

THE MATCHPOINTER

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B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 4-6, 1982

RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy
Richmond, B.C.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

1:30 p.m.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PAIRS

8:00 p.m.

OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
(one session)
JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 Master Pts.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

1:00 p.m.

FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS

& 7:30 p.m.

Flight A: no master pt.
restrictions

Flight B: 0-750 master pts.
for all players.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

11:00 p.m.

OPEN SWISS TEAMS
(two sessions)

& 4:30 p.m.

NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIMES ON SATURDAY!!!!

Free coffee and muffins on Sunday morning before game time!

Phil Wood, Tournament Director

John Bryden, Tournament Chairman

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

Side Games, attendance warranting.

ROTHMAN'S CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The unit semi-finals and finals are scheduled for MARCH 13-14, 1982.
The semi-finals will be held March 13 at Marpole Community Centre,
at 1.00 & 7:30 p.m.

The finals will be at the Haida Club on March 14, times t.b.a.

Unit Games - 1982

This is a reminder that Downtown Games are held at
the Haida Bridge Club, 2182 West 12th, Vancouver.
Cloverdale games continue to be held at the Legion.

Thank You!

After many years in the service of the Matchpointer Sandra Borg is
abdicating her role as publisher. The unit thanks both Sandra and Ron
for housing the press and hosting some wonderful collating parties. There
sure were some good laughs at Sussex. A special thank you to you, Sandra,
for the many hours you spent in the basement with our temperamental
Gestetner.

A.C.B.L. ANNUAL AWARDS

This year's (1981) laureates (for Unit 430) are:

ROOKIES:	1.	Betty King, North Vancouver.	60.77
	2.	A. Kiper, Burnaby.	43.22
	3.	Mrs. A. Fenton, Vancouver	23.90
NON-MASTERS:	1.	Sheila Shoring, Richmond.	70.00
	2.	Henry Chow, Vancouver.	60.68
	3.	Mrs. E. Evans, Etonia.	58.11
MASTERS:	1.	Miss M.A. Havens, Powell River.	59.35
	2.	Mrs. M. Elliott, Aldergrove.	56.01
	3.	Dave House, Vancouver.	48.86
NATIONAL MASTERS:	1.	Miss L. Sims, Vancouver.	88.63
	2.	Dr. M. Zbozny, Animal House.	56.01
	3.	Mrs. G.A. Mackie, Coquitlam.	54.85
SENIOR MASTERS:	1.	Mrs. Dee Steil, Vancouver.	169.68
	2.	Mr. D. A. Forsythe, Vancouver.	98.08
	3.	Mr. W. D. Jorgenson, Vancouver.	94.09
ADVANCED S. MASTERS:	1.	Martin O'Reilly, Vancouver.	194.88
	2.	Dave Waterman, Vancouver.	135.94
	3.	Mr. Bernie Hoy, Vancouver.	112.98
LIFE MASTERS:	1.	Peter E. Herold, Vancouver.	523.13
	2.	Allan Graves, Vancouver.	406.27
	3.	Dan Jacob, Vancouver.	355.63

Congratulations to all!

Bits and Pieces

The Unit officially reports several NEW LIFE MASTERS:

Mrs. T. Hurdle, Vancouver.
 Mrs. H.G. Liang, North Vancouver.
 Mrs. I. Pratt, New Westminster.
 Mr. H. Lum, Burnaby.
 Mr. D. Paskaruk, Burnaby.

Well done!

Observers of the Vancouver scene reported a fierce rivalry between Dave-Waterman and Martin O'Reilly, in 1981. As can be seen from the Mini-McKenney list above, Martin won the battle of the Master Points. The race might have been closer but David paid dearly for his habit of sleeping in beyond event starting times. On one occasion David was supposed to travel to the Island but was still snoring when the ferry left the dock, leaving the way clear for Martin to sweep the Pairs and Swiss Teams at that particular sectional.

A big question was which of the two would first become a Life Master. Although there has been no official word from League Headquarters, rumour has it that both achieved Gold Card status at the recent Seattle Regional. David seems certainly to have passed the hurdle, if the colourful T-shirts he has been sporting in the last couple of weeks are any indication. As for Martin, we have a report from our correspondent....

THE FINAL LESSON

by Sandy McIlwain

A bridge player must accept many difficult lessons before placing the tarnished but much-desired words 'Life Master' beside his name, and, as this tale illustrates, the final one may well be the hardest of all.

We crossed the first hurdle, making it through a snowstorm to Seattle

and the Flight A Open Pairs, where, in a wreckless mood, I had promised to turn Martin O'Reilly into a Life Master. He required a mere fraction of a Gold Point, and had slept very little the night before in anticipation of the Big Moment.

Our first session was uneventful (Marty's head never hit the table), but we rallied the troops in the evening. With three boards to go we needed average-plus scores for a section top and (as it turned out) just average for a spot in the overalls, either of which would have made a gold-card-holder out of my partner and an honest man out of me. Not a great deal to ask, you say, but it was time for the Final Lesson: nothing is as easy as it looks.

Here, playing against the eventual winners of the event, was the 52nd hand -

Dlr: E
Vul: N-S

xx
8xxxx
JT
KQxx

AQJx
AKQJTx
xx
J

Txxxx

Qxxx
Txxx

Kx
9x
AKxxx
Axxx

West North East South (Martin)

4H* Dbl** F 1D
P F

*can't argue with a pair that won by 2-plus boards.

**The popular Trickless Double. Should help pard cash his winners!!

The play didn't take long. The diamond J was led and held, and the diamond ten was overtaken, after some thought, by the king. Partner paused to reflect - this was a moment to savour - and then tabled (what else?) - the King of spades! +500 became -690, and unfortunately Martin had just un-LifeMastered himself. We finished 11/12 overall, with gold points going to the first ten pairs.

However, with the Final Lesson well in hand, the good news wasn't long in coming. Two days later, the Irishman led his team to a 5/6 finish in the Flight A Swiss Teams and went over with ease.

Incidentally, since the question of luck and Martin's name often surface together, would you say O'Reilly was lucky or unlucky on this hand?

Just Married!

Congratulations and best of luck to Dee Labianco (formerly from Yakima) and Leo Steil who were recently married.

The unit sends overdue best wishes to Avril Grant and Chuck Hodson who married a few months ago.

On a somber note, the unit sadly reports the passing of Don Campbell. Don was a well known bridge figure in Vancouver, he and various members of his family having played the game for many, many years. Don will be missed by all, both as a perennial winner and gentleman of the game.

The Rivalry (cont.)

Martin O'Reilly and Dave Waterman both began 1982 as Advanced Senior Masters, so there has been much debate as to which of the two is going to win their category this year. Will Dave make it to the games on time and gain his revenge over Martin, or will Martin make Dave pay for becoming an L.M. a couple of days ahead of him? Rumour has it that Jim McCully is giving odds on this year's outcome.

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....Nadine McInnis (299-2438), manager,
Don Fraser (291-8149), Director.
-1491 Carleton Street, Burnaby.

Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m.: Mar 2,9,16 and 30 are Open Games.
Mar 23, a novice club championship as well
as the open game.

April 6 and 13, Open Game, 27th = Rookie and Open.
April 20, Club Championship.

May 4, ACBL Charity Game.

Regular fee is \$1.75 (includes refreshment).
Charity Game is \$3.00.

Fridays, at 10.30 a.m.: Fridays are "lesson games". The lesson
material each week does not depend on previous lessons, that is,
each session is complete in itself. A game with pre-dealt hands
follows each lesson (games have full rating points). These
games are being well received and attended and will continue
indefinitely (but no game on Good Friday, April 9).
Lesson Game fee = \$3.50 per game.

Partners: If you need a partner for Tuesday or Friday, please
come ten minutes early.

MALASPINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....Powell River, B.C.

Games every Tuesday at the "Inn" on Alberni Street.

Mrs. Joneson reports as follows:

"1981 was reviewed at the annual Christmas Party trophy presentation
night in December. It was a great night to see so many new names added to
the master trophies -

Ladies' Pairs: Judy Lynch and Darlene McKenzie

Mixed Pairs: Kay and Dennis Bremner

Men's Pairs: Kari Kuntsi-Rick Behan

Whitney Memorial: (local charity)- Ted Cairns-George Joneson

Savage Memorial, open pairs: Enid Bye and Marjory Belyea

Rookie-of-the-year: Lois Wick

"The club was presented with a beautiful master trophy by Janice and --
Nikki Behan in memory of their father -- to be used for a club marathon --
held one night a month -- mixed pairs as far as the men go around -- must
play at least eight times to qualify and only two partnerships can be
duplicated -- and in the end it will be the high lady average and the high
male average that will win it for the year.....There are other details
involved but that gives the general outline -- and you can be sure that it
has roused a lot of new interest in the club. The first round of this
marathon was held January 5th -- with Kay and Dennis Bremner having the
high scores for that round. The second and third rounds are scheduled for
February 3rd and March 16th. Other dates coming up -

Ladies' Pairs, March 9th

Men's Pairs, March 9th

"The 1982 membership game was held January 12th -- with Jean Brach and
Kay Snow the winners. We also gained another Life Master when Kay Snow
went over the top in Yakima.

"Our Rothman's Canadian National Team Championships were played January
19th and 26th. The following teams earned the right to continue on to the
next stage:

1. Marg Cairns, Jean Brach, Marg Havens and Tom McLay
2. Ted Cairns, George Joneson, Pete Black, and Inge and Bill Hoehn
3. Marguerite Salmond, Jack Crosfield, Lois Wick, Marjory Belyea
4. Judy Lynch, Darlene McKenzie, Joan Salmond, Leona Bruce."

Club news may be submitted to Catriona Brown at 738-1335 (#102-2233
West 1st Avenue, Vancouver), or directly to the Matchpointer editor (at
3549 East 22nd Ave, Vancouver V5M 2Z5 - tel. 438-3095). The newsletter
will be published as close to the following schedule as possible:
April 15th issue (copy in by end of March), June 15th issue (copy by end of
May).

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....Thony Stiennon, 278-0191

The club is on 154th Street. Regular games every Wednesday. There is a novice game every third Wednesday of the month.

EAST RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE.....George Radic, tel. 273-3003

Our community centre recently had a new floor installed and a new road is in progress too.....lots of parking, but until the new road is completed, please use the King George Park entrance (500 feet west of the community centre). We have from ten tables upwards each Sunday at 1.00 p.m., and welcome all players to our sessions.

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.....5175 Dumfries (37th and Knight).
George Radic (273-3003), director.

January 31st Membership game winners: Dan and Marge Irvine with 62.52%. The Irvines are two of our most regular players. Then Wang Chi, playing for only the third time in ten years, but with his excellent partner Nellie Moore, finished second....1st East-West.

Our games are every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.....If you come regularly you qualify to play in our annual trophy game, a two session event held April 7th and 14th. To be eligible, you must play in both sessions and must have played at least ten times in the past year. Please seek additional information from George Radic (tel. above).

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

Upcoming: Wed. March 3 - Canada-wide Masters-Non-Masters.
One half of each partnership must have 0-5 Master Points.

Thurs. Mar 4 Beat-the-experts; club championship.
Free plays to anyone who beats Adrian and Aidan.

Sun. Mar 7 Unit Game

Tues. Mar 9 Hot Dog Championships - 11.30 a.m.

Sun. Mar 14 CNTC Unit final - no regular game!

Mar 26-28th MINI-SECTIONAL

Friday 8.00 p.m. Open Pairs

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Open Pairs

Sunday 1.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

GOREN SHIELD -

(two session Board-a-match Swiss)

\$2 Pancake Breakfast at 11.00 a.m.

Lessons: Beginner and Intermediate lessons, Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m.
(Instructors: Anne and Andy Nagy)

Winners: January Player-of-the-month.....Dave House
January Novice-of-the-month.....A. Hellquist & A. Michal
Novice Champions.....Terry Martin and Gary Gilraine
Haida Invitational.....John Hurdle and Peter Herold, tied
with Leo Steil and Martin Johnson

ABBOTSFORD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....McCallum Activity Centre,
2478 McCallum Road, Abbotsford.

Come to our friendly game, Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

Quick Trick

Peter Walton and Harvey Piercy have a reputation for frequent psyching. On one occasion a woman, who no doubt had just been the victim of one of this pair's bluffs, was overheard to complain to Harvey about their psyches. Harvey's reply: "We don't psyche, we just play disciplined one level pre-empts."

The district GNP final was held January 16-17 at the Sheraton Villa. The format consisted of two qualifying sessions on Saturday and a one session final on Sunday. The top three finishers would qualify for the Grand National final to be held in Niagara Falls. The top two Canadian pairs would represent British Columbia at the world Olympiad to be held next fall in Biarritz. There was thus a great deal at stake.

When the last card had been played Dan Jacob and Gord McOrmond emerged as winners. George and Carlyn Steiner placed second, and Don Gray and Eric Goodwin from Victoria finished third. A good showing by Canadians, two pairs earning the right to play both in Niagara Falls and in France.

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A BUMPY ROAD TO BIARRITZ

by Gord McOrmond

It certainly wasn't easy. In fact, I don't remember one session out of the final three in which I believed that we were having a good game. Dan -- Jacob, my partner, kept muttering that we weren't playing with enough inspiration. I just wrote off each session to bad bridge.

I think the first round of the first qualifying session had something to do with our feelings for the rest of the weekend. On the first board Dave Westfall passed eight solid spades and then cleverly let us push him to game. Thank goodness we didn't double, but if we had only shut up we could have defended a partscore! The second board was much worse. I ended up declaring three clubs on these cards:

<u>Me</u>		<u>Dan Jacob</u>	
S	Ax	S	Jxxx
H	KJ97	H	10
D	Qxx	D	Kxx
C	QJxx	C	A1097x

There was no opposition bidding and John Moffat led a small club. For various reasons I wanted the king offside so I flew with the ace, RHO discarded a small heart! Since we could make at least two notrump and probably more, down one in three clubs (they got in several trump leads) wasn't worth much.

Four rounds later my declarer play had another chance to distinguish itself. This time I was playing in four spades doubled after Dan made a daring advance sacrifice.

<u>Me</u>		<u>Dan Jacob</u>	(Both Vul.)	<u>The auction:</u>			
S	K1086x	S	985x	<u>Me</u>	<u>Dan</u>		
H	xxx	H	Q	P	P	P	1H
D	Kxx	D	J9x	1S	3H*	4S**	X***
C	K10	C	AQxxx				

*=preemptive

**= nobody preempts me!

***= Oh yeah!!

Naturally I had to play it. My LHO led the diamond 3 to his partner's ace and on the diamond return he followed with the 2, while I won the king. I thought it was likely he had led from Qxxxx and therefore RHO had only two. At trick three I began playing off the high clubs but the third round was ruffed by RHO with the SJ. Now what? Well of course you could always discard your losing diamond and play for down one OR you could play your RHO for doubleton ace-jack of spades, the AK hearts and a doubleton diamond and play to make the hand by over-ruffing and setting up the fifth club for a diamond discard. Unfortunately at the time I failed to notice that this line also required that my RHO be originally dealt eleven cards. This was not the case and so I went down two.

Oh well, I had always believed that bidding was the most important aspect of the matchpoint game. Soon I had a bidding problem. I picked up S xx, H Jx, D xx, C AJ9xxxx and partner opened one notrump, my pesky RHO doubled for take-out showing an unspecified one-suiter. I leaped to 3C and

this was passed round to my pesky-RHO who this time called 3H. Now what?

Of course I doubled.....co-operative, showing maximum values for my previous auction. My partner was looking at four defensive tricks and unfortunately held this old fashioned idea that the doubler should take some tricks. Well, my club ace failed to cash so they were cold for 3H, while 3Nt was a favorite to make our direction.

Between sessions we had a good dinner at "April in Portugal". Dan still thought we had a good chance of winning if we played inspired bridge and kept our spirits up. I figured the percentage-plays had to start paying off for us soon.

First round in the evening we started off against two Vancouver bridge legends in the persons of Mike Strebinger and Don Brander. I remember that when I first started playing bridge I used to do quite well against Michael. Such had not been the case of late. The first hand I opened 1S with S AKQJ8, H 1097x, D J, C K9x. Partner responded 1N, now what? 2C, 2H and 2S all crossed my mind and then I thought of the master bid. If Dan wants inspired bridge, he'll get inspired bridge: Pass! When the smoke cleared we were down one in 1N, cold for either 4S or 4H. I left the table yearning for the return of the good old days.

Next round I picked up xxx, Jxxxx, AKQ10x, void, with nobody vulnerable. Dan opened 1H! The auction went:

<u>Dan</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Me</u>	<u>East</u>
1H	P	2D	Dbl
2H	2S	4C*	4S
5D	P	?	

Sounds like partner has hearts, diamonds and some clubs and therefore short spades, right? Wrong! Dan was getting his lead direct in, anticipating the 5S save (sometimes he plays such a deep game he doesn't surface for weeks). Anyway I called 6H and partner's hand was: xx, AKQ10xx, void, Axxxx. Fortunately the opponents were just as confused as I was and led a club.

This proved to be the high point of the evening session and I plead ignorance on the remaining hands by right of temporary insanity.

Next morning we arrived to find that we had qualified for the last session with a healthy carry-over of one and a half boards. Needless to say we didn't check the matchpointing.

We had our typical start, this time playing on a misfit in 4S instead of 3Nt. Somehow, in spite of the 5-1 trump split and a horrendous lie of the cards, I made it. I turned round for the accolades but instead the director slapped me with a slow play warning. Why don't directors ever say things like "nice play", "good bid"; "please speed up the play" is getting monotonous.

A couple of rounds later we sat down against Pat Dunn and Henry Lortz. At both vulnerable I held: AKxxx, K, AKJ9xx, K, and opened in third chair with 1D. Pat Dunn over-called a preemptive 2H, passed back to me. I decided not to take any chance on missing game so I jumped to 4S, all pass. Dummy showered with: x, J108xx, x, QJ10xxx. 4S went down two (naturally one more than required) while 2H doubled would have netted us +800.

At last I encountered a Kelsey-like defensive problem that could have been straight out of his book "Killing Defense". Playing against Gerry McCully and Doug Baldwin, Dan led the S2 against 1Nt which Doug had opened in first seat.

<u>Dan</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	<u>Me</u>
	S J986	S xxx
	H 10xx	H K97
	D J9	D 832
	C K98x	C QJxx
(led S2)		

Doug won the SQ in his hand and floated the C10 around to my jack. What should I return?

A passive return could be right but my past experience is that this defense only confuses partner and usually he becomes end-played. Therefore I narrowed my alternatives down to a heart or a diamond. The heart looked too obvious so the Master Technician (that's me) carefully counted out Doug's

hand. He appeared to have two spades and three clubs, so that left him with eight red cards which I decided were probably 4-4 based on the play to date. I didn't want to set up declarer's heart suit so I decided to shift to a diamond, but not just any diamond; the 8 was too valuable to waste and the 2 was too encouraging. Confidently I placed the D3 on the table. Dan won with the king and returned the D4, the J winning in the dummy. Declarer promptly cashed the A and K of spades (oops, partner had led from 1072), then the club A and K and finally the J of spades to claim seven tricks. Of course, if I had returned anything else we would have taken four hearts, two diamonds and a club for down one.

"What are you doing over there?" Dan asked.

"What do you mean?! My return was inspired! Why didn't you just lead your fourth best heart?" I countered.

"I'd never lead a heart from AQxx. My natural lead is a low diamond which in this case immediately gives up the seventh trick. My lead was inspired!"

Obviously an example of too much inspiration on one deal.

Fortunately for our partnership we had run out of rounds to play. There was nothing to do but hope that our game had matchpointed well. As it turned out all the leaders had collapsed and we won handily by over a board.

Later that evening Ted Horning, the Canadian bridge columnist, phoned enquiring about some good hands from our victory. Oh boy, it was a chance to get our names in print, but what could I give him?

"Of course, Ted, there were lots of interesting deals, and some we had to handle with plenty of technique and the occasional flash of inspiration. For example, on one hand where we were defending 1Nt, Dan made an inspired lead and I followed it up with a brilliant shift...er, no, I don't think your readers would be interested in that deal. Maybe a bidding problem...."

Mini-problem

(from the G.N.P. District Final)

Matchpoints, none vulnerable:

<u>You</u>	<u>Dummy</u>	Contract: 3Nt (2N-P-3N-all pass)
AK63	J98	
AK53	742	
932	84	
AQ	K9732	

The play: LHO leads the K diamonds, plays a low diamond to his partner's ace. RHO cashes the J of diamonds as you pitch a heart from dummy. Now RHO leads a low diamond to LHO's Queen, as you throw a heart from hand.

What is your discard from dummy? What is your plan?

Solution

Yes, there is a possibility of making it. If clubs are 3-3, or the JT are tight, and the queen of spades is singleton or doubleton you can take 9 tricks. Forget it! Your best bet is to play for down one, hoping that others will be in 3Nt and will try to make it and go down more than one. Remember, it's matchpoints. A club discard at this stage never hurts, but if you pitch a heart, you'll have to be careful to avoid some blockage problems, for you can assume that the opponents are going to exit in hearts. Probably the safest plan for down one is to throw a club from dummy on the last diamond, and a heart from hand. Then play off two clubs (A,Q), and lead a low spade towards dummy. It takes a good opponent to duck the setting trick looking at Qxx of spades (especially if the clubs are 3-3), so if the queen does not appear, put in the 8. If this fetches the queen you have a sure eight tricks.

In the G.N.P. final, down one was worth over average, not bad considering several pairs stopped in 2Nt. Jacob and McOrmond, the winners of the event, were among those who played for down one. Not spectacular, just winning bridge.

TOURNAMENT RESULTSVancouver Winter Sectional (January 8-10 at Richmond)

WOMEN'S PAIRS: (56 pairs)

1. Pearl Palmer, Rossland-Clara Johnson, Trail
2. Donna Morrison-Ev Hodge, Burnaby
3. Jean Turnbull, Phyllis Barrington, Vancouver

MEN'S PAIRS: (44 pairs)

1. Alex McBeth, Burnaby-Al Loggie, Vancouver
2. Laurence Betts-John Bryden, Vancouver
3. Ben Takemori-Chris Diamond, Vancouver

JUNIOR PAIRS: (14 pairs)

1. Gilbert Calhoun, Burnaby-Noma MacKay, Coquitlam
2. Terry Martin-Jill Davies, Vancouver
3. V. Cassidy, Vancouver-Wilf Frison, Burnaby

MIXED PAIRS: (86 pairs)

1. D. Baldwin, Surrey-Belle Anderson, Burnaby
2. Don Brander, Vancouver-Connie Hamm, Tacoma, Wash.
3. Diane Kinakin, Burnaby-Cliff Puskas, Calgary, Alta.

