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VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL

February 11-13 at the RICHMOND INN
 7551 Westminster Hwy.
 Richmond, BC

Friday F/11:	1:30 pm	MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 pm	MIXED PAIRS
		NOVICE PAIRS: 0-20 Master Points
Saturday F/12:	1:30 pm	OPEN PAIRS (Qualifying) - Adrian Hicks Trophy
	7:30 pm	OPEN PAIRS FINAL
		CONSOLATION (New entries accepted)
Sunday F/13:	11:00 am & 4:30 pm	BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS: Unlimited
		SWISS TEAMS: 0-1000 Master Points
		Free coffee and muffins Sunday at 10:30
		<u>Please note</u> early starting times Sunday.

Tournament Director: Phil Wood
 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.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A list of upcoming events which may be of interest to Vancouver players:

January

18-23 Puget Sound Regional
 Seattle, WA

February

4-6 Peace Arch Sectional
 Bellingham, WA
 4-6 Winter Sectional
 Spokane, WA
 11-13 Winter Sectional
 RICHMOND, BC
 18-20 Seattle Winter Sectional
 Renton, WA
 15-21 Wine Country Regional
 Santa Rosa, CA
 20 Vancouver Unit Game
 VANCOUVER & CLOVERDALE
 21-27 Oregon Trail Regional
 Portland, OR

March

4-6 Totem 1 Sectional
 Victoria, BC
 6 Vancouver Unit Game
 VANCOUVER & CLOVERDALE
 11-20 North American Championships
 Honolulu HI

March (cont'd)

17 ACBL Charity Game
 25-27 Yakima Sectional
 26-27 Unit Final - CNTC (tentative)
 VANCOUVER

April

3 Vancouver Unit Game
 12-17 VANCOUVER REGIONAL

May

29-1 Kootenay Sectional
 Kimberly BC
 1 Vancouver Unit Game
 6-8 Spruce Capital Sectional
 Prince George BC
 10-15 Gem State Regional
 Pocatello ID
 13-15 Lakewood Sectional
 Tacoma WA
 20-22 Cowichan Sectional
 Parksville BC
 20-22 Silver Star Spring Sectional
 Vernon BC
 27-29 Seattle Sectional

PLUS: BC Championships: June 3-5
 NEW Maple Ridge Sectional: July 22-24

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Some of you may be wondering why on earth Sandy McIlwain is the new editor of The Matchpointer. Naturally, it has been suggested that I took the job to make sure my name appears in print from time to time. This would, of course, be true had not someone already invented the Consolation Pairs.

As a bridge player I owe my few bright moments to the understanding partners and teammates who have borne both my bad plays and bad humours with equal grace. As your new editor I must ask for that same patience from you. Information will be left out, names will be misspelled, deadlines will be missed. Please let me know when I goof, so that the high standard of The Matchpointer can be maintained.

And while you're at it, jot down those unusual hands, make a note of the minor triumphs and embarrassments that can make the most average session memorable. The more I hear from you, the better (and easier) the job I do will be. After all, you are paying for this publication - feel free to use it.

The following is a short exercise in editorial freedom: Alright everyone, now stretch and kick and stretch and . . . None of you needs to be told about the fascinations of the game - the endless series of problems and solutions, the degrees of difficulty, the dream of perfection, the blessed luck, the timing, the social atmosphere - the what, you say? Ah yes, the worst thing about bridge is the people who play it. While the intimacies and exasperations of the bridge table have caused all of us to react in ways less than endearing, persistent rudeness and disregard for the Proprieties are irresponsible and inexcusable.

I know that many of you are concerned about the questions of ethics, table behaviour and promotion of the game. If the ACBL and CBF are to flourish in coming years, we must have new members. How each of us behaves at tournaments and especially at our local clubs has a direct effect on who delves into duplicate bridge and who is turned away. I hope those of you who are so inclined will help me to address these questions in future issues of The Matchpointer.

And so, Messers. Ballantyne, Andrews, Harper, though I will not be distilling the Unit's goings on with the expert technique of the past, I will try to leave something standing of the institution you have wrought, and perhaps, with your indulgence, add a little window of my own.

Deadlines: This seems to be a popular topic among Matchpointer readers, so take note, all. The next issue of The Matchpointer will appear on or about the 12 of March (in practical terms: one month after the Sectional and one month before the Regional). The deadline for material will be the end of February. Future issues will follow the same schedule, appearing midway between tournaments. Each issue will display prominently the date of the forthcoming issue. In this case, MARCH 12, 1983. Deadline two weeks prior to publication.

NEW ADDRESS: After February 1, please send your Matchpointer correspondence to: Sandy McIlwain, #6 - 2160 West 39th, Vancouver, V6M 1T5. Tel: 263-2152.

VANCOUVER 1983 REGIONAL

Most of you are aware by now that the 1983 Regional will be held as originally scheduled at the Hotel Vancouver from April 12-17. Due to booking problems, some events on Friday will be played at the Hyatt Regency. We will require volunteers to shuttle equipment back and forth across the street. If you wish to help out with this or any of the many other little jobs that must be done to make our regional a success, please call Doug Cowan at H: 926-5849 or O: 684-8111.

It is up to the bridge players of Vancouver to show DINO that we can stage a profitable tournament at a reasonable price in this rather expensive city. Please support the fund-raising efforts of the Unit (such as the current raffle of expert partners for the February sectional), do try to help out with the hospitality or the daily bulletin or whatever else you can, and above all, play a lot, play every session you can. A big turnout will help bridge in Vancouver for years to come.

Vancouver Round-Up Sectional (403 tables [up 50])

Ladies' Pairs (68 pairs):

1. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison, both Burnaby
2. Jamie Steen, Bellingham - Julia Godefroy, Mercer Isl.
3. Mary Fines - Stella Alliston, both Van.

Men's Pairs (44 pairs):

1. Les Fouks - Sid Segal, both Van.
2. Michael Dimich, Van. - Joel Martineau, Burnaby
3. Cec Brown, Pt. Townsend - Don Brander, Van.

Novice Pairs (22 pairs):

1. Vern & Barb Jackson, both Van.
2. Jim Munns - Al Ricard, both Van.
3. Vilma Hudson - Mike Manica, both Van.

Board-A-Match Mixed Teams (32 teams):

1. Connie & Jim McAvoy, both Victoria, Laurence & Rhonda Betts, both Van.
2. Donna Morrison - Ev Hodge, both Burnaby - Gary Phelan, Pt. Coquitlam, Hobart Liang, Van.
3. John Garrison - Carla Farman-Garrison - Sue Anderson - Bill Hagen, all Seattle

Friday Eve Side Event (44 pairs):

1. John Vikstrom, Parksville - Cec Brown
2. Graham Putnam, Van. - Cliff Hargrove, Nepeau, ONT.
3. Aidan Ballantyne - Al Chapelle

Super Open, Flight B - 0-750 mp (60 pairs):

1. Thony Stiennon, Van. - Betty Hamilton, Richmond
2. Julie Smith - Shirley McKinney, both Van.
- 3/4. D. Paskaruk, Burnaby - M. Elliott, Aldergrove
- 3/4. Dee Steil, Van. - Debbie McCully, Surrey

Super Open, Flight A - unlimited (63 pairs):

1. Gord McOrmond - Michael Dimich
2. Jean Groome, Delta - Brian May, Richmond
3. Norm Featherston, Redmond, WA - Shirley Edelson, Bellevue, WA

Swiss Teams

1. John Bryden - David Waterman - Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour, all Van.
2. Gord McOrmond - Dan Jacob - Joel Martineau - Aidan Ballantyne, all Van.
3. Shiela Dickie - Leo Steil, both Van. - Cec Brown - John Kamb, Mt. Vernon

Future Stars Sectional

Open Pairs, Flight A - 0-99 MP

1. Nan Pranger - Fred Friis
2. Bill Khan - Mike Takemori
3. Dan Watson - Karlo Joys

Open Pairs, Flight B - 0-20 MP

1. Gil Calhoun - Mary Zanatta
2. Bev & Frank Claassen
3. Helen Jeng - Patricia Show

Future Stars (cont'd)

Swiss Teams

1. Ben Takemori - Chris Diamond - Bill Kwan - Mike Takemori
2. Dan Watson - Val Porteus - Karle Joys - Art Loy
- 3/5. Maureen, Blanche, Neil & Howard McAllister
- 3/5. Marilyn & Sandy McAlary - Ted & Peggy Wellman
- 3/5. Nick Parker - Angela Fenton - Terry & Anne Scott - Madeleine Becker

There were 120 tables in play over four sessions at the highly successful debut of the FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL. Our thanks to Phil Wood for his nonpareil directing, to the organizers for their hard work and attention to detail, to the members of the panel show (which the players enjoyed tremendously), to the volunteers who kept the Uno game going, and to all the future stars who turned out to compete. Plans are under way to repeat the event next fall, and while we wish all the participants continued good fortune at the table, we hope that many of you will be back for another try.

Those *%/#*% Computer Hands

This teaser from the recent Richmond Sectional raised a few eyebrows:

North-South vulnerable. South dealer.

	N	
	QJ109xxx	
W	-	E
x	x	AKxx
xx	A10xxx	Q10xx
QJ109xxxxx		AK
x :	S	QJx
	x	
	AKJxxxx	
	x	
	Kxxx	

While E-W can make 5 Diamonds except on a small club lead from North, N-S mostly played some number of Spades, down doubled. At one table West (who has my sympathy) took the push on the following auction:

S	W	N	E
3H(!)	P	3S	Dbl.
4C	5D	6C	Dbl.
P	6D	P	P
P			

McTOP 500

A tip of the battered and stomped-on old fedora to the following players from our unit who were on the ACBL's Top 500 list at September's end:

149. Joel Martineau	396. Gerry McCully
160. Gord McOrmond	424. Lawrence Betts
256. Dan Jacob	499. Doug Baldwin
296. Peter Herold	

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS -- 1983

While many of the preliminary games have already been played, you will have another chance at the Fraser Valley Club on February 3 & 10. There is still a possibility that the Kensington Club will hold a game in February. Please call George Radies (273-3003) if you are interested, as your response will determine whether a game is held. Your participation helps support the CBF, and a good turnout strengthens B.C.'s position within it. Help Canada retain a strong voice in international competition. Win red points with every match. Remember that you can play as often as you like until you qualify, but time is running out.

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

Sixty-six pairs turned out for the Unit Final of the GNP, approximately one-third of those eligible. While several highly-seeded pairs failed to qualify, the biggest surprise was that four of the top six finishers, including the top three, sat in the same section, same direction. The winners dominated the evening session, scoring 155½ on a 108 average, a 72% game. Twenty-four pairs qualified for the District Final:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Michael Dimich - Joel Martineau | 279 |
| 2. Moyna Krusell - Linda Sims | 260 |
| 3. Charlie Swanson - Adrian Hicks | 253½ |
| 4. Hobart Liang - Michael Newcombe | 252 |
| 5. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison | 251 |
| 6. Lauren Miller - Doug Andrews | 250 |

followed by (in no particular order): Gerry McCully - Doug Baldwin, Richard Christie - Dan Jacob, Razvam Ianculescu - Christina Jacob, Joyce Turner - Joyce Peters, Les Foulks - Sid Segal, Lawrence Betts - Al Chapelle, Terry Scott - Anne Scott, Peter Herold - Dave Westfall, Sherman Kwan - Ron Pratt, Gordon Davis - Mel Hoff, John Bryden - Rhonda Betts, Dave Waterman - Aidan Ballantyne, Henry & Paul Chow, Sophus Kelly - Selene Jacobson, Denny Denman - Al French, Murdoch Smith - Al Kallberg, David & Leslie Gold, Sandi White - Ida Goodland.

The DISTRICT FINAL, held in Tacoma in early December, was a disappointment. While most of the local pairs who made the trek survived the qualifying sessions, the home turf seems to have made the difference in the end, as our best finishers were Dimich and Martineau, placing seventh.

UNIT GAME RESULTS

Vancouver:

November (16 tables):

- Overall: 1. Moyna Krusell - Elaine Ryan
 2. David Waterman - Aidan Ballantyne
 3. David & Leslie Gold
 4. Debbie McCully - Dianne Kinakin
 5. John Bryden - Fumi Lumoli
 6. John & Trudy Hurdle

- | <u>N-S</u> | |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Krusell - Ryan | 204½ |
| 2. Bryden - Lumoli | 171 |
| 3. Hurdles | 170½ |
| 4. Pearl & Sid Minkoff | 170 |
| 5. Liz Lee - Jean Bentley | 165 |

- | <u>E-W</u> | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Waterman - Ballantyne | 193½ |
| 2. Golds | 176½ |
| 3. McCully - Kinakin | 172- |
| 4. Morris Potzold - D. Dohl | 169 |
| 5. Jim Berglund - Mel Hoff | 168½ |

December (20 tables):

- Overall: 1. Dave House - Greg Arbour
 2. Al Kallberg - Murdoch Smith
 3. Ron Dixon - Gord McOrmond
 4/5. Phyl Kallberg - Catriona Brown
 4/5. Morris Potzold - Dennis Dohl
 6. Andrew Ross - Julian Adams

- | <u>N-S (Section A)</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Kallberg - Brown | 127 |
| 2. Jane Rogers - Jim Braby | 121 |
| 3. Elaine Ryan - Trudy Hurdle | 120 |

- | <u>E-W</u> | |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. Kallberg - Smith | 139 |
| 2. M. Potzold - D. Dohl | 127 |
| 3. L. Landau - P. Landau | 121½ |

- | <u>N-S (Section B)</u> | |
|----------------------------|------|
| 1. House - Arbour | 151 |
| 2. Findlay - Brenan | 113 |
| 3. Van Lieshout - Stanford | 110½ |

- | <u>E-W</u> | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. Dixon - McOrmond | |
| 2. Ross - Adams | |
| 3. Hargrove - Putnam | |

UNIT GAME RESULTS (cont'd)

Cloverdale

October (13 tables):

- Overall: 1. Richard & Ina Andersen
 2. Leon Zambryzycki - Anssi Rantamaa
 3. Larry Hicks - Anne Hartop
 4. Bill Worsfold - Lotte Elias
 5. Howard Sussman - Mike Hartop
 6/7. Jim Paskaruk - Merrilee Elliott
 6/7. Henry Smilie - Beryl MacLeod

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Zambrzycki - Rantamaa	180	1. Andersens	186½
2. Hicks - Hartop	179	2. Worsfold - Elias	175½
3. Sussman - Hartop	173½	3/4. Paskaruk - Elliott	172½
4. Herbie Lum - John Findlay	168½	3/4. Smilie - MacLeod	172½

November (17 tables):

- Overall: 1. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 2. Jim Paskaruk - Merilee Elliott
 3. Al & Donna Freeze
 4/5. Richard & Ina Andersen
 4/5. Peter Marr - Elaine Levins
 6. Ron & Jean Groome

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Hodge - Morrison	193½	1. Paskaruk - Elliott	180½
2/3. Marr - Levins	174	2. Freezes	175
Andersens	174	3. Groomes	173½
4. Leslie Morrison - Kathy Adachi	172	4. Paul Radnai - Ian MacLennan	170½

December (17 tables):

- Overall: 1. Thony Stiennon - Ron Groome
 2. Richard & Ina Andersen
 3. Axel & Margret Schulmann
 4. Bill Worsfold - Beryl MacLeod
 5. John McDonald - Paul Meichsner
 6. Stan Holding - Mariann Hutton

<u>N-S</u>		<u>E-W</u>	
1. Schulmanns	186	1. Stiennon - Groome	202½
2. Worsfold - MacLeod	183½	2. Andersens	190
3. McDonald - Meichsner	181	3. Chan Balendran - Ian MacLennan	179½
4. Holding - Hutton	180½	4. Jean Groome - Peter Walton	178

UNIT RACE RESULTS

The players listed below had the best results in this year's unit games.
 The winners receive free plays to the 1983 games.

<u>VANCOUVER</u>		<u>CLOVERDALE</u>	
1. Dennis Dohl	6.80	1. Ina Andersen	10.50
2. Laurence Betts	6.68	2. Richard Andersen	8.46
3. Aidan Ballantyne	6.14	3. Mike Hartop	8.17
4. Morris Potzold	5.63	4. Jean Groome	7.99
5. Dan Jacob	4.89	5. Ron Groome	5.72
6. Rhonda Betts	4.84	6. Ted Hicks	5.47
7. Doug Andrews	4.45	7/8. Axel & Margret Schulmann	5.15
8. Jenny Paynter	4.08	9. Donna Morrison	4.73
9. Michael Dimich	4.00	10. Mike Moffatt	4.23
10. Bob McDuff	3.68		

1983 UNIT GAMES will be held on the first Sunday of the month except for the following dates: February 20, June 12, July 10, September 11, December 11. For those of you who missed January's game, please note that card fees for this year's Unit Games will be \$3.50 at both locations.

1982 VANCOUVER SECTIONAL TROPHY RESULTS

As announced in the last Matchpointer, Michael Dimich won the Phil Wood Trophy this year. He picked up 26 points at the November Sectional, icing the victory by winning the Super Open Pairs. His partner in that event, Gord McOrmond, picked up almost 33 points to finish second. Another strong finisher was Laurence Betts, whose victories in the BAM Teams and Swiss Teams vaulted him into 8th place.

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Michael Dimich	91.35	11. Joel Martineau	44.56
2. Gord McOrmond	77.30	12. Bob McDuff	44.35
3. Dan Jacob	62.65	13. Dave Waterman	43.68
4. Aidan Ballantyne	55.33	14. Bob Gerrie	42.14
5. Doug Baldwin	54.09	15. John Bryden	41.55
6. Gerry McCully	51.21	16. Greg Arbour	35.04
7. Doug Andrews	50.69	17. Andy Nagy	34.66
8. Laurence Betts	46.81	18. Leo Steil	32.14
9. Fred Sontag	45.58	19. Dennis Dohl	31.84
10. John Kamb	44.87	20. Mike Champion	29.75

In the junior race, Paul Conroy's early lead withstood a charge by Les Fouks. Julie Smith and Shirley McKinney, playing together, finished well.

Under 200 Trophy

1. Paul Conroy	21.50	6/7. Gordon Back	14.50
2. Les Fouks	19.59	6/7. Elaine DeShaw	14.50
3. Amy DeShaw	16.26	8/9. Julie Smith	14.45
4. Alex Kiper	16.16	8/9. Shirley McKinney	14.45
5. Laureen Holley	15.82	10. Rod Coote	14.18

The women's race saw an exciting finish, with Jean Groome vaulting past all the leaders to take first place. Anne Nagy nipped Dee Steil for second. Donna Morrison and Ev Hodge won the Women's Pairs and were second in the BAM Teams, and moved into the top ten. Betty Hamilton's victory in the Open Flight B helped her make the list.

Edith Bonnell Trophy

1. Jean Groome	27.75	6. Donna Morrison	18.94
2. Anne Nagy	25.25	7. Ev Hodge	18.66
3. Dee Steil	24.54	8. Gerda Lubeseder	18.64
4. Frances Thomson	19.43	9. Koos Van Lieshout	18.11
5. Catriona Brown	19.00	10. Betty Hamilton	17.86

IN ADDITION to their trophies, the winners of the Phil Wood races, both over and under 200, won free plays to Vancouver sectionals for the coming year.

IMP LEAGUE - 'A' DIVISION

The first half of play saw few surprises, with Dimich leading the field by a considerable margin. Martineau started very quickly but has slipped somewhat of late, perhaps feeling the absence of their peripatetic captain. The star-studded Herold, Hawkes and Jacob teams have all struggled to date. Bryden (4th last year) began very poorly and has a lot of ground to make up.

The standings after six matches:

1. Dimich	94	8. Jacob	60
2. Lindsay	81	9. Hicks	53
3. Betts	75	10. Bryden	50
4. Christofferson	69	11. Jacobson	48
5. Martineau	67	12. Groome	47
6. Herold	66	13. Hansford	40
7. Hawkes	62	14. Sussman	22

In Memorium

The Vancouver Unit is saddened by the recent deaths of Mrs. Huguette Roy of Vancouver, and Jim Sessford and George Klutz, both of White Rock. Our condolences to their loved ones.

As a bridge player, this month's IYB editor is thoughtful, controlled, precise and articulate. Which makes why he plays with me another question entirely. He has had many tournaments successes, the most recent a victory in the Swiss Teams at the last Vancouver Sectional. On behalf of our readers, The Matchpointer thanks John for his efforts, and refrains from comment on the coincidence of the winner being on his IMP team. (Ed.)

1. Matchpoints. None vul.

QJx	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	
Kxx	1D	P	3D*	?	*pre-emptive
x					
AJ10xxx					

'Fools rush in' was the prevailing view on this hand. Passes from:

Martin O'Reilly: "If I bid it's unlikely that when we hold the majority of strength partner will let us play at a makeable level. Also, if partner holds very little I may go for 300 against a part-score."

Dave Waterman: "Partner presumably does not have a five-card major (or chunky 4-bagger). If he does, his hand is so bad they can outbid us anyway. So, give nothing away."

Ultra-pessimistic was:

Lauren Miller: "Pass. Everyone else has another bid, don't they?"

Somewhat more hopeful:

Aidan Ballantyne: "...perhaps partner will balance."

Yes, when opener is minimum with long diamonds, partner, with diamond shortness and values, will indeed reopen. Pass is also right when opener is big and flat and capable of saying Double and Redouble. The problem arises when opener is small and flat and partner has a balanced 9-11 count. He may well sell out for +50 or even -110. Blithely protecting partner from this fate were:

Leo Steil: "Double. Don't see any problem, especially being not vul. I've got support for all unbid suits."

Duncan Smith: "Double. A reasonable alternative would be to bid four clubs followed by a double of four diamonds, but the opponents won't always bid 4D."

Believe me, in this field we don't need to double if they do.

