

The playdown for the money being raised to sponsor our representative to the Canadian Women's Team Trials is down to two teams, captained by Sandra Borg and Julene Johnson. This stage of the event is being run as a double knockout. The Borg team is undefeated and the Johnson team has lost once. In earlier rounds of play, Borg defeated Quinn and Johnson; Johnson beat Strebing and Quinn; Quinn eliminated Strebing.

In an effort to raise funds to help sponsor our women's team representative, players such as Jim Donaldson and Ron Borg will be raffled off for events at the upcoming sectionals. Sandra Borg will be publicizing the raffle as the sectional approaches.

Some players have been inquiring as to when they will receive the master points for the Club Stage of the Canadian National Teams. Since a player's final award is dependent on his or her performance at all stages of the competition, points will not be credited until after the Zonal or National Playdown.

In the last issue we published a hand with commentary from the Queensland Bridge Association's Newsletter and asked readers if the analysis was correct. From the response received, there was unanimous consent that it was not.

From our people in the news department we have the following items:

- Henry Smilie won a disco contest which carried as its prize an all-expense-paid trip for two to a dance in the sunny southern states;
- Finn Schultz may hold the all-time record for most new members signed up in Unit #430. His career total must be close to 750 members, almost half our current membership, and his one year high exceeded 100 new memberships. Finn's record years occurred about 20 years ago when he opened up a bridge club in White Rock and popularized duplicate bridge there. Well done Finn and thank you.
- Jean Grcome has been appointed to a two year term as Unit Representative to the District Nineteen Board of Directors. Rumour has it that she'll be presenting Percy Bean with a copy of the best-selling record, "Under My Thumb", at the first meeting she attends.
- Anne Nagy has a better kept secret than the one which has been making the rounds since mid-December. She refused to let us publish it but you may get a clue from the lime-rick which our poet laureate was tripping over his feet to submit before our copy deadline.

Andy's "old lady" named Anne
Had a date with an ultrasean
With jelly on her belly
And baby on the "telly"
Anne asks, "A lady or a man?"

I've received a number of congratulatory comments on the composition and production of the Hatchpointer. I'd like to share the praise with all the people who assist by providing news, responding to It's Your Bid, writing articles, mailing issues, collating, distributing, publishing, collecting results, refraining from criticizing, etc. Special thanks to Debbie McCully who is retiring as Club Editor and who has done a commendable job in searching out the news. Catriona Brown has agreed to take over this time-consuming and thankless task. Another such job is tabulating the results for the Phil Wood and Edith Bonnell Trophy Races - thank you Peter Walton for the prompt and accurate manner in which you prepare the results.

Doug Andrews

WHAT'S TRUMP?

xx	xx		This hand from the Super Swiss Teams in Seattle is interesting for two reasons. First, because the contract was in doubt from the time the dummy was laid down - East-West insisting the North-South contract was 6 spades and North-South insisting it was 6 clubs. The director ruled that it was 6 clubs.
Kxxx	AQx		
Kxx	AQJxxx	J10xx	
Jxxx	Ax	Jxxxx	
		Kxx	The second point of interest is that both 6 clubs and 6 spades can be made by using a variation of the same safety play. The opening lead was a spade won by the ace.
	AKQxx	x	
	x		
	x		
	KQxxxx		

- (a) In 6 clubs cross to the ace of clubs and lead a second spade. When both follow, lead a low spade and trump in dummy. Spades are now established and West can only score one club trick whether she ruffs the third spade or waits for her trick.
- (b) In 6 spades cross to the ace of clubs and lead a second club. If East ruffs she uses up her spade trick ruffing a potential club loser and your club suit is established. If East does not ruff win the King of clubs and ruff a club low. Clubs are now established and East can only score one trump trick.

The Unit Christmas Party at Cloverdale was a real success with lots of goodies and a drop or two of wine to wash them down. A good number of door prizes were drawn for throughout the evening. A special thanks goes out to Beulah Blomme for putting on the tremendous spread of refreshments.

Once again, we have seen an increase in attendance at this section of our Unit Game for the year. A turn out of seventeen tables in January 1980 points to an even large turn out this year.

An interesting aspect of the Cloverdale Game, thanks to Jack Von Werkhoven and his computer, is the print out of the scoring. Jack has added to his equipment and is able to provide slips showing the games progress. At the end of the game, he can pop out individual slips showing the efforts of each pair as well as a recap of the whole game. A special "THANK YOU" to Jack for this added feature which he volunteers to do for each game for "NO CHARGE".

"Thank You" to Beulah Blomme for her catering efforts at each game. Also, an extra effort which is time consuming and is provided without charge.

"Thank You" to everyone who assists in setting up the tables and chairs and the putting away of the equipment at the end of the game.

To Ted & Liz Hicks; "Thank You" for running a good game and to Larry Hicks for his caddying which includes cleaning up the ashtrays throughout the game and helping in general. Larry does get a little computer mesmerized at times, I might add.

To all, a successful year in 1980.

IT'S YOUR BID - NEXT ISSUE'S PROBLEMS

Dan Jacob and Richard Christie, our Unit's hope for victory in the Grand National Pairs in Fresno have set the problems for the next issue. Send your answers to either of them or Doug Andrews by April 12.

You are South on the following hands:

1. IMP's N-S Vul
Q
K Q 9 x x x x
A x
A K x

N 3 Sp E Pass S ? W 4s

2. IMP's N-S Vul
x
A K 10 9 8 7 6
A K Q J
A

S - W Pass N Pass E 2Nt* SH
Db1 Pass 3 Sp Pass

* This time you are playing in Europe where 2 NT is not always strong. In this case it is preemptive with an unspecified 7-card suit.

3. IMP's N-S Vul

A x
A K Q J 10 9 x x
J x x

S TD W T Sp N Db1 E 3 Sp* 4s
? (neg)

* preempt

4. IMP's N-S Vul
A
Q x
A K 10 8 x x
K 9 x x

S - W Pass N Pass E Pass
TD Pass 1 Nt Pass
?

5. IMP's N-S Vul
10 9 3
Q 10 7 6 5
A Q 10
Q 8

W TH N P E TS S P
2D P 2Nt P
3Nt P

What do you lead?

FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Club announcements and results of club tournaments should be sent to Catrina Brown, 105-1396 Burnaby Avenue, Vancouver or phone 683-6176. It's Your Bid Answers, letters, articles, tournament results, juicy gossip and other news should be sent to Doug Andrews, 1008W - 1600 Beach Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6G 1V7 or phone 685-2285. Deadline for submission of It's

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April 8 (Tuesday)

1:00 Open Swiss
8:00 Open Swiss (second session)

April 9 (Wednesday)

8:45 K.O. 8:45 Side Game
1:00 Mens & Womens
8:00 Mens & Womens (second session)
11:59 Dino Lucky Draw Pairs

April 10 (Thursday)

8:45 K.O. 8:45 Side Game
1:00 Open Pairs
8:00 Open Pairs (second session)

April 11 (Friday)

8:45 K.O. 8:45 Olympiad Fund Game
1:00 Masters Pairs A over 200 B under 200
8:00 Masters Pairs (second session)
11:59 Speedball Swiss Teams

April 12 (Saturday)

8:45 K.O.
1:00 Super Open Pairs A, B & C
8:00 Super Open Pairs (second session)

April 13 (Sunday)

10:30 Super Swiss A & B
4:00 Super Swiss (second session)

7-7 7 7 7 4- 6 5 1 2 2- 3- 3- 7 5 3 5 3- 7 6 7 3 3- 7 2- 7 2 2 2