SIDE GAME: (32 pairs)

1. Martin Johnson, Vancouver-Rolf Lowinger, Squamish
2. Brian May, Richmond-Don Murray, Everett, Wash.
3. Mel Hoff, Richmond-Ben Takemori, Vancouver

OPEN PAIRS: (112 pairs)

1. Gord McOrmond-Dan Jacob, Vancouver
2. Michael Dimich, Vancouver-Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
- 3-5. Bow Liu, Burnaby-Dee LaBianco Steil, Selah, Wash.
- 3-5. Gary Morse-Bob Walsh, Vancouver
- 3-5. Ed Murray, Seattle, Wash.-Don Murray, Everett, Wash.

OPEN CONSOLATION: (68 pairs)

1. Derek Ward, Vancouver-Barbara McHarg, Issaquah, Wash.
2. Bob Gerrie, Richmond-Dick Yarrington, Seattle, Wash.
3. Aidan Ballantyne-Adrian Hicks, Vancouver

BOARD-A-MATCH SWISS TEAMS: (22 teams)

1. Doug Andrews, Morris Potzold, Michael Dimich, Vancouver, R.C. MacDuff, Maple Ridge
2. John Maki, Amy and Elaine DeShaw, Gordon Back, Seattle, Washington
- 3/4. Leo Steil, Martin Johnson, Vancouver, John Kamb, Carl Hansen, Mt. Verno
- 3/4. John Bryden, Dave Waterman, Lauren Miller, Martin O'Reilly, Vancouver

I.M.P. SWISS (0-1000 M.Pts.): (50 teams)

1. Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully, Surrey, Ron Pratt, West Van, Sherman Kwan, Richmond
2. Don Jorgenson, Jo MacDonald, Vancouver, Ebrahim Mawji, Richmond, R. Coote, Port Coquitlam
- 3/4. Don Fraser, Beryl Hamilton, Vancouver, Hobart and Hanna Liang, North Vancouver
- 3/4. R. Sontowski, Nora Cook, Port Coquitlam, Howard Sussman, Whonnock, Jack Ritch, Vancouver

RENO REGIONAL

Super Open Flight B (Non-smoking):

3. Bernie Hoy - (Don Ferry, Seattle, Wash.)

Super open Pairs Flight A (Smoking):

3. Dan and Christina Jacob
5. Joel Martineau - (Julie Smith, Rossland, B.C.)

Pioneer Inn Pairs:

1. D. Paskaruk, Burnaby-M. Elliott, Aldergrove.

Gold Dust Pairs:

2. D. Paskaruk-M. Elliott

REJUNINGHAM SECTIONAL

Open Pairs - Flight A:

1. Dennis Dohl-Gord McOrmond
4. Peter Cooper-Greg Arbour
5. Allan Graves-Ron Borg

Open Pairs - Flight B:

2. Harold Hansen-Dave Watson
4. Betty Hamilton-Thony Stiennon

Unmixed Pairs:

1. Al Chapelle-A. Ballantyne

Swiss Teams:

- 1/2. John Bryden-D. Waterman, L. Miller-Martin O'Reilly.
- 1/2. Mike Dimich, Martin Johnson, Chris Christoffersen,
(and John Maki, Seattle, Wash.)

SEATTLE REGIONAL

Men's Pairs:

- 4th. Dave Waterman-Al Chapelle

Swiss Teams (Flight A):

3. Laurence Betts
- 5/6. Martin O'Reilly, Lauren Miller, John Bryden, D. Waterman
- 5/6. Rhonda Betts (Bill Hagen, John Garrison, Carla Garrison-Farman)

Overall finishers in other championship events:

Leo Steil-Martin Johnson, Pat Carruthers-Arlene Browning.

Longacres Sectional

Open Pairs:

1. Aidan Ballantyne (-Mary McCune)

Swiss Teams:

- 3-7. Aidan Ballantyne (Mary McCune, Howard Epley, Marty McCune,
and the feathered Maurice Blustein)

Letters

Re: Computer-dealt versus Hand-dealt Distributions.

Dear Editor,

There was a useful article by Sid Kilsheimer in the November 1981 Bulletin entitled "Computer Hands - They are Fair". Mr. Kilsheimer analysed 8024 ACBL computer-dealt hands according to their distribution based on longest suit. He found that the distributions were entirely consistent with statistical expectations. In other words, the hand distributions were in accordance with what you would get by dealing a large number of decks in which the order of the cards in the decks was completely random. This confirmed his belief that the hands were fair. A random-number procedure was evidently used in the computer, and the ACBL apparently does not tamper at all by enhancing wilder distributions or eliminating completely bland hands.

His claim was, therefore, that tournament players have no grounds for the commonly heard complaint that computer-dealt hands contain more wilder distributions than "normal". He implied that this was an unfounded and subjective complaint. However, the players' impression may be right: not because the computer-dealt hands are non-random, but because the "normal" hand-dealt ones are!

In fact we are used to playing with non-randomly distributed hands in duplicate bridge. The order in which cards are played during a hand does not oscillate randomly between suits - even though that may appear to be the case with some of us at the table! There is some degree of ordering in suits as a result of the play of the hand. This partial ordering is retained as they are placed in the board. The next time the boards are used these hands are stacked and subjected to some form of shuffling. Without complete randomization by the shuffling process, the residual ordering will tend to give a narrower distribution of suits by a dealing process of one-at-a-time around the hands. There is, of course, more ordering in the pre-shuffled deck in rubber bridge where tricks consisting largely of one suit are collected and stacked for the next (imperfect) shuffle. However, "goulash" players will recognize that you have to deal these cards 3 or 4 at a time to introduce wilder (broader) distributions.

The hands that we normally play with have a narrower distribution than either the statistical values or the computer-dealt ones because of imperfect randomization in the shuffling. What happens, then, to all these "probabilities" that bridge writers love? They are based on statistical distributions and therefore only apply to computer-dealt hands.

So, holding nine cards in a suit missing the queen do you go for the drop or the finesse with nothing better than probabilities to guide you? About two years ago I wrote a letter to the Matchpointer on the subject, pointing out that the probabilities change as the cards are played. I now have to confess that the letter was based on the presumption of random distributions. But, fortunately for me, with narrower distributions you have even more reason to go for the drop, and that becomes even more significant as you have fewer and fewer cards left in the hand.

At least it means that computers are now bringing entropy to our lives.

Respectfully,
David C. Walker

Editor's note: For those unfamiliar with the principle of "changing probabilities" here is an example. Let us say that you have won the opening lead (everyone has followed with no particular revelation as to count). Now you want to tackle your trump suit which is Axxx opposite KJxxx. You lead low to the ace (everyone follows), and low towards the KJ, and the opponent under the KJ follows again. Without attributing any meaning to the exact spots that have been played, and assuming no bidding or other clues, do you finesse or play for the drop? The drop is correct because at the time you decide on your play, the opponent behind the KJ has one more unknown card than the opponent in front of the KJ. The odds favor the queen being in the hand with the greater number of unknown cards. (in the present case where the queen is the only outstanding card in the suit).

Downtown (Haida Club)DECEMBER:
(22 tables)

- Overall - 1. Dave Waterman-Bob Sauve
 2. Dan and Christina Jacob
 3. Jane Rogers-Jim Fisher
 4. Ron Borg-John Berry
 5. Howard Rubin-Greg Arbour
 6. Vic Hetman-Gerry McCully

Section A

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1.	J. Rogers-J. Fisher 130-	1.	D. Waterman-B. Sauve 139-
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4.	J. Paynter-R. Tafler 119	4.	G. and D. McCully 118

Section B

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1.	D. And C. Jacob 137-	1.	E. Burfitt-A. Oakley 121
2.	H. Rubin-G. Arbour 125-	2/3.	M. O'Reilly-J. Bryden 117
3.	S. Levine-R. Dixon 120-	2/3.	B. Takemori-Bow Liu 117
4.	L. Sims-L. Miller 117-	4.	H. Rodd-J. Anthony 114

Winner of Unit Game Trophy Race, 1981: *** DOUG ANDREWS ***

Doug narrowly outdistanced a pack consisting of Morris Potzold, Bob MacDuff, Bob Sauve, Laurence Betts and Dan Jacob. Free plays at unit games for one year are awarded to the winner. Congratulations.

JANUARY:
(18 tables)

- Overall - 1. Rhonda and Laurence Betts
 2. Dennis Dohl-Al Chapelle
 3. R. MacDuff-Mike Dimich
 4. D. Jorgenson-D. Tablotney
 5. S. and P. Minkoff
 6. Sefton Levine-Greg Arbour

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1.	R. and L. Betts 189	1.	A. Chapelle-D. Dohl 184-
2.	D. Jorgenson-D. Tablotney 175	2.	R. MacDuff-M. Dimich 175-
3.	S. and P. Minkoff 174-	3.	J. and T. Hurdle 170-
4.	S. Levine-G. Arbour 172-	4/5.	T. Stiennon-R. Purves 168-
5.	G. Davis-P. Kallberg 171-	4/5.	P. Barington-L. Strebinger 168-
6.	P. Herold-M. O'Reilly 170-	6.	S. Segal-G. Suart 168

FEBRUARY:
(16 tables)

- Overall - 1. Morris Potzold-Dennis Dohl
 2. Dan Jacob-Aidan Ballantyne
 3. Mike Dimich-Rhonda Betts
 4. John Bryden-D. Waterman
 5. David and Leslie Gold
 6. Lisa Strebinger-George Bell
 7. E. Moyer-Frances Waters

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1.	A. Ballantyne-D. Jacob 201	1.	Dennis Dohl-M. Potzold 208-
2.	J. Bryden-D. Waterman 185	2.	R. Betts-M. Dimich 200-
3.	E. Moyer-F. Waters 178	3.	D. and L. Gold 183-
4.	F. Bowers-Hulme 177	4.	L. Strebinger-G. Bell 179

Cloverdale Unit Games (Legion)

DECEMBER:
(17- tables)

Overall - 1. A. Blinkhorn-M. Bifano
2/3. D. Schmidt-L. Pocock
2/3. G. Skoropada-D. Skoropada
4. M. Hartop-H. Sussman
5. D. Paskaruk-M. Elliott
6. D. Moore-H. Dressler

Unfortunately scores and section placings are not available for these games.

The 1981 Unit Game race ended as follows:

1/2.	Ida Goodlad and Ernie Dietrich	8.55 M.P.s
3/4.	Jim Paskaruk and Merrilee Elliott	5.65
5.	Joan Marsh	5.47
6.	Ted Hicks	5.18
7/8.	Larry Pocock and Dave Schmidt	4.75
9.	Tony Marsh	4.72
10/11.	Richard and Ina Andersen	4.68

Congratulations to Ida and Ernie who share free plays for 1982 games. Altogether there were 178- tables in play in Cloverdale in 1981, in 11 games (up until now one game per year has been cancelled because of the annual meeting game held downtown).

JANUARY:
(9 tables)

Overall - 1. Howard Sussman-M. Hartop
2. R. Groome-J. Groome
3/4. J. Tucker-Jack Ritch
3/4. S. Holding-M. Hutton
5. M. Angus-M. Angus

Again, scores and sections are not available. Neither are results for February

The Feminine Touch

In previous issues the point has been made that the women players of this unit and province are usually snubbed by the somewhat chauvinistic male quarter (at least the one made up of established players). But as we all know, women have that devilish cunning capable of out-manoeuvring the most cautious and clever male.

And so it was that in the most recent Vancouver sectional a women's team, led by Rhonda Betts and Connie "Big Momma" Delisle, drew an all male team of Sid Segal-Les Fouks and Peter Cooper-Greg Arbour. Here is what happened on one of the hands (the event was B.A.M. Swiss Teams).

Connie

Tx
KQJxxx

KQT9x

Rhonda

AKxxxx

xx
Jxxxx

The bidding was opened on Connie's left with 1H. Rhonda made a Michael's Cue, and it went Pass on Connie's right. She bid 2Nt, asking for Rhonda's minor. Pass on her left, 3C by Rhonda! Connie's RHO came to life with 3D. According to Connie, she thought that slam might have a play, but decided to simply jump to 5C. This was passed around to the 3D bidder who doubled. Redouble by Connie! 5D by LHO. Double by Rhonda. Connie decided the double was Lightner, so she bid 6C opposite what she assumed was a heart void. Very, very sneaky. It's tough to win these freaky hands. Of course, Connie did win the board. At the other table these hands were played in 3H!!

IT'S YOUR BID

by Allan Graves

(Ed. Note: This is the complete unexpurgated version. Parental Discretion is advised. B.C. Censor's warning - "Contains coarse language and occasional suggestive paragraphs...")

Before we present our forum I'd like to make a few comments about the "It'sYour Bid" feature. When Aidan asked me to edit this month's forum, I gladly accepted for, for me, it's challenging and fun. Response was very low this month, however, so I had very few panel opinions to work with. Perhaps this was because, as Laurence Betts suggested in his commentless reply, "Lack of comments can be explained by the exceptionally poor quality of the problems", or because I did not beat the bushes adequately for opinions. I would urge all players to contribute regularly to this feature. With a large consistent response from players of all levels, this bidding forum can be entertaining, challenging and instructive. The process of -- selecting one's bids and then carefully writing an opinion can be beneficial to one's personal bridge education as well as contributing, if only in a small way, to a feature that I'm sure is enjoyed by most Matchpointer readers.

Perhaps the Matchpointer doesn't reach enough readers. If that is true, then something ought to be done, for this publication is a rare one in the quality of its editing, writing and wit. Certainly, I've rarely come across a more entertaining one in all my travels. It's an extremely good example of its genre. All the more so for the budget it must live within. Perhaps the unit management is being penny-wise and pound-foolish, for the Matchpointer is the only communication with unit membership and there must be a way to ensure that every ACBL member receives the bi-monthly copy.

1. IMPs, Both Vul.

KT9643

6

42

K952

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
		1D	F
1S	F	2C	F
?			

AWARDS: 3C = 100 (6 votes), Pass = 90 (5 votes), 2S = 80 (8 votes),
3S = 10 (1 vote).

I hate to begin undemocratically, but the mood of the panel was to stay with the known fit. Let's poll (pole?) our panel.

Ballantyne: "2S - Worth the risk of playing an inferior but probably makeable partscore if partner passes with a minimum and poor spades."

Borg: "2S - Not vulnerable, I might be inclined to pass and then compete"

The risk may be significant if we go down two or three hundred against +110 at the other table. The 2S bidders are worried about missing 4S, but...

Hurdle: "Pass - The silence of the opponents suggests that partner fits hearts better than spades."

Yes, if partner has spade help, then our opponents, with half the deck, and 10 or 11 hearts, are being inexplicably silent. Can we have both worlds?

Waterman: "3C - At IMPs vulnerable I can't afford to pass. Partner may hold three spades and a 13 count, game being cold. I can try for game and protect our plus at the same time."

He seems to have overlooked Hurdle's point, but if 4S or 5C makes, 3C will get us there. It seems to me, though, that partner is likely to overbid to 3NT and then what? Our protected plus is now in trouble, disasterously so if they start to double. Six or seven IMPs, or worse, is a significant loss. Borg hinted at a possible solution since the opponents may well balance if we pass, giving us the best of both worlds. Oops, maybe they're cold for 4H so the bidders shut them out. Actually, this is a very complex problem. What would you readers do?

2. IMPs, both vulnerable

4
AK92
KT854
AJ7

S	W	N	E
1D	F	1S	F

AWARDS: 2C = 100 (8 votes), 1Nt = 60 (5 votes), 2D = 30 (3 votes),
2H = 10 (4 votes).

The majority of the panel objected to 1D, preferring 1H (as would I) and stressed the flexibility of 2C in this least of evils problem.

Waterman: "2C - 1Nt is for matchpoints; 2D is wrong with a poor suit; 2H is way too much with no fit."

Ballantyne: "2C - Retains partscore flexibility but doesn't preclude game in hearts."

All very sensible, but the disdained 1Nt has more going for it than meets the eye.

Borg: "1Nt - Seems most flexible call. Some days I might bid 2C."

Fouks: "1Nt - If partner bids 2H we can raise, if he bids a minor, then 2H."

An excellent point. Bidding 1Nt on these patterns is often a winner, for partner has an automatic removal to 2H with 5-4 and moreover the defense to 3Nt will be less blue-printed. On the down side though, this hand, with AK AK, 15 HCP and a five card suit seems too much. There's a worse flaw, though -

Hurdle: "2C -suggests diamond length."

Yes, 1Nt makes it difficult to arrive at what may be our best part-score or game, our best suit - our diamonds.

Since eighty percent of the panel rejected 2H, some scathingly, I bow to public pressure and gleefully punish the overbidders. Wow, the power.....

3. IMPs, both vulnerable

AT
J2
KQJ43
KJ52

S	W	N	E
2D	F	3D	F

AWARDS: 3S = 100 (10 votes), 4C = 60 (6 votes), 3H = 30 (3 votes),
3Nt = 10 (1 vote).

A firm vote for the simple man's bid. Surely this is 100% forcing, so I've lumped those "prefer 3S if forcing" animals back into the herd with the rest of us. Three of the four non-black suit bidders were understandably silent but one 3H bidder had the integrity to comment.

A 3H bidder: "Not ready to pass 3Nt but partner knows this is probably not natural as he didn't bid 2H over 2D.

Actually, he may consider it distinctly unnatural to bid Jx at one's second turn in a live auction but the implied pressure we are under, with various games and slams still possible, is well taken. I'm sure our honest maverick is fearful that 3S promises three trump but as long as partner is aware that "pressure preferences" may only be honor-doubleton, then things go naturally and hence more smoothly."

Fouks: "3S - Will pass 3Nt or 4S, raise 4C to 5C showing two heart losers."

Waterman: "3S - Can still get to 3Nt and 4S, even if second best, should still make."

Lortz: "3S - May be three losers in 5D."

Borg: "3S - No second choice."

Well, there is a second choice, and since it's our second best suit, we ought to consider it fully.

Leo Steil: "4C - Intending to pass 4S, and bidding 5D over any other bid."

Duncan Smith: "4C - 3S is premature, but not to make a move is, as they say, pusillanimous."

Ken Scholes: "4C - I will bid 4S next; can't show 3 card support."

It seems, reading between the lines, that the 4C bidders want to make a move towards 6D while holding 4S in reserve. This seems on the mark, but does partner now show a control regardless of his strength? I agree that we can come to rest in 4S if partner bids it or we correct over 4D, but what if partner bids 4H? Now 4S all pass seems to pass "in the middle of the auction". Perhaps partner will bid 5C rather than rebid 4S, and we've arrived in the wrong game. If we have the understanding that 3S is a natural and mark-time move, then partner can easily declare extra strength or clarify which of the three possible games suits him best. Four clubs gives up on 3Nt, makes 4S more difficult to reach and accelerates the auction with a hand relatively light in controls.

4. IMPs, Vul. vs Not.

KJT4
752
AKJ
AK4

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1C	4C	4D	5C
?			

AWARDS: 6D = 100 (11 votes), F = 70 (2 votes), 6C = 60 (2 votes),
5D = 40 (4 votes), 6Nt = 10 (1 vote)

Again, a solid majority for a single action.

Lortz: "6D - Partner should expect good trumps and no major suit ace."

Steil: "6D - Partner must have good values in the majors."

Miller: "6D - Make that hoser East guess what to lead."

Hopefully, he doesn't have a pair of aces. (ed. note.)

This was the common theme: the contract rates to have a play, and the jump infers good trumps. Lortz's point about not cue-bidding an ace is also well taken. 5H or 5S at this stage must be a cue in support of diamonds since we opened 1C and now are known not to be distributional.

Hurdle: "6C - For us to bid 7D, partner needs both major suit aces and has to go on his Q empty suit, so I give him the most encouragement."

Borg: "6C - His controls in the majors will suggest to him whether we should be in 6 or 7 diamonds."

The trouble with cue bids is that they are prone to be based on humpty-dumpty thinking, i.e., the bid means what I want it to mean. For instance, give us both major suit aces and 4 poor clubs and 6C would get a lot of votes, "must show both aces, etc". Here, of course, partner will be looking at at least one ace, but will be unnecessarily confused.

Whenever one is unsure of what to do in a forcing auction, a forcing pass is often overlooked and is often an elegant solution.

Smith: "Pass - Toughest hand of the set. If partner doubles 5C I will jump to 6D emphasizing my super trumps."

Presumably with the same inferences regarding aces that Lortz pointed out. This tactic of the forcing pass as a stepping stone is a valuable one and partnerships ought to discuss its ramifications. I was a passer, but the points made by the 6D bidders have swung my vote. It's direct and simple, while arriving at seven when it's right, for partner really should bid seven if he's looking at two aces. (Ed. note - one danger of 6D, though, is that partner is bound to put too much value on his club void, and you could well get to seven off a cashable ace.)

The 5D bidders may well be right but the mood of the panel was to slam, so even if partner has rights over 5D, they've been demoted.

5. IMPS, Both Vul.

AK52
A2
T54
AJT2

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
			1D
?			

AWARDS: 1S = 100 (10 votes), Pass = 80 (7 votes), Dbl = 30 (2 votes),
1Nt = 20 (1 vote).

A common situation, decided by style. What's important here is to know what you do and why you do it, and then remain consistent.

- The doublers are dying out, it seems, as overcalls become stronger. Off-shape take-out doubles without strong compensating values have joined strong two-bids in the "fine until something better" Hall of Fame. 1Nt is mildly amusing, but even if you get a good catch, you're playing it from the wrong hand, so apart from sowing seeds of doubt for the future around the table, 1Nt seems meritless. No, the choice on these hands is between Pass and 1S.

Connie Delisle: "Pass - The last time I bid a notrump or spade I got into trouble, BIG trouble. I'll bide my time and collect information."

Waterman: "Pass - I don't mind 1S on a four card suit, but I think it is too misleading on this flat, prime values hand. What game can I miss by passing?"

Yes, there will be an opportunity later (some easier than others, though), and we do have defense.

Fouks: "Pass - Unless it goes 1D-4D, and partner has spades, in which case I've made a bad mistake."