Finally, the other choice, from the counter-culture:

Joel Martineau: "Four clubs. Since pard didn't overcall one of a major, I'll hope I'm not preempting a 5-3 major fit."

That would seem to be about the smallest worry on this hand. At least 4C won't lead to a doomed Moysian, and is less likely to expose a fragile trump holding in partner's hand.

The quality of the opposition should probably enter into the question in real life, but since this is a bidding contest, the opponents are deemed to be strong and the scores are deemed to be:

AWARDS: Pass = 100(9 votes), 4C = 80 (1 vote), Dbl = 60 (4 votes)

2. IMP's. Both vul.

void	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
AJ109xxx	1S	2NT	4S	?
Qxx				
Jxx				

How the contestants acted on this problem depended on what they expected from partner's unusual notrump. Some expected a lot:

Miller: "Six diamonds - my first inclination was to bid five hearts to direct the lead if we defend."

Martineau: "Six clubs - just on the principal that the weaker suit should be trumps..."

Michael Dimich: "Five spades. If partner has ten or eleven cards in the minors with AK in both the grand is odds on to fall in."

Perhaps, but I'd sooner expect partner to have neither ace on this auction than both. Unusual takeouts are generally made by hands with quality suits and a shortage of defensive tricks. True, this could mean that six of a minor is a good save over five spades (and against some nervous nelliies might elicit six spades), but they haven't bid five spades yet. When they do, I would expect our last plus to be defensive the vast majority of the time.

Of those who were prepared to defend five spades, some anticipated a lead problem:

Waterman: "Five diamonds. If they bid more I do not want a club lead."

Ballantyne: "Five diamonds - prefer a diamond lead."

I, too, would prefer a diamond lead, if I knew partner had the king. If partner is void in hearts, though, an underlead of the AJ could prove catastrophic. Why not let partner lead his best honour combination? Should he hold the lead you can designate a heart shift by playing the appropriate queen or jack. Thus, if you bid:

Steil: "Four notrump. No need for me to guess which minor partner is longest(sic) in."

'nuff said.

AWARDS: 4NT = 100 (6 votes), 5D = 80 (3 votes), 5S = 60 (3 votes),
6C, 6D = 50 (1 vote each)

3. Matchpoints. E-W vul.

J10xx	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
J10xx	-	1D	Dbl	?
AJ10x				
x				

Major suit fits were on the minds of the majority. There were those who wished to play in one:

Smith: "One heart, trying to find a major suit fit. If unsuccessful will compete in diamonds."

McIlwain: "One heart - not ready to surrender the majors."

And those who wanted the opponents to play in one:

Ballantyne: "Three diamonds. Will double three of a major to show trump trick and ace of diamonds."

Dimich: "Three diamonds - maximize the pressure. You have the best of both worlds, great offense and great defense."

From the trap door spider school:

Waterman: "Three diamonds - will this work better than two diamonds? Yes, against wary opponents."

And, cognizant of his third opponent:

Miller: "Three diamonds. Could work badly if partner assumes I have no defense and saves over four of a major."

The fourth suit was not entirely forgotten:

Steil: "Two diamonds. May be difficult for them to come in with clubs vulnerable at the three level."

Well, three clubs would just about obliterate any club competition, but that bid has its disadvantages, as does one heart.

The latter has little preemptive value if the opponents own the hand in clubs, but will certainly preempt any heart contract they may have been inclined to reach. As well, partner is entitled to expect better hearts. We really don't want him to lead one or raise with three small.

The former, while exerting pressure on the opposition, does the same on partner. Any stray major suit queens will likely be devalued, and, as the dust settles, the axe may be swinging the wrong way.

IYB (cont'd)

Two diamonds, on the other hand, still gives the enemy plenty of rope, defuses partner, allows us to occasionally reach spades (when they bid hearts at the two level), and is about the value of the hand, besides.

AWARDS: 2D = 100 (3 votes), 3D = 80 (6 votes), 1H = 60 (3 votes),
1S = 40 (1 vote), 4D = -10 (1 vote)

4. IMP's. N-S vul.

	W	N	E	S
x	-	1H	P	2D
AJ	P	2S	P	3C
AKJxx	P	3S	P	?
A109xx				

Most contestants decided to take charge of the hand at this point. Some felt they had as much information as they needed:

Dimich: "Seven hearts. Partner has reversed and then shown 6 hearts and five spades; with only a minimum opening he would have opened spades and rebid hearts."

or as much as they were going to get:

Waterman: "Six hearts. I defy anyone to produce a sequence enabling us to bid seven with any degree of assurance. We simply haven't enough room."

Several decided to allow partner a last chance:

Ballantyne: "4NT, 5NT. Basically going to six hearts but giving pard a chance to bid seven. Too bad we can't agree on hearts at the four level and follow with key-card."

This approach is certainly more flexible than either of the first two. I suspect Michael might be a bit shocked at the sort of hand an anonymous expert could give him to play seven hearts with. At the same time, a grand is by no means out of the question. If partner has AKQxx, KQxxxx, x, x, prospects look good and we should get there playing whatever variety we please.

Further explorations were recommended by:

O'Reilly: "Four diamonds - what I would really like partner to do is bid four hearts. If he does, I will bid RKC. If he bids anything else, I'll bid six hearts. My 4D bid will help partner assess any minor suit face cards."

Miller: "Four Clubs - would like to give partner every opportunity to show the diamond queen - will take charge later."

The trouble is, if partner bids anything more than 4H, we may as well forget about taking charge and start hoping we land on our feet.

Duncan Smith: "Four hearts. If partner is good enough to make 6 or 7 hearts on a probable trump lead he will bid again."

If he doesn't we can always pray for bad splits. It does make sense for partner to be key-carding as we have most of the controls and he, presumably, most of the tricks. Bidding hearts at the four level is the only way to bring that about.

AWARDS: 4H = 100 (2 votes), 4C, 4NT = 90 (3 votes, 2 votes), 4D = 80 (1 vote)
6H = 60 (3 votes), 7H = 50 (3 votes)

5. Matchpoints. Both vul.

	W	N	E	S
Jxxx	-	1S	2D	2S
xxx	3D	4D	4H	P
x	P	4S	P	P
KJ10xx	5D	P	P	?

A problem with only two options would serve nicely as a tiebreaker to finish off the set. Although one pair, either through an understanding partnership or vice-versa, didn't interpret partner's pass as forcing, everyone else resigned themselves to acting at the five level on not very much.

Those who thought they had gone far enough:

IYB (cont'd)

Miller: "Double. My pass over four hearts showed about as much encouragement as my hand warrants."

O'Reilly: "Double. With my limited hand if partner can't bid five spades neither can I."

Going minus at the five level won't win too many matchpoint events, it's true, but there seems to be some dispute as to the ownership of the hand. The second round of clubs probably won't be a producer, rendering our hand just about trickless on defense. As a matter of fact, their auction is more believable than ours. If we can't make our contract, our distributional opponents should be able to make theirs.

Duncan Smith: "Five spades - and send it back real fast if they double."

And three kibitzers died laughing when they pulled to six diamonds, making.

AWARDS: 5S = 100 (11 votes), Dbl. = 60 (2 votes), Pass = 30 (1 vote)

Best at fielding the IYB editor's whims this time around was SUSAN PETERS with a score of 490. Next best, at 450 were Laurence 'No Comment' Betts, Aidan Ballantyne and Mumbles the Mariner (Leo Steil).

CLUB NEWS

edited by Catriona Brown

ABBOTSFORD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Friday evenings at 7:30 at the McCallum Activity Centre, 2478 McCallum Rd., Abbotsford. Entry fee \$2.00. Home made cookies & cake and free coffee.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Ted or Liz Hicks 937-0843

On Thursdays at 7:15 pm sharp at the Century House, 620 8th St New Westminster.

Upcoming special events: Feb 3 & 10 - Canadian National Team Trials
(2 consecutive Thursdays)
\$36.00 per team

March 17 - Continent-Wide Charity Game

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

1491 Carleton, Burnaby

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Monday mornings at 10:30.

The December Membership Game was a Swiss event. The winners were Albert & Nadia Yallouz, Pat Carruthers and Gladys Mackie.

SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB

404 E 51 Ave, Vancouver
Manager: Tod Moore 327-2298

Open game Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Cost \$2.00 - includes free coffee.

Winners of the annual 2-session Sunset Duplicate B.C. Trophy were Al Loggie & Alex McBeth.

Leader of the 1982 Sunset Trophy: 1. Delphine Tablotney
2. John Finlay (close behind)
3. Rick Baker

CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Nov 9: There were 17 tables in play for the annual Poppy Day game. Overall winners: Lilli Musil & Kathi Adachi. The club contributed \$500 to the Veteran's Fund.

Nov 2: 19 tables participated in the Canadian Olympiad Fund Game. Anne & Mike Hartop won overall, scoring 109½ on an 84 average.

Nov 15: Twelve teams played a Swiss at the Tsawwassen Bridge Club in aid of the Delta Association for Handicapped Children. Tied for the win at 3½ were: Marguerite Wiggins, Wilf May, Richard & Ina Andersen, and Axel & Margret Schulmann, Al & Donna Freeze.

Cloverdale B.C (cont'd):

Nov 23: Winners of the Continent-Wide Charity Game were Elaine Levins and Kathy Adachi (112½ on an 84 av.).

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Regular games held every Thursday at 7:45.
Membership game on January 27.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

A shareholders party was held in October. Each member was allowed to bring one guest. There was entertainment, duplicate bridge (won by Mary & Ed Fines) and great food.

We have purchased comfortable new chairs which add to the pleasure of all those who come to our club.

Nov 12 Club Championship: Chuck Hodson and Bill Work.

Nov 16 Novice Championship: Joyce Snowball and Shirley Fraser.

Nov 17: Don Sache and Keith Millar. This game produced an unusual result - a four-way tie for first East-West! How often does that happen?

Nov 22: Alex Kuiper and Joyce Pctors

Dec 10 Membership Game: Tom Cross and Betty King

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

Upcoming events: Fri Jan 28 - TGIF (beer & hot dogs)

Thurs Feb 3 - Beat the Nagys Club Championship

Fri Feb 18 - TGIF (Calcutta after the game)

Thurs March 3 - Beat the Nagys

Haída Mini Sectional:

Fri March 25 - TGIF Open Pairs 8:00 pm

Sat March 26 - Open Pairs 8:00 pm

Sun March 27 - Goren Shield - 2 session BAM teams 1:30 & 7:30

Lessons: Intermediate and Beginner lessons every Wednesday night at 7:50

Winners: Congratulations to Dave 'Scratch where it itches' House, the Haída Club Player of the Year. The computer was a close second.

Player of the Month: Oct - David Waterman
Nov - David Waterman
Dec - Dave House

Novice of the Month: Oct - Shelley Bell
Nov - Doug Reid
Dec - Terry Martin

Turnbull Trophy: Aidan Ballantyne and Dave House

PLEASE NOTE: Club News Editor Catriona Brown has moved. Her new address is #103 - 2150 Brunswick St. Vancouver, V5T 3L5. Tel: 879-2810.

IMP LEAGUE -- 'B' DIVISION

With so many new teams, the B league is bound to hold surprises. Finalists last year, King has been close to perfect. No more stable jokes about Scott, in second place at the half-way marker. Stiennon, last year's champs, have their work cut out for them.

Here are the standings after five matches:

1. Betty King	88	6. Jeff Stone	54
2. Anne Scott	64	7. Thony Stiennon	43
3/4. Catriona Brown	59	8. Colin Sabiston	29
3/4. Shiela Shoring	59	9/10. Fritz Bowers	21
5. Dee Steil	56	9/10. Frank Claasen	21

THE MATCHPOINTER

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THE 1983 VANCOUVER REGIONAL

District 19 presents the B.C. Regional at the Hotel Vancouver
April 12-17
900 W. Georgia
Vancouver B.C.

Tuesday April 12:	1:00 pm	* SWISS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP - 1st session * Opening Gun Pairs
	8:00 pm	* SWISS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP -2nd session * Pacific Pairs * DINO Novice Pairs - Under 10 Master Points - <u>No Entry Fee</u> (KO Entries Close At Midnight)
Wednesday April 13:	8:45 am	* EXPERIMENTAL KO TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Session - New Draw Each Round
	1:00 pm	* MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP -1st session * WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - 1st session * Strait of Georgia Pairs
	8:00 pm	* MEN'S PAIRS - 2nd session * WOMEN'S PAIRS - 2nd session * Burrard Inlet Pairs
	Midnite	* LUCKY DRAW SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS
Thursday April 14:	8:45 am	* KO TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP - 2nd session * KO TEAMS CONSOLATION - New Entries Accepted
	1:00 pm	* MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - 1st session * Hollyburn Pairs
	8:00 pm	* MIXED PAIRS - 2nd session * Grouse Mountain Pairs
Friday April 15:	8:45 am	* KO TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP - 3rd session * KO TEAMS CONSOLATION - 2nd session
	1:00 pm	MASTER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1st session <u>Flight A</u> - over 200 MPs required of one member of each partnership <u>Flight B</u> - all players under 200 MPs (Red Points) * BC Lions Pairs * Junior Pairs - One Session - Under 20
	8:00 pm	* MASTER PAIRS - 2nd session * BC Olympiad Fund Game * Junior Pairs - One Session - Under 20
(Schedule Continues Overleaf)	Midnite	* SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS - Charity

Director: Phil Wood

Tournament Chairman: Doug Cowan

Partnerships:

Phil Wood

Doug Cowan

Jennifer Paynter

Morning Side Games As Attendance Warrant.

Entry Fees \$6.25 - Canadian Funds Only

Gold/Red Points In Championships

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THE VANCOUVER REGIONAL - A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

1. PRIZES: As is now well known, we are staging a low budget tournament, but we will still have some hospitality, mostly by way of prizes drawn at the beginning of every session. If you have something to donate, especially something that can be used by out-of-towners as well as Vancouverites, please call Marcia Kostynyk, our hospitality chairman (434-4565), right away.
2. THE RAFFLE: Tickets will be available shortly for a chance to win a game with world champion Paul Soloway in Saturday's Super Open Pairs. Past winners have enjoyed the experience tremendously, and everyone should give themselves an opportunity to win this once in a lifetime experience.
3. VOLUNTEER. People are needed every day to help out in servicing the hospitality and partnership desks. If you are able to assist, please let Marcia (434-4565) know right away.
4. PLAY!!!: Because our tournament has been scheduled so close to the Hawaii Nationals, attendance by out of town players is expected to be down, so we are counting on you. In addition, this is likely to be your last opportunity to win gold points in Vancouver until 1986 (DINO has recently placed the BC Regional on a 3-year rotation between Vancouver, Victoria & Penticton): plan now to play in as many sessions as you can. There is a wide range of open and flighted events available, plus the endless side game & morning and midnite sessions, and we are depending on the fullest support from Unit 430 to make the tournament a success and prove to DINO (and ourselves) that the lovely City of Vancouver can run profitable (and enjoyable) tournaments despite built-in high costs.

- Doug Cowan

Unit Semi-Final: April 2 at the Marpole Community Centre (990 W59), starting times 1:00 & 7:30, entry fee \$48.00 per team.

Under 300 Section: In conjunction with the Unit Semi-Final, the Unit will be staging an under-300 event for all teams who survived the qualifying round but prefer a less-imposing reward. The winners of this one-day event will receive trophies but will be unable to participate in the Unit Finals. Starting times as above. Entry fee a bargain at \$30.00 per team. All players must have under 300 points.

Unit Final: Easter Sunday, April 3 at the Haida Club. 1:00 & 7:30, \$48 per team.

BC FINAL: April 10 at the Marpole Community Centre, 10:30 am & 4:00 pm,
in conjunction with the special Unit Game (see next page).

There is some good news and some bad news on the Unit Game front.
First the good news:

1. The Canadian Bridge Federation and Unit 430 cordially invite you to play in an Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions) on April 10, 1983, at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 990 W59, Vancouver. Session times: 10:30 am & 4:00 pm. This event is Unit-sanctioned and will be held in place of the regular April Unit Game. Entry fee \$30 per team. Please register before 10:15.
2. The bad news is that due to an apparently unresolvable dispute between Unit 430 and Bill Worsfold, the popular Cloverdale Unit Game has been cancelled, as Mr. Worsfold has made his premises and supplies unavailable to the Unit. We apologize to those who may have been inconvenienced by the cancellation of the March game on four days notice. We hope to find an alternate site in time for the May game, the April game being a special event (see above).

In the meantime, here are the standings in the Unit Game races:

VANCOUVER		CLOVERDALE	
1. David Waterman	3.44	1. Ina Anderson	2.23
2. Susan Peters	3.37	2/4. Pete Walton	2.03
3/4. Martin O'Reilly	2.59	2/4. Joan Groome	2.03
3/4. Sandy McIlwain	2.59	2/4. Dennis Dohl	2.03
5. Don Brander	2.25	5/6. Stan Holding	1.62
6. Harvey Piercy	1.94	5/6. Mariann Hutton	1.62
7. Dianne Kinakin	1.88		
8. Linda Sims	1.87		
9. Aidan Ballantyne	1.60		
10/11. Trudy Hurdle	1.59		
10/11. Elaine Ryan	1.59		

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Events which may be of interest to Vancouver-area players. Please note changes from last issue (*):

<u>March</u>		<u>May (cont')</u>	
17	ACBL Charity Game	20-22	Cowichan Sectional Parksville BC
25-27	Yakima Sectional	20-22	Silver Star Spring Sectional Vernon BC
<u>April</u>		27-29	Seattle Sectional
*2	CNTC Unit Semi-Final + Under 300	<u>June</u>	
*3	CNTC Unit Final	3-5	BC Championships RICHMOND BC
9	CNTC Provincial Semi-Final	7-12	California Capital Regional Sacramento CA
10	CNTC Provincial Final	10-12	Summer Sectional Spokane WA
*10	VANCOUVER UNIT GAME	12	Vancouver Unit Game
	Swiss Teams, 10:30 am & 4:00 pm	17-19	Klamath Falls Sectional Klamath Falls OR
12-17	VANCOUVER REGIONAL	25-26	Skagit Sectional Mount Vernon WA
<u>May</u>		<u>July (partial)</u>	
29-1	Kootenay Sectional Kimberly BC	*3	Vancouver Unit Game
1	Vancouver Unit Game	22-24	NEW Maple Ridge Sectional MAPLE RIDGE BC
6-8	Spruce Capital Sectional Prince George BC		
10-15	Gem State Regional Pocatello ID		
13-15	Lakewood Sectional Tacoma WA		

BRIDGE TEACHERS

Don Forsythe is starting up an organization of qualified bridge teachers in the Vancouver area. His goals are to maintain a standard of bridge instruction and to provide a pool of ACBL-oriented teachers for local schools, etc, to draw from.

If you are currently a bridge teacher or would like to become one, please contact Don: 1329 Smith Ave. Coquitlam, tel. 939-8787.

TOURNAMENT RESULTSVancouver Winter Sectional (388 tables)

Men's Pairs (46 pairs):

1. David Waterman, Van. - Joel Martineau, Burnaby
2. Gordon Davis - Chuck Hodson, both Van.
3. John Whittlesey - Peter Cooper, both Van.

Women's Pairs (60 pairs):

1. Arlene Browning, Van. - Gladys Mackie, Coquitlam
2. Leslie Gold, Richmond - Donna MacDuff, Maple Ridge
3. Elaine Levins - Kathy Adachi, both Delta

Mixed Pairs (94 pairs):

1. Debbie McCully - Peter Walton, both Surrey
2. Julie Smith - Peter Cooper, both Van.
3. Avril & Chuck Hodson, both North Van.

Junior Pairs (28 pairs):

1. Audrey Loy, Surrey - Edward Brownsword, White Rock
- 2/3. Brian Tkatch - Gay Mullin, both Van.
- 2/3. Shirley Luten - Edith Fraser, both Van.

Side Game (20 pairs):

1. Sandi White, Van. - Ida Goodland, Richmond
2. Catriona Brown, Murdoch Smith, both Van.
3. Leon Zambrzycki, Delta - Anssi Rantamaa, Langley

Open Pairs (112 pairs): -The Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy-

1. Ray Loftis - Steve Bruno, both Bellevue
2. Trudy Hurdle - Lauren Miller, both Van.
3. Liz Lee - Jeanne Bentley, Both Van.

Consolation Pairs (70 pairs):

- 1/2. Selene Jacobson, Van. - Leslie Gold, Richmond
- 1/2. D. Paskaruk, Burnaby - M. Elliott, Aldergrove
3. Gerry McCully, Surrey - Dan Jacob, Van.

Board-A-Match Teams (24 teams):

1. Ron Borg - Bob Connop - Paul Hagen - Don Brander, All Van.
2. Peter Herold, - Aidan Ballantyne, both Van. - Joel Martineau, Burnaby - Ken Scholes, Seattle
- 3/4. Fred Sontag, Selene Jacobson, Sophus Kelly, Bert Curry, all Van.
- 3/4. Susan Peters - Martin O'Reilly - Sandy McIlwain, all Van. - Michael Newcombe, North Van.

Swiss Teams - under 1000 mp (48 teams):

1. Larry Hicks - Bill Angus - Thony Stiennon - Chester Michmo
2. Joycie Miura, Alex McBeth, Nurdin Kassam, Aneel Korde
- 3/5. D. Paskaruk - M. Elliott - M. MacGregor - H. Oldaker
- 3/5. Laureen Holley - Rose Wrean - Don Fraser - Beryl Hamilton
- 3/5. Hobart & Hanna Liang - Cliff & Pat Glen

Seattle Regional

Open Swiss

- 1/2. Andy Nagy, Don Brazeau, Aidan Ballantyne, Joel Martineau

Women's Pairs

3. Gerda Lubeseder - Olive Perdue, Both Van.
9. Pat Carruthers, Eby. - Arlene Browning, Van.

Men's Pairs

4. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour

Seattle Regional (cont'd)

Open Pairs

- 3. Laurence Betts - Fred Sontag
- 9. Dan Jacob

Masters Pairs - Flight A

- 6. Cam Lindsay - Aidan Ballantyne
- 7/8. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully
- 7/8. Don Brander - Bob Connop

Unseeded Knockout Teams

- 3/4. Alan Graves - Joel Martineau
- 3/4. Aidan Ballantyne - Don Brazeau - Laurence Betts - Andy Nagy - Cam Lindsay - Greg Arbour

Open Pairs - Flight A

- 1. Gord McOrmond - Dan Jacob
- 4/5. Paul Hagen - Don Brander
- 6. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully
- 12. Syd & Pearl Minkoff

Open Pairs - Flight B

- 7. Chuck & Avril Hodson
- 9. Dee Steil

Open Pairs - Flight C

- 1. Harry & Tom Satanone, both Van.
- 4. Harold Hansen - Dan Watson, both Bby.
- 5. Bernard Pinsky, Van. - Shael Smith, Richmond
- 6. Pat & Louis Landau, both Van.

Swiss Teams - Flight A

- 1. Leo Steil
- 3. Laurence Betts, Peter E. Herold

Winner of free plays to a District 19 Regional in the Lucky Draw
Midnight Swiss was no surprise - Dave 'What me pay?' House.

Charity Midnight Swiss

- 2/4. Wilf May - Herby Lum - Ben Danielson - Doug Hansford
- 2/4. Mike Hargreaves - Martin O'Reilly - Martin Johnson - Chris Christofferson
- 2/4. Marge Neate - Donna Morrison - Stella Allison - Ev Hodge - Mary Fines

Portland Regional

Swiss Teams - Flight A

- 1. Leo Steil

Bellingham Sectional

Swiss Teams

- 2. Gordon McOrmond - Dan Jacob - Aidan Ballantyne - Joel Martineau

Editor's Note: Any omissions from this list are due mostly to my not having been at the tournament in question. The Matchpointer would like to take note of all good showings by Vancouver Unit players. Even if you do not court the recognition, we would like to show where the Unit's presence is being felt. So please help by (a) phoning in results you suspect I might not have, (b) mailing said results, or (c) paying my way to all the tournaments in the North-West.

Send your Matchpointer correspondence to: Sandy McIlwain, #6-2160 W 39, Vancouver, or phone 263-2152.

Send your club news to Catriona Brown, #103-2150 Brunswick St., Vancouver or phone 879-2810.

ACBL ANNUAL AWARDS

The following players were the most successful Masterpoint gatherers in their respective categories in 1982. The closest race was between the Advanced Senior Masters, a three-way photo finish. O'Reilly has appealed, calling the result 'unlucky'. Unit 430 congratulates the winners.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

*Walter Link	77.20
Dan Watson	41.58
Don McKay	35.72

NON-MASTER OF THE YEAR

*Mary Scott	31.08
Al French	24.53
M. Zarychta	19.79

MASTER OF THE YEAR

*Jason Cohen	217.66
Anne Scott	49.02
Angela Fenton	48.63

NATIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

*Alex Kiper	147.42
Larry Pocock	93.60
Betty King	88.54

SENIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

*David House	144.94
Danny Lee	77.13
Joyce Peters	72.15

ADVANCED SENIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

*David Waterman	161.57
Martin O'Reilly	161.33
Dee Steil	159.54

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

*Joel Martineau	393.98
Gordon McOrmond	367.42
Laurence Betts	310.39

UNIT GAMES

Vancouver:

Due to a confusion over dates, the Haida Club held 'unit games' on each of the first two Sundays in January. While January 9 was the official date, the ACBL has permitted us to retroactively sanction the earlier date.

January 2 (14 tables):

- Overall: 1. Sandy McIlwain - Martin O'Reilly
 2. Trudy Hurdle - Elaine Ryan
 3. David Waterman - John Bryden
 4. Gerda Lubeseder - Olive Perdue
 5. Howard Sussman - Willic Hyde
 6. Shiela Shoring - Henry Smilie

N-S

1. Hurdle - Ryan	188
2. Shoring - Smilie	174
3/4. Koos Van Lieshout - Gertie Stanford	171½
3/4. Adrian & June Budd Hicks	171½

E-W

1. McIlwain - O'Reilly	189
2. Waterman - Bryden	186
3. Lubeseder - Perdue	179
4. Sussman - Hyde	177

January 9 (10 tables):

- Overall: 1/2. Ron Pratt - Sherman Kwan
 1/2. Harvey Piercy - Rhoda Taffler
 3. Linda Sims - Lauren Miller
 4. G. Fisher - R. Yarmchuk

N-S

1. Piercy - Taffler	127
2. Sims - Miller	123
3. Jeanne Bentley - Don Jorgenson	120

E-W

1. Pratt - Kwan	127
2. Fisher - Yarmchuk	121½
3. Mike Takemori - Jane Rodgers	119

February (15 tables):

- Overall: 1. David Waterman - Dianne Kinakin
 2. Bob MacDuff - Michael Dimich
 3. Linda Sims - Susan Peters
 4. Pauly McClafferty - Harvey Piercy
 5. Aidan Ballantyne - Joel Martineau
 6. Phyllis Barrington - Andrew Ross

N-SE-W

1. MacDuff - Dimich	210	1. Waterman - Kinakin	215
2. Sims - Peters	181	2. McClafferty - Piercy	175
3. Ballantyne - Martineau	174	3. Barrington - Ross	173
4. Trudy Hurdle - Elaine Ryan	166	4. Jerry & Jean Brownridge	169

March(20 tables):

- Overall: 1. Susan Peters - Don Brander
 2. Ev McKee - Ron Groome
 3. Nick Stock - Aidan Ballantyne
 4. Martin O'Reilly - Sandy McIlwain
 5. Morris Potzold - Sefton Levine
 6/7. David Waterman - Martin Johnson
 6/7. Jacques Printz - Jean Marc Dionne

Section A: N-SE-W

1. Potzold - Levine	125	1/2. Waterman - Johnson	124
2. Liz Lee - Francis Waters	123½	1/2. Printz - Dionne	124
3. Adrian & June Budd Hicks	116½	3. John Bryden - Fumi Lumoli	123½
4. Syd & Pearl Minkoff	115	4. Don Fraser - Gladys Mackie	109½

Section B: N-SE-W

1. Stock - Ballantyne	130	1. Peters - Brander	137½
2. O'Reilly - McIlwain	129	2. McKee - Groome	132
3. Bernie Hoy - Jenny Paynter	113	3. Catriona Brown - Phyllis Barrington	122½
4. R. Yarmchuk - G. Fisher	111½	4. Laurence & Rhonda Betts	119½

Cloverdale:

January (17 tables):

- Overall: 1. Ina Anderson - Jean Groome
 2. Len Feeney - Henry Smilie
 3. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 4. Mike Moffat - Bill Kennedy
 5. Tony Marsh - Ron Groome
 6. Walter Link - Colin Collin

N-SE-W

1. Hodge - Morrison	184½	1. Anderson - Groome	197-
2. Marsh - Groome	181	2. Feeney - Smilie	185
3. Link - Collin	173½	3. Moffat - Kennedy	182
4. Don Fraser - Betty Hamilton	171½	4. Don Forsythe - Norm Chapple	168

February (17 tables):

- Overall: 1. Dennis Dohl - Pter Walton
 2. Stan Holding - Marianno Hutton
 3. Don Forsythe - Wilf May
 4. Gerry & Debbie McCully
 5. Chan Balendran - Al Freeze
 6. Bill Angus - Larry Hicks

N-SE-W

1. Dohl - Walton	203	1. Holding - Hutton	201½
2. Forsythe - May	188½	2. Angus Hicks	180
3. McCullys	188	3. Tony & Jean Marsh	174
4. Balendran - Freeze	180½	4. Colin Collin - Walter Link	173

DON'T FORGET: The APRIL UNIT GAME will be a two-session Swiss Teams held at the Marpole Community Centre on April 10, in conjunction with the BC Final of the CNTC. Starting times: 10:30 am and 4:00 pm. Tune up your team for the Regional.

By Aidan Ballantyne

Recently a woman at the club exclaimed, "There are no more gentlemen!" Indeed there are complaints that the standard of ethics and deportment has been sinking steadily. But nostalgia is the fad of the day and the idea that the good old days were any better may simply be the product of wishful thinking. On the other hand there is a frightening contemporary ideology that winning is everything and how you play the game is of secondary importance. It follows that there is some justification in the belief that behaviour has deteriorated and that players are sometimes guided in their actions by what they can get away with at the table or before committee, rather than by some inner sense of responsibility.

This article (in three parts) will attempt to remind Unit 430 players (myself included!) of how the game is supposed to be played. It is written for those who don't know better, and also for those who should know better.

The proper way of communicating

Section A of The Proprieties defines, in part, the correct mode of communication between partners:

Communication between partners during the auction and the play should be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves. . . . Calls should be made in a uniform tone without special emphasis or inflection, and without undue haste or hesitation (however sponsoring organizations may require a mandatory pause following a skip bid). . . . Plays should be made without emphasis, gesture or mannerism, and so far as possible, at a uniform rate.

Some common violations:

1. The 'co-op double' delivered in a hesitant, somewhat interrogative tone of voice.
2. The obvious penalty double boomed out instantaneously in a tone of complete finality.
3. The 'Blackwood sign-off' when, after a rather confused auction, 4NT is bid after an inordinately long pause and much scratching of the head. The intent of the bid is sometimes made clear by placing one's cards face down on the table, crossing one's arms and leaning back in one's chair.
4. The literally 'forward-going' minimum raise; extra values are shown by raising in an eager tone while leaning forward over the table.
5. The slow duck, by a defender, which usually conveys the possession of an ace.

There are many other types of infractions. They are all violations whether intentional or not.

Unauthorized information

The partner of the violator in these cases is said to have unauthorized information. Law 16(2) states:

Any information conveyed by a player, other than declarer, to his partner by means of a remark, question, unmistakeable hesitation, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, mannerism, or any other action that may suggest a call, lead or plan of play, is illegal, unauthorized information.

What a player does with this unauthorized information is what determines whether he/she is a gentleman/lady. Section C (Part II) of The Proprieties states:

When a player has available to him improper information from his partner's remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, special emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, he should carefully avoid taking any advantage that might accrue to his side.

The problem is how to determine if advantage is being taken, consciously or subconsciously. Since the ACBL is not currently employing hypnotists, truth serum or lie detectors, the director follows a carefully worked out procedure to remedy the situation. Overall, the director's actions are guided by the following code from The Proprieties:

Doing it right (cont'd)

If the director determines that a player chose from among logical alternative actions one that could reasonably have been suggested by his partner's tempo, manner or remark, he should award an adjusted score.

Note the wording "could reasonably have been suggested" not "was suggested"! In his approach the director (and the possibly ensuing committee) must settle four separate issues:

1. Was there a violation?
2. Could the innocent side have suffered damage thereby?
(Again, note the "could".)

If the answer to these two questions is Yes, then the next two issues are considered:

3. Were there logical alternatives to the chosen play or call? A logical alternative is one which might be chosen by a substantial proportion (one in four) of equivalent players acting on the basis of all the information, were it legitimately available.
4. Could the violation reasonably suggest that the call or play chosen at the table would be more successful than one of the logical alternatives?

If the answer to all four questions is Yes, then the score may be adjusted.

The most common cases involve hesitations during the bidding, so it may be instructive to consider a 'huddle muddle'. South, at unfavorable vulnerability (matchpoints), holds:

AJx
10x
Qxx
KQJ9x

South opens 1C as dealer and West, after announcing a skip bid, calls 3H (preemptive). North takes a long time and finally doubles, conventionally for penalties. East passes and South bids 3NT. West calls the director who advises the players that he should have been summoned immediately following North's hesitation. Nevertheless, the director asks that the bidding and play proceed while he retains the right to adjust the score. All pass and 3NT goes down one for E-W +100.

Following the above procedure the director establishes that there has indeed been a violation. North was entitled to about ten seconds of thought after the skip bid, but the players more-or-less agree that North took close to a minute to double. The director next addresses the question of damage and decides that E-W could have been damaged as they could have made 3H by guessing the location of the diamond Q. In fact, many E-W pairs have made 3H for +140 (playing opener for the QD) and +100 is not a good score for E-W. The third question is: Was there a logical alternative to the bid of 3NT? The director decides that, faced with an in tempo penalty double, a substantial number of players (at least one in four) of South's calibre would pass the penalty double. The logic behind the two obvious choices might be:

- a) 3Nt. South has more clubs than he might, playing standard. His lack of aces might hurt the defense. The good club texture may make 3NT playable, whereas the penalty might not compensate for the vulnerable game.
- b) Pass. South has the full opening bid he promised. His hand is flat. The doubleton heart 10 may be a positive factor on defense. He can stand a club lead. He should respect partner's judgement. His partner knows the vulnerability.

The director now considers the question of whether or not the hesitation made the 3NT bid more attractive than the Pass. In his judgement the director ignores what he knows of South's character and pays no attention to arguments such as "I would have bid 3NT without the hesitation" or "I always try to bid vulnerable games at matchpoints". The question is, could the slow double have encouraged a player to bid 3NT rather than sit for the double?

The director decides that in the present case the answer is Yes. North's pause likely means that North is thinking of bidding 3NT himself, or that he is not trump-rich for his double and is uncertain about his defensive

prospects. Either way, this illegal information could reasonably have suggested the 3NT bid over the Pass. This decision does not mean N-S are accused of cheating. South had to do something and, hopefully, he did the best he could under the circumstances. The director now decides to set the score at 3H^x making, but advises N-S of their right to appeal.

The role of the Committee

On matters of bridge law, the director's say is final. However, the Committee may review those aspects of decision-making that require judgement. The Committee also has disciplinary powers.

Taking the above case, the Committee retraces the director's thinking and reviews his judgement. Thus, the Committee may decide that there was no infraction (say the hesitation itself is in dispute); may overturn the director's decision that E-W could have been damaged (in which case the result of E-W +100 would stand); could decide that more than 75% of South players of equivalent calibre would bid 3NT and that there was no logical alternative to South's call (again, E-W score +100); might overrule the director's judgement that South's call could reasonably have been suggested by the huddle (once more, E-W score +100). Finally, the Committee may have some doubts and decide that E-W should receive an average plus on the board rather than the top they would get for +530. N-S might be dealt an average minus or a zero depending on the Committee's conclusions.

If North and/or South appear frequently before Committees in similar circumstances, the Committee may decide to take disciplinary action.

The pause that refreshes

Tempo problems crop up frequently in the play, often involving the play of third hand to trick one. Declarer, who has the advantage of seeing 26 cards, may play quickly from dummy after the opening lead. Third hand may hesitate unduly, being faced with a difficult play, or one that may be crucial to the rest of the defense. Such hesitation often yields unauthorized information about third hand holdings. For these reasons it is common courtesy in top-flight games for declarer to pause at least 30 seconds before playing dummy's card to the first trick. Perhaps this will eventually become ACBL policy (like skip bids). Meanwhile the 'first trick pause' is a worthwhile habit to develop as declarer. Declarer ends up making fewer hasty mistakes and helps all the players to develop an even tempo. This makes the game more enjoyable for all.

Intentional variations

This section would not be complete without a discussion of the problem of players intentionally hesitating with singletons and committing related infractions with the purpose of deliberately misleading opponents.

The Proprieties state:

It is grossly improper to attempt to mislead an opponent by means of remark or gesture, through the haste or hesitancy of a call or play . . . or by manner in which the call or play is made.

And:

If the director determines that an innocent opponent has drawn a false inference from deliberately and improperly deceptive information, he should be awarded an adjusted score (see Law 16).

On the other hand, it must be remembered that:

Inadvertently to vary tempo or manner in which call or play is made does not in itself constitute a violation of propriety, but inferences from such variations may properly be drawn only by an opponent, and at his own risk.

Conclusions

It is now possible to deal with the question: "Well, what do I do when partner balks revealingly or bids in a suggestive tone of voice?" Answer: You don't try to interpret partner's problem to your own advantage, thinking that you might get away with it or, at the worst, face a committee. Instead, you do your utmost to bid or play as if there hadn't been a problem. This is difficult to do. One approach is to go over the available

alternatives in your mind and select what you feel would be the majority action. Of course, this isn't a fun way to play the game. Even if you do your best, you will often find that the score is adjusted in favor of your opponents. This is because the non-offending side gets the benefit of the doubt, and is fully entitled to redress when: 1. there was a possibility of damage, 2. there were other obvious calls or plays available to you, and 3. there was a reasonable theoretical possibility that your action was influenced by partner's balk or tone of voice. So, if you find that partner's problems are causing you repeated poor scores from adjustments, and much time in the director-committee spotlight, encourage partner to bid and play more smoothly. If that fails, find a new partner!

Further reading:

Interested players may find more information on ethics in:

1. The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge (effective 1975), published by the ACBL.
2. "Huddles and Hesitations", by Edgar Kaplan, in the ACBL Bulletin, August, 1981.
3. The continuing series of "Appeals Committee" articles in the Bridge World Magazine.

-first of three parts

SECTIONAL TROPHY RACES

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Bob Connop	22.11	11. Lauren Miller	15.21
2/4. Paul Hagen	20.71	12. Trudy Hurdle	13.48
2/4. Ron Borg	20.71	13. Selene Jacobson	12.21
2/4. Don Brander	20.71	14. Thony Stiennon	12.11
5. Joel Martineau	19.53	15. Martin O'Reilly	11.96
6. Peter Herold	16.77	16. Peter Cooper	11.72
7/8. Steve Bruno	16.50	17. Leslie Gold	11.26
7/8. Ray Loftis	16.50	18. Michael Newcombe	10.81
9/10. Aidan Ballantyne	15.50	19/21. Bill Angus	10.36
9/10. Ken Scholes	15.50	19/21. Larry Hicks	10.36
		19/21. Chester Michno	10.36

Under 200 Trophy

1/2. Larry Hicks	10.36	6. Gladys Mackie	5.68
1/2. Bill Angus	10.36	7. Doug Strachan	4.28
3. Nurdin Kassam	7.26	8. Avril Hodson	3.80
4. Aneel Korde	7.26	9. Graham Putnam	3.73
5. Marilee Elliott	7.02	10. Denise & Don McKay	3.35

Eddie Bonnell

1. Trudy Hurdle	13.48	6. Julie Smith	9.71
2. Selene Jacobson	12.21	7. Liz Lee	9.08
3. Leslie Gold	11.26	8. Debbie McCully	8.88
4. Jeanne Bentley	10.18	9. Joycie Miura	7.26
5. Susan Peters	10.08	10. Marilee Elliott	7.02

Double Dummy Problem

Looking at all four hands, would you rather play or defend?

KQJ762	void		
3	10954		
Q102	AK85	A84	Contract: 6H
1084	AKJ93	Q862	Lead: K of spades
		J94	Solution: see p. 13
	10953	Q62	
	AKJ7		
	763		
	75		

-submitted by Lauren Miller

Victoria Sectional Results:

Swiss Teams: 1. Harvey Piercy - Pete Walton
 2/4. Lauren Miller - Linda Sims - Elaine Ryan - Debbie McCully

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

od. Catriona Brown
 Willingdon Community Centre
 1491 Carleton St. Burnaby

Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 (Club closed April 12 for Regional)
 Monday Mornings at 10:45 (Club closed April 4 - Easter Monday)

Cost: \$2.00 including refreshments.

Regular players who have done well at tournaments are:

Arlene Browning & Gladys Mackie who won the Ladies Pairs at the recent Richmond sectional, and
 Arlene Browning & Pat Carruthers, 9th overall in the Ladies Pairs at the Seattle regional.

Tuesday April 26: District 19 Charity Game. Sectional rated, hand analysis.

Games directed by Don Fraser. Manager: Pat Carruthers 420-6575.

SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB

404 E51 Ave. Vancouver
 Manager: Tod Moore 327-2298

Games every Monday Evening at 7:00.

Cost: \$2.00 includes free coffee.

The 1982 Sunset Duplicate Bridge Trophy, awarded to the player with the most masterpoints accumulated at the club during the year, was won by Delphine Tablotney.

Early leader in the 1983 race is John Bryden, with Morris Potzold a close second.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Ted or Liz Hicks 937-0843

Games every Thursday Evening at 7:15 sharp at the Century House, 620 8th St. New Westminster.

ACBL Continent Wide Charity Game, Thursday March 17.

KING GEORGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

East Richmond Community Centre
 12360 Cambie Road, Richmond
 Manager: George Radies: 273-3003

The King George, which replaces the Kensington BC, holds games every Wednesday Evening at 7:30.

King George Trophy competition: March 30 & April 6.

CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Nine teams played in the the recent CNTC game. There was a three-way tie for first but a tie-breaking formula saw the team of Doug Cowan - Tom Cross - J. Shneider - Bill Hartford come out on top.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Pemberton Club has a new trophy, which will be awarded annually to the player compiling the greatest number of masterpoints during the quarterly club championships. There are twelve such events yearly, and the final result will be based on the players' ten best showings. Our statistician, Anne Scott, will tabulate the results. Our thanks to Chuck Hodson who helped to defray the cost of the trophy.

Results of February championships:

Feb 9: Bruce Buckley - Bob Butler
 Feb 18: Joyce Peters - Alex Liper
 Feb 21: Bernice Muloch - Janice Brundrett
 Feb 25 Team Game: Marg Neate - Stella Alliston - Angela Fenton - Betty King

The North Shore Winter Club presents its 9th annual:

Jan Argent 929-4920
 Sally Smith 929-5903

Charity Open Swiss Team Championship

Sunday March 20, 1983, 2 sessions beginning at 11:30 am.

Cost: \$60.00 per team, includes a delicious buffet dinner.

Deadline for entries: March 16. Sylvia Springer 985-1995, Janice Brundrett 980-2975.