On the other hand,

Miller: "Pass - Subsequent events may make me glad I never opened my mouth."

Summing all this up nicely:

Scholes: "Pass - What's the problem?"

True enough, you know. With no clear offensive action and excellent defense, a pass is a sound action and criticism is not justified.

Steil: "1S - Not adverse to overcalling a 4-card suit at the one level, especially one this good."

Hurdle: "1S - Least of evils."

Well, since both choices are good bids and we have the best hand, it's more a choice of goodies. Actually, 1S does point directly to our two most likely games, 4S and 3Nt, interferes with the opponents, and when followed later by some form of competitive double may lead to a juicy penalty. Another point in its favor is that these hands are now stripped out of the family of hands that do "pass awaiting further developments."

Closing out not only the problem, but also the set, an opinion that feels right on the mark:

Borg: "1S - One may obtain more information about the hands by passing. but the auction that follows may prove to be ambiguous. There is a lot of bidding philosophy inherent in this problem."

Thanks for the opportunity and to those who contributed. Let's support this valuable and hopefully entertaining feature.

Allan has disappeared underground since submitting IYB, so this edition's winners (there were a couple of under 100 point submissions) remain a mystery.

Anybody claiming victory out there?

Test Your Dummy Play

by Lauren Miller

IMPs, both vulnerable
 Contact: 6S
 Lead: D King

AJxx
 QT
 AJT
 AKTx

KQ9xx
 A
 9xxx
 9xx

Judging yourselves to be behind in the late stages of a Swiss match you bid to an optimistic (i.e. bad) 6 spades. LHO leads the king of diamonds which you win. You pull trump in two rounds and play the diamond jack. LHO wins and returns a diamond, all following. What now? (Obscure hint: Eliza Bidlitttle would have brought this one home.)

Solution on page 18

I.M.P. LEAGUEA League

About two thirds of the way through the season, the standings are as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>V.F.s</u>	<u>per game V.P. average</u>	<u>Matches Played</u>
1. Ballantyne	149	16.6	9
2. Dimich	136	15.1	9
3. R. Betts	127	14.1	9
4. Hawkes	108	10.8	10
5. Bryden	93	10.3	9
6. McCully	90	11.3	8
7. Jacob	89	11.1	8
8. May	76	8.5	9
9. Gerrie	70	7.9	9
10. Kinakin	67	7.4	9
11. S. Borg	64	7.1	9
12. Martineau	59	6.6	9
13. Sussman	53	5.9	9
14. Groome	40	5.0	8

After losing its first match, the Ballantyne team has more-or-less been cruising along. Their only loss was to a dynamite Sussman team. It is a tribute to the Sussman team that they won by 17 IMPs despite losing five out of five slam swings! Their devious tactics caused Ballantyne to play in 2D redoubled at one table, and in 5D doubled at the other. At the table where the contract was redoubled, Ballantyne went down 7, and also went down one at the other table. Well-judged by Sussman....

The Dimich team was setting an almost unbelievable pace, and had a long string of big victories, but Dimich finally lost to Rhonda Betts' team in the ninth match. The Dimich team is a wondrous assortment of individualists, big and small, thin and wide. Although the components come in all shapes and sizes, they are united by a strong will to win. They may seem intimidating, but they're okay once you get to know them!

These top two teams are pretty well guaranteed a spot in the playoffs and are scheduled to play each other in the next round in what could be a preview of the final.

The battle for the other two play-off berths is tight.

Rhonda Betts' team presently has the edge on the pack, thanks to the convincing victory over Dimich. However, both Jacob and McCully have a match in hand. McCully and Betts' remaining schedule may be judged to be about even, but Jacob plays mostly teams that stand in the bottom half of the league. Hawkes, representing Vancouver Island, is also in the picture, but has played more matches than anyone else (so much for those who thought the participation of the islanders would cause scheduling problems).

The Bryden team has an outside chance of making the play-offs, mainly because they play many of the teams who are in contention, and thus have their fate in their own hands. Bryden has been handicapped by the fact that O'Reilly does not seem to be having the same luck as last year. This is perhaps explained by the old saying, "Unlucky at cards, lucky in Love".

These are the big upcoming matches: Dimich vs Ballantyne, Hawkes vs Jacob, R. Betts vs Ballantyne, McCully vs Dimich, Bryden vs Betts, McCully and Ballantyne.

The B League (report by Jenny Paynter)

The B League was established to give newer duplicate bridge players an opportunity to gain experience with team games, IMP scoring and strategy in comparatively low pressure situations. The competitors form teams of their choice of 4-6 members (none of whom may have over 500 points, and only two of whom may be Life Masters). They play a round-robin during a season which stretches from approximately Oct. 1st to the end of March. Matches may be played at home or at a club that agrees to hold them (usually for a fee). The IMP scores--from individual matches are converted to victory points. There are play-offs to determine an overall winner, and master points are awarded for victories.

Next year, we hope there will be a large turn-out for the B League. It's fun, and it's good experience!

After 7 matches the standings are as follows:

1. Stiennon (Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, Brian Dixon, J. Whittlesey) with 84 victory points.
2. Hodson (Chuck Hodson, Avril Hodson, Tom Cross, Jack Tucker, Madeleine Becker, Betty King) with 78 V.P.s.
3. Herbert (Dave Herbert, M. Taylor, Fred Shen, Dave House, Joe Wong, Doug Strachan) with 61 V.P.s.
4. Trerise (Ted and Ruby Trerise, Don Jorgenson, Peter Marr, Rosemary Spratt, Pat Murphy) with 48 V.P.s.

--There are two reg. season rounds remaining. Then a sudden death play-off will decide the winner. Good Luck!

Solution to "Test your Dummy Play"

You can play for both clubs to be onside (25%) or a simple squeeze against LHO, playing him for the heart king and either the QJ of clubs or any combination of four or more clubs (I don't know the exact odds but I'd guess around 20%). However, the best line is a Criss-cross Squeeze against either opponent holding the guards in both rounded suits, assuming you can read the end position. Run off all your trumps and the 13th diamond, pitching two clubs from dummy (if you wish you can cash one high club early). The end position is thus:

Void
QT
Void
AK

Void
A
Void
9xx

From the opponents' pitches and level of discomfort you must now judge if the heart king is bare (your opponent decided to guard clubs), in which case you cash the heart ace first and then cross to the good queen, or whether your opponent has bared to two clubs and the king and one heart, in which case you cash the two top clubs and cross to the good nine of clubs with

the ace of hearts. The bad news is that I failed to find the correct line at the table and went down one. The good news is that we won 5 IMPs on the board when the opponents played in 4Nt, received a heart lead and went all out for the contract, going down 3! We won the match by 3 IMPs - no problem!

Deadlines

With apologies, this issue hits the stands a couple of weeks behind schedule. The tardiness is explained partly by the fact that the editor is busy with a million things right now, and partly because something unpredictable always seems to happen (this time it was the difficulty with obtaining unit game results and finding a weekend suitable for publishing).

Much effort will be made, however, in meeting the following schedule:

Issue dates:	April 20th	Copy deadline:	1st week of April
	June 15th		End of May
	August 15th		End of July
	October 15th		End of September
	December 15th		End of November

Some of the club news we receive is outdated by the time it's printed. Club managers are encouraged to judge the newsworthiness of items according to the above schedule. With effort on the part of the editors and club officials, we should be able to make the Club News a viable medium for information exchange. The report from Powell River in this issue is a good example of the kind of function the club corner might perform.

The editor has sometimes received complaints about omitting various tournament results. These results are usually picked up by the editor when he or friends of his attend tournaments, but every once and a while we miss one (sometimes valley or Powell River names are unfamiliar to us). The only way to ensure that all results are reported is to send them in. Don't be shy!

All results and club news, articles, etc., may be sent to 3549 East 22nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V5M 2Z5. The editor may be reached at work (tel. 984-0221), or at home (around dinner, at 438-3095). Suggestions and criticisms are welcome. If you need information, you are also welcome to telephone.

Club News may also be sent to Catriona Brown (tel. 738-1335) at #102-2233 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver.

New It's Your Bid Problems

This time Peter Herold takes on the editorial role. Peter is one of the outstanding players of this unit. He has played internationally, and has a great record of achievements. Last year he was this unit's top point-getter, and that was due to a terrific batting average, not sheer endurance. In 1981 Peter almost was a National Champion, coming 3rd in the Fall Life Master's Mens. He also has a tremendous record in Calcutta play.

1. Matchpoints, Vul. vs Not

J532	S	W	N	E
763				
854		1C	X	P
J76	1S	P	3C	P
---	?			

2. IMPs, Vul. vs Not

K9.	S	W	N	E
T4				
A7			P	1H
AKJ9832	2C	X	3C	P
	3H	X	XX	P
	3Nt	X	P	P
	?			

(West's 1st X=neg.)

3. Matchpoints, None Vul.

Q74	S	W	N	E
94				
AK76432		P	4S	P
A	?			

4. IMPs, Vul vs Not

J5	S	W	N	E
A963				
KQ5			1Nt	P
K863	2C	P	2D	P
	?			

5. IMPs, Both Vulnerable.

KJ7632	S	W	N	E
AQ				
KJT	1S	2H	X	3H
5	?			

North's X = Negative

Send answers to Matchpointer address above. The under 100 competition continues. Include comments, please! Answer deadline is the end of March.

Mailing address:

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B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

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RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy
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FRIDAY, JUNE 4	1:30 p.m.	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 p.m.	OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS (one session) — JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 Master Points)
SATURDAY, JUNE 5	1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (two sessions) Flight A: no master pt. restrictions Flight B: 0-750 pts. for all players
SUNDAY, JUNE 6	11:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.	OPEN SWISS TEAMS (two sessions)

NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIMES ON SATURDAY!!!

Free coffee and muffins Sunday before game-time.

Phil Wood, Tournament Director

John Bryden, Tournament Chairman

All events \$4.50 per player per session except Junior Pairs, \$3.50/player.

Side games as warranted by attendance

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at the Cloverdale Legion at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th, before the Unit Game. The Downtown Unit Game is cancelled for July.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and benefit from this once-a-year opportunity to air gripes, provide constructive criticism and hear what the Board has been up to.

Unit Board Nominations

Nominations for the new Board close June 6th, 1982 (the Sunday of the next sectional). Candidates should register with the Nominating Committee comprised of Jenny Paynter, Ev Hodge, Pat Glen, or with a member of the current Unit Board.

The election will be conducted in June and the new officers announced at the Annual Meeting.

Last year Peter Herold decided to play some serious bridge. After a very successful season, Peter was awarded the Kirkwood Trophy, for the non-professional player who wins the most master points in one year in District 19. In winning the award, Peter piled up 523 master points, good enough to put him in 91st place on the McKenney list. Congratulations, Peter, on a fine year!

The winning of the Kirkwood by Peter may explain one of the great mysteries of last year's tournament scene. Astute observers had noticed various suspicious looking characters tailing Peter in many cities of the Northwest. Rumours abounded: the I.R.S.? Private detectives hired out by disgruntled husbands? It now seems clear that these men were either working for the District to ensure that Peter was maintaining his non-professional status, or were representing the various professional associations who wanted to make sure that Peter was not accepting payments under the table. Well, Peter was obviously given a clean bill of health by all these authorities. Cheers, and to continued clean living, Peter!

ONE HEROLDING EXPERIENCE

by Gord McOrmond

From time to time we've all played contracts with less than ideal trump fits, but how many of us have had the misfortune to play KT97542 opposite a void, doubled and vulnerable at the four level with a sure outside loser! At a recent sectional Peter Herold played such a contract against Dan Jacob and his faithful sidekick, yours truly.

To set the background I'll explain that it was a Swiss event and our two teams were tied for the lead with records of 1 win - 0 losses (Good draw!). The atmosphere was strained, the players tense and to make matters worse the bar wasn't scheduled to open for another 35 minutes.

Allan Graves

S ----
H AJT9
D K8762
C AKT5

Me

S A
H KQ874
D QJ54
C Q83

Dan Jacob

S QJ853
H 52
D T3
C J764

Peter Herold

S KT97642
H 63
D A9
C 92

Dealer: East
vulnerability: N-S

<u>Dan</u>	<u>Peter</u>	<u>Me</u>	<u>Allan</u>
1S*	P	2H	Db1
P	2S	P	3D
P	4S	P	P
Db1**	P	P	P

* = optional Rumanian opener
** = wake up partner double

Bidding theorists might note that at favourable vulnerability all hands are either optional or mandatory Rumanian openers. Anyway, on my lead of the HK Peter was faced with the difficult task of making five trump tricks, assuming that his outside winners all cashed. He began by winning the HA and shortening his trump by playing the DA, then the DK, ruff, crossing to the CK and ruffing a fourth diamond. Dan discarded a club and a heart. Then Herold crossed to dummy's CA and ruffed the third club.

Allan

JT9
8
T

Me

A
Q874

Dan

QJ853

Peter

KT97
6

Peter had yet to lose a trick and when he exited with the H6 Dan was forced to win and lead a spade to my ace. Herold could now claim his contract holding KT9 over Dan's QJ8.

A nicely played hand, but as Dan pointed out, they would have done better by doubling two hearts for penalties and taking 900. Unfortunately our opponents at the other table were not playing Standard Rumanian and so avoided this potential disaster.

Here is another hand demonstrating Peter's great matchpoint flair. It was played last year at the Calgary Regional and reported to The Matchpointer by Joel Martineau. Joel writes:

"Unit 43019 Peter Herold is enjoying a most successful year. His British Columbia team recently challenged strongly for national honours with Peter and partner Lauren Miller anchoring down the stretch. Here he is in action during the Men's Pairs in Calgary. As South, Peter held:

Dlr. South
Vul. N-S

S. T987
H. A
D. AJT542
C. T9

"Peter passed. Joel Martineau bid 2H on his left, double by his partner Allan Graves, 5H on his right by Gord McOrmond. What would you bid?"

"I'm sure many would bid 5S trying for the vulnerable game. Some might go for all the marbles and bid 6S. Peter found the winning bid: 6D. These were the hands:

Allan Graves

S. AJ42
H. Q
D. K98
C. KQJ75

Martineau

S. 5
H. KJT832
D. Q6
C. A863

McOrmond

S. KQ63
H. 97654
D. 73
C. 42

Peter Herold

S. T987
H. A
D. AJT542
C. T9

"In 6D Peter received a heart lead. Having to play for no trump loser Peter guessed to drop the queen and that was that. After the club ace was forced out he was able to discard his losing spades on the long clubs.

"Note that 6D cannot be defeated with a spade lead as East has no entry. Both 6D and 4S depend entirely on the play in the diamond suit, while 5S has no chance.

"It seemed quite fair that Graves and Herold received 12 matchpoints, Martineau and McOrmond 'O."

ROTHMAN'S CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

THE ZONE FINALS

The British Columbia finals were held April 17-18 at the Haida Bridge Club. The 16 entrants fought it out for two qualifying spots in the National Final to be played in Regina.

The field was comprised of 7 Vancouver teams, 3 teams from Victoria, 3 from the Upper Island, 2 from the Trail area, and 1 from Prince George. This year the field was divided into two sections and a round-robin was played within each section on Saturday. On the basis of Victory Points the top two finishers in each section qualified for play-offs on Sunday.

The play-offs were conducted as follows: the two section winners played a 32 board match. The winner of that match clinched the first slot in the National Final. The loser played a second match against the victor of the confrontation between the two second place finishers. The winner of this second match received the second berth in the Regina championship.

After the round-robin the top four in each section stood as follows:

Section "E":

1. J. McAvoy (Duncan Smith, Jim Dickie, Peter Herold).....99 V.P.s
2. M. Dimich (L. Betts, R. McDuff, D. Andrews).....89 V.P.s
3. A. Hicks (C. Swanson, Ann Nagy, R. Tafler).....78 V.P.s
4. L. Miller (M. O'Reilly, D. Waterman, John Bryden).....73 V.P.s

Section "D":

1. R. Betts (C. Delisle, S. Kwan, G. Arbour).....111 V.P.s
2. D. Baldwin (G. McCully, M. Strebinger, D. Brander).....107 V.P.s
3. G. McOrmond (D. Jacob, P. Hagen, R. Borg, B. Connop, A. Ballantyne).....103 V.P.s
4. M. Johnson (L. Steil, M. Kostynuk, R. Christie, J. Johnson)....85 V.P.s

The Round-Robin thus eliminated the top seed, McOrmond, and the fifth and sixth seeds, Johnson and Miller. R. Betts piled up the greatest total of Victory Points thanks to being undefeated on Saturday.

On Sunday R. Betts played McAvoy and Dimich met Baldwin. McAvoy won a close match 62-53 after leading by 1 IMP at the half. The number two seed McAvoy thus won the Zone Final. Baldwin won the battle of the runners-up thereby eliminating Dimich, the number three seed. This match was close after 16 boards (Dimich led by 1 IMP) but Baldwin opened up in the second half to win 57-32.

The R. Betts-Baldwin encounter was to decide the second National qualifier. For the third consecutive year Rhonda Betts was one match away from a trip to the Nationals. Her team was performing solidly considering that the Arbour-Kwan Precision partnership had been formed just prior to the zone championships.

In fact, the decisive match was never close. Betts opened up a 16 IMP lead by the half and went on to win by 30 IMPs. The following hand, taken from the Betts-Baldwin match, shows what "care and nurturing of partner" is all about and helps to explain why the shotgun marriage of Kwan and Arbour worked out so well.

Brander (North)

AKJX
X
JXXX
XXXX

Arbour (West)

Qx
Txxx
A
AJTxxx

Kwan (East)

xxx
KJxx
KTxxxx

Strebinger (South)

Txxx
AQTx
Qx
KQx

Dlr: South
Vul: None

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	
1H	2C	D*	P	
2S	P	P	P	*negative double

Greg led the Ace of diamonds and Sherman showed a preference for a club shift by playing his lowest diamond. Accordingly Greg played ace of clubs and a low club for Kwan to ruff.

On this second round of clubs Strebinger false-carded with the King. Sherman presumably did not know he could ruff another club without being over-ruffed so he played the diamond king hoping that Greg could ruff the next diamond with the Queen of spades and make the heart ace. But Greg showed everyone what partnership was all about by ruffing the good diamond and playing back another club. Sherman was able to ruff this and return another diamond enabling Greg to make his trump queen by over-ruffing Strebinger's trump ten. It is necessary for Greg to ruff his partner's diamond king for if he lets that trick go, Strebinger can throw the high club away on the next diamond, playing for the over-caller to hold the queen of trump. At the other table the play began the same way but the diamond king was not ruffed and declarer scored +110 opposite +50 for a 4 IMP pick-up.

Both qualifiers were 4-person teams and thus eligible to pick up a third pair for Regina. It is not known who will be added to McAvoy, but R. Betts has taken on Laurence Betts and Mike "Have bridge will travel" Dimich, who played together on the Dimich team.

Good luck in Regina!

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to the following new L.M.'s:

John Berry, Burnaby
Martin O'Reilly, Vancouver
David J. Waterman, Vancouver
Frances Thomson, Burnaby
Kay Snow, Powell River
Don Jorgenson, Vancouver

VANCOUVER REGIONAL

Doug Cowan has agreed to take on the onerous job of Tournament Chairman for the 1983 Vancouver Regional. Doug will be glad to hear from volunteer helpers. Please give him your support!

CLUB NEWS

edited by Catriona Brown

SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE.....404 East 51st Ave., Vancouver.--
Manager: Tod Moore, tel. 327-2298

Open Game every Monday at 7.00 p.m. except for statutory holidays
when there is no game. The club will be closed during July and August.

Cost - \$1.50 with free coffee.

The winners of the charity game were Delphine Tablotney and Mildred Wohlleben. \$88 was donated to the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Winners of the quarterly club championship were Jeanne Bentley and Liz Lee. The leaders of the 1982 Sunset Duplicate Bridge Club Championship are: 1) Delphine Tablotney 2) Rick Baker 3) Enid Burfitt. Everyone is welcome to our friendly games!

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.....George Radics, tel. 273-
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We had ten tables for the nation-wide charity game held on March 24th. First place went to Doris and Pat Grant with 67.26%. Nadia and Albert Yallouze were second. Third went to Don McKay and Frank Classen.

The first session of our club tournament was won by Nellie Moore and Herbie Lum, the second, on April 14th, by Greg Arbour and Sherman Kwan, newcomers to our club. However, the trophy for overall points went to Danny Lee and Raymond Lee....the second year in a row for this partnership. Second place went to Henry and Paul Chow. Al Logie and John McCharles were third.

The club meets at 7:30 every Wednesday except during July and August. Our last session before the summer will be on June 30th. Play will resume on September 1st.

EAST RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Games are held every Sunday at 1.00 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 with coffee. For non-members a session costs \$2.00. Annual membership is only \$2.00.

The club will remain open during the summer months so do come along and enjoy an afternoon of bridge.

WEST VAN COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB.....780 22nd Street, West Vancouver.

New directors are John Reeve and Anne Nagy.

Game time: Mondays at 10.00 a.m.

Upcoming special events: Open Pairs Club Championship, May 31st.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB.....Century House, 620 - 8th St., New West.
(near Woodward's)

Open game every Thursday at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Complimentary refreshments. Special events coming up (with a non-smoking section):

May 13 - Mixed Pairs

June 10 - Local Charity (Canadian Cancer Society)

For more information call Ted or Liz Hicks, tel., 937-0843.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

The novice game has been changed from Thursday to Tuesday. Club Championship winners are:

Monday, March 1st: Shanz Jamal, Kas Hamer

Wednesday, Feb 17th: Mary Fines and Rose Wrean

Friday, Feb. 19th: Don Fraser and Hobart Liang

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....1491 Carleton Street. Director is Don Fraser (291-8149), Nadine McInnes (29900438) manager.

Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 we hold an open game. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, we include a Rookie game. Friday morning at 10:30, Don gives an hour and a half lesson. This is followed by a regular open game. Each of the lessons is self-contained, so attend whenever is convenient.

After Easter, our fee will increase to \$2.00, still including refreshments. We will start, after Easter, to award a free game to the players who come first overall. Any pair who scores exactly average will also be awarded a free play each.

The Feb 16 Club Championship was in two sections. Tied for first were Hanna and Hobart Liang and Donna Morrison and Mary Fines. Third, fourth and fifth, with the same score were Norm Dowling and Larry Hamilton, Ev Hodge and Tok Liem, Stew Forbes and Nadine McInnes.