Solution to problem on p. 11

In this case, best declarer play will beat best defense, so play, but be careful!

Ruff the opening lead with the 10 or 9 (essential) and play a low club from both hands. Win the minor suit return (best) in dummy, and finesse the heart 7 - or as high a heart as is needed to win the trick. Ruff a spade with the remaining high heart, finesse in trumps again, pull trumps and claim. Alternately, the heart may be finessed at trick 2 and the club ducked at trick 3.

Note particularly what happens if you ruff low at trick 1. East can subsequently insert the heart 8 when you lead low from dummy, and you will be unable to unlock communications to draw trumps.

Lest you think this is a purely theoretical problem (who in their right minds would bid such a skimpy slam?), in a recent challenge match between the CNTC teams of our illustrious editor and his humble contributor both teams staggered into 6H!

[As a matter of record, our humble contributor shellacked our il.ed. in said team game. Ed.]

A Note On Non-Standard Card Play

When using non-standard leads (e.g. Roman Reverse Signals, Levinthal Discards), you should place a note alongside your conventions card saying: "We use - Upsidedown Signals & Discards" or whatever. Your opponents have the right to know.

IMP LEAGUE

As the season draws to a close, here are the standings in the A League:

1. Dimich (10 matches)	145	Round 11: Bryden vs. Christofferson
2. Betts (10)	140	Betts vs. Dimich
3. Lindsay (10)	129	Herold vs. Jacob
4. Christofferson (10)	121	Round 12: Betts vs. Christofferson
5. Martineau (11)	117	Dimich vs. Martineau
6. Bryden (10)	112	Jacob vs. Hawkes
7. Jacob (9)	108	Round 13: Martineau vs. Christoffers
8. Jacobson (10)	99	Betts vs. Bryden
9. Groome (11)	92	Dimich vs. Lindsay
10. Herold (9)	86	
11. Hawkes (10)	78	
12. Hicks (9)	76	
13. Hansford (11)	61	
14. Sussman (10)	15	

With three matches (more or less) to be played, the battle for first place in the round-robin could be decided when the two front-runners go at each other in their next match, but neither team has any easy draw remaining. This means of course that the ancient Lindsay team has an outside shot at the top spot, and appears at least to have a lock on the third playoff position. This leaves fourth place. As it was last year, most of the late-season drama is centred around the battle for the last, elusive playoff berth. Christofferson has been well-placed all year, but has a difficult draw, and must play two teams that are trying to pass them. Martineau has managed to stay close, mostly by beating the tougher teams, but having played one more match, they may end up watching their position erode. Bryden has once again surprised the prognosticators by moving up during the latter part of the season. They have let opportunity slip away more than once, however, and need all the VP's they can get from here on in, plus a little help. This leaves Jacob, who with a match in hand, may be the favorites at this point to make the grade, as their draw pits them against none of the top contenders, although a couple of teams who thus far haven't lived up to their pre-season billing could still make all the difference. Not a good year for teams starting with "H".

[B League standings were unavailable at press time.]

The NEXT MATCHPOINTER will be printed on May 15. This means that the deadline for copy is May 1. Unless I'm in the hospital and can't sit up this date won't change, so please be on time. May 1. May 1. May 1. May 1.

[One of our faithful correspondents thought this tennis article might sound a bit familiar. Ed.]

Some couples call it "divorce doubles", a game invented to enrich lawyers. It real name, of course, is mixed doubles, and it is that exasperating game of tennis in which men and women are partners.

Hundreds of so-called "social" mixed doubles games are played on summer weekends at tennis clubs throughout the [New York] area. Many of the matches are marked by constant bickering, especially if the partners on one side happen to be married.

This bickering has gone on as long as mixed doubles have been played. But some observers of the tennis scene believe it has become louder as the female partners, emboldened perhaps by the women's movement, no longer suffer in silence.

Celeste Cutrone, for example, tried to put an end to an unpleasant situation before it affected her marriage. Mrs. Cutrone said the squabbling with her husband, Ralph, would begin whenever she made an error, and he would ask her questions such as "What do you call that shot?" During one such quarrel Mrs. Cutrone walked off the court, saying to the other couple: "Bye, everybody. Ralph is going to play you by himself."

Nowadays, the Cutrones are playing mixed doubles together again. Their matches are fairly peaceful, Mrs. Cutrone says, "because all I have to do is say, 'Ralph, you're asking questions again,' and he stops - he doesn't want me to walk off the court."

On most mixed-doubles teams, the man, as the stronger player, tends to dominate play on his side of the net. Many female partners find this irritating; others, especially those who are weaker players, welcome it, feeling that the less often they have to hit the ball, the better.

Brenda Feigen said tennis was the one area of her life where she did not consider herself the equal of her husband. "But I still don't think he should hog all the balls. And I get angry when he's at net and leaps into the air for a ball that I could have easily returned from the baseline. Frankly, both of us prefer singles."

"The best thing you can do is give your partner all the support you can, short of being ridiculous," said Dr. James T. Holmes, a Manhattan psychiatrist who is an avid tennis player. "You just have to be supportive and encouraging, no matter how you feel or what the score is. It will pay off in the end."

The Rookie's Two Cents

	A53		
	Q4		Contract: 4 Hearts
Q78	AK43	J1072	Lead: 5 of clubs.
AK92	AS42	J7	
87		J965	
Q1075	K64	J96	
	108653		
	Q102		
	K3		

N-S have coxed each other into 4H, and the hand seems to have 3 heart and 1 spade loser unless declarer finesses the D10. Our declarer managed to avoid the diamond guess. After the opening club lead won in hand, South led a heart to the Q and a second heart, won by the J. East returned a club which dummy won. A club was ruffed, dummy was re-entered with a diamond, and the last club was ruffed, East pitching a spade. Declarer now played his last heart while dummy and East discarded spades. West now played a spade in the following ending:

		A5	
	Q98	--	J10
Declarer won and played the	A	A43	--
Q then the 10 of diamonds. No matter	8		J96
what West id, declarer was home with 1H,		K64	
2C, 2C ruffs & 3D.		--	
		Q10	

You have already noted that a spade lead would have beaten the contract, but declarer did make the most of his chances.

Just room to report that Dave House is a new Life Master. Well done, Davey!

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BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 3-5 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond, BC

Tournament Director: Phil Wood
Tournament Chairman: Al Chapelle

Friday, June 3: 1:30 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 pm BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
NOVICE PAIRS (0-20 MP's)

Saturday, June 4: 1:30 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 1st session
Flight A - No Restrictions
Flight B - 0-1000 MP's
8:00 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 2nd session

Sunday, June 5: 11:00 am & OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
4:30 pm Free coffee & muffins at 10:30

Partnerships: Jennifer Paynter
438-3095

Side games as warranted by attendance

Please note new starting times Saturday and early start Sunday.
All events \$4.50 per session, except Novice Pairs \$3.50.

Unit 430 proudly presents the first

GOLDEN EARS SECTIONAL

July 22-24 at the MAPLE RIDGE LEISURE CENTRE
1195 Haney Plaza (224 & Loughheed)
Maple Ridge, BC

Friday, July 22: 1:30 pm UNMIXED PAIRS
8:00 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 1 session
Flight A - No Restrictions
Flight B - 0-500 MP's

*Dance and hospitality following game!

Saturday, July 23: 1:30 pm OPEN PAIRS - Qualifying session
7:30 pm OPEN PAIRS - Final & Consolation

Sunday, July 24: 11:00 am & OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
4:30 pm

Tournament Director: Cam Cameron
Tournament Chairman: Mike Hartop

Hotel Information: Anne Hartop
463-8082

Entries: \$4.50 per session

Trophies courtesy Jan Kirkpatrick
of Realty World

Special Attractions: Sauna, Racquet Ball, Swimming Pool!

Camping: 5 minutes away in beautiful Golden Ears Park. Explore the Valley!

The UNIT 430 Annual Meeting will be held on July 3 before the Unit Game,
at the Haida Club, 2182 W 12 Ave, Vancouver. Meeting time: 6:30. A
quorum of 50 is needed to begin the meeting, so please attend or the
game time may be delayed.

THE VANCOUVER REGIONAL: THANK YOU!

2.

The recent BC Regional was, by all standards, an unqualified success (unless you failed again to get the gold points you need). This success is almost entirely a reflection of the support shown by the members of Unit 430, as well as the other units of DINO.

A study of the entry blanks shows that about 40% of the participants were local, with another 45% being split about equally between other areas of BC and Washington. The rest mainly came from Alberta, Oregon and California, with a few from other Canadian areas and almost no-one (except some pros) from other US points.

Thus the fears expressed by many that attendance would be down due to the recession and the proximity of the Hawaii Nationals were probably correct with respect to those who travel some distance to go to Regionals, but this was more than offset by the fantastic support we received from the local players.

The final total of 2,649 tables was only a few short of the DINO record (set in Victoria in 1980), and despite the widely-held view that a Regional could not be held profitably in Vancouver owing to high rental costs, etc., we were well within budget, and in fact turned a profit more than enough to cover DINO's expenses.

I again want to thank everyone who helped make the event such a success, especially Hospitality Chairman, Marcia Kostynyk, and Partnership Chairman, Jennifer Paynter, and their tireless and efficient helpers; but most of all it was YOU, the members of Unit 430, who assured the success of the tournament.

For your information, your unit is immediately entering into negotiations with DINO to re-obtain a Vancouver Regional on a bi-annual basis.

Sincerely,

Doug Cowan, Chairman
1983 BC Regional

And THANK YOU, Doug Cowan, for all your hard work and good management as Chairman of a fine tournament in a most difficult hour. We had a great time!

CONGRATULATIONS to our local hero and man-about-town, Peter Herold, who, along with his partner, Jim Dickie, currently of Spokane, and Las Vegas' Linda Peterson, was a double winner at the Regional.

The Twilight Zone

-OK, you're holding void, AK109 -seventh, Jack-fifth, stiff, first seat, vul. vs. not. You're playing board-a-match with a partner who knows your textbook got smudged in the tub when you were on chapter 4 and you pass to hear what happens. LHO bids a spade, pard passes, and RHO bids 3 hearts - strong jump shift! Now you've heard enough so you bid 4 hearts and before you can catch your breath (it used to be easier, didn't it?) LHO Blackwoods, RHO shows an ace, LHO bids 6 no trump!! It goes pass, pass (RHO was stoic), and now what?! Like I say it's B-A-M, so if they make this one doubled or undoubled, we probably lose the board. Is double or pass more likely to extract a heart lead from partner?

The voice at the other end of the line was blurred but I had his attention. "What time is it?" were the first printable words I could make out. -Eleven-thirty. "Where you calling from?" -Vancouver. We just finished our Regional. 2600 tables. Hey, we placed in this event. "That means it's 2:30 here - Monday morning in Toronto. Snowing all weekend." The voice was fading. -Oh yeah, sorry, - so whaddaya think? Should I pass, double, bid for-god's-sake, glare at RHO?

The click was decisive, but I knew he'd call back - some folks have all the answers.

What I did was I passed and ol' pard led a diamond, I think, and LHO managed to stop laughing long enough to take 13 tricks and I blew the next board on the rebound, but you'll never guess - we won on the hand. Our other half played and made six spades doubled, and you really don't know what might happen in the Twilight Zone.

APRIL:

Twenty teams of die-hards braved the 10:30 starting time to play in our special 2-session Swiss on April 10 at the Marpole Community Centre. Congratulations to the Wood team from Prince George for winning, and thanks to everyone else for showing up.

1. Roy Wood - Ian Jack - Stowards Hazel - Lyrn Hegel, all Pr. George.
- 2/3. Mike Hargreaves - Bruce Broadfoot - Hugh McSheffrey, all Prince George - Al Chapelle, Van.
- 2/3. Liz Hicks - Ted Hicks - Ken Johnson - Howard Sussman
4. Louis Landau - Pat Landau - Allan Neid - Glen Hillson
5. Elaine Ryan - Linda Sims - John Hurdle - Trudy Hurdle
- 6/7. Rhonda Betts - Sheila Shoring - Sherman Kwan - Graham Putnam
- 6/7. Bob McDuff - Donna McDuff - Sharon Crapko - Connie Delisle

MAY: Vancouver: (15 tables)

- Overall:
1. Rhoda Tafler - Ron Dixon
 2. Sandy McIlwain - Martin O'Reilly
 3. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 4. Victor & Angelina Bennington
 5. John Bryden - David Waterman
 6. Adrian & June Budd Hicks

N-S

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Hodge - Morrison | 185 |
| 2. Bryden - Waterman | 179½ |
| 3. Hicks - Hicks | 177 |
| 4/5. Michael Dimich - Sefton Levine | 171½ |
| 4/5. Don Brander - Connie Hamm | 171½ |

P-W

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Tafler - Dixon | 188½ |
| 2. McIlwain - O'Reilly | 185½ |
| 3. Benningtons | 180½ |
| 4. Don Fraser - Laureen Holley | 170 |
| 5. Aidan Ballantyne - Dan Jacob | 167½ |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTSMay

- 20-22 Silver Star Spring Sectional
Vernon BC
- 27-29 Seattle Sectional

June

- 3-5 BC Championships
RICHMOND BC
- 10-12 Summer Sectional
Spokane WA
- 12 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME
- 25-26 Skagit Sectional
Mount Vernon WA

July

- 1-3 Apple Tree Sectional
Wenatchee WA
- 3 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME &
Annual Meeting
- 3-10 Tacoma Independence Sectional
- 15 International Fund Game
- 15-24 Summer N.A. Championships
New Orleans LA
- 22-24 Golden Ears Sectional
MAPLE RIDGE BC
- 29-31 Seafair Sectional
Seattle WA

August

- 1-21 Grand National Pairs Club
Qualifying Stage
- 5-7 Ocean Shores Sectional
Ocean Shores WA
- 5-7 West Kootenay Sectional
Rossland BC
- 7 Vancouver Unit Game
- 9-14 Alberta Regional
Red Deer AB
- 16-21 Tri Cities Regional
Pasco WA
- 26-28 Nanaimo Sectional
~~September~~ (partial)
- 2-5 Labour Day Sectional
Spokane WA
- 2-5 Olympia Pow Wow Sectional
Tumwater WA
- 5 Vancouver Unit Game
- 9-11 Seattle Century Sectional
Bellevue WA
- 16-18 Vancouver Evergreen Sectional
RICHMOND BC
- 18-24 Rookie GNP Qualifying
- 19-25 Hawaii Regional
Honolulu HI
- 20-25 Outlaw Regional
Kalispell MT

Nationals and Regionals leave NEW LIFE MASTERS bobbing happily in their wake, and we're happy to report that:

Edith Jack, Burnaby

Jack Ritch, Burnaby

Pat Carruthers, Burnaby

Hal Rodd, Vancouver

Mo Aaron, Vancouver

Marian Hutton, Milner

have all recently arrived in Gold Card country. Congratulations, all!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

4.

THE VANCOUVER REGIONAL:

Opening Swiss:

(166 teams)

1. Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith, Victoria - Peter Herold, Van. -
Jim Dickie, Spokane WA
- 2/5. Max & Mary Hardy, Hawthorne CA - Ross Rainwater - Jackie
Jarigese, both Beaverton OR
- 2/5. Tom Jepson, Kirkland WA - Mark Hamft - Dave Corn - Ken Scholes,
all Seattle
- 2/5. Lele Dean, Greenville DE - Jeff Meckstroth, Dublin OH - Alan
LeBendig, Shreveport LA - Eric Rodwell, Lafayette IN -
Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA
- 2/5. Karen Singer, Vancouver WA - Ross Willingham, Federal Way WA -
Dan & Bernadine Lacy, Talent OR
6. Brenda Keller, Boise ID - Greg Arbour - Don Brazeau - Laurence
Betts, all Van.
- 7/8. Ron Groome, Delta - Jane Green Nanaimo - Ina Andersen - Marguerit
Wiggins, Richmond
- 9/19. Ruth Holland - Mary Ferguson - Renee Hargarten, all White Rock
Mildred Sawyer, Victoria
- 9/19. Al Chapelle - Fred Sontag - Derek Ward - Jim McCully, all Van.
- 9/19. Rose Wrean-Marg Neate, both Van. Gladys Mackie, Coquitlam,
Don Fraser, Burnaby
- 9/19. Dan Jacob - Alex Orlandini - Aidan Ballantyne, all Van. - Joel
Martineau, Burnaby
- 9/19. Pete Walton, Surrey - Chris Christofferson - Ron Yarchuk, Van. -
Kal Kaleem, Nanaimo
- 9/19. Martin Johnson - Leo Steil, Both Van.

Women's Pairs:

(216 pairs)

1. Yvonne & Angela Brundige, Regina SK
2. Kittie McCallum - Jean Hawn, both Bellingham
3. Linda Peterson, Las Vegas - Brenda Keller, Boise ID
7. Elaine Ryan - Trudy Hurdle, both Van.
8. Ina Andersen, Richmond - Jane Green, Nanaimo
9. Pearl Minkoff - Pat Landau, both Van.
10. Monica Angus, Port Coquitlam - Vivian Pelton, Victoria

Men's Pairs:

(132 pairs)

1. Leo Steil, Van. - Jim Hamil, Yakima
2. Hal Rodd, Van. - Tom Kinakin, Burnaby
3. Miles Adkins, Coulee City WA - Leslie Tsou, Eugene OR
5. Harold McAllister - John Anthony, both Van.
6. Martin O'Reilly, Van. - Doug Baldwin, Surrey
9. Joel Martineau, Bby. - Ron Lacour, Baton Rouge LA

Mixed Pairs:

(268 pairs)

1. Linda Peterson, Las Vegas - Paul Soloway, Bothell WA
2. Pearl Minkoff - David Walker, both Van.
3. Pam Pruitt, Bothell Wa - Paul Lewis, Las Vegas
6. Marcia Kostynyk, Van. - Doug Balwin, Surrey
8. Judith Sharp - Les Fouks, Van.
9. Sandra Borg - Sherman Kwan, both Richmond

Master Pairs, Flight A:

(304 pairs)

1. Peter Herold, Van. - Jim Dickie, Spokane WA
- 2/3. Bill Hagen, Seattle - Tom Hammond, Redmond WA
- 2/3. George Steiner, Seattle - Roger Urbaniuk, Mercer Isl. WA
4. Michael Dimich - Gord McOrmond, both Van.
8. Jim McCully, Van. - Gerry McCully, Surrey
9. Andy Nagy - Paul Hagen, both Van.
11. John Whittlesay, Van. - Brian Dixon, Delta

Master Pairs, Flight B: (92 pairs)

1. Ida Montgomery - Vi Ramsey, both Van.
2. Rose Bolson - Janet Geoffroy, both Seattle
3. Julia Smith, West Van. - Shirley McKinney, North Van.
4. Dan Watson, Bby. - Roberta Miller-Tait, Van.
5. Nadia Kaplan - Else Baerwald, both Van.
- 6/7. Dave Reid, Coquitlam - Stephen Ruddy, Edmonton
- 6/7. Maureen Taylor, North Van. - Libby Weaver, Genelle BC

Super Open Pairs, Flight A: (120 pairs)

1. Linda Peterson, Las Vegas - Jeff Meckstroth, Dublin OH
2. Barry Crane, Studio City CA - Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID
- 3/4. Ole Godfroy, Mercer Isl. WA - Norm Featherston, Seattle
- 3/4. Ray Ward, Seattle - Jerry Tierney, Redmond WA
- 5/6. Gord McOrmond - Dan Jacob, both Van.

Super Open Pairs, Flight B: (292 pairs)

1. C. Ellison, Enderby - D. Ellison, Rossland
2. John Berry - Mo Aaron, both Van.
3. Chris Christofferson - Laureen Holley, both Van.
6. Danny & Raymond Lee, both Van.
7. Roberta Miller-Tait, Van. - Percy Wood, Cumberland
8. Sally Hemeon, Van. - C. Jayarajh, Victoria
- 10/11. Don Jorgenson - Phyllis Gerber, both Van.
- 10/11. David Ingham - David House, Van.

Super Open Pairs, Flight C: (54 pairs)

1. Peter Morse - Art Hein, both North Van.
2. Warren McGee - Reidun Decker, both Seattle
3. Margaret Parsonage - Barbara Whittaker, both Winnipeg

Knockout Teams: (28 teams)

1. Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, both Boise ID - Barry Crane, Studio City CA - Dick Yarrington - Ken Scholes, both Seattle - Chris Compton, North Hollywood CA
2. Martin Johnson - Stephen Vincent - Leo Steil - David Waterman, all Van. - Jim Hamil, Yakima - Carl Yoskowski, Edmonton
- 3/4. Alex Kiper, Bby. - Dennis Groden - Gordon Davis - Andrew Ross, all Van.
- 3/4. Lele Dean, Greenville, DE - Jeff Meckstroth, Dublin OH - Alan LeBendig, Shreveport LA - Eric Rodwell W. Lafayette IN - Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA

Super Swiss Teams, Flight A - Board-A-Match: (50 teams)

1. Mike Albert, Omaha NE - Linda Peterson - Paul Lewis, both Las Vegas - Paul Soloway, Bothell WA
2. Lele Dean, Greenville DE - Eric Rodwell, West Lafayette IN - Jeff Meckstroth, Dublin OH - Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA - Alan LeBendig, Shreveport LA
- 3/4. Martin Johnson - Alex Orlandini, both Van. - John Maki, Seattle - Barbara McHarg, Renton WA
- 3/4. Karen Singer, Vancouver WA - Lee Nee, Auburn WA - Ross Willingham, Federal Way WA - Tom Lyon, Washington DC

Super Swiss Teams, Flight B: (189 teams)

1. Don Amstutz - Mike Champion - Irene Brown, all Victoria - Laureen Holley, Van.
- 2/4. Denise & Don McKay, New West. - Henry & Paul Chow, Van.
- 2/4. John Whittlesay, Van. - Brian Dixon, N. Delta - Pam Pruitt, Bothell WA - Hendrik Sharples, Portland OR
- 2/4. Kal Kaleem, Nanaimo - Chris Christofferson - Les Fouks - Sid Segal, all Van.