On Tuesday, March 9th, we had the right number of tables so we held our first Swiss Team game which everyone seemed to enjoy. The winning team was Gordon Horne, Maurice Desaulniers, Pat and Doris Grant.

March 19th was the first Friday Club Championship. Tomie Yamanouchi and Albert Michaud won. The following Tuesday Albert kept his winning streak alive and came first with Andy Hellquist in the Annual Novice Club Championship.

Many of our regular players did well at the recent Victoria Regional. Those not mentioned in the Matchpointer tournament results are:

Jill Wainborn and Beryl Hamilton, Ev Hodge and Donna Morrison had section tops in the Women's Pairs. Jill Wainborn, Beryl Hamilton, Pat Carruthers and Arlene Browning won their first-round match in the Experimental Knockout Teams. On Thursday, Angeline and Vic Dennington got their first gold points in the Open Pairs by winning their section.

Upcoming: National Charity Game on May 4th - Duplicated hands and sectional rating.

If you need a partner for any of our games, please try to arrive early. We can always supply you with one. There have been some continuing partnerships as a result of these match-ups, with seldom a complaint!

Our manager, Nadine McInnis, will be moving to Cranbrook this summer. We've been very fortunate to acquire an excellent replacement in Pat Carruthers.

An Open Letter to Members of Unit 430

As Tournament Chairman of the 1983 B.C. Regional, to be held at the Hotel Vancouver next January, I have asked the editor of the Matchpointer for some of his valuable space, to encourage all of you to actively participate in this tournament, not only as a player, but as a volunteer worker wherever possible.

Those of us who have had the opportunity of participating in other DINO Regionals will readily agree that in organization, hospitality and congeniality, DINO Tournaments are among the best on the continent and we must ensure that we continue to uphold the tradition.

I'm sure you all realize that the little things necessary to make a large tournament a success just don't happen; someone has to ensure that they do. To make any tournament a success, staff is needed on the Partnership and Hospitality Desks and for various other duties, such as Caddy Master, Caddies, someone to solicit firms and restaurants for draw prizes, typists, photocopying facilities, a photographer, and Appeals Committee, etc.

I am aware that I am not well known personally to many of the players in Unit 430. As a resident of the North Shore, I usually play at the Pemberton Club in North Vancouver, and occasionally at the Haida, in New West, or in Burnaby. I know I can count on support from these clubs, but this is a community effort and we need active participation from all area clubs. I would ask, therefore, that anyone willing to assist in any way, either as individuals, or through the sponsorship of a club, get in touch with me as soon as possible in order that committees can be formed and work commenced well in advance of the tournament.

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My home telephone number is 926-5849. As that is long distance from some areas of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, I may also be reached during normal office hours at 684-8111, or, if you prefer, write to me at 1856 Mathers Court, West Vancouver, B.C. V7V 2L2.

Let's start now to ensure that Vancouver '83 will be the biggest and best DINO Tournament to date.

Sincerely,

Doug Cowan,
Tournament Chairman

UNIT GAMES

DOWNTOWN:

March (Haida Club):

10 Tables

- Overall:
1. Frances Waters-Eila Moyer
 2. Koos Van Lieshout-Lisa Strebinger
 3. Peter Herold-Sandy McIlwain
 - 4/5. Sefton Levine-Les Fouks
 - 4/5. Ron Pratt-Sherman Kwan
 6. John Bryden-Susan Peters
 7. D. Jorgenson-D. Tablotney

N-S

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|------------------------------------|------|
| 1. E. Moyer-F. Waters | 137- |
| 2. Koos Van Lieshout-L. Strebinger | 129- |
| 3. P. Herold-S. McIlwain | 128 |
| 4. D. Jorgenson-D. Tablotney | 120- |

E-W

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|----------------------------|------|
| 1/2. S. Levine-L. Fouks | 125- |
| 1/2. R. Pratt-Sherman Kwan | 125- |
| 3. J. Bryden-S. Peters | 121- |
| 4. J. and G. Brownridge | 117- |

April (10 tables):

Overall:

1. Donna McDuff-Leslie Gold
2. Jenny Paynter-Marcia Kostynyk
3. Doug Andrews-Mike Dimich
4. Mike Pappas-Hal Rodd
5. Sid Segal-George Stuart
6. Bob McDuff-Adrian Hicks
7. Andrew Ross-Julian Adams

N-S

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|------------------------------|------|
| 1. Jenny Paynter-M. Kostynyk | 126- |
| 2. Mike Pappas-Hal Rodd | 122- |
| 3. Bob McDuff-Adrian Hicks | 121- |
| 4. Phil and Al Kallberg | 114- |

E-W

- | | |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Donna McDuff-L. Gold | 131- |
| 2. D. Andrews-M. Dimich | 126 |
| 3. S. Segal-G. Stuart | 122- |
| 4. A. Ross-Julian Adams | 116- |

CLOVERDALE:

January (9 tables):

- Overall:
1. Howard Sussman-Mike Hartop
 2. Ron and Jean Groome
 3. Jacke Tucker-Jack Ritch
 - 4/5. Stan Holding-M. Hutton
 - 4/5. Monica Angus-Mike Angus

N-S

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|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Ron and Jean Groome | 126- |
| 2. D. Forsythe-N. Chapple | 116 |
| 3. E.T. Hicks-W. Worsfold | 114 |

E-W

- | | |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. H. Sussman-M. Hartop | 128- |
| 2. J. Tucker-J. Ritch | 124 |
| 3. S. Holding-M. Hutton | 121 |

February (16 tables)

- Overall: 1. Axel and Margret Schulmann
 2. Cliff and Pat Glen
 3/4/5. Ev Hodge and Donna Morrison
 Ina Andersen-Richard Andersen
 Don Fraser and Beryl Hamilton
 6. W.R. Worsfold-Beulah Blomme

N-S

1. A. and M. Schulmann 189-
 2. Ev Hodge-D. Morrison 181-
 3. W.R. Worsfold-B. Blomme 179
 4. P. Green-Bert Green 176
 5. T. Stiennon-R. Nichol 170

E-W

1. C. and P. Glen 188-
 2/3. R. and I. Andersen 181-
 D. Fraser-P. Hamilton 181-
 4. N. Kindret-F. Pybus 174-
 5. R. Sontowski-J. Ritch 169-

The March and April Results are not available at press time.

TOURNAMENT RESULTSNiagara Falls Spring Nationals

Men's Board-a-match Teams: 3. D. Jacob-G. McOrmond

Grand National Pairs: Joel Matineau and Mike Dimich qualified for the final session.

Seattle Regional

Knock-out teams: 1. Cam Lindsay (Don and Ed Murray)

Portland Regional:

Knock-out Teams: 1. L. Betts (S. Sather, T. Horton, R. Pickett)
 2. Joel Martineau -Leo Steil (Alex Orlandini,
 Miles Adkins, C. Puskas)

Men's Pairs: 3. Al Chapelle-(Jay Magid)
 4. J. Matineau-(A. Orlandini)

Flight A Swiss: 3. Al Chapelle-(J. Magid)

Flight A Open Pairs: 4. Laurence Betts-(Stan Sather)

Calgary Sectional:

Swiss Teams: 1. Rhonda Betts-Connie Delisle

Victoria Regional:

Open Swiss: 2/3. G. McOrmond, J. Martineau (Alex Orlandini, Joe Kerger)
 2/3. J. Findlay (G. Tomczyk-J. Cohen-J. Dunn)

Women's Pairs: 1. Liz Lee-Virginia McGonigal
 2. Mary Fines-Stella Alliston
 3. Jane Green-Ina Andersen
 8/10. M. Kostynyk-C. Delisle
 8/10. Arlene Browning-Fat Carruthers

Men's Pairs: 2/3. Pete Black; Powell River-Dave House
 4. Peter Herold-(Duncan Smith)
 7. Al Chapelle-(Joe Kerger)

Victoria Regional, continued:

- Open Pairs: 2. Gerry McCully-Joel Martineau
9. Peter Herold-(John Moffat)
10. G. McOrmond-E.-Christopherson
11. Martin Johnson-Leo Steil

Wednesday Speedball Swiss: 1/2. Walter Link-Colin-Collin-
W. Weinstein-K. Van Rehesse

Open Pairs Consolation: 3. Donna Morrison-Stella Alliston

Thursday Side game: 1. Mike Zbzy-Daver Herbert

Masters Pairs, Flight A:

3. Diane and Tom Kinakin
7. Peter Herold-Gerry McCully
8. Sharon Crapko-(Ethel Birnbach)
9. D. Paskaruk-M. Elliott
10/11. Nelson Fong-Allan Marr

Masters, Flight B: 1. Dave House-Dave Herbert

Super Open, Flight A: 1. Peter Herold-(Dave Westfall)
2. John Bryden-Rhonda Betts
4/5. Doug Andrews-Lauren Miller
8. L. Betts-(Jim Dickie)
11. Andy Nagy-Den Brazeau
12. Elaine Ryan-Linda Sims

Flight B: 1. Larry Pocock-Dave Schmidt
3. Monica Angus-(Vivian Pelton)
5. Joan MacDonald-Bodil Moller

Flight C: 1. Art Loy-(Doug Honan)
2. G. Wakabayashi-B. Selander

Speedball Swiss:

2/5. R. Betts-L. Betts-Al Chapelle-(r. Holbrook)

Junior Game: 1. Doris Spence-Elizabeth Mitchell

Flight B Swiss:

- 1/2/3. Don Jorgensen-Alex Kuiper-(Gord Parsons, John Hooke)
4. John Bryden-Fumi Limoli-Tom and Diane Kinakin
7. Nadia and Albert Yallouze, Rosemary Spratt, Pat Murphy.

In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of George Morse, who recently passed away. Mr. Morse lived in West Vancouver.

Schedule of Events

- May 14-16: Silver Dollar Sectional, Parksville
North Shore Charity Teams
May 28-31: Seattle Knock-out Sectional
June 4-6: B.C. Championships, Richmond
June 15-20: Peach City Regional, Penticton

At the recent Victoria Regional Dave House turned in a solid performance placing in the high overalls in numerous championship events and winning Flight B of the Master's Pairs. David also played on an underdog knock-out team which scored a surprising result.....

IT WAS THE SYSTEM!

by David House

I'll never forget the 1982 Regional in Victoria. Spring sunshine. Cherry blossoms. Her Highness, the EMPRESS.....a beautiful tournament.

The Experimental Knockout was a special feature. In past years the KO was comprised of a very few teams -- some touring professionals and a handful of British Columbia and Washington's finest. Traditional seeding arrangements ensured that novice teams would meet the top seeds in the first round so inexperienced teams were expected to be quickly eliminated. This year random draws were used throughout. The chance to play a team of one's own calibre and win some of those elusive gold points increased this year's field to 32 teams.

At the partnership desk I was teamed up with Jean Baillie, from Vernon, and brothers Allan and Paul Sorenson, from Berwyn, Alberta. The first draw was held after the wine and cheese party Tuesday night. We found out our first match was against a Central Island Team. In this contest my teammates were steady and the opponents had the misfortune of bidding two unmakeable grand slams. We squeaked out a 63-54 IMP win.

We reconvened for Wednesday night's draw and pulled our destiny out of the hat. The next morning we would play world champion Mike Passell and his teammates George Landreth, Ross Rainwater and "Big John" Anderson. Since all four of us had under 200 master points it was clear that we could not beat them. Accordingly we decided that a little extra practise was needed to give us any chance in this crucial match and we rushed off to buy our entry to the Midnight Speedball Swiss. By 3:00 a.m. we'd each played over 100 boards in four straight sessions. We dispersed to get showered and changed for breakfast. Game time was 8:45 a.m.

Mike Passell is a very tall man, but neither his size nor his international reputation could intimidate my partner. On the first deal Miss Baillie opened 1C and Landreth overcalled 1Nt. I was looking at a prince of a hand:

Jxxxx
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Jxx
xxx

I passed. Passell passed. 2C said my partner, refusing to be bullied about. It was only 8:45 a.m. and no one was willing to bid any higher at such an early hour. The opponents were ready to defend, though. They took nine tricks, many of which were in the trump suit, and we scored -200. As Passell put his hand back in the box he turned to my partner, "Two clubs, Stayman?" he asked. "Yes", was her terse reply. Later she explained to me that, holding a good fifteen count and 4-4-2-3 distribution, she wanted me to bid a major suit. Unfortunately I hadn't realized that we were using this version of Modified Stayman and thus we missed our good 2S partial. We ended up losing 4 IMPs on this hand, but in the process set the tone for the match; anything could happen at this table. Passell seemed ready.

A few hands later I picked up:

Qxx
xxx
xxx
AKQx

No one was vulnerable and the auction proceeded Pass, Pass to me. As I had been taking lessons from Sandy McIlwain who never passes in third seat, I knew I must open 1C. Lack of a stopper did not deter Passell who overcalled 1Nt. My partner bid 2H, pass, pass, and now a double from Passell partner bid 3C and everyone seemed content to pass that. I figured that now it was my turn to take four tricks but the dummy was an unsuspected treat. Passell led a high heart and Miss Baillie tabled:

KTxxx
J
Axx
Jxxx

Her innovative 2H bid was now clearly revealed as an Extended

Jacoby transfer to 2S. I was embarrassed at having misinterpreted the bid because 2S was a makeable contract. However, not to worry, as I made 3C for the same +110. Passell paled slightly as he recalled chasing us out of our 3-1 heart fit with his double. He could have passed it out, taken ten tricks, and scored up +250. At the half we discovered that our teammates had missed their game on that board, stopping in 3H and scoring +170. We only picked up 7 IMPs. Comparing at the half, we found out we were only behind 44-42 after thirteen swing deals. We had a chance.

Now it was our turn to play against Ross Rainwater and Big John. I'm sure glad we were playing cards and not football. With Mike, John and George blocking, Ross could have strolled around our corpses to the goalline. However, it was back to the table. I'm sure our new opponents had been warned to expect the unexpected from us if we got in the auction. Fortunately for us, we had quiet cards and not much to say in the second half. John and Ross had lots of bidding room. Unfortunately for them, they tried four ~~unmakeable~~ games that our partners shied away from.

On the last board of the set I picked up:

QTx
AQJ
QTxx
ATx

Finally a hand I could open! Vulnerable vs not, in second seat, I bid 1D (we play 1Nt=16 to 18 HCP). Big John overcalled 1S and my partner made a limit raise to 3D. Ross passed and with my decent fifteen count, I felt obliged to try for our vulnerable game, 3Nt. After 3 passes, John led the 8 hearts and partner unveiled:

J9x
9xxx
KTxxx
x

A very shapely 4 count! I won with the jack of hearts and played queen and another diamond, John winning on my left. The hand was over now. I won the club shift, played a diamond to the ten and hooked the heart. The king of hearts fell under the ace and I still had the king of diamonds as an entry to the fifth diamond and the now established 9 of hearts, my ninth trick. Of course a spade lead would have set up four defensive tricks with the diamond ace as asure entry, but our version of Limit Raises had lured the opponents into a passive defense. It turned out that we didn't need those ten IMPs anyway; we won the second half 38-18. Although the limit raise worked out well it's too bad I misinterpreted those novel Stayman and Jacoby Transfer calls. The match might not have been so close.

VICTORIA CHALLENGES VANCOUVER

Doug Hawkes, the kingpin of Victoria bridge has turned his efforts -- towards making contract bridge a spectator sport. Doug has issued an on-going challenge to any Vancouver team to go over to the Island and play "spectator Bridge" against his team of Doug Hawkes, Barry Turnham, Jim McAvoy and Duncan Smith. To play, a team need only phone Doug at 384-7128 (call collect) or 477-9544 (after hours). The challenging team must pay a \$40 entry fee (to cover expenses), but if the challenging team beats Victoria they earn \$200. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt (value \$20) and a free lunch.

A Vancouver Team consisting of Lauren Miller, Martin O'Reilly, John Dryden and Dave Waterman recently took up the challenge. They were bushwacked 143-79. by the rampaging Island Team. Apparently the Vancouverites plan to ceremoniously burn their T-shirts in the near future.

The match drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. The set-up was much like that found in international play, with a closed room and an open room. A projector displayed the bidding and play as it occurred in the Open Room. The hands were pre-dealt (ummm, suspicious!) and spectators were issued hand records to help follow the action. The audience also received a free lunch, and copies of the competitors' convention cards. An informal panel show took place at the half. The whole event was deemed a complete success.

For interested parties, there are open dates on May 23, June 27, Aug 1 and September 5.

THE FINAL LESSON - PART II

by Martin O'Reilly

Dedication: I wish to dedicate this article to all those bridge players who never thought that becoming a Life Master was a "big deal", but, who upon reaching this goal either a) passed out kissed, b) passed out cigars, or c) just passed out.

I never felt that becoming a Life Master was "a really big deal". As I always said to Davey: "I'd rather be known as one of the best non-life masters than just be one of the crowd. Besides, everybody knows that once you become an L.M., your ego may grow, but you liver and your game usually deteriorate." Still, there are many situations, some humorous, some embarrassing, which result from not having a letter at the beginning of one's A.C.B.L. number. For instance, it is a bit uncomfortable when your opponents look at your entry blank and say, "Oh, I didn't know you weren't a Life Master!", or, my least favorite, "You're not a Life Master? How did you get seeded?".

Even now that I'm an L.M., I'm sure some things won't change -- and I wouldn't want them to. I like being thought of as an "up-and-coming player". I even get a kick out of the fact that as "Lucky O" I receive more credit for good fortune than table feel, or occasionally -- if I may so bold -- skill. I even laughed at the article which Sandy McIlwain (heretofore referred to as SM) contributed, free of charge, I might add, to the most recent issue of our unit's illustrious, though sometimes slanderous publication.

As SM reported, I was trying to become a Life Master at the Seattle Regional. Yet the defensive lapse so exhaustively covered by in SM's article was not as costly as my literary colleague suggested. In spite of that isolated error we managed to place in the overalls in that particular event and as a result, received 3.55 gold points -- a massive 3.15 more than I needed. You are surprised? After having read SM's article you ask yourself, "How could anybody play so badly and do so well?" Well, that was only one result. Still, as the infamous SM chose to illustrate our "success" with a single hand, and one which focussed on defence, I will, so to speak, follow suit.

When we drove to Seattle on a snowy Friday morning, I had low expectations for that day's bridge. Firstly, I was tired, and as all my partners know, I rarely play well without a good night's sleep. But more importantly, there was my partner to consider. He had potential. We had had a few decent games together and he seemed to be coming along nicely. Yet, I wasn't sure how he would handle pressure. Things were stacked against us: we were playing tired, we were playing in a foreign country, and he had to live up to his public boast about getting me my gold card. And, of course, as I once heard an old-time bridge player say, "Ain't very easy becoming a Life Master playing with someone who ain't!"

Well, after doing my best to put partner at ease and managing to play most of the early contracts, we finished up with a reasonable first session. It was a tough event and the scores were low so I knew we had a good shot at the overalls. So, after making sure that partner didn't eat or drink too much for dinner, I managed to settle him down for the evening session.

What a strange session! The opponents were all over the place. It seemed as though we weren't the only ones playing in a daze. Still, we seemed to be holding our own just as we sat down to play a highly seeded pair. I was looking forward to a couple of sane results. The first board was average, but then this was the second hand.

The opponents reached 4S on a simple auction. As declarer, how would you play after the lead of a small heart? RHO wins the heart ace and returns the two of diamonds.

Declarer

AJ653
K64
A73
K4

Dummy

T9742
9
QJT84
AJ

Vulnerability: Both

Auction: 1S,P,4S, all pass

Lead: 5 Hearts

At the table the actual (expert) declarer suspected the diamond was a singleton so he won the ace and played the ace of trumps. Unfortunately for him the diamond I'd returned without apparent thought was from:

S. KQ8
H. AJ7
D. K62
C. T932

Bonanza! Instead of being -650 we were +100. Yet my return at trick two was not intended to be so devastating. It was merely an attempt to give declarer a false impression of how the cards lay. Declarer was forced to guess at trick two and on this occasion he guessed wrong. So you see, the road to gold is paved with opportunities such as this one. Had I returned anything but a small diamond we would probably have been -650 and I wouldn't have become a Life Master -- not, that is, for another 48 hours. More importantly, S.M.'s article would not have resulted in a crippling law suit. Yet, the most important thing to remember, the TRUE FINAL LESSON, is that "one hand does not a session make".

P.S. In all honesty, Sandy McIlwain is a fine partner and he kept his promise to help make me an L.M. I only hope I get the chance to return the favor.

Unit McKenney Hopefuls

Congratulations to the following who earned a place on the McKenney List for 1981:

91st.	Peter Herold.....	523 points
185th.	Allan Graves.....	406 points
257th.	Dan Jacob.....	356 points
291st.	Gord McOrmond.....	336 points
328th.	Lauren Miller.....	322 points
370th.	A. Ballantyne.....	308 points

The listing format has been changed to include the top 500 point winners in the A.C.B.L. rather than those who win more than 300 points in a year. Trivia fans will be glad to know that the 500th place finisher was Rod Paxton from Waterloo, Iowa, with 269 points.

Phil Wood Trophy Standings

1.	Mike Dimich	34.73	11.	Amy Deshaw	14.50
2.	Bob McDuff	32.26	12.	Elaine Deshaw	14.50
3.	Doug Andrews	22.01	13.	Martin Johnson	14.00
4.	Morris Potzold	20.71	14.	Sherman Kwan	13.20
5.	Doug Baldwin	20.27	15.	Ron Pratt	13.20
6.	Dan Jacob	19.32	16.	John Bryden	12.26
7.	Gord McOrmond	17.72	17.	Leo Steil	11.00
8.	Gerry McCully	16.16	18.	Lauren Miller	9.81
9.	John Maki	14.50	19.	Rod Coute	9.58
10.	Gordon Back	14.50	20.	Dee Steil	9.53
			21.	Dave Waterman	9.27

Under 200

1.	Gordon Back	14.5
2.	Amy Deshaw	14.5
3.	Elaine Deshaw	14.5
4.	Rod Coute	9.58
5.	Don Jorgenson	9.24
6.	Ebrahim Mawji	9.24
7.	Nora Cook	7.38
8.	R. Sontowski	7.38
9.	Clara Johnson	5.88
10.	Pearl Palmer	5.88

Edith Ronnell

1.	Amy Deshaw	14.50
2.	Elaine Deshaw	14.50
3.	Dee Steil	9.53
4.	Jo McDonald	9.24
5.	I. Anderson	7.68
6.	Nora Cook	7.38
7.	R. Sontowski	7.38
8.	Beryl Hamilton	6.09
9.	Clara Johnson	5.88
10.	Pearl Palmer	5.88

IT'S YOUR BID

by Peter Herold

Although a couple of the problems were meant to be thought-provoking, most were meant to show what a more scientific approach would mean to reaching a higher percentage of makeable contracts. In this vein (vain), I am giving marks for my own preferences and not for the quantity of votes.

1. Matchpoints, Vul. vs Not	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
J532		1C	X	P
763	1S	P	3C	P
854	?			
J76				

Now this is thought-provoking, and I believe Leo Steil said it best for the majority.

Leo Steil: "Pass - Anybody that attaches an obscure meaning to the 3C bid deserves to be left in a cue bid playing with an idiot like me. 2C is a cue bid; 4C is a splinter."

Ron Feldman: "Pass - Beam me up, Scottie."

Harold Hansen: "Pass - Partner has club suit and a good hand."

And now for the next most popular view....

John Hurdle: "3S - I think partner is making a splinter game try in spades."

But is 4C Gerber, John?

Mike Newcombe: "3S - Must immediately discourage. Partner has 9 tricks but I have zero. Does he have clubs? Pass at match-points might lead to interesting result."

Yes, but makeable contract.

And last and least, the people who like to bid their partner's hand.

Lauren Miller: "3D - I expect partner to have something like Ax, AKxx, AKQJxx, x. Hopefully he will now pass in what may well be our last makable spot. They don't call me Reggie for nothing; the occasional tape-measure shot but lots of strikeouts."

AWARDS: Pass = 10 (9 votes), 3S = 7 (9 votes), 3D = 2 (3 votes), 3N = 2 (1 vote)

2. IMPS, Both Vulnerable	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
K9			P	1H
T4	2C	X*	3C	P
A7	3H	X	XX	P
AKJ9832	3Nt	X	P	P
	?			

*negative

Do you trust partner or do you trust the opponents? I play the redouble to show first round control although some entrants surprised me by thinking it showed second round control! Of the passes, this treatment surprised me the most.

Dan Jacob: "Pass - I assume that 3H was asking for a heart stopper and redouble should show a good one; A, KQ or maybe KJx."

Or maybe T9876!

Duncan Smith: "Pass - I trust partner in these situations. Partner's responsibility to yank with a void."

The only case for pulling comes from

Doug Andrews: "4C - A choice of whether East is psyching or whether West really has Qxx of clubs. We play redouble of the negative double to show one of top three honours so for safety, I pull. (But not at matchpoints)."

As for the other bids, redouble allows the opponents to find their 4H sacrifice, and anything else gets you too high.

AWARDS: Pass=10 (16 votes), XX=7(1 vote), 4C=2(1 v.), 4D=0(1), 5C=0(3 votes).

3. Matchpoints, None vulnerable.

Q74
94
AK76432
A

S	W	N	E
?	F	4S	P

This problem was meant to show the value of asking bids. A bid at the five level over your partner's preempt asks about the quality of the suit you bid. With 1st round control he(she) cue bids, with 2nd round control jumps to six of the agreed trump suit and with neither just bids five of the agreed suit. Over 4H, 4S should be an asking bid.

Aidan Ballantyne: "5H - Everbody who's anybody plays this as an asking bid. It must be standard these days. However, I appreciate a 'guess the lead' jump to 6S for non scientists."

(Ed. note - This is why the scientists get bottom boards; +450 losing to all the +480s and +980s, after pinpointing the lead. The asking bid treatment is perhaps more valuable at IMPs.)

Laurence Betts: "6S - Even if partner has two heart losers they must find the lead."

And for the little old ladies...

Jude Goodwin: "Pass - I've seen this one before. I play with a very disciplined partner."

But Kxxxxxx and out has a play at the six level.

AWARDS: 5H=10(8 votes), 5D=6(2 votes), 4N=6(3 votes), 6S=4 (6 votes),
Pass=1(3 votes).

4. IMPs, Vul. vs Not.

J5
A963
KQ5
K863

S	W	N	E
2C	F	1Nt	P
?		2D	P

This hand is supposed to get partnerships to work out a way of getting to the best game. After going down in 3Nt when either a Moysian major or a 4-4 minor game makes it makes you think that playing 3Nt with Qx opposite Jx is the same as Laurence Betts opposite Laurence Betts.

Jim Dickie: "3C - Systemic. Patner bids 3C with both 3 card majors, 3H with 3H or a good doubleton, 3S with 3 spades or a good doubleton and 3Nt with unspecified 5 card minor."

Duncan Smith: "2Nt - As minor suit Stayman."

Murdoch Smith: "3Nt - West promises only 3 spades."

Eh?

Joel Martineau: "3C - Why do anything straightforward? Obfuscation! This way partner will know that I am at least 5-4 in clubs and a major with a good hand. And when I put the dummy down I can slip a spade in with the clubs. Cool, you know. Also, I don't want to do anything embarrassing like win a bidding contest."

Your wish came true, Joel.

AWARDS: 3C=10(4 votes), 3Nt=8(16 votes), 4D("Barontyne")=8(1 vote),
2Nt=9(1 vote)

5. IMPS, both Vul.

KJ7632

ΔQ

KJT7

5

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1S	2H	X*	3H
?			

*negative

This hand came down to a choice between two bids.

Joel Martineau: "4D - Unlike most of the mad new scientists, I still believe in free bids - and that's what this is. Shows a good hand with 5-4 or better. So I've got a little extra."

"Lucky" O'Reilly: "4D - Gives me two chances. 4S is too unilateral."

Dick Simpson: "Double -I need more information from partner before I bid again with two broken suits, so a responsive double."

I also would double and pull 4C to 4D. With Qx of spades partner will return to 4S.

And now for the bid to showcase your dummy play...

Dan Jacob: "3Nt - I am hoping for a 'card' in the spade suit. Probably 3S is a good bid but I am not that conservative."

AWARDS: 4D=10(12 votes), Double=9(4 votes), 3S=4(2 votes), 3Nt=2(4 votes).

Congratulations to these laureates:

1. Duncan Smith
2. Leo Steil
3. Jude Goodwin

Under 100: 1. Dick Simpson

Deadlines

Copy deadline for the next Matchpointer is the end of May. The next issue should be in the clubs by the last week of June.

Club News should be sent to Catriona Brown at #102 - 2233 West 1st Ave., Vancouver (tel. 738-1335). All other copy, including It's Your Bid answers should be mailed to The Editor, 3549 East 22nd Ave., Vancouver, V5M 2Z5 (tel. 438-3095 or 984-0221, office). All IYB answers should be received by the last week of May.

JIM DONALDSON: 1937-1982

Jim's sixteen month battle with cancer ended March 14, 1982.

Jim's tragic and untimely departure leaves a great void in the Vancouver bridge scene, for he was an inspiration for both recreational and competitive players.

Jim never had a bad word for opponents or partner. At the table, when things were going badly, he was unshakeably optimistic; he was never beaten until the last card had been turned, and he was rarely beaten, at that.

Jim Donaldson had a love of humanity that was reflected in his deportment at the table, but he also had a deep commitment to the game of bridge. As a theoretician, he developed "Donaldson over No-trump", a convention used by many of the city's tournament players. He also invented a complete system: The Dogwood Diamond.

As a player, Jim was simply terrific. In regionals and sectionals, he was a consistent winner, but he also performed internationally, at the Pairs Olympiads in Stockholm (1970) and New Orleans (1978), with Ron Borg and Mike Strebinger respectively. Nationally, he won the Swiss Team Championships playing with Bruce Ferguson, Clarence Goppert, Neil Chambers

John Shermer. Jim won all the time, with players of all calibre. Jim also played extremely successfully with women. His unique temperament allowed him to bring out the best in all his partners.

Despite a pleasant demeanor, Jim was always very tough to play against; great psychology, unmatched concentration, and of course, expert technique. At matchpoints, he always seemed to romp home with huge scores.

Jim will be missed for always, both as a player and a man.

(A special tribute will appear in a future DINO insert.)

IMP LEAGUE

In the 'A' the Round-robin is almost over. The standings of the top teams are:

		12 matches	183 VPs
1.	Ballantyne	13	172
2.	Jacob	13	165
3.	Bryden	13	162
4.	Hawkes	13	161
5.	Dimich	12	149
6.	McCully	13	138
7.	R. Betts	12	

Ballantyne, Bryden and Jacob have all clinched play-off spots. Dimich is just behind Hawkes but has a game in hand. Dimich's last match will probably determine the order of the top four. Ballantyne has to go minus three in his last match to lose first place. In the play-offs, first plays fourth and second plays third.

The 'B' League competition conclude in April with a sudden death clash between the two leaders following regular season play: STIENNON (Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, John Whittlesey, Brian Dixon) and HODSON (Chuck Hodson, Avril Hodson, Madeleine Becker, Jack Tucker, Tony Cross, Betty King). STIENNON emerged victorious after a close match. Congratulations, all.

Next season, it is hoped the 'B' League will expand considerably. Any suggestions or constructive criticism for meeting this goal would be appreciated - please contact Jenny Paynter at 438-3095.

NEW IYB PROBLEMS

Having been restricted to writing "Editor's notes" in the past two years of IYB, the Matchpointer editor takes over IYB for one issue. One just can't say too little about him, so, with no further preamble, here are the new problems:

1. Matchpoints, Both Vul.

N	E	S	W
1C	P	P	Dbl
Redbl	2S	?	

QT3
J43
864
J753

2. Matchpoints, E-W Vul.

N	E	S	W
1Nt	2S	P	P
Dbl	P	?	

3
J8643
Q6
QT952

3. IMPs, N-S Vul.

N	E	S	W
P	1Nt	P	1S
3C	P	?	2H

64
J854
J532
AK7

4. IMPs, Non Vul.

N	E	S	W
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	?	

KJT74
Q2
Q53
KQ6

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FRIDAY, SEP 17	1:30 p.m.	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 p.m.	MIXED PAIRS
		KNOCK-OUT TEAMS (1st session) for the Ben Lapidus Trophy.
		JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 Master Points)
SATURDAY, SEP 18,	9:00 a.m.	KNOCK-OUT TEAMS (second session if necessary)
	1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	OPEN PAIRS (First session qualifying)
	1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	KNOCK-OUT TEAMS (semi-finals and final)
SUNDAY, SEP 19,	11:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.	FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS (two sessions)
		Flight A - Swiss Board-a-Match (no master point restrictions)
		Flight B - Regular IMP scoring (0-1000 Master points)

NOTE EARLY STARTING TIMES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!!!

Free coffee and muffins Sunday before game time.

Phil Wood, Tournament Director

Al Chapelle, Tournament Chairman

All events \$4.50 per player per session except Junior Pairs, \$3.50 per player

SIDE GAMES IF WARRANTED BY ATTENDANCE

1982 GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The Club stage for the GNP is between August 2nd and 22nd. The Unit Final will take place on Sunday, October 24th, 1982 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE. Starting times for this final are 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. The following clubs have released dates for GNP Club-qualifying games:

Burnaby Duplicate Club, 1491 Carleton Street, Burnaby - Aug. 3rd.
Powell River - Aug. 3rd
Fraser Valley Bridge Club, Century House, New West. - Aug. 5th.
Haida Bridge Club - Aug. 10th and 15th.
Tsawwassen Bridge Club - Aug. 16th.
Cloverdale, Canadian Legion, Aug. 17th.
White Rock Duplicate - Aug. 18th.
Jewish Community Centre - Aug. 19th.
Pemberton Bridge Club, North Vancouver, Aug. 20th.

For starting times please check with the clubs. In many cases pre-registration is required. The District Final is tentatively scheduled for early December, 1982.

On the whole the last two years of being editor of the Matchpointer have been enjoyable and rewarding. However, it is time for new blood. Sandy McIlwain now inherits the rather big job of producing the Unit Newsletter, which over the last four or five years has almost become a small magazine! I hope that Sandy continues to receive the help and goodwill that I experienced. Many thanks to some wonderful contributors. On this score Lauren Miller and Doug Andrews might be singled out for performing - above and beyond the call of duty, but there were some creative gems submitted by many others, both IYB editors and feature writers.

The Newsletter could not exist without the tireless help of collators and a devoted printer. Thanks to John Bryden who has put in many a dull hour in the basement running off sheets on the Gestetner. Thanks again to collators of which there are too many to name. Lastly, thanks to John and Trudy Hurdle for taking care of mailing. These two have done a tremendous job for many years.

Distribution remains the number one problem facing the Matchpointer. The cost of mailing the newsletter to all unit members would be impossible to bear and so the clubs are the main outlet for distribution. The present unit mailing policy is this: Anyone can have the Matchpointer mailed to them free by sending in name and address to John Hurdle. However, members are encouraged to pick up the paper at their clubs. This policy has worked reasonably well since the mailing list is manageable. On the other hand, distribution via the clubs has been imperfect. At some clubs there is a surplus while at others there is sometimes a shortage. Many members do not seem to be aware of the existence of a regularly published paper. This is - distressing because some considerable effort has been made to include information on unit activities and games. I suspect that a bit more effort might be made by the club directors and managers to "move" the Matchpointer. For example, mention of the newsletter might be made in club announcements. Of course, the unit is thankful that the clubs undertake to help distribute the paper in the first place since many unit activities conflict with club interests. It is my hope that this conflict of interest might be resolved somewhat by including more "club news". The Matchpointer can be an effective vehicle for promoting bridge in the area. Surely this would benefit both the clubs and the unit.

A.B.

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

One of the great issues - these days -- it might be resolved by the time this goes into print -- is where the '83 Vancouver Regional is going to be held. There are two huge problems concerning the Hotel Vancouver location originally scheduled: 1) The estimated costs are more than can be borne by the District given that a certain revenue goal must be met to keep DINO going. 2) On the Friday of the regional, the Hotel is booked by someone else meaning that the event has to be relocated at the Hyatt for one day. For these reasons DINO is thinking of going back to Penticton for '83. This development has prompted the following letter from Henry Smilie, one of our unit's two DINO representatives.

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:

We tie up premises years ahead but we can't tie hotels down on the amount of the rent. A month or so ago the Vancouver Hotel informed us that rent would be about \$16,000.00. The DINO board at Penticton decided that that if the Hotel wouldn't come down to \$12,000.00, we would go elsewhere, probably to Penticton. Phil got them down to \$12,980.00 but no lower.

My sampling of the views of Unit members indicates that they are strongly opposed to the tournament being held anywhere but Vancouver, also that they object to table fees going over \$6.00. Recently I wrote to the other members of the DINO board reciting these facts, also pointing out that over the years Regionals in the Canadian segment of the District have been substantially more profitable than those held in the American segment. I had

not complained, thinking that the situation might reverse itself sometime in the future. I went on to say, "The future is here. The situation is reversed. We are in a bind. But where are our fair-weather friends? Instead of getting reciprocity, we get hard-nosedness."

I think they may relent, but they may reduce our hospitality allowance.

As for hospitality, food at any big hotel is out of the question because you get practically zilch for your buck. But there are plenty of things that can be done that are not expensive. We can have a Saturday night bash, 11:45 p.m. - 2:30 a.m., in the ballroom. The program? Let's have offers, or at least suggestions, from the unit, local clubs and individuals. Fiddlers skitters, singers, actors, rope tricksters, bear baiters and clowns, please come forward. Get your ideas to tournament chairman Doug Cowan, 1856 Mathers Court, West Vancouver (r) 926-5849 (o) 684-8111 now.

Sincerely,

Henry Smilie

A meeting of the DINO executive will no doubt soon be called to resolve the issue of the '83 Regional. At its most recent meeting, the Unit 430 Board of Directors passed a motion urging that the '83 Regional be held in Vancouver, even if this means raising table fees to \$7.00 and minimizing hospitality. Underlying the vote was the feeling that four years without a regional in a big bridge town such as ours would do too much damage to the game in our area. It is hoped the DINO executive will consider the Unit's motion in arriving at a decision.

TROPHY STANDINGS

With two sectionals to go:

Phil Wood Trophy

1.	Bob McDuff	44.35	11.	Henry Lortz	22.09
2.	Doug Andrews	36.29	12.	Andy Nagy	21.99
3.	Mike Dimich	34.73	13.	Gord McOrmond	21.13
4.	Doug Baldwin	31.48	14.	Dave Baer	20.82
5.	Fred Sontag	29.63	15.	Paul Conroy	20.82
6.	Bob Gerrie	27.54	16.	Aidan Ballantyne	19.86
7.	Gerry McCully	26.35	17.	Martin O'Reilly	18.27
8.	Dan Jacob	23.07	18.	Gerda Lubeseder	16.30
9.	Morris Potzold	22.73	19.	Bob Sauve	15.73
10.	Pat Dunn	22.47	20.	John Bryden	15.67

Under 200

1.	Paul Conroy	20.82	6.	Rod Coote	10.39
2.	Amy DeShaw	14.50	7.	Ebrahim Mawji	9.24
3.	Elaine DeShaw	14.50	8.	Belle Anderson	9.03
4.	Gordon Back	14.50	9.	Nora Cook	8.19
5.	Alex Kiper	11.31	10.	R. Sontowski	8.19

Edith Bonnell

1.	Gerda Lubeseder	16.30	6.	Elaine DeShaw	14.50
2.	Frances Thomson	15.41	7.	Aban Gerrie	13.23
3.	Koos van Lieshout	14.86	8.	C.F. Brown	12.89
4.	Gertie Sandord	14.86	9.	Phil Kallberg	12.81
5.	Amy DeShaw	14.50	10.	Dee Steil	12.07

Winners of the Phil Wood trophy (over and under 200 points) receive free plays to Vancouver sectionals for a year. Trophies are awarded to winners of all the above point races.

B.C. Championships (June Sectional)

- Women's pairs - 1. Edith Jack, Burnaby-Else Baerwald, Vanc.
(64 pairs) 2. Edna Quinn-H. Gray, both West Vancouver.
3. Stella Alliston, West Van.-Mary Fines, N. Van.
- Men's Pairs - 1. Don Fraser, Burnaby-Chester Michno, Vancouver
(40 pairs) 2. John Findlay-Alex Kiper, Both Burnaby
3. Andy Nagy-Doug Andrews, both Vancouver
- Board-a-match - 1. Aban Gerrie-Bob Gerrie, both Richmond and
(38 teams) Fred Sontag-Selene Jacobson, both Vancouver
2. Richard Christie-Marcia Kostynyk, both Vancouv
- McCully, both Surrey.
3/4. Doug Andrews-Bob Connop, both Vancouver and
R. MacDuff, Maple Ridge, Joel Martineau, Bur.
3/4. Andy Nagy-Anne Nagy, Susan Peters-M.O'Reilly.
- Junior Pairs - 1. Glen Hillson-Wayne Atmore, both Vancouver
(21 pairs) 2. G. Calhoon-Mary Zanatta, both Burnaby
3. Sheila Ritchie, Richmond-Albert Michaud, Bur.
- Side Event - 1. Virginia McGonigal-LizLee, both Vancouver
(30 pairs) 2. Ted Hicks, Coquitlam, Marge Benoit, Maple Ridge
3. Siassi Siavosh, North Van., Joyce Peters, West Var
- Super Open, Flt A - 1. Fred Sontag, Vancouver, Bob Gerrie, Richmond
(48 pairs) 2. Andy Nagy-Aidan Ballantyne, both Vancouver
3. R.C. MacDuff, Maple Ridge-Doug Andrews, Van.
- Super Open Flt B - 1. Axel and Margret Schulmann, both Delta
(60 pairs) 2. Mike Zbozny, Vic Hetman, both Vancouver
3. Ken Garfinkel, Richmond-Doug Strachan, Van.
- Side Event - 1. Melody Englund-Ross Willingham, both Federal Way,
WASH.
2. C.P. Brown-M.A. Smith, both Vancouver
3. Virginia McGonigal-Liz Lee, both Vancouver
- Swiss Teams - 1. Dave Baer-Henry Lortz-Paul Conroy, all Seattle,
Pat Dunn, Bellevue, Washington.
2. Koos Van Lieshout-Gerda Lubeseder-Gertie Stanford
all Vancouver, Frances Thomson, Burnaby.
3. P. and A. Kallberg-M. Smith-C. Brown, all Vancouv

vernion Sectional

- Mixed pairs - 2. Dave House-Marge Pearse
- Unmixed pairs - 1. Jeanne Bentley-Marg Neate
2. Dave House-Joel Martineau
- Open pairs - 2. John Bryden-Peter Walton
- Consolation - 1. Dave House-Mike Hargreaves
- Swiss Teams - 2-4. D. House, M. Newcombe, Gil McCully, Cec Brown
2-4. J. Bryden, P. Walton, J. Martineau, A. Orlandini
5-6. J. Bentley, M. Neate, M. Rosseti, E. Ware.

North Shore Charity Teams

1. J. Findlay, A. Kiper, C. Michno, D. Watson
2. Betty King, Tom Cross, Chuck and Avril Hodson

Seattle Sectional

Knock-out Teams: 1. Peter Herold-Paul Hagen, Don Brander-Lauren Miller.

Mount Vernon Sectional

Open Pairs: 2. Al Chapelle-Aidan Ballantyne

Swiss Teams: 2. Christina Jacob, Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Joel Martineau-Aidan Ballantyne

Parksville Sectional

Open Pairs: 2. Don Brander-Lauren Miller

Swiss Teams: 2. Don Brander-Lauren Miller, Martin O'Reilly-Susan Peters
3/4. Jenny Paynter-Aidan Ballantyne, Dee and Leo Steil

Penticton Regional

Charity pairs: 2. Ted Trites-Cec Brown

Open Swiss Teams: 2/3. Don Brazeau-(Bruce Ferguson-Brenda Keller-E. Stark)
4. Gord McOrmond-Mike Dimich-Lauren Miller-(John Maki)

Tuesday Side Game: 1. Lynn Kangro-Alana Skuce

Wed. Morn. Side Game: 1. Rolf Lowinger-(Dick Carter)

Wed. Aft. Side game: 1. Ted Trites-(Dick Carter)

Men's pairs: 5. Joel Martineau-Aidan Ballantyne

Women's pairs: 4. Jean Gribben-(Ellen Suyck)

Open Pairs: 1. Don Brazeau-Don Brander
2. Marcia Kostynyk-Doug Baldwin

Open pairs Consolation: 2. Chuck Hodson-Tom Cross
3. Ted and Ruby Trerise
4. Flora Tereposky-(Jerry Sund)

Super Open Flt B (0-1000MPs): 5. Len Feeney-Joe Dolynski

Super Open Flt A (Unlimited): 2. Laurence Betts-(Mike Hargreaves)
3. Peter Herold-(Dave Westfall)
4. Doug Baldwin-Gerry McCully

Masters Pairs Flt A: 2. Gord McOrmond-Dan Jacob

Masters Pairs Flt B: 2. Tom Cross-Betty King
4. Angela Bennington-Victor Bennington

Knock-out Teams: 3/4. Collin Collin, Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, Link

Swiss Teams Flt A: 1. Joel Martineau-Dan Jacob-Gord McOrmond-(Alex Orlandini)

Swiss Teams Flt B: 1. Debbie McCully-Doug Strachan-Maureen Taylor-

Swiss Teams Flt A (cont.):

4-7. John Bryden, Susan Peters, Martin O'Reilly-(Mike Hargreaves)
4-7. Morris Potzold, Mike Dimich, Adrian Hicks, C.A. Swanson.