(Th-th-that's all I've got on the team games, folks.)

Lucky Draw Speedball Swiss: (18 teams)

1. Barbara & John Rowell, Alert Bay - John Steeves - Y.T. Salamon, Whitehorse, Yukon
2. Paul Soloway, Bothell WA - Michael Jones, San Francisco - Marc Jacobus, Berkeley - Mike Albert, Omaha NE
- 3/4. Bill Angus - Larry Hicks, both Van. - Rose Bolson - Judy Stilson, both Seattle
- 3/4. Chris Christofferson, Van. - Freda Spastrom - Don Jeglum, both Nanaimo, Sylvia Dorgan, Seattle

Friday Speedball Swiss: (44 teams)

- 1/2. Mike Hargreaves, Prince George - John Moffat, Mt. Vernon WA - Rhonda & Laurence Betts, Van.
- 1/2. Maureen Taylor, North Van. - Sefton Levine - Derek Ward, both Van. - Bob Woodward, Chester MI
3. Mike & Mary Albert, Omaha NE - Paul Soloway, Bothell WA - Marc Jacobus, Berkeley CA

DINO Novice Pairs: (46 pairs)

1. John Borman, Coquitlam - Ian Glen, Port Moody
2. Stan Flamer - Ken Lo Chang, both Van.
3. Harry Yee, North Van. - Roland Chew, Van.

Junior Pairs - Afternoon: (24 pairs)

1. Ian Hayter - Doug Reid, both Van.
2. Andy Hellequist, Bby. - Rick Burton, Van.
3. Rouselle Raymond - Darrel Jones, both Kamloops

Junior Pairs - Evening: (34 pairs)

1. Susan Bauhart - Patti Phillips, both Van.
2. John Reay, Bby. - D. McMahon, Van.
3. Audrey Loy, Surrey - Seija Backman, Bby.

Pacific Pairs: (48 pairs)

1. Lisa Strebinger, Bby. - Mike Strebinger, North Van.
2. Nick Stock - Lauren Miller, both Van.
3. Jennifer Paynter - Bernie Hoy, both Van.

Straight of Georgia Pairs: (8 pairs)

1. Zellah Leyland - Marnee Canning, both North Van.
2. John Pollard, Kent WA - Ray Moran, Van.
3. Nan Pranger - Lis Ker, both Van.

Burrard Pairs: (36 pairs)

1. Bernie Hoy - Pauly McClafferty, both Van.
2. Don Forsyth, Coquitlam - Donna McDuff, Maple Ridge
3. Mrs. R. Breelan, Van. - John Rowell, Alert Bay

Hollyburn Pairs (56 pairs):

1. Jean Gray, Toronto - Paula Mutch, Van.
2. John & Eva Pollard, Kent WA
3. Rosalind Josephson, Nanaimo - Mrs. J. Whitworth, Rocksprings TX

Grouse Mountain Pairs: (90 pairs)

1. Jennifer Paynter - Bernie Hoy, both Van.
2. Allan Marr, North Van. - Nelson Fong, Van.
3. Sandi White - Van. - Ida Goodland, Richmond

BC Lions Pairs: (18 pairs)

1. Al & H. Wehrle, Selkirk, MB
- 2/3. Eva Pollard, Kent WA - Jean Gray, Toronto
- 2/3. Janice Frundrett - Barbara Tracey, both North Van.

STILL MORE VANCOUVER REGIONAL:

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BC Olympiad Pairs: (66 pairs)

1. Bob & Abban Gerrie, Richmond
2. Hank Schroder, Houston TX - Danny Lee, Van.
3. Ole & Julia Godefroy, Mercer Isl. WA

UBC Pairs: (24 pairs)

1. Bruce Rapier - Bob Greenwood, both Van.
2. R.Z. Josephson, Nanaimo - Mrs. J. Whitworth, Rocksprings TX
3. Frank Jarvis, Whistler - Sally Craig, Port Moody

SFU Pairs: (28 pairs)

1. Murdoch Smith - Catriona Brown, both Van.
2. Percy Bean, Olympia WA - Frances Hilliard, Tacoma
3. John & Eva Pollard, Kent WA

HAWAII NATIONALS

Open Pairs - Nationally Rated:

9. Martin O'Reilly - Doug Andrews, both Vancouver

Aloha Open Pairs:

- 12/13: Bernie Hoy - Don Brazeau, both Van.

Hawaii State Open Pairs Flight A - No Limit:

12. Don Brazeau, Fred Sontag, both Van.

Kamehameha Open Pairs:

9. Peter Cooper - Greg Arbour, both Van.

Women's Special Swiss Teams:

- 7/9. Edith Jack, Bby.

Diamond Head Swiss Teams Flight B (0-1250 MP's):

6. Tom Cross, Van. - Jack Ritch, Bby. - Howard Sussman, Whonnock
- 13/25. Phyllis Gerber - Jeanne Bentley, both Van. - Ina Andersen, Rchmd.

Diamond Head Swiss Consolation:

2. Dee Steil, Van.

Parksville Sectional

Open Pairs:

- 1/2. Bob Connop - Don Brander

Swiss Teams:

1. Peter E. Herold - Peter Cooper - Duncan Smith - Alana Skuce
- 3/5. Harvey Piercy - Peter Walton - Dave Ingham - Dave House
- 3/5. Don Brander - Bob Connop

UNIT GAME POINT RACE

1. Sandy McIlwain	4.43
2/5. Roy Wood	4.40
2/5. Ian Jack	4.40
2/5. Stowards Hazel	4.40
2/5. Lynn Hegel	4.40
6. Dave Waterman	4.08
7. Martin O'Reilly	3.91
8. Susan Peters	3.37
9. Rhoda Taffler	3.16
10. Howard Sussman	3.00

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SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB
404 E 51st Ave

Manager: Tod Moore 327-2298

Mondays at 7:00 pm

Please note that the club will be closed during July and August as well as all statutory holidays.

Club Charity Game: Monday May 30

Leaders in the trophy race are still John Bryden and Morris Potzold.

KING GEORGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
East Richmond Community Centre

Manager: George Radics 273-3003

Games every Wednesday evening at 7:30

June 8th - Club Charity Game (\$2.50 per person)

The winners of our recent 2 week championship were Henry and Paul Chow by a single point over Abraham Mawji and Don Jorgenson.

Grand National Pairs: Wednesday, August 10

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Games every Thursday evening at 7:45

Finn is at present negotiating with the management for free parking and free coffee on bridge nights . . . more in the next Matchpointer.

Grand National Pairs: Thursday, August 11

WHITE ROCK BRIDGE CLUB
Sunnyside Community Centre

Manager: Colin Collin 536-8454

Games Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. The club will be open all summer.

Anita Diamond: The club celebrated her 80th birthday by making her an honorary member. This entitles her to free plays from now on.

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

Monday mornings at 10:45.

Club championship May 16th

Please note there will be no game on Victoria Day, May 23.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

Club championship May 24th

During July and August there will be a contest running each week. The winner of the most points will be entitled to a two-session free play at an upcoming regional. This proved a popular event last year and we hope this year it will be just as well supported.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

We have installed a new exterior exhaust fan, which makes our playing area much more comfortable.

Recent winners of April team game: Pat & Louis Landau, John Findlay, Alex Kiper.

Championship events in May: Wed. May 11

Fri. May 20

Tues. May 24 (novice)

Mon May 30

We will be holding a Grand National Pairs game in early August.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

Grand National Pairs: Tuesday, August 2nd
Sunday, August 2*

Non-smoking game every Saturday night.

Monday, May 24 at 10:00 am: Club Charity Championship. Free Muffins.

SEND YOUR Club News to Catriona Brown: 103-2150 Brunswick St., Vancouver.
Telephone: 879-2810

<u>Unit Finals:</u>	A	Bryden	60	B	McCully	69
		Hurdle	52		Jacob	54
		Ballantyne	48		Dimich	48
		Borg	46		Betts	45
		Piercy	44		Paynter	39
		Hicks	37		O'Reilly	36

The top three finishers in each round-robin qualified for the BC Championships, with Borg beating Betts (R.) in a playoff for the seventh spot.

BC Semi-final: All the local teams except Hurdle advanced through the first round [The first loss moved teams to the B division; a loss there meant elimination]. Highlights of the second round:

Borg	51	Dimich	61	Jacob	53	McAvoy	47
Bryden	44	Ballantyne	33	M. Smith	25	McCully	26

This round saw perhaps the day's most spectacular play. On the following hand Jim McAvoy and Duncan Smith bounced their way into a 6H contract, with the amazing Mr. Smith on play:

		<u>N</u>		
	<u>W</u>	AQ10x		<u>E</u>
		xxxx		
		Kxxx		
KJxxx		x	xx	
xJx			QJx	
Qxxx		<u>S</u>	J10xx	
K109		xx	AJxx	
		AK109x		
		A		
		Qxxxx		

After the friendly opening club lead and continuation (South bid hearts & diamonds, West overcalled in spades), Duncan crossed to his hand with a diamond and ruffed out the club king, setting up the suit. Now all he had to do was play the heart suit for no losers and 12 tricks were his. Following the major-league pause that ensued, he finally played a heart from dummy, and, yes, inserted the ten! Shortly after that he opened his eyes, looked to his left, and claimed.

This was a play of some importance, as the slam wasn't bid at the other table, and had it not made, the McAvoy team would have lost the match.

Round 3 in the shrinking A division saw Borg pummel Dimich 69-14 and Jacob nip McAvoy 70-66. On the B side:

McCully	82	Ballantyne	46	Dunn	72	Smith	86
Jack	40	Boreau	32	Bryden	45	Weiss	19

Eight teams were left for Sunday's final.

BC Final: The format of the final had the two undefeated teams play to determine the BC champions, who would receive a fully-subsidized trip to the Toronto Canadian finals, courtesy of the CBF, while the other six teams reduced themselves to three.

In the B division it was Dimich over McCully 80-33, McAvoy over Ballantyne 66-31, and Victoria's Smith team over Dunn 83-41.

While this was going on Borg beat Jacob 74-38 to become the first-place finishers. The team of Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop and Don Brander, who as you will recall needed to win a playoff just to qualify for the event, were now the BC Champs! After their close escape against Bryden they never looked back.

Because our allotment this year is three teams, the remaining four played off according to the draw, with the winners advancing. In this final round McAvoy [Jim McAvoy, Duncan Smith, Peter E. Herold, James Dickie] beat Dimich 116-54, and Jacob [Dan Jacob, Gordon McOrmond, Joel Martineau, Alex Orlandini] bested Smith 100-64.

Addendum: In further developments, the Borg team, in augmenting to the six-man limit, have chosen the all-Surrey twosome of Gerry McCully and Doug Baldwin. Other teams reported to be toughing it out with their 4-man lineups.

NANAIMO SECTIONAL

There will be a sectional in Nanaimo for the first time in a while, on August 26-28 at the Tally Ho Town & Country Inn, 1 Terminal Ave. Nice to have you back.

There are six openings on the unit board, and the Election Committee has found a strong list of candidates, but at present there are but six of them! This means that unless others step forward before the extended closing date of Friday, May 20, the candidates below will be elected by acclamation. We urge you to take a moment to consider whether you, or someone you know, would make a good board member and might wish to run. Should an election be held, as many ballots as possible will be passed out at the B.C. Championships (June 3-5) Sectional.

Here are the six candidates for your consideration:

Chuck Hodson: Chuck is a businessman, specializing in property management. He considers himself a reasonable person, who would bring a common sense approach to the board. He is particularly interested in promotion, and would like to see the return of the Seattle Inter-city competition (if financially feasible), and would like to instigate a lower mainland championship, as well as a lower mainland challenge trophy.

Laurence Betts: Laurence is a lawyer and long-time bridge player. He has over 3,000 master points, has directed, and has played professionally. He has served on the unit board before, and started the IMP League. He is concerned about non-smokers' rights, and is interested in forming an all-Canadian District for B.C., feeling that B.C. does not get the best deal possible from DINO.

Susan Peters: Susan comes to use from Saskatoon via Winnipeg. She works for the Rentalsman's office, and has been playing duplicate for close to 15 years. She is a multiple Regional winner and a Life Master. Industrious and a good organizer, Susan would like to see more done for the novice and up-and-coming players.

Alex Kiper: Alex is a tradesman who feels that the game of bridge has given him a lot and would like to put something back in. One of our more even-tempered players, Alex has plenty of time and energy to devote to the board.

Mildred Wohlleben: Mildred is currently our extremely efficient treasurer. She generously stepped in to fill a vacancy last year, and has done such a good job we won't let her go.

Don Jorgenson: Don is another board member running for re-election. Current guardian of the membership rolls, Don is always well-prepared for meetings and is a very regular attender. We're delighted to have him running again.

REMEMBER that nominations close on Friday, May 20. If you wish to run, please speak to Aidan Ballantyne (438-3095) before then. Last-minute candidates will probably find Aidan at the Haida Club Friday night. Please think it over - there's a lot to be done.

I Thought the National Men's Was The Tough Game!

OK, we failed to qualify for the Men's Pairs final and so what! He'd rather play Pac Man anyway, and now I could play with my favorite partner (she didn't tell me to say that, but I know where my bread's buttered) in what figured to be a relatively easy, Regionally-rated Open Pairs.

The first round wasn't so tough, but I was a bit surprised, at the next table, to come up against two internationalists, the eventual winners of the event, John Sutherland and Tom Sanders. I guess every dog has his (bad) days. Unfortunately, they chewed us up pretty good, but at least we didn't rate to come up against any more topnotch players. Wanna bet?

A few rounds later we found ourselves pitted against another pair of internationalists, George Mittleman and Bud Reinhold. The Men's had certainly taken its toll! At least we managed two good results at their table. And surely there were no more such formidable North-South's in our section. The Men's Pair's wasn't that tough. Besides, some players had qualified for the final with barely average scores.

We worked our way through the field, and as we were waiting for some slow players at the next table to finish, both my partner and I thought the upcoming North player looked familiar. Yet we couldn't place him, and we obviously didn't expect to come up against another "star". Still, this short, quiet, curly-haired man - I couldn't place his accent, either - looked remarkably familiar. I felt at ease when his unfamiliar partner failed to find a not-too-tough switch to defeat my 3NT on the first hand, but the next board seemed destined to be a cold zero. They had pushed to an icy 3NT with North on play.

	<u>N</u>	
	A104	
<u>W</u>	J65	
	K8	<u>E</u> (me)
K732	A10543	965
K93		A872
J105	<u>S</u>	A97632
Q72		void
	QJ8	
	Q104	
	Q4	
	KJ986	

After a diamond lead, the quiet man recled off five club tricks on which I threw one diamond and two hearts, then the 5 and 9 of spades.

Guess what? Declarer decided I had bared down to the singleton king of spades. He spurned the finesse and conceded down two. A bit esoteric, I thought. Maybe he just looked like some expert player whose name I couldn't quite remember.

"Well," I said to my partner as we left the table, "I don't think they were pros." But she was still convinced

they were good players, even after I reminded her that it was her perogative to change her mind.

Still, the rest of that night and the next day I kept trying to put a name to that quiet man's face. Eventually I checked the recap sheet. It turns out the man who had gone minus 200 in 3NT was quite definitely a "known" player. I must have been one of the very few people in that room who hadn't recognized Benito Garozzo.

-by Martin 'Nene' O'Reilly

IT'S YOUR BID

-by Gerry McCully

[A true gentleman bandit, Gerry is one of our most consistent and dangerous competitors. Along with his regular partner, Doug Baldwin, he has been added to our #1 BC team for the Canadian championships. We're glad to have him on the IYB squad.]

1. AK53	2. AJ765	3. AKQ10982
AKQ1076	AJ107	Q4
5	K6	K1086
52 IMP's. Both vul.	J3 Board-a-match.	void IMP's.
	Both vul.	Both vul.
<u>W</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u> <u>S</u> (you)	<u>S</u> <u>W</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u>	<u>S</u> <u>W</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u>
1D P 1S 2H	1S P 2D P	1S P 2H P
P 4H 4S ?	2H P 3D P	2S P 3D P
	?	?
4. AKQ72	5. J5	4. 94
AQJ64 Matchpoints.	AKQJ107	A9872 Matchpoints.
K None vul.	106 IMP's.Both vul.	A82 None vul.
83	Q76	AK10 What do you
		lead?
<u>S</u> <u>W</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u>	<u>E</u> <u>S</u> <u>W</u> <u>N</u>	<u>W</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u> <u>S</u>
1S P 3S P	1C 1H P 2D	P P 1C 1H
?	P ?	2D 2H 2S 3H
		3S 4H 4S Db1.
		P P P

IYB: 14653-101A Ave., Surrey;588-3669

Unit 430's 'Top Twenty' Active Players - April print-out

1. Allan Graves 4550	8. Gord McOrmond 2781	15. Aidan Ballantyne 1901
2. Adrian Hicks 3579	9. Fred Sontag 2647	16. Eric Stark 1892
3. Laurence Betts 3445	10. Bob Connop 2338	17. Lauren Miller 1864
4. Ron Borg 3302	11. Peter Herold 2325	18. Lisa Strebinger 1861
5. Paul Hagen 3254	12. Jack Marsh 2150	19. Cam Lindsay 1842
6. Leo Steil 3137	13. Mike Strebinger 2047	20. Don Brazeau 1834
7. Buddy Crapko 2887	14. Charles Swanson 2016	

A League:

The round-robin play ended with no surprises, the four pre-season favorites all making the playoffs. Betts beat out Dimich for first place, winning their head-to-head match 13-2. Bryden staged another late-season run, going blitz-blitz before falling to Betts, 8-12, in their last match to come up just short. Jacob stumbled slightly coming home, but blitzed their last match to land fourth place.

Final round-robin standings:

Betts	189	Martineau	115	
Dimich	185	Herold *	111	(*: Haven't played last match)
Lindsay	171	Hicks	99	
Jacob	166	Hawkes	97	
Bryden	160	Groome	89	
Jacobson..	154	Hansford	67	
Christofferson	141	Sussman *	27	

The semi-finals have been played; Lindsay fell to Dimich in a one-sided affair, and upstart Jacob put Betts away in a closer match, but one they led throughout. This leaves a final to be played between Dimich and Jacob. Watch this space for results.

B League:

Our old prognosticator didn't do quite so well with the B League this year, but even he admits he's not quite perfect. Round-robin results:

King	125	Stone	92
Brown	110	Scott	85
Shoring	100	Bowers	72
Stiennon	97	Sabiston	64
Steil	96	Claasen	51

After edging out Steil for fourth place by one V.P. Stiennon upset King in one semi-final, while Shoring upset Brown in the other.

In the final, Shoring had the best of Stiennon. Congratulations to the team of Shiela Shoring, Allan Neid, Isobel Anderson, Graham Putnam, Wayne Atmore and Glenn Hillson, B League champions for 1982-83!

See you all next year.

Old Matchpointers Never Die Dept.

Unit 430, in the person of Mr. Aidan Ballantyno (where have I heard that name before?) is attempting to collect a complete library of Matchpointers, every edition since its obscure basement origins to its current lofty status (advanced obscure basement).

While the short-term memory cells are pretty much intact, A.B. could use your help in locating the following issues: Jan/Feb 1978, and every issue up to and including June/July 1977.

Should you not wish to part with these precious bridge relics, we would be delighted to copy them and return them to you. Since you may possibly have the only copy in existence, we urge you to root through your valuables and help Aidan get back to his (roots).

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS 1983

The GNP qualifying period this year is August 1-21. Clubs which have already set dates can be found in the Club News section. Several others will be holding games, but dates were not set a press time. Contact the club(s) of your choice about dates, times and possible pre-registration. Remember that you can play as often as you like in this event.

NEXT ISSUE AUGUST 14

The Matchpointer staff will, as usual, be dividing the summer hours between Malibu and the ranch, so the next issue will not appear for three months. This gives you lots of time to meet the July 31 deadline.

Address you correspondence to: #6-2160 W 39 Ave, Vancouver, and have a wonderful summer.

THE MATCHPOINTER

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EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

September 16-18 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond, BC Director: Phil Wood
Tourn. Chairman: Chuck Hodson

Friday S/16: 1:30 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
 8:00 pm MIXED PAIRS
 KNOCK-OUT TEAMS - 1st session
 (for the Ben Lapidus Trophy)
 JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 master points)

Saturday S/17: 9:30 am KNOCK-OUT TEAMS - 2nd session
 (if required)
 1:30 pm OPEN PAIRS - Qualifying (KO's cont.)
 8:00 pm OPEN PAIRS - Final & Consolation
 KNOCK-OUT FINAL

Sunday S/18: 11:00 am &
 4:30 pm FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
 Flight A: Board-A-Match (no limit)
 Flight B: IMP Swiss (0-1000 MP's)

Partnerships: Jennifer Paynter
 438-3095

All events \$4.50, except Junior
Pairs \$3.50

Free plays to all winners.

Side games as attendance warrants
Free coffee and muffins Sunday
before game time.

** FUTURE STARS II **

Unit 430's second annual tournament for players with less than 100 points!

October 22&23 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
990 W 59 Ave.
Vancouver BC

Directed by : Phil Wood

Saturday O/22: 1:30 pm &
 7:30 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 2 sessions
 Flight A: 0-100 master points
 Flight B: 0-20 master points

Sunday O/23: 11:00 am &
 4:30 pm SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions

Orientation sessions held before game time:

Saturday at noon - Introduction to Duplicate Play

Sunday at 10:15 - Instructions on Team Play, plus free
coffee and muffins!

PANEL SHOW: Saturday evening at 11:30 pm:

Get the opinions of the city's best players
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ACBL master points. Unaffiliated players welcome! Prizes!!