Midnight Swiss:

1-2. Morris Potzold, Sefton Levine-(C. Hansen-B. Hitchens)
1-2. Bernie Hoy, John Bryden-(Patti Hartley-Tom Jepson)

REMINDER: Report your results!! It is mistakenly assumed that one of the editor's duties is to track down all Unit members' tournament results. Although this often turns out to be the case, the Matchpointer is not responsible for omissions! Please co-operate by sending in results.

THE VICTORIA CHALLENGE

(OR: FALKLANDS NORTH)

by Lauren Miller

As reported in the last Matchpointer, Doug Hawkes, head of the ruling Victoria junta, recently seized Vancouver Island and hoisted his flag, challenging the Vancouverites to try to retake it. The gauntlet was promptly picked up by Lauren Miller, a retired military man of some repute (well, why did you think they call me the Old Jail Gunner, hosehead?). Miller analyzed the enemy position and decided the main ingredients necessary for a successful assault would be (a) technological strength and (b) patriotic fervor. To accomplish the former, he commandeered an armoured unit consisting of Martin "Mow 'em down" O'Reilly and his trusty machine. In addition, noticing from the map that strategic centres such as Victoria, Esquimalt and Oak Bay were represented by dots, he chose John "pac-man" Bryden to join the force. Finally, to inspire the troops, noted monarchist Dave Waterman was pressed into service.

On the day of the match, the Queen of Tsawwassen stormed into port, buoyed by the inimitable Waterman's stirring rendition of "Hail Vancouver, Vancouver rules the waves". But where was Miller? The crafty veteran, knowing well the hazards of ferry lag, had landed the night before, only to be intercepted by a Hawkes patrol party consisting of Jim and Connie McAvoy. Under the guise of friendship, they plied him with wine, women and song until the wee hours of the morning. Although Miller partly circumvented their strategy (he refused the song), it was clear he was not at his best the following day.

Perhaps disheartened by their leader's sub-par performance (not to mention appearance), the Vancouver squad quickly fell behind. However, they had started to mount a comeback and were on the brink of establishing a beachhead when the Hawkes Machine's strategic superiority again struck. Astute observers had noticed that during the lunch break Mrs. Hawkes had dished up the Vancouverites' generous portions of lasagna from the opposite side of the pan than of the locals. The significance of this became clear in the last quarter of the match, when Miller's troops, having closed the deficit to 20 IMPS, suddenly went into a zombie-like trance and ended up getting blown out by 64 IMPS.

And thus ended the opening salvo of what promises to be a long and bloody conflict. When last seen, the chastened Miller was overheard muttering, "How do you beat the Islanders? Maybe with the Brute going up and down his wing with Hawkes, 'Tiger' Jacob clutching McAvoy at every turn and 'King Aidan' kicking out Smith's pre-empts..."

(Ed.'s p.s.: The big question, of course, is not when Vancouver will conquer the island, but when they do, just what are they going to do with it?).

Quick Trick

At the Penticton Regional a gentleman went up to Phil Wood to buy his entry for the Sunday Swiss, Flight A. Phil had never seen this man before and was wondering whether to give him a seed (odd number team). The fellow assured Phil that he and his team were seasoned 1000+ point players so the man went off happily clutching his seeded entry blank.

By this time Phil was having second thoughts and went back to check with this captain. Again, the fellow assured Phil his team had many master points. "But you do have 1000 master points, don't you?" asked Phil. "Oh yes!", came the reply, "I have 300, my partner has 250, and my teammates have....."

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to Dee Steil and Enid Burfitt, officially reported as new L.M.s!

THE NEW UNIT BOARD

Many thanks to John Bryden, Delphine Tablotney, Frances Waters, Jenny Paynter and Don Fraser whose term of service to the unit ended this summer. Don was finishing an extra year as Past President. This role is now assumed by Peter Walton. Jenny ran for re-election. Thanks also to Moyna Krusell and John Reeve who managed short stints as Directors before resigning earlier this summer.

There was a tremendous slate of candidates for the most recent election. Congratulations to all candidates.

The new Board shapes up as follows:

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A CENTURY SECTIONAL

Vancouver will hold its first sectional for players with under 100 Master Points on November 13th and 14th, 1982.

The tentative schedule is: Saturday, Flighted Open pairs with the top flight having 0-100 point restrictions and the second flight being reserved for players with 0-20 master points. A Swiss team championship (2 sessions) will be held on the Sunday.

Organizers Gord McOrmond and John Reeve are promising special activities geared to relatively inexperienced players in addition to the main bridge events. More details in the next Matchpointer!

UNIT GAMES

Here are the unit game results for Cloverdale and Vancouver through July. The Vancouver race totals were not available at press time.

CLOVERDALE:March (17 tables):

Overall: 1. L. Feeny - J. Groves
 2. P. Blackwell - P. Stapfl
 3. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott
 4. R.W. Jackson - B. MacLeod
 5. D. Forsyth - N. Chapple
 6/7. D. & A. Freeze
 6/7. D. Fraser - G. Mackie

N-S

1. L. Feeny - J. Groves 206
 2. R.W. Jackson-B. MacLeod 185
 3. D. Forsyth - N. Chapple 181-
 4. D. Freeze - A. Freeze 173-
 5. J. Dolynski-M.G. MacGregor 170-
 6. C. Glen - P. Glen 169-

E-W

1. P. Blackwell - P. Stapfl 193
 2. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliot 189
 3. D. Fraser - G. Mackie 173-
 4. H. Sussman - M. Hartop 171-
 5. B. Green - P. Green 167
 6. H. Liang - C. Hodson 162-

April (12 tables):

Overall: 1. R. Andersen - I. Andersen
 2. E. Nagy - H. Lum
 3. M. Hartop - A. Hartop
 4. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliot
 5. R. Groome - T. Stiennon
 6. E.T. Hicks - F. Yeung

N-S

1. R. Andersen - I. Andersen 132-
 2. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott 119
 3. E.T. Hicks - F. Yeung 115
 4. M. Fines - H. Liang 111-

E-W

1. E. Nagy - H. Lum
 2. M. Hartop - A. Hartop
 3. R. Groome - T. Stiennon
 4. W. Link - C. Collin
 (scores unavailable)

May (20 tables):

Overall: 1. T. & J. Marsh
 2/3. M. Hartop - J. Groome
 2/3. G. Hazelwood - S. Decker
 4. R. Andersen - I. Andersen
 5. L. Pocock - D. Schmidt
 6. E. Dietrich - I. Goodland

Section A:

N-S

1. M. Hartop - J. Groome 126-
 2. A. Schulmann - M. Schulmann 120
 3. U. Mets - D. Forsyth 116

E-W

1. G. Hazelwood - S. Decker 126-
 2. E. Dietrich - I. Goodland 122-
 3. B. Green - P. Green 113

Section B:

N-S

1. L. Pocock - D. Schmidt 123-
 2. M. Fines - B. Badger 115-
 3/4/5. M. Holding - A. Hutton 110
 3/4/5. T. Stiennon - B. Hamilton 110
 3/4/5. R. Bruna-J. Wederspohn 110

E-W

1. T. Marsh - J. Marsh 127
 2. R. Andersen - I. Andersen 124-
 3. T. Lang - R. McConnell 115-

June (12½ tables):

- Overall: 1. Ina Anderson - Joan Groome
 2. Ernie Dietrich - Ida Goodland
 3. Axel Schulmann - Margret Schulmann
 4. Stan Holding - Mariann Hutton
 5. David Schmidt - Larry Pocock
 6. D. Parkaruk - M. Elliott

N-S

1. E. Dietrich - I. Goodland 180.4
 2. A. Schulmann-M Schulmann 172.2
 2. S. Holding - M. Hutton 171.2
 4/5. A. Rantamaa - E.T. Hicks 156
 4/5. D. Tynam - W.R. Worsfold 156

E-W

1. I. Andersen - J. Groome 195
 2. D. Schmidt - L. Pocock 161-
 3. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott 157-
 4. M. Hartop - A. Hartop 156

July - Annual Meeting Game (22½ tables):

- Overall: 1. Jonnifer Paynter - Dianne Kinakin
 2/3. Ann Hartop - Howard Sussman
 2/3. Dan Jacobs - Doug Andrews
 4. Ted & Ruby Trosise
 5. John Bryden - Mike Hartop
 6. Mike Moffatt - Sylvia Castagner

N-S (Section A)

1. T. & R. Trerise 128
 2. D. Morrison - M. Fines 121
 3. D. Tynon - B. MacLeod 120
 4. P. Glen - G. Glen 119

E-W

1. Hartop - Sussman 133.44
 2/3. H. Liang - H. Liang 116.44
 2/3. K. Holland - B. Kennedy 116.44
 4. B. Green - P. Green 115

N-S (Section B)

1. Paynter - Kinakin 137
 2. Jacob - Andrews 134½
 3. Bryden - Hartop 125
 4. E. Jack - A. Andersen 118

E-W

1. Moffatt - Castagner 122
 2. D. Forsyth - H. Lum 117½
 3. A. Freeze - D. Freeze 113½
 4. R. Andersen - I. Andersen 109½

* CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RACE *

1. Ina Anderson 6.06
 2. Joan Groome 5.82
 3. Mike Hartop 5.62
 4. Richard Andersen 4.02
 5/6. Axel & Margret Schulmann 3.95
 7/8. Tony & Joan Marsh 2.67
 9. Ann Hartop 2.56
 10/11. D. (Jim) Paskaruk 2.32
 10/11. Merrilee Elliott 2.32

VANCOUVER:

May (17 tables):

- Overall: 1. Jacob - Ballantyne
 2. Peters - O'Reilly
 3. R. Betts - Delisle
 4. Bryden - Andrews
 5. Stanford - Van Lieshout

N-S

1. Peters - O'Reilly 188
 2. Trites - Weinstein 174½
 3. Chapelle - McOrmond 174
 4. Berry - Grassby 171½
 5. Hurdles 168½
 6. MacDuff - Dimitch 167½
 7. L. Strebinger - Barrington 161

E-W

1. Jacob - Ballantyne 194
 2. Betts - Delisle 184
 3. Bryden Andrews 183½
 4. Stanford - Van Lieshout 181½
 5. Potzold - Dohl 176
 6. Hoy - Steil 167½
 7. Brander - Miller 166

June (12 tables):

Overall: 1. Herold - McIlwain
 2. Davis - Hoff
 3. Cooper - Arbour
 4. L. Strebinger - Boll
 5/6. Potzold - Levine
 5/6. Van Lieshout - Stanford

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Davis - Hoff	128½	1. Herold - McIlwain	139.5
2. Cooper - Arbour	124½	2. Shoring - Neid	116.5
3. Strebinger - Boll	120	3. Smilie - Allen	114.5
4/5. Potzold - Levine	119½	4/5. Kwan - Pratt	113.5
4/5. Van Lieshout - Stanford	119½	4/5. Steils	113.5

IT'S YOUR BID

by Aidan Ballantyne

Since there were only four hands this time it was possible to explore some of the theory underlying the problems. Luckily a wide sampling of opinion was available; there were 29 responses from Western Canada and our neighbours to the South.

For each question the top award went to the majority answer. The awards for other bids more-or-less reflect the editor's viewpoint.

1. Matchpoints, Both Vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
QT3	1C	P	P	Dbl
J43	Redbl	2S	?	
864				
J753				

Ah, the redouble: Bridge's chameleon which, depending on the context, can take on the shades of SOS, describe controls, trump support, trump honours or suggest defense. In the present situation partner is certainly showing good clubs (he's prepared to play in 1C**) and a good hand (with just clubs he might have jump rebid clubs). There are indications his hand is somewhat flat (he might have introduced a new suit) but not in the 1N or 2N trump range. In all cases, the redouble seeks co-operation in the ensuing action. This is why, having passed once, you must try to find a bid if you have one.

The panel was divided into two camps, bidding either 3C or 2N.

First, the matchpoint artists:

Dave Waterman: "2NT. This is very descriptive. It shows a spade piece and some sort of club fit. Partner's decision will now be easier when they bid more spades."

Leo Steil: "2N. I have a maximum for my first bid and a potential spade stop. Too many clubs to defend."

Dave House: "2NT. I don't feel real comfortable but it's matchpoints. I can't have more and I seem to have a spade stopper. I've made my one squeak, and can stand a return to 3C."

Jim Dickie: "2NT. Spade 10 made me do it."

You detect a note of uncertainty in these comments? As Leo reminds us, the stopper is 'potential'. Perhaps 2N should be reserved for a hand with better spades and fewer clubs, say Kx or QJx of spades and Qxx or Qx of clubs. The notrump bidders remind me a bit of a halfback who breaks around the line, eludes three tacklers and makes a dazzling run down the sideline. The only problem is he's left the ball at the line of scrimmage.

The majority sensibly pointed out that a club raise has much to offer:

Doug Andrews: "3C. Trying first for a plus score. I may get a chance if the auction continues to show my spade stopper."

Yes, you don't always have to get to the magic spot to get matchpoints. And there are tactical reasons:

Lauren Miller: "3C. I'd like to welcome the opponents back into the auction and 3C does this with open arms whereas 2NT is a red flag."

Many panelists (e.g. Duncan Smith, Alex Orlandini) pointed out that 3C did not preclude arriving at 3NT as partner can cue 3S or even bid it himself:

Al Simon: "3C. He might hold K A10x Axx AKxxxx. It is tempting to bid 2 or 3NT, but if partner has the above hand he should bid 3NT himself."

The veteran matchpoint players realise that the opponents rarely roll over and play dead but usually compete. For these reasons it might be better to emphasize support rather than spade cards, since you have so many clubs, Thus:

Dave Westfall: "3C. Might make 5C, or 5C might be a good sacrifice. Since I'll never bid again it will be his fault if he makes the wrong decision."

Naturally there were a couple of dissenters, one from a respected source:

Gord McOrmond: "My distribution is okay, but I have a minimum pass in view of my wasted SQ. Partner must have an excellent unbalanced hand in view of his failure to rebid 1NT or show a suit at his last opportunity, therefore I will wait for him to compete once more."

But will he compete? His redouble surely doesn't promise another bid. It's true that a pass may save a number, and maybe you're playing with Mr. Haida Club, in which case you're safe, as he'll bid for sure. . .

Andy Nagy: "3C. At matchpoints you never defend 2S."

Not even for -230?

AWARDS: 3C = 100 (14 votes), 2N = 70 (8 votes), P = 40 (6 votes), Db1 = 30 (1 vote).

2. Matchpoints, E-W Vul.

3
J8643
Q6
QT952

	N	E	S	W
1NT		2S	P	P
Db1	P		?	

Many objected to the conditions of contest saying they would have bid over 2S. Just what should be bid is another problem. For example, playing Lebensohl, would you sign off in clubs or hearts? Perhaps 2N is the right spot and the only way to reach it is to let partner bid it. In any case the auction is not over. But what is this double all about?

A minority played it as penalties:

Julie Smith: "Pass. Penalty double the way we play."

Len Feeny: "Pass. I always respect my partner's doubles, he must have good spade values."

Some were not as sure but were no doubt hoping for that magical +200:

Andy Nagy: "Pass. Playing with Ballantyne I would pull to 3C."

No faith, partner! Of course Andy's seen me defend before.

Jim Dickie: "Pass. Dazed - confused - would have neg x'd 2S."

The modern style was best summarized by Duncan Smith: "I play partner's double of East's bid as take-out oriented, whereas a sequence of 1NT P P 2S X is more for penalties."

One might add that if the NT bidder re-opens with 2NT, this usually shows a long, probably solid minor, with a spade stop.

Given that the double is take-out, there are two main approaches:
(1) Put pressure on the opponents by bidding 'em up, and (2) Keep the level as low as possible and try to get both suits in so that a co-operative decision might be made should the opponents keep bidding spades. In a long analysis Joel Martineau suggested that the latter is best unless the hand belongs to the opponents. Joel thinks that in this case N-S owns the plus:

"3H. While I'm sure few people will bid the hand this slowly, I know that it is the style that works best for me, and my favorite partners know it too. The opponents have at least a 9-card spade fit, and will almost surely be heard from again. Then I'll very likely be able to get my 4C bid in and now partner will be able to make a sensible 4-level decision. But if I jump to 4 hearts and 4S eventually comes round to her it will be more of a guess."

"Hor"! Yes, Joel does play regularly with women: once every February 29.

Implied similar arguments to Joel's:

Lauren Miller: "3H. This could be a double game swing hand, so I'm going to play Caspar Milquetoast for now."

But there are other reasons for bidding only 3H:

Dick Yarrington: "3H. Should be just ducky at matchpoints."

Yes, +140 or +170 would be worth many matchpoints. Besides, the opponents may not bid again thinking they've been doubled for penalties at the two level! An alert should be forthcoming if your partnership has an agreement that the double is take-out.

And now for the Dwight Stones of the bridge world:

Gord McOrmond: "4H. Partner is showing a maximum notrump hand with takeout shape over spades. My chances of making 4H's are probably not that good, but I don't want the opponents to get a chance to play 3S. If they compete to 4S, I'll double and take my chances."

Subash Gupta: "4H. Exerts maximum pressure. I don't want to bid clubs and help them defend."

Al Simon: "4H. All my minor honours are working - this is a good fit. I realize that even +170 or plus 200 in 3H is a good matchpoint score, and I might bid only 3H if I felt that we had a rock going and didn't want to risk going minus. (The last time this happened was at a 4-table Howell at the Martinique Bridge Studio on a Tuesday afternoon in 1974.)"

And then there were some fence-sitters:

Dave House: "3C. I know +200 is a magic no., and I'd love to sit and lead my QD but I don't think our game needs this tension, so I bid my best and cheapest suit."

This kind of consideration makes Dave a popular partner. There is some merit in trying to avoid cold zeroes on confusing hands and trying to escape with your boots on to fight the next battle. It's surprising how many barefoot players there are after the sixth round of an average session.

Like skiing bridge has its hot-doggers, or, free-stylists:

Al Chapelle: "2NT. Should be T/O especially at this vulnerability. Will show my two suits by converting 3D to 3H. Over 3H I'll cue 3S, over 3C I'll jump to 4H."

Dave Waterman: "Partner's double should be take-out since he is under the bid, but my spades make that unlikely. In any case, I will bid 2NT. If doubled, I will redouble, and he will find a club or heart fit. For that reason, 2NT is better than an immediate 3C or 3H."

A redouble there would take guts. The last time I tried a similar one I went for 2800. Rick Bennett, who used to play bridge, was my partner. However, if 2NT is not for take-out then it is perhaps the best bid since it allows N-S to reach their best partscore and also describes the lack of defense to partner.

Finally, an imaginative bid from our President:

Sid Levy: "I bid 3S. His double shows a good hand without spades."

This is certainly the most flexible approach to the game-level.

AWARDS: 4H = 100 (13 votes), 3H = 90 (7 votes), 3S = 80 (1 vote),
3C = 70 (2 votes), 2N = 70 (2 votes), Pass = 50 (4 votes).

3. IMPs, N-S Vul.

	N	E	S	W
64				1S
J854	P	1NT	P	2H
J532	3C	P	?	
AK7				

As expected the panel was split almost straight down the middle as to the meaning of partner's delayed overcall. The first school of thought, not popular since Mike Lawrence 'revolutionized' the overcall, is that you always pass when you have length in their suit, even with good hands. If everything goes according to plan they will get into trouble and you can chalk up a hefty penalty or at least stay out of trouble yourself. The second, more modern approach, is that you get into the auction as early as possible (assuming you can make a reasonable bid). I know from the first hand of bridge I ever played that I was more inclined to adopt this latter philosophy of getting in early; the dealer was on my left but before he could utter a word I'd jumped in with 1S.

First, from the old school that feels game might be in the offing:

Lauren Miller: "5C. Apparently my partner is one of those types who don't like to bid the first time with length in the opponents' suit. My red suit stoppers are too slow and tentative for 3NT - partner needs an honour in both of them and if he has that plus seven clubs and good spades I'm going to punish the sucker. Maybe they'll see anyway."

Well, maybe it's Lauren's partner who's really the old-timer.

Al Chapelle: "5C. Partner has spades and clubs (4-2-1-6) and an opening hand. I think we can make 5C but not 3NT."

Eleven tricks may be possible without a trump lead, but how about nine?

Dan Jacob: "3NT. Partner must have a very good hand to come in with 3C without the AK of clubs or he has Q-seventh and extra stuff."

The advantage of playing 3N from the South side is that you won't have to show everyone your red suit junk. The opponents might misdefend.

There were some more tentative approaches to 3N. . .

Duncan Smith: "3H. Asking pard to bid NT if he holds a heart stop to go along with his excellent (3C is not balancing in any way) black hand. I owe him a move with such super clubs. Pass is a tip-off that you have been smoking something really good, and 4C is inadequate, because partner's good spades are well-placed and trumps are no problem."

Dave Westfall: "3 Spades. Partner has seven clubs and some outside defensive and or offensive tricks, 3NT has a good play if he has spades stopped; if not 4 clubs should be safe (would be easier if partner would just overcall vulnerable 2C instead of waiting until the 3-level vul. vs. not."

Most would play a 3-level cue as asking so I personally prefer 3H to 3S. It's pretty certain partner has spades. Too bad you can't cue all three of your unstopped suits!

Those of the modern school were content to pass knowing that partner was helping N-S into a dying auction (East limited his hand with 1NT and West rebid 2H only). This type of 'advance balance' becomes possible when partner denies an overcall by passing 1S.

Thus:

Dick Simpson: "Pass. Partner is bidding my hand; plenty of time yet to suck the opponents into an overbid or to support clubs; looks to me like we have a lot of losers."

Pam Forsythe: "Pass. Partner is just pre-balancing. . . luv partners who pre-balance."

And it looks like Jacob-McOrmond are heading for another misunderstanding:

Gord McOrmond: "Pass. Partner couldn't overcall originally because his hand wasn't very good. Since he must have long clubs this gives him anywhere from a minimum opening to a preempt with a bad suit. I don't like my red-suit stoppers for notrump and I don't like my club length for contracting game in clubs so I'll pass."

AWARDS: Pass = 100 (14 votes), 3N = 70 (9 votes), 3H = 60 (1 vote),
3S = 50 (2 votes), 5C = 40 (3 Votes).

4. IMPs, Not Vul.

	N	E	S	W
KJT74	1H	P	1S	P
Q2	2C	P	2D	P
Q53	2H	P	?	
KQ6				

This was supposed to be a delicate fourth-suit force problem, but unfortunately the 2D bid was not alerted so many were a bit mystified by the published sequence.

First, from those who don't seem to play fourth suit forcing to game. Just about everyone signed off in the notrump game:

Dave Schmidt &

Lon Feeny: "3 No Trump - South should be declarer to protect his holding. The previous diamond bid should discourage a diamond lead, so this should be our best spot for game."

Actually, if partner has a doubleton diamond honour it may play better from the other side, but you don't have too much choice at this point if 2D is not game-forcing.

Harold Hansen: "3NT. Can't afford to miss a fair chance for game at IMPs."

The relatively low award for 3NT bidders is perhaps unjust for the above group. Sometimes you get fixed. . .

Everyone has his own theories concerning the 4th suit forcing sequences. In my experience partner's hierarchy of priorities over 2D is something like this: (1) show 3-card spade support (2) rebid a 6-card heart suit (3) rebid a five-card club suit (4) bid 2 or 3N with a diamond stopper (there are various schools of opinion regarding which level of NT shows a better hand) and (5) bid by the seat of your pants if none of the above fits.

In the present case partner probably has #2 (with or without a diamond stopper) or #5 (in which case he doesn't have a diamond stopper but probably has 5 good hearts).

Being in a forcing situation it is possible to make a waiting bid hoping for clarification. The problem is that many bids by responder at this stage carry implicit meanings.

For example,

Duncan Smith: "3 forcing Clubs. Contrary to popular belief, I like to reach the best contract, and 3C will give me enough information to avoid being the two things I fear most at the bridge table, (1) stupid, and (2) psychotic, and not necessarily in that order."

Yes, 3C is a nice easy bid, but unfortunately partner is likely to think you're making a slam try in clubs, and here you have a hand many would consider too poor to force to game.

Another temporizing favorite:

Gord McOrmond: "2N - forcing and waiting. Partner should try to describe his hand better and then I will choose the final contract."

Again, this might lead to some confusion. Partner might think you are trying to show a flat hand with extras, according to the principle of slow versus fast arrival. Those nuances often remain undiscussed, even by some of the most experienced partnerships.

The overwhelming majority was for heart raises.

Dave Waterson: "3H. Partner can bid NT on the way with a partial diamond stop."

Alex Orlandini: "3H - what else?"

Dick Yarrington: "We're in a forcing auction, no need to beller out 3NT. I'll just show my heart tolerance and leave it up to partner to pick the spot."

Here too there is some ambiguity. Those of the slow arrival school would play this as a slam try in hearts. After all, most of the time responder is able to pick the spot after three bids by opener. This accounts, perhaps, for the following calls:

Les Fouks: "4H - his hand is probably 6H-4C."

Dave House: "4H. I have a minimum for my fourth-suit bid; pard likely has 6 hearts and 3 or 4 clubs, and I have honours in both of his suits. Principle of fast arrival i.e., that's all I have pard, a minimum opener."

There is one bid that neatly circumvents all treacherous ground:

Dan Jacob: "2S. There are many bids available that may work. Unfortunately, you can't be sure how many hearts he's got."

Joel Martineau: "2S. My entire approach towards bidding at IMPs strives to get to contracts that will make and definitely avoid those that won't. The price is that the defenders often have extra, useful information. The advantage is that on this hand, I won't find myself in 3NT looking at Qx AKxxx xx Axxx, when 4S is better, and partner won't be in 4H with x AKxxx Jxx AT9x, but 3N which is better."

Yes, 2S is more flexible than the other waiting bids since it may allow N-S to reach a good 4S game. More important, perhaps, is that it doesn't hint at extras. One thing you don't want to do is get a level too high with this handful of Canadian dollars.

AWARDS: 3H = 100 (7 votes), 2S = 90 (3 votes), 2N = 80 (5 votes), 4H = 70 (6 votes), 3C = 60 (2 votes), 3N = 40 (6 votes).

Congratulations to this edition's winner, Ken Dang, from Prince George, with a perfect score. Dick Yarrington was second with 390, and Al Simon, editor of the CBF Digest's bidding contest was third with 380. No Vancouverite made the top six, truly a good sign for bridge in this area.

Ken didn't submit comments, preferring to maintain his ancestral tradition of inscrutability.

The Name of the Game

"The longer I stay in this game the more I realize that winning isn't so much about talent or intelligence or flair, it is about concentration, about absolute determination to see the job done..."

Vic Rapp, Head Coach, B.C. Lions.

THE '81-82 IMP LEAGUE

Whew! It's finally over! Congratulations to the 'A' League winners Christina and Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Richard Christie, Al Chapelle and Dennis Dohl. Congratulations also to 'B' League conquerors Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, John Whittlesey and Brian Dixon.

'B' League Recap

The 'B' League consisted of four teams who played a double round-robin. The play-off for the title was between the Hodson team (Chuck Hodson, Avril Hodson, Madeleine Decker and Jack Tucker) and the Stiennon Team (Thony Stiennon, Betty Hamilton, John Whittlesey and Brian Dixon). Stiennon won a close match to take the title.

'A' League

The final round-robin standings for the 'A' League were:

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Matches Won</u>	<u>Victory Points</u>
1.	Ballantyne	13	11	203
2.	Jacob	13	8	172
3.	Dimich	13	10	166
4.	Bryden	13	9	165
5.	Hawkes	13	8	162
6.	McCully	13	8	149
7.	R. Betts	13	7	136
8.	Gerrie	12	5	112
9.	S. Borg	13	5	105
10/11.	Martineau	13	6	100
10/11.	May	13	5	100
12.	Kinakin	12	4	100
13.	Sussman	13	2	70
14.	Groome	13	2	46

In semi-final action, Bryden played Ballantyne and Jacob played Dimich. Ballantyne limped into the final defeating Bryden by 24 IMPs, Jacob rolled over Dimich by 77 IMPs. In the ultimate match Jacob easily defeated Ballantyne by 35 IMPs to take the 'A' League title, thus avenging a mid-season blitz at the hands of the round-robin winners.

The final featured some lively hands. The Jacob team out-bid the Ballantyne team and fully deserved the victory.

Here was one hand that gave Ballantyne the opportunity of a comeback in the second half but was blown by the losing team:

Cam Lindsay

xx

AJ9xx

AKTxxx

Vul: E-W

(directions re-arranged)

Gord McOrmond

ATxxxxx

xxx

Qxx

Dan Jacob

QJxxx

ATxxxx

Q

x

Aidan Ballantyne

K

KQJxx

KT8x

Jxx

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1H	2S	3C	4S
P	F	5D	P
?			

In first seat Ballantyne began dubiously with 1H. McOrmond bid 2S, 3C by Lindsay, 4S by Jacob. It was time to apply the brakes; Pass by Ballantyne, pass by McOrmond, 5D by Lindsay, pass by Jacob. What do you do as South??

A pass by South at this stage wins a double game swing as E-W was allowed to play 4S at the other table after this auction:

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
P	P	1C	2C(Michaels)
P	4S	P!	P
P			

However Ballantyne felt that 5D must be forcing, but to what? His table feel having deserted him, Ballantyne tried logic!?? He decided 5D should be forcing to 6C or 5H, perhaps being a cue bid implying heart support (not much room at this level!). Accordingly he bid 5H. Lindsay passed thinking South had a weak hand with long hearts and now Jacob had a problem! He could take an undoubled plus or risk bidding again and force N-S into a makeable minor suit slam. Since 5S looked on, Jacob took his chances and bid 5S, pass, pass to Lindsay. Double. Making 5S doubled to lose 5 IMPs only when East must lead a heart to make sure of beating 6 of a minor! It seems that on this hand, North does better by bidding diamonds first, anticipating the opponents' pre-emption. Now clubs can be introduced later for a simple preference.

In Memoriam

Our Unit is deeply saddened by the passing, on June 24th, of Barrie Barrington. Barrie loved bridge and in health was most often seen playing with his partner in life, Phyllis.

Barrie was a gentleman and a purist. He took a great interest in bidding problems and had a tremendous record in the Bridge World's "Master Solvers" bidding contests.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Phyllis and to other members of Barrie's family and wide circle of friends.

Barrie's Hand

Not long ago Barrie phoned the Matchpointer to submit a theoretical problem. Assuming South holds S. Void, H. A, D. A. C. AKQJT9xxxxx, and East, on your right, opens 7S, what should you do?

Barrie's answer, which reflected his appreciation of the logical beauty inherent in the game, was this: "Overcall 7Nt with complete assurance of a make; to bid 7 off three aces, East must have 13 solid spades. Therefore West must lead one of your suits and you can claim!"

CLUB NEWS

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BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB.....1491 Carleton, Burnaby. Pat Carruthers
new manager.

On June 1st, the club held a farewell party for Nadine McInnis, club manager. A charity game was held with the proceeds going to the charity of Nadine's choice. \$110 was collected for Boys Club, North Van., Meals on Wheels, and Girl Guides of Canada. There was an excellent turn-out of 27-tables. The overall winners: Madeleine Becker-John Richoux. Second place went to Mary Fines and Ev Hodge.

The club will operate in the summer. A contest similar to last summer is being planned. The overall winners for July and August will be awarded free plays at future sectionals. Game-time on Tuesday evenings is at 7:30 p.m. sharp. If you need a partner, come at least 15 minutes early. Our Friday morning game is cancelled. There will be a new regular game starting September 13th at 10:30 a.m.

For further information phone Pat Carruthers at 420-6573 or our Director, Don Fraser, at 291-8149.

Many thanks to Catriona who has done a great job collecting news from the various clubs.

NEW IMF LEAGUE

As usual, the deadline for entering the IMF League is the Evergreen Sectional, Sunday, September 19th. The new conditions of contest, voted on by the Unit Board, are: Flight 'A' - no master point restrictions, Flight 'B' - no one with over 1000 Master points may play in Flight B. It is hoped that the relatively mild restrictions on Flight 'D' participation will help balance out the two flights. This past year Flight A was a bit top-heavy and the schedule was far too long. Players are reminded that they may play in one flight only, according to ACBL policy. So get your teams - together! This is one of the few opportunities to play team bridge in a non-tournament setting.

For further information call the IMF League Commissioner, Jenny Paynter, at 438-3095.

Advertisement

Betty Hamilton wants to start a form of co-operative which may be of interest to tournament players. The idea is to form a network of people who would be interested in buying and selling breakfast and bed in a private home setting in towns where tournaments are being held. This form of hospitality exchange would counter the high rates of hotel accommodation.

A fee would be charged to those wishing to join the co-operative (\$3.00 is a price that has been suggested). Bed and Breakfast would be priced at something like \$12 for a single and \$15 for a double.

Any one interested can reach Betty Hamilton at 604-274-7465, between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends.

1982 ROTHMANS CANADIAN TEAMS

There was disappointment in Regina at the CNTC National Final for British Columbia's two representatives. The zone winners, Jim McAvoy, Duncan Smith, Jim Dickie, Peter Herold, Lauren Miller and Don Brander finished the round-robin in the middle of the pack failing to make the playoffs. The second team of Rhonda Betts, Connie Delisle, Sherman Kwan, Greg Arbour, Laurence Betts and Mike "Have bridge will travel" Dimich finished further behind. However, there were some triumphs, including this one for the Betts' Team.

Laurence Betts

xxx
xxx
xxxx
axx

Vul: Both

AJxx

Jxxxx
xxxx

KQxxxx
xxx
KQxx

Mike Dimich

AKQJxxx

KQJT9x

	S	W	N	E
				1S
	2H!	4S	5H	5S
	6C	F	6H	6S
	P*	F	7H	Dbl
	all pass			

This freak was the talk of the tournament. Mike Dimich tried the tiptoe approach, with great success. Sitting East-West were two of the East's best players, Mark Molson and Doris Baran. The doubled grand slam would have gone down on a club lead (East no doubt intended his double as "Lightner") but in practice, it made. At the other table Sherman Kwan and Greg Arbour played in 6S Doubled and making. This put the swing off the IMF scale!!

*=1st round control of spades

It's your bid returns in the next issue. New copy goes to Sandy McIlwain, 205-2115 Cypress Street, Vanc., V6J 3M3, Tel. 731-1495. Send Club news to Catrona Brown, 102-2233 West 1st Ave., Vancouver, Tel. 738-1335.

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ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

November 26-28 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond, BC

Friday, N/26: 1:30 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 pm MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
NOVICE PAIRS: 0-20 Master Points

Saturday, N/27: 1:00 pm & FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 2 sessions
7:30 pm (playthrough)
FLIGHT 'A': No Master Point Restrictions
FLIGHT 'B': 0-750 Master Points

Sunday, N/28: 11:00 am & OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
4:30 pm

Free coffee and muffins Sunday at 10:30.

PLEASE NOTE! Early Starting Times Saturday & Sunday

Tournament Director: Margo Johnson
Tournament Chairman: Al Chapelle
Partnerships: Jenny Paynter

SIDE GAMES AS WARRANTED
BY ATTENDANCE

All events \$4.50 per player per session, except Novice Pairs \$3.50 per.

And, for the first time, the Vancouver Unit of The American Contract
Bridge League presents, for novice players and all those with under
100 Master Points, the

**** FUTURE STARS ****

Duplicate Bridge Tournament,

November 13 & 14 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
990 W 59
Vancouver, BC

This Special Event will feature Orientation Sessions before the games and
a Post-Game Panel Show hosted by local luminaries. There will be a bar,
and above all, the chance to Win Big against your peers. TURN THE PAGE
FOR DETAILS AND GAME TIMES.

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The Unit Final for the Grand National Pairs will be held on:

Sunday, October 24 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
990 W 59
Vancouver

STARTING TIMES: 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm. ENTRY FEE: \$4.25 per session
Director: Brian May (Qualifiers listed within)

FUTURE STARS TOURNAMENT

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Saturday, Nov. 13 - 12:00 noon: Orientation - an introduction to Duplicate Bridge Play, the Tournament scene, and allowable conventions

1:30 & : Flighted Open Pairs (2 session playthrough)

7:30 pm Flight A - 0-100 Master Points
 Flight B - 0-20 Master Points

11:30 pm: Panel Show - Four of the city's most experienced players field questions on Duplicate Bridge and on the day's most exciting hands

Sunday, Nov. 14 - 10:15 am: Orientation - an introduction to Team Play - Free Coffee & Muffins

11:00 am & : Swiss Teams - 2 sessions (for teams of 4-6 players)

4:30 pm

Trophies for Winners

Door Prizes

Bar Service

Orientation & Panel Show Free

Tournament Director: Phil Wood

Organizers: John Reeve (872-4108)

Al Chapelle

Gord McOrmond

For Partnership help, call Jenny Paynter at 438-3095, or just come down early and we'll find you a partner or team.

Entry Fees: \$3.50 per player per session.

CNTC 1983

Please note that the conditions of contest for the Canadian National Teams have changed. You may now play as often as you like, and with any team you like, until you qualify. After you have Q'd, you may not play again. Please contact clubs for game times.

IT'S YOUR BID

As if he didn't do enough work on The Matchpointer, I asked our publisher John Bryden to supply this issue's problems. Here they are:

1. Matchpoints. None vul.

2. IMP's. Both vul.

You, South, hold: QJx
 Kxx
 x
 AJ10xxx

You hold: void
 AJ109xxx
 Qxx
 Jxx

The bidding proceeds:

W N E S

1D P 3D* ? *pre-emptive

W N E S
1S 2NT 4S ?

3. Matchpoints. E-W vul.

4. IMP's. N-S vul.

5. Matchpoints. Both vul.

You hold: J10xx
 J10xx
 AJ10x
 x

x
AJ
AKJxx
A109xx

Jxxx
xxx
x
KJ10xx

W N E S
- 1D Db1 ?

W N E S
- 1H P 2D
P 2S P 3C
P 3S P ?

W N E S
- 1S 2D 2S
3D 4D 4H P
P 4S P P
5D P P ?

Send answers to John at
165 W40, Van. V5Y 2R3, or
to me: 205-2115 Cypress, Van., before Nov. 26.

'83 REGIONAL

The 1983 Vancouver Regional will be held in Vancouver. This is the final decision of the DINO board. The card fees will be \$6.00 per session. The Unit will be cutting costs wherever possible, and your support will be needed to ensure that Vancouver will have Regionals in years to come.

TOURNAMENT RESULTSEdmonton Regional

Open Pairs: 2. Doug Baldwin - Doug Andrews
 Master Pairs, Flight A: 3. Elaine Ryan - Doug Andrews
 Super Open Pairs, Flight A: 6. John Hurdle - Doug Andrews
 Knockout Teams: 2. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully - Doug Andrews
 (Guess who submitted these?)

Anchorage Regional

Women's Pairs: 1. Marg Havens
 Men's Pairs: 6. Doug Cowan - Hobart Liang
 Open Swiss: 6/10: Doug & Julie Cowan - Hobart & Hanna Liang

Vancouver Evergreen Sectional (383 Tables)

Men's Pairs (42 pairs):

1. Cam Lindsay - Don Brazeau, both Vancouver
2. Andy Nagy - Laurence Betts, both Vancouver
3. Dave House - Greg Arbour, both Vancouver

Ladies' Pairs (60 pairs):

1. Anne Nagy, -Van. - Jean Groome, Delta
2. Shirley McKinney, N. Van. - Julie Smith, W. Van.
3. C.P. Brown - Phil Kallberg, both Van.

Mixed Pairs (78 pairs):

1. Elaine Brockman, Issaquah, WA - Hal Rodd, Van.
2. Bernie Hoy - Jennifer Paynter, both Van.
3. Sefton Levine, Van. - Connie Hamm, Tacoma.

Junior Pairs (18 pairs):

- 1/2. Don & Denise McKay, both New West.
- 1/2. Michael & Jane Hurley, Both Van.
3. Glen Hillson - Wayne Atmore, both Van.

Side Event (18 pairs):

1. Shirley McKinney, N. Van. - Julie Smith, W. Van.
2. John McDonald, Delta - Gordon Estrada, Langley
3. Dena Ulman, Gladstone, OR - Maureen Wood, Richmond

Open Pairs (108 pairs):

1. Mike Champion - Don Gray, both Victoria
2. Bob Gerrie, Richmond - Fred Sontag, Van.
3. Ted Hicks - Jim Marshall, both Coquitlam

Consolation Pairs (62 pairs):

1. John Kamb, Mt. Vernon, WA - Dennis Dohl, Van.
2. Rhonda Betts - Bob Sauve, both Van.
3. Nick Stock - Sandy McIlwain, both Van.

Knockout Teams (8 teams):

1. Gerry McCully - Doug Baldwin - Doug Andrews - Dan Jacob - Michael Dimich - Gord McOrmond, all Van.
2. Alan Chapelle - Lawrence Betts - Mike Hargreaves - Don Brazeau, all Van.

Knockout Teams (cont'd:

- 3/4. Don Brander - Paul Hagen - Aidan Ballantyne - Ron Borg - Bob Connop, all Van.
 3/4. Andy Nagy - Anne Nagy - Sharon Lee Crapko - Connie Delisle, all Van.

Board-a-Match Teams (30 teams)

1. Michael Dimich - Joel Martineau - Dennis Dohl, all Van. - John Kamb, Mt. Vernon
 2. Dan Jacob - Gord McOrmond - Aidan Ballantyne, all Van. - Dick Yarrington, Seattle
 3. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully - Sherman Kwan - Ron Pratt, all Van.

Swiss Teams - 0-1000 Master Points (44 teams)

1. Mike Champion - Irene Brown - Don Amstutz, all Victoria - Laureen Holley, Van.
 2/3. Al & Donna Freeze - Betty Hamilton - Thony Stiennon
 2/3. Brian Dixon, John Whittlesey, Colin Collin, Walter Link, all Van.

More from Edmonton:

Open Pairs, Flight B: 1. Ray & Leslie Morrison, Delta
 Swiss Teams, Flight A: 2/3. Joel Martineau

TROPHY STANDINGS

With one sectional remaining, the ever-jovial Michael Dimich is already working on his acceptance speech. Here's how they look:

Phil Wood (over 200)

1. Michael Dimich	65.13	11. John Kamb	33.95
2. Doug Baldwin	50.94	12. Andy Nagy	29.52
3. Dan Jacob	46.71	13. Dennis Dohl	28.69
4. Doug Andrews	45.96	14. Morris Potzold	28.33
5. Gerry McCully	45.81	15. Mike Champion	27.88
6. Gord McOrmond	44.77	16. Joel Martineau	26.80
7. Bob McDuff	44.35	17/18. Sherman Kwan	24.83
8. Fred Sontag	41.82	17/18. Ron Pratt	24.83
9. Aidan Ballantyne	39.14	19. Henry Lortz	24.46
10. Bob Gerrie	38.74	20. Dick Yarrington	23.72

Under 200

1. Paul Conroy	21.50	6. Les Fouks	14.24
2. Amy DeShaw	15.18	7. Laureen Holley	13.51
3. Alex Kiper	14.94	8. Rod Coote	13.10
4/5. Gordon Back	14.50	9. Ebrahim Mawji	11.95
4/5. Elaine DeShaw	14.50	10/11. R. Sontowski	9.74
		10/11. Nora Cook	9.74

Edith Bonnell

1. Anne Nagy	20.50	6. Gerda Lubeseder	16.30
2. Dee Steil	17.82	7. Phil Kallberg	16.29
3. Catriona Brown	17.65	8. Amy DeShaw	15.18
4. Koos Van Lieshout	17.33	9. Gertie Stanford	14.86
5. Frances Thomson	17.12	10. Elaine DeShaw	14.50

The biggest changes were in the ladies' division, where Brown moved from 8th to 3rd, Steil from 10th to 2nd, and leader Nagy from out of the Top 10.