Partnerships & Information: Jenny Paynter (438-3095)

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The GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS UNIT FINAL will be held on

Sunday, September 25 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE (990 W 59 Ave. Van.)

Starting Times: 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm Entry Fee: \$4.25 per session

Vancouver:

June 12 (15 tables):

- Overall: 1. Sefton Levine - Morris Potzold
 2. Lauren Miller - Linda Sims
 3. Sandy McIlwain - Martin O'Reilly
 4. Glen Hillson - Allan Neid
 5. Stephen Vincent - David Waterman
 6. John Bryden - Greg Arbour

N-S

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|------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1. Levine - Potzold | 204 | 1. Bryden - Arbour | 173 |
| 2. Miller - Sims | 200 | 2. Andy Nagy - Ron Dixon | 172 |
| 3. McIlwain - O'Reilly | 191½ | 3. Don Jorgenson - Frances Waters | 171½ |
| 4. Hillson - Neid | 184½ | 4. Dave Ingham - Dave House | 169 |

July 3 - Annual General Meeting Edition (21 tables):

- Overall: 1. Don Brander - Bob Connop
 2. Sheryl Kanee - Christina Jacob
 3. Gerry McCully - Gord McOrmond
 4. David Waterman - Greg Arbour
 5. Phyllis Barrington - Andrew Ross
 6. Gordon Estrada - John McDonald

Section A - N-S

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| 1. Sid & Pearl Minkoff | 124½ | 1. Waterman - Arbour | 130½ |
| 2. Sandy McIlwain - Al Chapelle | 120½ | 2. Barrington - Ross | 125½ |
| 3/4. Don Jorgenson - Frances Waters | 119½ | 3. Estrada - McDonald | 125 |
| 3/4. Aidan Ballantyne - Dan Jacob | 119½ | 4. Don Fraser - Doug Cowan | 111½ |

Section C N-S

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| 1. McCully-McOrmond | 132½ | 1. Brander - Connop | 134½ |
| 2. Sefton Levine - Michael Dimich | 118 | 2. Kanee - Jacob | 134 |
| 3. Lisa Strebing - George Bell | 117½ | 3. R. Purves - M. Reiffer | 122 |
| 4. Elliot Netto - Dr. Christopherson | 111½ | 4. L. Hamilton - L. Pearce | 119½ |

August 7 (15 tables):

- Overall: 1. Belle Anderson - Rhoda Taffler
 2. Bob Sauve - Bow Liu
 3. Charlie Swanson - Adrian Hicks
 4. John Berry - Phyllis Barrington
 5. Alana Skucc - Peter Herold
 6. Glen Hillson - Alan Neid

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| 1. Anderson - Taffler | 199 | 1. Sauve - Liu | 192 |
| 2. Swanson - Hicks | 187 | 2. Berry - Barrington | 186 |
| 3. Skucc - Herold | 185 | 3. Hillson - Neid | 180 |
| 4. Morris Potzold - Sefton Levine | 174½ | 4. Lauren Miller - Linda Sims | 169 |

Cloverdale:

June 12 (7 tables):

- Overall: 1/2/3. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 1/2/3. Ernie Dietrich - B. Krawietz
 1/2/3. Ron & Jean Groome
 4. Wilf May - Walter Link

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| 1/2. Hodge - Morrison | 99½ | 1. Groomes | 99½ |
| 1/2. Dietrich - Krawietz | 99½ | 2. May - Link | 97 |
| 3. Deborah McCully - Pete Walton | 95 | 3. Dan Watson - John Findlay | 88½ |

August 7 (6 tables):

1. Kathy Adachi - John Findlay 80
 2. Wilf May - Don Forsyth 76
 3. Don Fraser - Larry Hicks 75½
 4. Tony & Joan Marsh 73½

NEXT UNIT GAMES at both locations: Cloverdale Elks' Hall & Haida Club:-
 September 4 & October 2. \$3.50. Support your Unit!

The Canadian National Team Trials are upcoming, and if last year is any indication our Unit will have an extremely poor turnout at the club level. Last year B.C. had by far the worst turnout in Canada, with Vancouver leading the way (downhill). As Unit 430's co-ordinator of special events, but more importantly as a Canadian bridge player, I am concerned about this lack of participation. At this time, only one club - the Haida - is committed to holding qualifying games [see below].

In the past few weeks I have had discussions with several club managers and directors concerning the problems involved in holding a CNTC game. I particularly recognize the difficulty of staging a two-session event at a facility that holds only one game per week. But I can't help but believe that there are more interested players than our past participation suggests. Aside from offering red points for all matches won and giving us a break from the quirks of matchpoint duplicate, this event is our only national championship, a chance for all of us to have a hand in the choosing of our country's #1 team for 1984. I also feel that many players are unfamiliar with two amendments made last year to the conditions of contest. First, any team which fails to qualify in its first attempt may try again. Second, a team which has four players with a thousand masterpoints is exempted from the qualifying stage. The latter lessens the chance of a ringer team showing up at your local club and 'stealing' your position, and both give us all a better chance of qualifying.

I do appreciate that to most bridge players their weekly night of bridge is a social event, and one they do not wish to give up. However, there are some clubs which can and may hold a CNTC event on a non-game date (e.g. a two-session event on a Saturday or Sunday). Another possibility is a final qualifying game at a central location for any of us who have failed to qualify to that point, or have thought about playing but haven't gotten around to it, or just feel like spending a pleasant day playing team bridge. I feel that both these alternatives are good possibilities, but unless the clubs get active requests and support, these games will never take place. Club owners and directors are reluctant to hold these games on speculation - they have been disappointed in the past.

Last year there were serious conflicts in dates. I need your co-operation to avoid a recurrence of this problem and to allow for time to publicize your qualifying game. If you have set a date or are considering doing so please let me know! To improve participation in these team trials, and to better people's understanding of, and attitudes toward, this event, we need your input and support. If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me,

Martin O'Reilly (228-8441)

A note on the Price: The CBF charges a fee of \$20.00 per team to play in the qualifying stages (a higher rate is charged to those teams who are exempt). This is rather steep, but is based on the number of people who play in the event. If you are avoiding this event until the price goes down, please reconsider. The only way the fee can be reduced is through increased participation. Right now the few are paying for the many. We urge you all to bite the bullet, spring for the five bucks, and come out and Q. For a good time, call Marty, and play a few hands for your country.

CNTC DATES: Qualifying period begins September 15.

Haida Club Qualifying Games: Saturday, Nov. 5

2 sessions: 1:30 & 7:30

Sunday, Dec. 4

2 sessions: 1:30 & 7:30

Unit Qualifying Game: January 29 (tentative)

Unit Final: March 9-11 (tentative)

Zone Final: March 31, April 1

CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RETURNS! CLOVERDALE UNIT GAME RETURNS! CLOVERDALE UNIT GA

The Cloverdale Unit Game can now be found at the Cloverdale Elks Hall, 17672 - 57th Avenue, Cloverdale. Directed by Liz Hicks, it is held every Unit Game Sunday at 7:30 (generally the first Sunday of the month).

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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B.C. Championships Sectional (326 tables)

Ladies' Pairs (58 pairs):

1. Rhonda Betts, Van. - Ann Hartop, Maple Ridge
2. Sharon Lee Crapko, Richmond - Selene Jacobson, Van.
3. Ree Jebson - G. Hamilton, both West Van.

Men's Pairs (42 pairs):

- 1/2. Pete Walton, Surrey - Brian May, Richmond
- 1/2. Stephen Vincent - Aidan Ballantyne, both Van.
3. David Waterman - Joel Martineau, both Van.

Board-A-Match Teams (30 teams):

1. Anne & Andy Nagy - Martin O'Reilly - Sandy McIlwain, all Van.
- 2/3. Dave Ingham - Dave House - Michael Newcombe - Charlie Swanson, all Van.
- 2/3. Al Chapelle - John Bryden - Rhonda & Laurence Betts, all Van.

Junior Pairs - 0-20 MP (26 pairs):

1. Helen Jang, Richmond - Jeanne Coiffée, Van.
2. Audrey Loy, Surrey - Seya Backman, Bby.
3. Barbara Jackson, Van. - Jack Hopwood, Richmond

Friday Evening Side Event (28 pairs):

1. Bert Crawford, Etonia SK - R. Khan, Charlottetown PEI
2. Frances Thomson - Peter F. Marr, both Bby.
3. Liz Evans - Alex Orlandini, both Van.

Super Open Pairs - Flight A (44 pairs):

1. Elaine Ryan - Lauren Miller, both Van.
2. Nathan Divinsky - Michael Strebing, both Van.
3. Alex Orlandini, Van. - Dick McKinney, Edmonton

Super Open Pairs - Flight B - 0-1000 MP (54 pairs)

1. Dave House - David Ingham, both Van.
2. Alex & Margret Schulmann, both Delta
3. Dan Watson - Harold Hansen, both Bby.

Swiss Teams (62 teams)

1. Ron Borg - Don Brander - Paul Hagen - Bob Connop, all Van.
2. Dan Jacob - Gord McOrmond - Alex Orlandini - Joel Martineau, all Van.

Six teams tied at six wins.

Golden Ears Sectional (254 tables)

Unmixed Pairs (68 pairs):

1. Rosemary Sontowski - Nora Cook, both Maple Ridge
2. Andy Nagy - Terry Martin, both Van.
3. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully, both Surrey

Open Pairs - Flight A (40 pairs):

1. Don Forsyth, Coquitlam - Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
2. Connie Delisle - Rhonda Betts, both Van.
3. Mike Hartop, Maple Ridge - Jim Marshall, Pt. Coquitlam

Open Pairs - Flight B (54 pairs):

1. Mike Takemori - Gordon Lui, both Van.
2. Lynn Foggo - Anita Van Cleft, both Maple Ridge
3. Alex Kiper, Bby. - Tom Cross, West Van.

Open Pairs - 2 Session Qualifying (76 pairs):

1. John Hurdle, Richmond - Don Brazeau, Van.
2. Dave Waterman - Don Brander, both Van.
3. Charlie Swanson - Adrian Hicks, both Van.

Open Pairs - Consolation (38 pairs):

1. Peter Cooper - Aidan Ballantyne, both Van.
2. Mike Manica - Dr. Christopherson, both Van.
3. Wilf May, Surrey - Herby Lum, Bby.

Swiss Teams (48 teams):

1. Laurence & Rhonda Betts - Greg Arbour - Al Chapelle, all Van.
- 2/3. Doug Andrews - Mike Dimich, both Van. - John Kamb, Mt. Vernon - Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
- 2/3. John Findlay - Alex Kiper, both Bby. - Louis & Pat Landau, both North Van.

Mount Vernon Sectional

Open Pairs: 1. Lauren Miller - Jenny Paynter

NEW ORLEANS NATIONAL

N. American Men's Swiss Teams: 10/11. Dan Jacob

Vieux Carre B-A-M Teams: 11/14. Dan Jacob

DOING IT RIGHT: by Aidan Ballantyne

Part II: Partnership Agreements

Partnership agreements can take the form of CONVENTIONS or TREATMENTS.

A convention is an agreement whereby a call is assigned an artificial code meaning. For example, an opening bid of 2D showing 11-15 HCP and 5 hearts and 4 spades is a convention: the call has no meaning with respect to the strain bid, diamonds. Similarly, an opening bid of 1C showing 16+ HCP is conventional, since the bid is a cypher, saying nothing about clubs. For every ACBL game, there is a list of authorized conventions.

If conventions were not regulated, a lot of time would be spent at the bridge table discussing various defences to new or unfamiliar conventions, and duplicate sessions would be severely disrupted.

Use of an unauthorized convention is considered an infraction, and redress is given in case of damage.

A treatment is an agreement whereby an otherwise natural call is given some specific meaning as to strength or distribution. For example, a partnership may treat an opening bid of 2S in one of two ways (among others): as a weak hand with 6 spades, or as a strong hand with game-going values. In both cases the call relates only to the strain bid, spades, and is not artificial. All treatments are legal; partnerships can choose their preferred treatments or even invent their own.

The use of conventions and treatments by partnerships is guided by the following code, from the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge:

A player may not make a call or play based on a partnership understanding, unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such a call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization. (Law 40/B)

and:

It is improper to convey information to partner by means of a call or play based on special partnership agreement, whether explicit or implicit, unless such information is fully and freely available to the opponents. (Proprieties, Part IV/A)

The intent of the law is clear: opposing players have the right to know everything there is to know about another partnership's agreements.

In the ACBL, partnerships must disclose their agreements in two ways.

First, they must give opponents advance notice of their agreements by listing them on their convention cards. In some cases, as when a pair is using special defensive discards, the agreement should be disclosed verbally also, when the opponents sit down at the table. 6.

Second, partnerships must notify the opponents of an agreement at the time a call with special partnership meaning is made, by means of the Alert Procedure.

Standard ACBL convention cards are designed to accommodate the more common and usually-authorized agreements. The convention card format is in the form of a checklist, with descriptions of various conventions provided on the card. All conventions described in red ink are to be Alerted. Those in black ink are considered very common and should not be Alerted. Extra space is provided at the bottom of the card for description of less common conventions and treatments. Obviously, it is impossible to list and describe all the agreements a partnership may have. Thus, for those agreements not listed on the card, the Alert Procedure becomes all-important. In order to clearly establish agreements, both players of a partnership must have identically filled-out convention cards.

The Alert Procedure

ACBL regulations require a player to Alert the opponents immediately when his partner makes any call that carries a special partnership meaning. Before the start of the round, a partnership may request that it not be Alerted. Then, the opponents must not give Alerts, but the requesting partnership's responsibility to Alert their own bids remains. When a partnership requests that their opponents not Alert, they retain the right to ask questions about the opponents' methods at their turn to bid. Alerts should be given by saying, simply, "Alert!", and nothing else. It is a serious infraction to volunteer any kind of explanation along with an Alert.

The Alert Procedure has various drawbacks. First, a player may Alert when he should not. That is, he may think there is an agreement when, in fact, there is none. Second, a player may forget to Alert, either out of thoughtlessness or because he has forgotten that he and his partner have an agreement. Third, a player may Alert and give an erroneous explanation of an agreement. Fourth, a player may Alert correctly and deliver an appropriate explanation, but this may serve to remind his partner of an agreement that he has forgotten. There are carefully worked-out procedures for dealing with inappropriate Alerts and explanations, but these are beyond the scope of this discussion.

Needless to say, as imperfect as it is, the Alert Procedure is necessary to maintain ethics at the level outlined in Law 40/B and Part IV/A of the Proprieties. It is important to Alert whenever you are sure you have a partnership agreement which is not common, and whenever you think the opponents do not know your particular agreement.

What Is Alertable?

Except for those listed as Class A, such as Stayman, Blackwood and Take-out Doubles, all conventions should be Alerted. Natural calls, which are bids that do no more than suggest a final contract, need not be Alerted, except when a partnership decides not to use the three conventions listed above. In this instance, those calls must be Alerted as natural.

For treatments, there is no hard and fast rule for Alerting. Generally, no Alert is necessary for treatments that everyone uses, such as an opening 3-bid showing a long suit (6-7 cards long) and a weak hand, which are described in black on the ACBL convention cards. Other treatments, such as new suit forcing by an unpassed responder are so basic that they need not be Alerted.

However, unusual treatments, such as weak jump shifts, weak double jump raises, or passes that are forcing when they might be expected to show weakness, are all Alertable.

Obviously, a great deal of subjectivity enters into judging whether or not a treatment should be Alerted. What might be considered standard in some parts of the country may be regarded as unusual in another. What good players might perceive as obvious might be unknown to the less experienced. The bottom line is that every player is responsible for protecting his opponents according to the intent of Law 40 and the Proprieties: the opponents are entitled to know all your partnership agreements!! Thus, if you are in any doubt as to whether or not an agreed

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treatment should be Alerted, you should Alert, especially if you are sure you and your partner have an understanding about the call made.

An example of a situation where experienced players may take advantage of beginning ACBL players arises with 'co-operative doubles'. Such doubles are treated by good players as showing maximum values for past bid(s) and a willingness to compete further. In the absence of an Alert, the inexperienced player believes the double to be for penalties. Thus, when the doubler's partner, holding a poor hand, removes the double, the innocent victims may sell out cheaply, fearing that further bidding by them might result in a hefty penalty. In many cases, it is only when the novices scan the hand records in search of an explanation for their virtual zero that they begin to suspect that their opponents' double was something other than for penalties. It is a sad fact that many experienced players get away with irregularities because less experienced players can't identify them.

When a player judges not to Alert, and the opponents legitimately protest that they did not know the meaning of a treatment, redress may be given them in case of damage. In such situations, whether or not failure to Alert constitutes an infraction must be decided by the Director or subsequently by a Committee. These authorities substitute their judgement for a player's, deciding whether or not it was reasonable to assume that those particular opponents would understand the particular treatment without an Alert.

Explanation of Partnership Agreements

After an Alert, the player whose turn it is to bid may ask the appropriate opponent about the agreement. In responding to a query, a player is guided by the following code:

When explaining the significance of partner's call or play in reply to an opponent's query, a player should disclose all special information conveyed to him through partnership agreement or partnership experience; but he need not disclose inferences drawn from his general knowledge or experience. (Proprieties, Part IV/C)

For example, after the auction, 1C-1D-Dbl*, where the double is negative, the 1C bidder must give a full account of the meaning of the double when responding to RHO's query. The opening bidder should tell his opponents whether the double shows 4-4 in the majors, or whether the doubler may have only one major with support for clubs, etc. Again, bullish veterans may take advantage of weaker opponents by intimidating them with a curt and insufficient explanation: "Negative! What else!" This type of behaviour is extremely unethical.

It should be noted that queries on the meanings of calls or plays are not restricted to situations in which Alerts are given:

During the auction and before the final pass, a full explanation of any call made by an opponent may be requested by any player, but only at that player's turn to call. (Law 20/F/1)

and,

After the final pass, and throughout the play period, declarer or either defender may request such an explanation of opposing calls, and declarer may request an explanation of the defenders' card play conventions, but only at his own turn to play. (Law 20/F/2)

All such queries must be answered in the form prescribed by the above-mentioned code from the Proprieties (Part IV/C). An example of the above principles may be found in a Bridge World editorial (Bridge World: May, 1979) which considered the case of a declarer asking a defender about his partner's style of opening leads against slams. The declarer was faced with a guess at trick 1, having received the lead of a low spot through a suit headed by the KJ. The editorial concluded that declarer did indeed have the right to enquire about lead style, and that a defender had to share all the information with him, as long as this information was based on previous discussion or partnership experience.

Violation of Partnership Agreements and Psychics

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of partnership agreement is that which results from repeated psyching. Generally, psyching is one of the most debated subjects in bridge. Psyching seems to create a great deal of tension and unpleasantness at the table; as a result, many in the ACBL advocate banning psychics. However, there are difficulties with this approach. First of all, it is difficult to precisely define psychics.

What some would consider a psychic bid, others would call a light opening or a tactical bid. In addition, and more importantly, the ACBL must adhere to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, which consider psychics legal. The relevant section of the Laws states:

A player may make any call or play (including an intentionally misleading call -- such as a psychic bid -- or a call or play that departs from commonly accepted, or previously announced, conventional practice), without prior announcement, provided that such a call or play is not based on partnership understanding. (Law 40/A)

and,

It is not improper for a player to violate an announced partnership agreement, so long as his partner is unaware of the violation (but habitual violations within a partnership may create implicit agreements which must be disclosed). No player has the obligation to disclose to the opponents that he has violated an announced agreement; and if the opponents are subsequently damaged, as through drawing a false inference from such violation, they are not entitled to redress. (Proprieties, Part IV/B)

The real problem with repeated psyching is that implicit partnership understandings are created, and with respect to psychs, such understandings cannot usually be disclosed to the opponents. For example, a partnership may psych major suit openings in first seat at favorable vulnerability on a regular basis. Some mention of this may even be made on the convention card. However, after such an opening bid, opener's partner has no way of being 100% sure that the opening is a psych. He therefore cannot Alert. On the other hand, he may respond in such a way as to cater to the possibility that his partner has psyched, therefore demonstrating the presence of an implicit understanding. Meanwhile the opponents must carry on the auction in relative ignorance of the actual understanding. In other words, the Alert procedure works well when bids carry specific, narrow meanings which can be described in response to an opponent's query; it doesn't work well when a particular bid may or may not carry a specific meaning.

Another problem with psychs and the Alert Procedure has been described by Don Oakie in the ACBL Bulletin in a February, 1978 article:

Since players rarely think to disclose implicit partnership understandings prior to the situation actually arising during the auction -- and for all possible situations it would be practically impossible to do so -- the Alert Procedure's protection is invaluable where implicit understandings are involved. Where psychic bids are concerned, however, the nature of the bid or call is such that the need to disclose implicit understandings has the effect of practically preventing their use.

Put another way, if a perfect procedure were invented to disclose psychics to the opponents with 100% accuracy, the ethics of the game would be maintained, but there wouldn't be much point in psyching!

In response to the problem the ACBL created a policy outlined in the Oakie article. One objective of that policy is to eradicate excessive psyching. Oakie says:

Even when the partnership involved has assiduously Alerted all opponents to the possibility that some or all of their calls may be psychic, the partnership may find itself in violation of the Proprieties. The League has prohibited the use of psychics on 'virtually every hand' on the grounds that such bidding disrupts the orderly progress of the game. If the director finds that the partnership agreements relative to their use of psychic calls, and the Alerting thereof, is[sic] disrupting the orderly progress of the event, he may order the partnership involved to discontinue their disruptive tactics or face expulsion from the event.

The section of the Proprieties referred to by Oakie is:

Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing, since any departure from correct standards may disrupt the orderly progress of the game.