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

Ten clubs in Unit 430 held qualifying games for the GNP. A total of 216 players are eligible for the next round, which will be held on Sunday October 24 at the Marpole Community Centre, 990 W 59th, sessions starting at 12 noon and 6 p.m.

The largest game, incidentally, was at the Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club, where a remarkable 34 tables turned out.

Here is a complete (I hope) list of Unit hopefuls for 1982:

Wilma Ackhurst CBC
 Marian Adams P
 Stella Alliston P
 Ina Anderson WR,JCC,T
 Doug Andrews JCC,H
 Greg Arbour H
 Doug Baldwin FV
 Aidan Ballantyne JCC,H
 Chan Balendran CL
 Phyllis Barrington H
 George Bell P
 M. Belyea M
 Marg Benoit FV,CL
 Jeannie Bentley WR
 Jim Bergland T
 Joy Berry FV
 Lawrence Betts B
 Rhonda Betts B
 P. Black M
 Pat Blackall JCC,WR
 Beulah Blomme CL
 Ron Borg H
 Don Brander H
 John Bryden H,B
 Wayne Burman CL
 A. Carlson M
 M. Carlson M
 Pat Carruthers B
 Sylvia Castenager FV,WR
 Alan Chapelle H,B
 Henry Chow FV,B,CBC
 Paul Chow FV,B,CBC
 Ron Christie B
 Chris Christofferson B
 Colin Collin WR
 Bob Connop JCC
 Nancy Craig CBC
 Sharon Crapko H
 Tom Cross P
 Mohamed Dadbeh P
 Ken Danielson CL
 Gordon Davis H
 Connie Delisle H
 Denny Denman FV
 Richard DeRou FV
 Cris Diamond H
 Shiela Dickie H
 Ernie Dietrich WR
 Michael Dimich JCC,H
 Ron Dixon JCC
 Dennis Dohl H
 Gordon Estrada T,CL

John Findlay B,JCC
 Claire Forster CBC
 Don Forsyth FV,CL
 Les Fouks H,JCC
 Don Fraser FV,WR
 Al French FV,CL
 Doris Frizzell CBC
 Aban Gerrie P
 Bob Gerrie T,P
 Cliff Glenn B
 Pat Glenn B
 John Godfrey FV
 David Gold T
 Leslie Gold T,WR
 Ida Goodland B,CBC
 Doris Grant B
 Pat Grant B
 Bert Green WR
 Phyllis Green WR
 Jean Groome T,H,WR
 Ron Groome T,H,WR
 Jan Haddow B
 Paul Hagen H
 Beryl Hamilton B
 Ron Hansen H
 Harold Hansen JCC
 Doug Hansford WR, CL
 Bill Hartford CL
 Anne Hartop FV,B
 Mike Hartop FV,B
 Ian Hayter P
 Heinz Hennberger FV
 Peter Herold WR
 Adrian Hicks JCC
 Ted Hicks FV,CL,WR
 Ev Hodge P,B
 Avril Hodson B
 Chuck Hodson B
 Inge Hoehn M
 William Hoehn M
 Mel Hoff T,H
 Ken Holland WR
 Joyce Hollett CL
 Laureen Holley B
 Gordon Horne FV
 Dave House H
 R. Ianculescu H,B
 Dianne Isfield JCC,WR
 Cristina Jacob B
 Dan Jacob FV,H,B
 Selene Jacobson WR
 George Joneson M
 Don Jorgenson WR,JCC

Al Kalberg P
 B. Kelleher B
 T. Kelleher B
 Sophus Kelly WR
 William Kennedy WR,FV
 Dianne Kinakin H,B
 Tom Kinakin H
 Betty King P
 Alex Kiper B
 Jan Kirkpatrick B
 Aneel Korde JCC
 Moyna Krusell H
 Sherman Kwan H

L. Landau H
 P. Landau H
 L. Lee H
 R. Lee B
 Hanna Liang FV
 Hobart Liang FV
 Walter Link WR
 Bow Liu H
 M. Loomer H
 Sam Lucow JCC
 Herby Lum FV,P,CBC

Gladys Mackie B
 Don Major B
 Joan Marsh CL
 Tony Marsh CL
 Jim Marshall FV
 Joel Martineau FV,H
 Lilli Masil WR
 Wilf May WR,FV
 Pauly McClafferty P
 Ron McConnell CL
 Sandy McCreery JCC
 Debby McCully B,CL
 Gerry McCully FV
 Jim McCully FV,CL
 John McDonald T
 Sandy McIlwain H
 Shirley McKinney CBC
 Ian McLennan JCC
 Chester Michmo FV
 Keith Miller P
 Lauren Miller H
 Pearl Minkoff T
 Sid Minkoff T
 Joycie Miura JCC
 Mike Moffat FV,WR
 Donna Morrison P,B
 Leslie Morrison WR
 Ray Morrison FV

Andy Nagy H
 Anne Nagy H
 Marg Neate P
 Michael Newcombe H

M. Pappas JCC
 Jennifer Paynter T,H
 Joyce Peters B,CBC
 B. Pinsky JCC
 Larry Pocock B,CL
 Ron Pratt H
 T. Prediger H

M. Reiffer H
 Joan Richards CBC
 Jack Ritch FV
 Hal Rodd JCC
 Ron Ross JCC
 B. Rubboli M
 Elaine Ryan T

Gladys Sagen CL
 M. Salmond M
 Bob Sauve H
 Dave Schmidt B,CL
 Anne Scott P
 Mary Scott P
 Terry Scott P
 Sid Segal H,JCC
 F. Shedden M
 Shiela Shoring JCC
 Siavosh Siassi B
 Linda Sims H
 Gary Skoropada CL
 Julie Smith CBC
 Murdoch Smith P
 Fred Sontag T,WR
 Dee Steil JCC
 Leo Steil JCC
 Thony Stiennon WR
 Nick Stock JCC,H
 T. Stokes M
 Jeff Stone CBC
 Doug Strachan JCC,P
 Lisa Strebinger H,B
 Mary Sutherland CBC
 Charlie Swanson JCC

Ben Takemori H
 Maureen Taylor CL
 Jim Trerise P
 Joyce Turner CBC
 Doris Tynan CL R. Vaiu FV

Jill Wainborn B
 Grace Wakebayshi B
 Derek Ward CL
 David Waterman H
 Francis Waters JCC
 Dan Watson JCC
 Dave Westfall WR
 Sandi White B,CBC
 L. Wick M
 Marguerite Wiggins T,CL,WR
 Dunc Williams B
 Dianne Wilson B
 Mildred Wohlleben JCC
 Ted Worsfold CL
 Rose Wrean P

A. Yallouz B
 N. Yallouz B

B: Burnaby DBC, CL: Cloverdale BC,
 CBC: Community BC (W. Van.), FV: Fraser Valley BC
 H: Haida BC, JCC: Jewish Community Centre,
 M: Malaspina BC (Powell River), P: Pemberton BC,
 T: Tsawwassen BC, WR: White Rock BC

UNIT GAME RESULTS

VANCOUVER:

August (18 Tables):

- Overall: 1. L. Betts - J. McAvoy
 2. Landaus
 3. Pratt - Kwan
 4. O'Reilly - Ballantyne
 5. Stock - Dixon
 6. Minkoffs

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Landaus	205½	1. Betts - McAvoy	211
2. O'Reilly - Ballantyne	199	2. Pratt - Kwan	204
3. Minkoffs	183	3. Stock - Dixon	191½
4. Brown - Smith	181½	4. Brennan - Barrington	178
5. House - Paynter	171	5. Herold - McIlwain	176½
6. C. McAvoy - R. Betts	170	6. Steils	172½

September (14 Tables):

- Overall: 1. Potzold - Dohl
 2. Hicks - Swanson
 3. R. Tafler - I. Anderson
 4. Stock - Ballantyne
 5. Smith - Brown
 6. Krusel - Sims

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Hicks - Swanson	192	1. Potzold - Dohl	215½
2. Tafler - Anderson	188½	2. Stock - Ballantyne	187
3. Krusel - Sims	179	3. Smith - Brown	181½
4. Jorgenson - Waters	177½	4. Brownridges	176½
5. Bryden - R. Betts	170	5. Pratt - Kwan	171
6. House - Paynter	167½	6. Bennington - Ramsey	161½

October (18 Tables):

- Overall: 1. L. Betts - B. Sauve
 2. J. Martineau - P. Cooper
 3. R. Borg - S. Borg
 4. M. Dimich - S. Levine
 5. M. Potzold - D. Dohl
 6. D. Steil - L. Steil

<u>E-W</u>		<u>N-S</u>	
1. Betts - Sauve	218½	1. Dimich - Levine	193
2. Martineau - Cooper	209½	2. M. Johnson - L. Miller	183
3. Borgs	201½	3. R. Pratt - S. Kwan	174½
4. Potzold - Dohl	190½	4. B. Buckley - M. Chiarenza	169
5. Steils	185½	5. E. Christopherson - R. Tafler	168
6. A. Ross - P. Barrington	184	6. D. Brander - M. Strebing	162

** VANCOUVER RACE RESULTS **

With two to go:	1. Lawrence Betts	6.30
	2. Dennis Dohl	5.84
	3. Dan Jacob	4.89
	4. Aidan Ballantyne	4.74
	5. Morris Potzold	4.68
	6. Rhonda Betts	4.28
	7. Jenny Paynter	4.08
	8. Michael Dimich	4.00

CLOVERDALE:

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August (17½ Tables):

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- Overall: 1. Mike Moffat - Bill Kennedy
 2. Elaine Levins - Peter Marr
 3. Oddie Skonnard - Ted Hicks
 4. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 5/6. Herbie Lum - Colin Sabiston
 5/6. Jack Ritch - Rose Sontowski

N-SE-W

1. Oddie Skonnard - Ted Hicks	187.4	1. Moffat - Kennedy	192½
2. Hodge - Morrison	183.6	2. Levins - Marr	188
3/4. Tony & Joan Marsh	175.5	3. Lum - Sabiston	181½
3/4. Ernie Dietrich - Ida Goodland	175.5	4. Ritch - Sontowski	181½
5. Chan Balendran - Ray Morrison	175	5. Joe Dolynski - Len Feeny	173½
6. Beulah Blomme - Mariann Hutton	170.6	6. Heinz Henneberger - Walter Pinsker	167½

September (16 Tables):

- Overall: 1. Jack Ritch - Rose Sontowski
 2. Ted Hicks - Mike Hartop
 3. Ron & Jean Groome
 4. Stan Holding - Mariann Hutton
 5. Mike Moffat - Ken Holland
 6. Betty Hamilton - Thony Stiennon

N-SE-W

1. Hicks - Hartop	201	1. Ritch - Sontowski	214½
2. Groomes	191½	2. Moffat - Holland	187½
3. Holding - Hutton	191	3. Hamilton - Stiennon	176
4. Jack Stone - Herbie Lum	174	4. Tony & Joan Marsh	167½
5. Walter Link - Colin Collin	160	5. Pat & Cliff Glen	166½

THE CLOVERDALE POINT RACE

1. Mike Hartop	7.24
2. Jean Groome	6.97
3. Ina Andersen	6.06
4. Mike Moffat	4.23
5/6. Axel & Margret Schulmann	3.95
7/8. Tony & Joan Marsh	3.60
9. Jack Ritch	3.53
10. Howard Sussman	3.35

In Memorium

The Unit notes with regret the passing of
 Mrs. Tanya Hornstein, Vancouver
 & Mrs. Marjorie Murray, Vancouver.
 Our condolences to their families and friends.

New Life Masters

Memphis reports the following new gold card holders:

Joanne Bentley, Van. Tok Liem, New Westminster
 Catriona Brown, Van. Debbie McCully, Surrey
 Thony Stiennon, Van.

Congratulations!

IMP LEAGUE

Although it seems like only a short time ago that we had Borg and Hagen on the ropes, the IMP League has begun another long winter of friendly sparring. This is the season when everyone is a contender and interest is high in every corner. Even our beleaguered commissioner, Jenny Paynter, dreams once again of having all the matches played and reported on time. However, like all sensible dreamers, Jenny has taken out some insurance with the introduction of Draconian penalties for late play: 2 Victory Points per day per team in the B League, and a whopping 3 VP's per day in the A League. Captains beware!

The temporary absence of Manday Night Football should ease scheduling problems for a while, and The Matchpointer took advantage of the current lull in gridiron prognostications to ask legendary Reno oddsmaker Joey the Geek to handicap the divisions. His analysis follows.

A League - 14 Teams

Groome (Jean, Brian May, Elaine Ryan, Peter Walton, Harvey Piercy,
Bernie Hoy)

A merger of teams which last year finished 11th and 14th (out of 14), spiced up with Hoy sauce. 100-1

Hansford (Doug, Ken Danielson, Ina Anderson, Wilf May, Joan & Tony Marsh)

A warm welcome to newcomers Hansford and Danielson. This team includes congenial veterans Anderson and May and features the return from the 60's of the battling Marshes. 100-1

Hicks (Adrian, Bob Sauve, Les Fouks, Sid Segal)

The Grand Old Gentleman of Vancouver bridge has surrounded himself with a cast which will make Charlie Swanson look like Omar Sharif. They'll be wearing paper bags over their heads by Christmas. 100-1

Sussman (Howard, John Anthony, Harold & Neil McAllister, Bill Osten,
Earl Oddstad)

This team, more than any other, approaches the IMP league with a proper measure of perspective. A typical game plan includes rendezvousing at the Gallo d'Oro on Commercial for dinner and getting totally blitzed, then proceeding to the match where they get blitzed once again, whereupon they vanish into the night . . . laughing. Should repeat their 13th place finish. 100-1

Bryden (John, Susan Peters, Martin 'Lucky' O'Reilly, Sandy 'Splinters'
McIlwain, Rhonda Betts)

This team surprised last year by making the playoff; features addition of the fastest player in Unit 430 (Rhonda); should get considerably more Matchpointer exposure this time around. 20-1

Christofferson (Chris, Martin Johnson, Leo Steil, Dave Waterman, Ken Lee,
Mike Zbozny)

Reeling from the loss of Baldwin and McCully this traditional League powerhouse will be hard pressed to match last year's 6th place finish. The combined flights of fancy of Lee and Waterman will land them several rungs down the ladder. 20-1

Jacobson (Selene, Aban & Bob Gerrie, Leslie & David Gold, Fred Sontag)

This stable collection features some of the Unit's better players, but they're headed for another finish in the middle of the pack. The problem? Too many couples. 20-1

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Martineau (Joel, Jenny Paynter, Dave House, Mike Newcombe, Pauline McClafferty, Doug Strachan)

Traditionally one of the sorriest collections in the league, the addition of the commissioner may be a sinister stroke of genius. Too many tokeners.

20-1

Hawkes (Doug, Connie & Jim McAvoy, Duncan Smith, Barry Turnham, Ernie Tradewell)

The Hawkes Machine makes greater sacrifices than all other teams combined. Features two of B.C.'s finest players and a very respectable supporting cast. Missed the playoff last year by 3 VP's when ferry lag proved insurmountable. Same trouble this year - too many doubleheaders.

6-1

Herold (Peter E., Peter Cooper, Allan Graves, Jim McCully, Derek Ward, Dennis Dohl)

Not to mention substitutes Dave Westfall, Kenny Scholes, Jim Dickie, George Mittleman, Julie Smith . . . This cast of millions, a new entry, will narrowly miss the playoffs due to difficulty in fielding foursomes.

5-1

Betts (Lawrence, Al Chapelle, Don Brazeau, Ron Pratt, Sherman Kwan)

A new assortment of various old parts, this collection will prove too short on humour to win it all. (You have to know how to laugh with the Rookie on your team.)

4-1

Jacob (Christina, Dan Jacob, Rezvan Ianesculeu, Gord McOrmond, Richard Christie)

Last year's champions won't repeat. They're still awake nights gnashing their teeth over the loss of Dohl. Too many Rumanians.

3-1

Lindsay (Cam, Aidan Ballantyne, Ron Borg, Bob Connop, Paul Hagen, Don Brander)

The Geritol Set are back to give it one more try. The addition of Brander should help immensely. But come the final they will fold. Again.

5-2

Dimich (Michael, Doug Andrews, Bob McDuff, Nick Stock, Greg Arbour)

Unquestionably the sorriest collection ever picked to win anything. Their complete lack of humour will make them a delight to play against.

5-2

B League - 10 teams (N.B. There were only 4 teams in the B League last year!)

Bowers (Fritz, Shirley Hulme, Veronica & Tod Moore, Ruby & Ted Trerise)

One of several new entries in the B division, this squad may be the best managed in the city, but the sun will set early on their title hopes.

50-1

Claasen (Bev & Frank Classen, Denise & Don McKay)

Another new entry, this team has the advantage of being completely unknown. That alone could make them a good longshot.

50-1

Sabiston (Marg & Colin Sabiston, Marg & Bryan Sutton)

Also making their debut in the League, this White Rock group must be rated as a Dark Horse.

50-1

The IMP League (cont'd)

Scott (Anne & Terry Scott, Madeline Becker, Angela Fenton, Ann Ross,
Nick Parker)

Joey wonders if Terry and Nick can handle this stable of
impressive fillies. Bridge isn't their best game. 20-1

Stone (Jeff Stone, Herby Lum, Danny Lee, John DeMeulemeester)

Veterans of several wars, this battle scarred group must be
considered an outside contender. If they don't commit
hara-kiri. 10-1

King (Betty, Tom Cross, Avril & Chuck Hodson, Julie & Doug Cowan)

Finalists last year, this team will find the competition much
more interesting this time around. Includes the chairman of our
1983 regional. Could repeat their playoff appearance. 8-1

Shoring (Sheila, Allan Neid, Isobel Anderson, Graham Putnam, Wayne Atmore,
Glenn Hillson)

Long on experience, this collection must be considered a favorite
to make the playoffs. Be wary of the fatigue factor. 6-1

Brown (Catriona, Phil Kalberg, Mel Hoff, Gordie Davis)

This well-conditioned group is in fighting trim and has impressed
in recent workouts, but they are unproven on larger tracks. Should
make the playoffs. 5-1

Stiennon (Thony[B League co-ordinator], Betty Hamilton, Ron Groome, Walter
Link, Colin Collin)

Champions last year, this team made their most impressive splash
by reaching the semi-finals of the huge Knockout in Penticton.
They've added veteran Ron Groome, happy to escape the A League
jungle. 5-2

Steil (Dee, Doc Orchard, Pat & Louis Landau, Brian Dixon, John Whittlesay)

The Geek is going way out on a limb and predicting that this meld
of three newcomers to Unit 430 with three of our longtime finest
will win it all. 2-1

Good Luck everyone!

CLUB NEWS

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB

Regular games are held Monday evenings at 7:30 at the South Delta
Rec. Centre. No games on holiday Mondays.

Thony Stiennon and Betty Hamilton won the Quarterly Club Tour-
nament on June 28.

CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Regular games are held Tuesday evenings at the Cloverdale Legion.
Game time is 7:30.

Don Forsyth and Wilf May were first over-all in the District 19
Charity Game with a 73.6% game. 364½ tables participated in 39 clubs.
Congratulations fellows.

Profits from the Cloverdale BC are donated to charity. Over
\$2700. was contributed last year.

The Greg Arbour of Montreal noted for his fine play in a recent
Goren/Sharif column was in fact Greg Arbour of Vancouver. Easy mistake,
Chuck.

Club News (cont'd)

SUNSET COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB

404 East 51st Ave., Vancouver
 Manager: Tod Moore, 327-2298

Open game Mondays at 7:00 pm. Closed statutory holidays. Cost: \$2.00, which includes free coffee.
 Leader of the 1982 Sunset DBC Championship are: 1. John Finlay, 2. Delphine Tablotney, 3. Dot & Max Levine.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

Player of the Month: August - John Bryden
 September - Dave 'Free Play' House

Novice of the Month: August - Gary Gilraine
 September - Linda Sloan

The Haida Club notes that two of their Monday night novices placed 2nd in the Consolation Swiss at a recent Seattle Sectional: Jim Brady and Terry Schiller.

Upcoming Special Events:

Haida Trophy - 2 session Open Pairs Championship
 Thurs. Oct. 21 - Qualifying
 Thurs. Oct. 28 - Final & Consolation

Canadian National Team Trial - Two session Swiss Teams
 Sat. Oct. 30, 1:30 & 7:30

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game - Tues Nov. 2

Beat The Experts - Thurs. Nov. 4

Continent Wide Charity Game - Tuesday Nov. 23

Beat The Experts Club Championship - Thurs. Dec. 2

Haida Mini Sectional - Fri. Dec. 10 - Turnbull Trophy (with Bar)
 Sat. Dec. 11 - Open Pairs
 Sun. Dec. 12 - 2 Session Swiss Teams

Lesson Games Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

The annual shareholders meeting was held Sept. 10. The original committee was returned for another year with reassigned positions:

Manager: Cliff Glen, Treasurer: Keith Millar, Accountant: Rose Wrean, Secretary: Pat Glen, Refreshments: Mary Fines & Donna Morrison, Publicity & Partnerships: Ev Hodge (420-3197).

Winners of Club Championship September 10: Alex Kiper - Chuck Hodson
 Don Fraser - Hobart Liang

Winners of August Team Game: Don Fraser - Ev Hodge - Mary Sutherland - Louise Houde

Upcoming Championships: Fri. Nov. 12
 Wed. Nov. 17
 Mon. Nov. 22

More Club Championship Winners - Sept 13: Alex Kiper & Joyce Peters
 Tom Cross & Betty King

- Sept. 14: Vilma Hudson & Harry Trousdale

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Games Monday at 10:30 am & Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Partnerships arranged.

Winners of the Burnaby DBC Summer Contest: 1/2. Sandi White & Ida Goodland, 3. Donna Morrison, 4. Raymond Lee, 5. Heinz Henneberger.
 The top 3 won free plays to the recent sectional.

Send your club news to Catriona Brown, 102-2233 W 1st Ave, Vancouver,
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