In general, the Oakie article states that psyching is theoretically legal, but that it is futile to psych against good players and unsporting to psych against weaker ones. Players who have psyched together a few times develop "implicit agreements". Their technical right to psych is valid only if all their implicit understandings are disclosed through

an Alert at the time of the psychic bid -- an Alert that is virtually impossible to give. And even if all Alerts are properly given, psychers may be penalized as disruptive. Some of the essence of the Bulletin article was captured in this limerick:

Thanks for the Bulletin's clever
Clarification endeavour:
"It's legal to psych
As much as you like
So long as you like to psych NEVER."

Scare tactics aside, there is another aspect of ACBL policy that is true to the spirit of the Laws and the Proprieties: it is that part of the policy that is directed not against psychics, but against concealed, implicit understandings. According to this policy, a player who makes a grand-stand catch of his partner's psychic is presumed to have acted on improper information. Unless the player can demonstrate otherwise, his score will be adjusted. Thus the policy accepts the fact that psychics cannot be properly Alerted. Since he cannot Alert, the partner of a presumed psycher must bid his hand normally, at least until he can claim to have received explicit information that his partner has psyched. If he does not bid normally, a concealed understanding is presumed to exist, and the score will be adjusted.

A case in which this policy was applied was considered in the Bridge World (June, 1978):

					North					
					Qx					
West					9xxx				East	
					Jx					
xxxx					xxxxx				Jx	
AKJ									Qxxxx	
KT9xx									xx	
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N-S vul.					AQxx		W	N	E	S
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							1D	Db1	1H	2S!
							3H	P	P	3S!
							P	P	4H	Db1
							P	P	P	

In this situation South bid his hand rather strangely and the onus is on him to explain his actions. Until he proves otherwise, South is presumed to have acted on the basis of concealed, illegal partnership agreement. If South cannot prove that there was no concealed understanding the score may be adjusted, assuming the Director or Committee judges that East-West were damaged as a result of South's infraction. If South often finds himself trying to explain his fielding of psychics, he may be disciplined. Suppose his explanation is, "With both opponents bidding, partner just couldn't have a real take-out double since I held so many points, so bridge logic prompted me to take it easy". This argument is not convincing, since if there was no concealed understanding, South might suspect West or East (look at the vulnerability!) just as much as his partner. He would be expected to bid the full value of his cards. According to BW's Edgar Kaplan, a satisfactory explanation might be, "Our agreement is that a take-out double promised 13 HCP and the opponents play 1H forcing, so on the bidding someone had to be lying. Since East-West's card says they never psych, it had to be North". If this is true then it follows that everyone should check their psychics as 'occasional' or at the very least 'rare', so that people such as South in the above hand would have trouble putting forward a suitable explanation for their strange actions. In fact, in these types of situations it is difficult to find a satisfactory explanation for apparent 'catching'. Generally, when one is a member of a frequently psyching partnership (even one that psychs as little as once every ten sessions), the ethical approach is to bid normally. Either that or stop psyching as a partnership! Every hand should be approached on the basis that the opponents are just as likely to psych as partner. "Table feel" is an inappropriate explanation of grand-stand catches. Such explanations lead to deservedly tarnished reputations.

THE NEW UNIT BOARD

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The new members of the Board are Susan Peters, Alex Kiper, Laurence Betts and Chuck Hodson. Mildred Wohlleben and Don Jorgenson have bravely returned for another term. Many thanks to outgoing members Jean Groome, Peter Walton and Bob Percher. And Gord McOrmond (sorry, Gord).

The 83-84 board looks a lot like this:

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Phil Wood

1. Don Brander 50.10	8. Aidan Ballantyne 29.94	15. Selene Jacobson 23.95
2. Bob Connop 43.10	9. Laurence Betts 29.37	16. Alex Orlandini 23.60
3. Rhonda Betts 40.97	10. Dave Waterman 29.24	17. Bob MacDuff 23.45
4. Ron Borg 40.92	11. Al Chapelle 26.36	18. Peter Harold 22.84
5. Paul Hagen 40.35	12. Andy Nagy 25.80	19. Ken Scholes 22.35
6. Joel Martineau 37.33	13. Greg Arbour 25.07	20. Doug Andrews 21.29
7. Lauren Miller 36.83	14. Martin O'Reilly 24.45	

Eddie Bonnell

1. Rhonda Betts 40.97	6. Trudy Hurdle 15.85
2. Selene Jacobson 23.95	7. Debbie McCully 14.90
3. Elaine Ryan 19.44	8. Pat Landau 13.97
4. Leslie Gold 18.41	9. Julie Smith 13.23
5. Anne Nagy 16.45	10. Connie Delisle 12.24

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1. Pat Landau 13.97	6. Ancol Kordo 8.34
2. Bill Angus 12.28	7. Allan Neid 8.01
3. Larry Hicks 11.62	8/9. Denise McKay 7.85
4/5. Nora Cook 8.84	8/9. Don McKay 7.85
4/5. Rose Sontowski 8.84	10. Mike Takemori 7.67

- by Gerry McCully

This installment of our irregular IYB column features problems by one of Surrey's finest bridge players. Gerry is especially successful in team events, and was recently a member of the Borg team that reached the semi-finals(round of four) in the Canadian National Team Championships. Since I'm used to scoring about 250 in these contests, I should say Gerry did a fine job for us. Our thanks to him, and best wishes for continued success.(Ed.)

1. IMP's. Both vul.	W	N	E	S
AK53	1D	P	1S	2H
AKQT76	P	4H	4S	?
5				
52				

To double or bid on? Most successful players tend to take out insurance (via bidding one for the road) on these types of problems so as to avoid a large swing. While this is sound IMP strategy, many a match is won or lost on such 5-level decisions.

For the bidders:

Joel Martineau: "5D. My declarer play versus my defense (4S^X). The former is rather less likely to result in disaster. I try real hard to avoid disaster at IMPs and rubber."

Peter Herold: "4NT[KCB]. If no aces may be good sac in 5H! If one ace will bid slam. If two aces will cue 5S."

David Waterman: "5H. Lose 6 IMPs at worst."

And the doublers:

Laurence Betts: "Double. We can tap RHO in hearts. Assume he has 7 spades. Yes I know partner might have 0-5-4-4 with no tricks, but then he would pull anyway."

Lauren Miller: "Double. Contrary to my usual policy of taking out insurance against double game swings, but if we can't beat this one I assume partner will pull."

Duncan Smith: "Double. Don't know if we can make 5H (doubt it), and heart taps could result in 4S going for a bundle."

From out of the [purple] haze:

Dave House: "Pass. Forcing."

The ensuing auction will be equally succinct, Dave, as partner smoothly passes.

AWARDS: 5H = 100(8 votes), Db1 = 80(6 votes), 4N = 70(2 votes), 5D = 70(2 votes), Pass = 20(1 vote), 6H = 10(1 vote)

2. Board-A-Match. Both vul.	S	W	N	E
AJ765	1S	P	2D	P
AJT7	2H	P	3D	P
K6	?			
J3				

Do we bid on, and if so what game try do we make? The consensus was to take a sure plus.

The plus score theorists:

Steven (No Bid) Vincent: "No Bid. 3D isn't forcing where I come from and we're not making any more if partner hasn't anything extra."

Aidan Ballantyne: "Pass. Would try 3N if I need to swing."

Sandy McIlwain: "Pass. Game seems hazardous at best."

And for those with a higher red blood corpuscle count:

Duncan Smith: "4D. Too good to pass, wrong hand to treat as a 5-card heart suit, 3N is just wrong, so what's left?"

Dave House: "3H. I don't like to lie, but I haven't got the nerve to bid 3N with team mates to account to. I'll correct 4H to 5D or pass 3N."

I agree with this approach, as partner's first priority should be to bid 3N rather than show heart support, hence the 3H bid caters to arriving at 3N when it's right but doesn't preclude a diamond contract."

And not lacking nerve or fearing team mates were:

Lucky O (Reilly): "3N."

Leo Steil: "3N. Six diamond tricks, two aces, plus a club if partner's outside honour is in clubs or a third major trick if it's there."

AWARDS: Pass = 100(10 votes), 4D = 70(5 votes), 3H = 60(3 votes), 3N = 50(2).

3. IMP's. Both vul.

	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
AKQT982				
Q4	1S	P	2H	P
KT86	2S	P	3D	P
	?			

I received several complaints about the 2S rebid - sorry - but doesn't the end justify the means in that we now seem well placed to arrive at 7D with partner holding as little as x Axxxx AQxx xx. I for one fail to see how 7D would be reached after a 3S rebid.

The 4C bidders had little to say other than that they were saving space and wanted to hear more. As for the 4D bidders, some expressed concern as to how to explain why they played part score rather than grand slam to curious partners. As mentioned earlier, all we need for 7D is the heart A and the diamond AQ (I know diamonds may not split, but partner may have the knave or extra length), so what is the best method of getting partner to co-operate holding these controls? I feel 5C should do the trick - if partner bids 5D we will continue with 6C and surely he will now bid the grand holding the three necessary controls as we must have a source of tricks to try for a grand missing three key cards. Anyway, that's the way I see it.

Dave Waterman: "5C. This is clearly a void, even with no agreement, The auction has worked out well - it would never have occurred to me to bid only 2S."

Steven Vincent: "5C. Why have I been saddled with this 2S bid? This hand's huge. Bid 3S at least. Now 5C expresses the hand well."

AWARDS: 5C = 100(6 votes), 4C = 80(4 votes), 4D = 70(3 votes), 4N = 50(2 votes), 6C = 50(1 vote), 6S = 40(2 votes), 3S = 20(1 vote).

4. Matchpoints. None Vul.

	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>NN</u>	<u>E</u>
AKQ72				
AQJ64	1S	P	3S	P
K	?			
64				

Are there any used car salesmen out there? We want to bid slam with these cards but are afraid of two quick club losers. If we cue bid on our way via 4D or 4H it may well make life difficult for partner who is not looking at any high spade honour and may be hesitant to cue 5C. Hence many solvers simply blasted to 6S:

Leo Steil: "6S. Could be off two club tricks which they may not lead unless we inform them. Partner must have good cards in the minors as they are not in the majors."

While I agree 6S is a reasonable bid I feel there is room for a little larceny on this hand. If we are going to 6S regardless why not try 5C first to spike the club lead? Also, although unlikely, 4C may get doubled by LHO, which will allow partner to inform us of his club holding.

Laurence Betts: "4C. Blow off the club lead before leaping to six spades." [Presumably this bid would be alerted by any regular partnership: "Tends to deny club control when followed by leap to slam." Ed.]

[Just kidding? Ed.]

AWARDS: 4C = 100(6 Votes), 4H = 80(5 votes), 6S = 70(4 votes), 4D = 70(4 votes), 3N(systemically asking for controls) = 70(1 vote).

5. IMP's. Both vul.

	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
J5				
AKQJT7	1C	1H	P	2D
T6	P	?		
Q76				

The solvers covered all the bases on this one:

Leo Steil: "2NT. Solid hearts should all be tricks in NT - more likely to take 9 tricks in NT than 10 in hearts."

Lauren Miller: "2NT. Would obviously prefer a better club stopper, but neither 2H nor 3H describes this hand. This may be what partner needs to hear."

Duncan Smith: "3H. Seems about right, but will make it impossible to get to 3NT if partner holds Jx or Jxx of clubs."

Al Chapelle: "3H. Will play 4H or 3N = help."

Joel Martineau: "Pass."

I don't know what kind of mind altering agent you were using, Joel, but it was working.

AWARDS: 2N = 100(8 votes), 3H = 80(6 votes), 2H = 60(4 votes), Pass(!) = -10(1 vote)

6. Matchpoints. None vul.

	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
94				
A9372	P	P	1C	1H
A82	2D	2H	2S	3H
AKT	3S	4H	4S	Dbl.
	P	P	P	

I confess I borrowed this problem from the Bridge World (Master Solvers, Nov. 79).

The general consensus was to reduce dummy's ruffing power via a spade, and second choice was to start a forcing game via the heart ace.

AWARDS: (as per B.W.) 4 of S = 100, HA = 80, CK = 80, S9 = 80, CA = 70.

Top Scores for the Month: 1. Steven Vincent 580

Laurence Betts, Sandy McIlwain, Dan Jacob 540

Late Tournament Results:

Rossland Sectional: Rhonda Sweeps Kootenays!

Masters Pairs: 1. Rhonda Betts

Open Pairs: 1. Laurence & Rhonda Betts

Swiss Teams: 1. Laurence & Rhonda Betts, Steven Vincent, Jim Dickie

RED DEER REGIONAL:

Charity Pairs: 1. Leo Steil

Open Swiss: 1/2. Laurence Betts, Greg Arbour, David Waterman,
Stephen Vincent
6-9. Don Brazeau

Men's Pairs: 5. Laurence Betts - Steve Vincent

Ladies' Pairs: 2. Rhonda Betts
9/10. M. Havens - K. Snow

Unseeded Knockouts: 5-8: Dave House - Rhonda Betts

Open Pairs: 8. Don Jorgenson - Frances Waters

Masters Pairs A: 2. Greg Arbour
9. Laurence Betts - Don Brazeau

Super Open A: 4. Leo Steil
7. Laurence Betts

Super Open B: 7. R. Yarmchuk - G. Fisher

Yes, it's time for the new IMP League models to be unveiled. This year we will be attempting three divisions: A League - unlimited; B League - 0-1000 Masterpoints; and on a trial basis, the C League - 0-100 mp's. The C League will operate on a less hectic schedule and will help our newer players get used to team play, with assistance from some old hands. B League inquiries should be made to Thony Stienon (321-9921), while A & C League queries will be fielded by Commissioner Jenny Paynter (438-3095) after Labour Day, please. P.S. Dimich beat McOrmond in the A League final.

CLUB NEWS

ed. Catriona Brown

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Century House, 620 8th St. New Westminster
Ted or Liz Hicks 937-0843, 937-0138

Games every Thursday at 7:15 sharp.

Sept. 29: ACBL Charity Game

Oct. 13: Open Pairs Club Championship

Nov. 24: 4th Annual Mitch Hodge Trophy Game

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

Haida Mini-Sectional: Fri. Sept 9: TGIF Club Championship for Turnbull Trophy. 8:00 pm.

Sat. Sept 10: Non-smokers Club Championship. 8:00 pm.

Sun. Sept. 11: Two-session Swiss Teams. 1:30 & 7:30.
Winning team gets T-shirts and entry for Sectional KO's.

Haida Trophy: Two-session Open Pairs - Thurs. Oct 13 & 20. 8:00 pm.

Rookie GNP Game: Monday, Sept. 19.

Non-smokers game every Saturday night at 8.

Andy's intermediate bridge course: 6 lessons on Wednesday nights, starting Sept 21. \$30.

Canadian Women's Teams

Unit 430 will host the Canadian Women's team final May 18-21, 1984. The Vancouver qualifying game will be held November 12&13 at Marpole C.C.

In an effort to offset costs, we are raffling off Phil Wood Trophy leader Don Brander for the September Open Pairs, and the charming talents of Lauren Miller for the November Open Pairs. Please support this worthwhile event. More details next issue.

Unit Point Races

Haida: 1. McIlwain	5.97	Cloverdale: 1. Jean Groome	2.96
2. Waterman	5.28	2. Wilf May	2.45
3. Taffler	5.04	3/4. Pete Walton	2.35
4. O'Reilly	4.85	3/4. Don Forsythe	2.35
5. Brander	4.84	5. Ina Anderen	2.23

SCHEDULE OF EVENTSAugust

26-28 Nanaimo Sectional

September

4 Vancouver Unit Game
Cloverdale & Haida Club
9-11 Seattle Century Sectional
Bellevue, Wash.
16-18 Vancouver Evergreen Sect.
18-24 Rookie GNP Qualifying
20-25 Outlaw Regional
Kalispell, Montana
25 Unit 430 GNP Final
30-2 Comox Valley Sectional
Courtenay

October

2 Vancouver Unit Game
Elks Hall & Haida Club
7-9 Okanagan Sectional
Kelowna
6-10 Buffalo Regional
Winnipeg, Manitoba
14-16 Everett Sectional
14-16 Banff Classic Sectional
22-23 Future Stars Sectional
Vancouver
17-23 Rogue Valley Regional
Medford, Oregon
28-30 Totem Sectional
Victoria

Congratulations to New Life Masters Al & Donna Freeze who went over in Red Deer!

Support the CNTC! Next issue Oct. 17.
Deadline Oct. 3, please!!

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ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

November 18-20 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond BC

Friday N/18	1:30 pm	MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 pm	MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
		JUNIOR PAIRS: 0-20 Master Points
Saturday N/19:	1:30 pm & 8:00 pm	FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - playthrough
		FLIGHT A: No Restrictions
		Flight B: 0-750 Master Points
Sunday N/20:	11:00 am & 4:30 pm	OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions

Tournament Director:

Tournament Chairman: Chuck Hodson

Partnerships: Jenny Paynter (438-3095)

SIDE GAMES AS
ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

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

WOMEN'S TEAM TRIALS

The Canadian Ladies' Team Championship will be held in Vancouver at the Chateau Granville starting May 18, 1984. As host Province we are allowed six teams who will qualify as follows:

Kelowna - 2 teams (2 Vancouver-based teams qualified here Oct 9)
Vancouver - 3 teams, November 12 & 13
Victoria - 1 team, 1 alternate - early 1984

A team can try as often as possible until they qualify. The committee in charge is working hard to raise the money required to host this event. Please give us your support.

November 12/13 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
990 W 59 Ave.
Vancouver BC

November 12&13: Women's Team Trials - Round Robin - VP scoring
- Four sessions - Sat. 1:30 & 7:30
- Sun. 12:00 & TBA

November 12: Olympiad Fund Pairs - One session at 7:30 - concurrent
with Team Trials

November 13: Special Unit Pairs - 1 session. - 12:00

& Novice Game - 12:00 - if attendance warrants

Entry fees: Team Trials \$72. per team (4 sessions); OF Pairs & Unit Pairs,
\$3.50 per player; Novice \$2.50 per player.

Pre-registration: Diane Kinakin (430-4434)

Partnerships: Jennifer Paynter (438-3095)

Conditions of contest: any questions Call Marcia Kostynyk (434-4565, Sandra
Borg (274-0603), Jennifer or Diane.

*DON'T FORGET THE FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL: OCTOBER 22&23 at the Marpole Com.Ctr.

Vancouver:

September 4 (18 tables):

- Overall: 1. Aidan Ballantyne - Dan Jacob
 2. Al Chapelle - Lauren Miller
 3. Connie Delisle - Graham Putnam
 4. Les Fouks - Bob Sauve
 5. Adrian Hicks - Charlie Swanson
 6. Lisa Strebinger - George Bell

N-S

E-W

Delisle - Putnam	185½	Ballantyne - Jacob	206½
Hicks-Swanson	182½	Miller - Chapelle	191½
Strebinge-Bell	181½	Fouks - Sauve	183
Dave Ingham - Dave House	173½	Tom Cross - B. Osborne	168

October 2 (11 tables):

- Overall: 1. Ted & Ruby Trerise
 2. Len Feeny - Mike Manica
 3. Jenny Paynter - Ron Dixon
 4. Gerda Lubeseder - Olive Perdue
 5. Aidan Ballantyne - Stephen Vincent
 6. Elaine Ryan - Don Brander

N-S

E-W

Trerises	133	Feeny - Manica	130
Ryan - Brander	112½	Paynter - Dixon	125
Les Fouks - Sid Segal	110	Lubeseder - Perdue	122
Dee Steil - Shr la Shoring	110	Ballantyne - Vincent	121

Cloverdale:

October 2 (11 tables):

- Overall: 1. Ron & Jean Groome
 2. Ted & Larry Hicks
 3/4. Axel & Margret Schulmann
 3/4. Dan Watson - John Findlay
 5. Don Fraser - Beryl Hamilton
 6. Wilf May - Don Forsyth

N-S

E-W

Hicks - Hicks	130	Groomes	143-
Schulmanns	129-	Fraser - Hamilton	129
Watson - Findlay	129-	May - Forsyth	127
Al & Donna Freeze	112	Alex Kiper - Ernie Dietrich	120

September 4 (9 tables):

- Overall: 1. Dan Watson - John Findlay
 2. Al & Donna Freeze
 3. Ron & Jean Groome
 4. Alex Kiper - Ernie Dietrich
 5. Ted Hicks - Mike Hartop

N-S

E-W

Watson-Findlay	129	Hicks - Hartop	120-
Freezes	124-	Walter Link - Wilf May	119-
Groomes	123-	Axel & Margret Schulmann	116

UNIT POINT RACES

Vancouver: 1.

- Cloverdale: 1. Jean Groome 5.29
 2. Ron Groome 3.97
 3. John Findlay 3.80
 4. Wilf May 2.98
 5/6. Pete Walton 2.35
 5/6. Don Forsyth 2.35
 7. Larry Hicks 2.24
 8. Ina Andersen 2.23

Vancouver results unavailable.

*Unit Christmas Party: December 11, Marpole Comm. Ctr. - Food 6:30, Game 7:30

Canadian Pairs Championship

The recent fall Olympiad Fund game was also the first leg in the re-established CPC. While we regret having been uninformed and therefore unable to advertise this event previously, here is a brief description of how the CPC will work:

The CPC will be held twice every four years. The qualifying events for the 1985 National Finals are the just-held Olympiad Fund game, The 1984 spring Olympiad Fund game, and the 1984 International Fund game. (The qualifying events for the 1986 Finals will be the 1984 fall OF game, the 1985 spring OF game and the 1985 IF game.) Players who qualify at these events will be eligible for the Unit level game, which will qualify one pair for every 250 unit members for the next level, presumably the National Final. The winners of each Final will be subsidized Canadian pairs to the World pairs Olympiad.

Of particular interest to Vancouver area players, the James D. Donaldson Trophy will be awarded to the winners of the CPC by the CBF.

Canadian National Teams Championship

The Unit 430 board received a letter from CBF Zone Director Doug Andrews stating that in response to a complaint from the Interior & Northern Units of BC re the expense of sending teams to the CNTC Zone Final in Vancouver he was granting them a separate Final which would produce one of BC's three representatives in the National Final. Teams from other units would not be allowed to play in their game.

The board, while expressing sympathy for the travel problems of far-away teams, reacted most strongly against this Balkanization of the British Columbia Team Championships, and is protesting to Mr. Andrews and to the CBF. This situation can only lead to the weakening of our B.C. representation in the Canadian Championships. It is a disservice to bridge in BC and to the Championships themselves to send less than our proven best. We sincerely hope that an amendment can be made which will satisfy all parties.

The National Finals will be held June 16-20 in Toronto, and next year on June 15-19, also in Toronto.

The good news is that the Pemberton Bridge Club will be holding a CBF qualifying game on January 15 at 1:30 & 7:30, cost \$40 per team.

Public Awareness Committee

The CBF has elected Doug Andrews as Co-Chairperson of their new Public Awareness Committee. The Committee has been formed 'to promote awareness of the goals of the CBF throughout the country and generate a feeling of identity and unity among Canadian bridge players.' We trust that our unit will be in frequent consultation with the Committee, and that problems such as the ones above will become few and far between.

Leads Against Redoubled Grand Slams Dept.

by The Rookie

None vul, you hold:	AJT	(you)
	QJTxxx	S W N E
	XX	1NT 2H 7NT P
		P Dbl Rdbl P
		P P

Dave 'B Flight' House found the aggressive QH lead, but. . .

N	S	
A	x	2 heart tricks + 6 diamond tricks +
AKx	xx	5 club tricks = 13 tricks = 2230 points
AKQxxx	JTxxx	
AKx	KJxxx	

On a spade lead E-W can take the first 8 tricks, for E-W +3000 --

a swing of 5,230 points. At least we weren't playing rubber!

Congratulations to new Life Masters Alex Kiper and Les Fouks!

[The DINO Bridge Buff - WASUMI insert that should have been included in one of our recent ACBL Bulletins was sent, somehow, to Montreal instead. Since the issue in question contained a report from our Unit correspondent, Aidan Ballantyne, we thought you might like to see what the folks back East were digesting along with their tarte au sucre. And so, the news as it was:] -Ed.

At the winter sectional the unit presented two of its most important trophies. The Phil Wood, awarded to the highest point-getter at Vancouver sectionals, was won by Mike Dimich for 1982. Mike's performance was all the more outstanding in that he missed the summer sectional in order to play the CNTC Finals in Toronto. Paul Conroy of Seattle earned the Under 200 master point trophy. Each will receive a year of free plays at Vancouver sectionals. The Edith Bonnell Memorial Trophy, awarded to the woman earning the most points at Vancouver sectionals, was won by Jean Groome, disproving the modified adage, "those that can, play; those that can't, administer".

The Unit Mini-McKenney winners were recently announced. . . The closest race was the Advanced Senior Master Category where Dave Waterman nipped Martin O'Reilly by .24 of a point. Dee Steil was third, one point out of first. The Waterman - O'Reilly rivalry dates back to the Seattle Center Regional where Dave achieved LM status just days ahead of Martin. Martin has asked for a recount and was last seen rummaging through his dressing table in search of stray rating point slips. The Advanced Senior Master race had many features in common with the Yarrington-Urbaniuk contest for the Kirkwood. The scenario might have unfolded something like this:

Waterman takes early lead by taking in Monday evening Sunset Club games with Morris Potzold. O'Reilly counters by taking out unemployment insurance and playing in Haida Club day games. Steil, delayed by honeymoon, gets off to slow start but makes up ground by stealing off to Yakima sectional. Well into the year now, Waterman imports Acol ringer from Britain to improve his Haida Club performances. O'Reilly, down on his luck, hires noted bridge consultant John Bryden, who suggests that playing with women is the key to success. O'Reilly begins playing regularly with Susan Peters. Waterman, using student loan, convinces Haida Club champ Dave House of the merit of playing in O'Reilly's section. The year wears on, Waterman skips classes and begins playing day games with Gord Davis. Falling off the pace again, Steil once more sneaks off to Yakima sectional. End of the year and it's nip and tuck. Waterman's exams cut into bridge time. O'Reilly must supplement UIC by selling Christmas trees. It's over: Waterman by a hair!

The IMP League has almost reached the playoff stage. In the A Division, Dimich leads with 165 (2 matches to play), Bryden has slid into second spot with 152, but has only one match to play. Bryden, like the Canucks, seems to delight in the late season charge. That strategy enabled the team to make the playoffs last year, but will the story repeat itself? The IMP League Commissioner has decided to take a tougher stand on Bryden's clutch and grab style. It is also likely that towel-waving kibitzers will be barred from future Bryden matches. Perhaps Bryden will fold in the face of the derisive singing of "Sha-na-na-na" that is likely to greet his next loss. Third place in the league is currently held by Lindsay with 149 (2 to play). L. Betts is fourth with 140 but has three matches to play. The major threat to break into the playoff four is C. Jacob who has to play two matches against teams far down in the standings. Since Dimich has to play both Betts and Lindsay, and Bryden must play Betts, anything can happen. It may be noted, however, that teams captained by names starting with 'H' had a tough time of it this year. This prompted Lindsay to exclaim one day, "It's a good thing we didn't make Hagen captain!" Right, Cam! We might still be trying to arrange our first match. . . [Hagen's cousin must mail the Bulletins out.]

In Memorium

We note with regret the passing of Mr. Willie Weinstein. Mr. Weinstein was a local bridge fixture for many, many years, and brightened up every game he played in. He will be sorely missed.

A rather poor turnout of 56 pairs competed at the Marpole Community Centre for a chance to go to Tacoma. Twenty pairs qualified for the January excursion, and we wish them luck on what generally is a rather muddy track.

The overalls:	1. Ron Borg - Dennis Dohl	391-
	2. Don Brander - Bob Connop	381
	3. Stella Alliston - Marg Neate	378
	4. Michael Strebinger - Doug Andrews	360-
	5. Chuck Hodson - Gordon Davis	354
	6. Connie Delisle Rhonda Betts	352

and the rest: Tony Marsh - Frank Shedden, Don Fraser - Hobart Liang, Jenny Paynter - Harvey Piercy, Larry Hicks - Bill Angus, Susan Peters - M Martin O'Reilly, Michael Dimich - Bob MacDuff, Fred Sontag - Bob Gerrie, Debby McCully - Dianne Kinakin, Laurende Betts - Al Chapelle, Msrchia Kostynyk - Sandra Borg, Selene Jacobson - Sophus Kelly, Linda Sims - Lauren Miller, David Waterman - Steve Vincent, Dave House - Michael Newcombe.

TROPHY STANDINGS

While Don Brander and associates still lead the Phil Wood, it is noteworthy that Peter Herold (with partner Kenny Scholes) moved from 18th to fifth and can't be counted out. The Open Swiss should decide it. Rhonda Betts is running away with the Edie Bonnell. Susan Peters and Jonny Paynter appear on the list in the 3&4 spots, but they won't catch Rhonda this year. Meanwhile, Stephen Vincent appears on the Under 200 charts at number one with a bullet. Stephen will likely make the Mini-McKenney list in his category this year, and should hold on to win this event.

Phil Wood

1. Don Brander	61.55	11. Martin O'Reilly	41.92
2. Bob Connop	54.18	12. Don Brazeau	39.46
3. Ron Borg	50.92	13. Bob MacDuff	38.49
4. Paul Hagen	50.35	14. Greg Arbour	38.34
5. Peter Herold	48.59	15. Aidan Ballantyne	38.13
6. Rhonda Betts	48.48	16. Joel Martineau	37.33
7. Ken Scholes	48.10	17. Dan Jacob	36.84
8. Lauren Miller	46.16	18. Dave Waterman	36.44
9. Andy Nagy	43.74	19. Al Chapelle	36.06
10. Laurence Betts	43.34	20. Michael Dimich	34.07

Edie Bonnell

1. Rhonda Betts	48.48	6. Anne Nagy	19.51
2. Selene Jacobson	28.62	7. Trudy Hurdle	19.42
3. Susan Peters	26.19	8. Leslie Gold	18.41
4. Jenny Paynter	20.94	9. Debbie McCully	15.84
5. Elaine Ryan	20.76	10. Pat Landau	15.05

Under 200

1. Steve Vincent	22.19	6. Corrine Tapley	10.73
2. Larry Hicks	16.43	7/8. Don McKay	10.71
3. Pat Landau	15.05	7/8. Denise McKay	10.71
4. Elaine Levins	15.00	9. Dan Watson	10.31
5. Bill Angus	14.12	10. Allan Neid	9.97

Golden Age Masters

The ACBL's Golden Age Master certificate may be awarded to any player who has attained the age of 70 years and has accumulated 300 Master Points of any coloration, or to any who has attained the age of 80 and has at least 100 points.

It should be noted that this is an honorary status in recognition of attained age and master points and is not the equivalent of Life Master, nor does it carry any perquisites such as exemption from ACBL dues or fees.

Each applicant, or person applying on behalf of the player, is asked to furnish the player's name, ACBL player number, and the player's birthdate and current address. Do you know someone who might qualify for this award?

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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PASCO REGIONAL:

Open Swiss Teams:

4. Doug & Julie Cowan - Denise & Don McKay
- 10/13. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour (E. Stoltz - D. Sorenson)

Women's Pairs:

3. Ev Hodge - Marge Neate
4. Ina Andersen - Jean Groome

Open Pairs: 10. Dave Ingham - Charlie Swanson

Lucky Draw Swiss: 2. Marge Neate - Mary Fines - Stella Alliston -
Ev Hodge

Non-Masters Pairs: 3. A. & N. Yallouz

Super Open Pairs Flight A: 9/10. Don Brander - Greg Arbour

Experimental Knockout Teams:

1. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - (E. Stoltz - D. Sorenson
-S. Sather)
- 3/4. Rhonda Betts - (J. Mitchell - L. Nee - P. Dunn - A. Wood)

Nanaimo Sectional:

Men's Pairs: 3. George Joneson - Terrance Stokes

Women's Pairs:

1. Dee Steil - Debbie McCully
3. Jean Turnbull - B. Flower

Masters Pairs:

1. Debbie McCully - Gerry McCully
- 2/3. Ron Groome - Jean Groome
- 2/3. David House - (G. Tomczyk)
5. George Joneson - Terrance Stokes

Open Pairs:

1. Martin O'Reilly - John Bryden
2. Charlie Swanson - Dave House
4. Ron Borg - Sandra Borg

Open Pairs Consolation:

1. A. & M. Carlson
2. A. Nagy - Don Brazeau
3. Susan Peters - (M. McCune)
5. Leo Steil - (C. Brown)

Swiss Teams:

1. Dave House - Dave Ingham - Charlie Swanson - Elaine Ryan
2. Syd & Pearl Minkoff - Louis & Pat Landau

* Vancouver Evergreen Sectional (350 tables)

Women's Pairs (50 pairs):

1. Selene Jacobson, Van. - Sharon Crapko, Richmond
2. Ina Andersen, Richmond - Kathy Adachi, N. Delta
3. Enid Burfitt, Van. - Virginia McGonigal, Van.

Men's Pairs (42 pairs):

1. Tom Kinakin, Bby. - Jim McCully, N. Van.
2. Harold McAllister - Allan Graves, both Van.
3. Doug Andrews, Van. - Michael Strebinger, N. Van.

Mixed Pairs (74 pairs):

1. Jennifer Paynter, Van. - Duncan Smith, Victoria
- 2/3. Larry Hicks, Coquitlam - Joy Berry, Coquitlam
- 2/3. Andra Thomson - Clark Gilmour, both Kelowna

Junior Pairs (24 pairs):

1. Terry Schiller, Van - Jim Braby, Burnaby
2. Gary Gilraine - Paul Fournier, both Van.
3. Seija Backman, Bby. - Audrey Lay, Surrey

Friday Eve Side Game (18 pairs):

1. Bob & Stella Steves, both N. Van.
2. Delphine Tablotney - Jeanne Bentley, both Van.
3. Mariann Hutton, Milner - Mabel Holding, Langley

Open Pairs Final (48 pairs):

1. Paul Conroy - Henry Lortz, both Seattle
2. Peter Herold, Van. - Ken Scholes, Seattle
3. Cam Lindsay - Bob Sauve, both Van.

Consolations Pairs (54 pairs):

1. Dr. R.L. Bruna, Ferndale WA - Russ Hanson, Bellingham
- 2/3. Axel & Margret Schulmann, both Delta
- 2/3. Virginia McGonigal - Rosemary Spratt, both Van.

Knockout Teams (10 teams):

1. Ron Borg - Don Brander - Paul Hagen - Bob Connop, all Van.
2. Michael Dimich - Doug Andrews - Greg Arbour - Laurence Betts - Al Chapelle, all Van.
- 3/4. Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully, both Surrey - Dan Jacob - Ron Christie, both Van.
- 3/4. Dennis Groden, Delta - Harvey Piercy, Bby. - Ken Lee, Van. - Peter Walton, Surrey

Flight A Swiss Board-A-Match Teams (20 teams):

- *1-3. Michael Dimich - Andy Nagy - Don Brazeau, all Van. - Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
- 1-3. Martin O'Reilly - Susan Peters - John Bryden, all Van. - Terry Mickelson, Bby.
- 1-3. Dan Jacob - Peter Herold, both Van. - Ken Scholes - Dick Yarrington, both Seattle

* Declared Winner based on opponents' records.

Flight B Swiss - 0-1000 mp's (50 teams):

1. Don Jorgenson - Corrine Tapley, both Van. - Elaine Levins, Delta - Peter Marr, Bby.
- 2-7. Tom & Vivian Pelton, Vic. - Monica & Mike Angus, PoCo.
- 2-7. Doug Cowan, N Van. - Don Sache, Delta - Rose Wrean - Joanne Elliott, both W Van.
- 2-7. Chester Michno, Van. - Dan Watson - Harold Hansen, both Bby. - Ernie Dietrich, PoCo.
- 2-7. Christina Jacob - Sheryll Kanee - Gordon Fisher - Ron Yarmchuk, all Van.
- 2-7. Fritz Bowers - Shirley Hulme - Ted & Ruby Trerise, all Van.
- 2-7. Doug Strachan - Ken Garfinkel - John Fisher, all Van. - Ray Saintongo, Richmond

Comox Valley Sectional - Courtenay:

- Swiss Teams: 2. Martin O'Reilly - Dave House - John Bryden, all Van. - Terry Mickelson, Bby.

Kelowna Sectional

Knockout Teams:

2. Dan Jacob - Alex Orlandini - Lauren Miller - Dave House

- Swiss Teams: 1. Stephen Vincent - Laurence Betts - Peter Herold - (J. McAvoy - J. Dickie)

- Midnight Swiss: 1. Gord Davis - Harvey Piercy - Pete Walton - Frank Jarvis

It looks like another banner year for the ol' house league. Registratio is up (again), and for the first time there will be a C League. Commissioner Jenny Paynter and B League co-ordinator Thony Stiennon are to be congratulate on their recruiting successes (rumor has it that Thony had a press gang roaming the Valley's kitchens and countryside). The C League deadline has been extended to coincide with the Future Stars Sectional. Anyone with less than 100 master points wishing to field a team or find one to join should call Jenny at 438-3095 before October 23.

Players are encouraged to hold matches at bridge clubs, or to schedule matches on your local club's non-game nights. Last year most matches were played on time, and we ask you to please try and do it again - it's so much easier on us all that way. Finally: although there will be times you won't believe it, people join this league to have fun, so have some!

The A League

The A League has swelled to 16 teams, necessitating the creation of two divisions. Teams play everyone in their own division and four teams from the other. Division winners will get a bye into the playoffs.

For this year's predictions we went to someone who has played on enough of these teams to know how they stack up. There appears to be one outstanding flaw in his results, but there are some people you don't argue with.

Ruff Trade Division:

Hopwood (Jack, 277-6413 home, 666-2195 work, Mike Takemori, Chris Diamond, Dennis Dohl, Ben Takemori, Bow Liu)

Captain of this first time starter snagged two-time winner Dohl from his fourth consecutive season of being on waivers. Now with a power-hitter, four candidates for rookie of the year, and Bow Liu a.k.a. Major Tom (the one ground control is always looking for), how can we lose?

1-9

Dimich (Michael, 733-3581, Steve Vincent, Greg Arbour, Bob MacDuff, Doug Andrews, Nick Stock)

Solid addition in Vincent, good attitude, and Arbour flowering, bodes nothing but good for the defending champs. Hopefully their first match forfeit to Hopwood won't deter them.

5-2

Graves (Allan, 732-5755, Peter Cooper, Peter Herold, Michael Strebing, Nathan Divinsky, Dave Waterman)

Absolutely guaranteed not to play to their collective ability, this group won't need to in order to win. But, and this is a big but, they won't win.

7-2

Hawkes (Doug, 384-7128 office 10-11 am, 477-9544 home [reverse charges!], Jim McAvoy, Duncan Smith, Barrie Turnham, Connie McAvoy)

J. McAvoy and Smith are totally awesome, grody to the max and real bitchin'. However, I'll take the home team and the points. N.B. Would be real tough if they got to the final.

6-1

Fouks (Les, 327-4341, Sid Segal, Bob Sauve, Adrian Hicks, Howard Rubin)

Another good addition here, Rubin will be rusty but probably stabilizing. Throughout the season we expect to watch Adrian bailing on occasion, as this ship is destined for a rocky crossing.

20-1

Walton (Peter, 278-9621 work, 584-2980 home, Jean Groome, Brian May, Harvey Piercy)

Tough to play with only four, yet Walton and Piercy can be devastating at times. The bad news is that in the real world some pairs will be waiting for them.

25-1

Groden (Dennis, 946-8334 evenings, Ken Lee, Gordon Davis, Andrew Ross) 9.

Another four-bagger that should suffer for it. A helpful hint would be to make Ross captain. That way he could always find the others: Dennis working shifts, Ken working late, and Gordie working the waitress for a beer after last call. 25-1

Anthony (John, 732-5755, Harold McAllister, Earl Oddstad, Neil McAllister, Howard Sussman, Bill Austen)

Nice guys finish last, but these nice guys will need a map even to find the finish line. 50-1

Cheap Trick Division:

Lindsay (Cam 734-9325, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Dan Jacob, Don Brander)

Everyone seems to remember beating these guys at one time or another, which is fortunate, because after the devastating addition of Jacob, you'll only have to beat them once - in the playoffs. 6-5

Betts (Laurence, 688-1651, Al Chapelle, Don Brazeau, John Hurdle, Aidan Ballantyne, Andy Nagy)

Very successful until last year's playoffs. The addition of Ballantyne will produce at best second place and at worst six unique outlooks on their lack of success. 4-1

Bryden (John, 327-3388, Susan Peters, Martin O'Reilly, Sandy McIlwain, Rhonda Betts, Connie Delisle)

Nucleus of team has become disciplined, almost gritty, but Betts and Delisle are home run hitters, and home run hitters occasionally strike out. Bryden and Betts partner very well, but there are still only two partnerships. Try and play them before they develop three. My longshot pick to go all the way. 7-1

Jacobson (Selene, 876-4801, Donna MacDuff, Sharon Crapko, Fred Sontag, David Gold, Leslie Gold)

They seem talented enough to get close but loss of Gerrie hurts. MacDuff and Crapko could develop well, but probably not hungry enough. The other two partnerships will last but not always serendipitously. 12-1

McCully (Gerry, 588-3669, Debbie McCully, Jim McCully, Chris Christofferson, Leo Steil, Dee Steil)

E.T might be able to call home with the telephone numbers this team will create. N.B. Check Jim McCully for level of pine tar. 15-1

Borg (Sandra, 274-0603, Marcia Kostynyk, Richard Christie, Bob Gerrie, Aban Gerrie, Sheila Dickie)

It's a good thing Bob Gerrie is a C.G.A. because they'll need him to total the scores in these wide-open matches. Good hit no field, there will be enough carnage to satisfy even the Wolfman's blood lust. 25-1

Martineau (Joel, Jennifer Paynter, 438-3095, Dave House, Michael Newcombe, Pauline McClafferty, Doug Strachan)

Perfect giant beaters, this team will probably enjoy a losing record yet savour their victories as they will cut a swath through contenders. 30-1

Neid (Allan, 434-1819, Sheila Shoring, Graham Putnam, Glenn Hillson, Isabelle Anderson)

The price of experience hopefully won't be too brutal for these game competitors, moving up after winning the B League. 5-1

[For this year's B League form chart, we called on a man who knows every player in Unit 430, and has impersonated most of them at one time or another:]

As Vegas doesn't set a line on B League action, your humble prognosticator will not presume to do more than present some opinions on how things will go this year. [J.B. saw what happened last year.]

Playoff unlikliks:

Kerr (Jim, 734-0805 home, 685-3511 office, Mateen Tjebbes, Paul Fournier, Gary Gilrain, Faye Gilrain)

Frequently seen at the Haida Club, these folks may find the level of competition to their liking, but will require a year of seasoning to move up.

Lessard (Sharon, 271-7243, Wanda Chapelle, Joan O'Flynn, Erwin Slopach, Andy Hollquist, Michael Young-Lai)

Varying degrees of involvement with the game and a general lack of cohesion will prove their undoing. Someone to crack the whip is needed.

Radics (George, 273-3003, Lou Hubberman, George Schneider, Joe Dolinski)

A dearth of females and a plethora of directors does not look too promising in this league. It does, however, guarantee the presence of four suits in every match.

Sabiston (Colin, 536-6013, Marg Sabiston, Bryan & Marg Sutton)

May improve in their sophomore year, but teams with only two last names traditionally find the long season tough.

Playoff possibilities:

Landau (Louis, 984-8309, Pat Landau, Edna Quinn, Edna Morris, Mary Sutherland, Vi Ramsay)

Features the most intense player in the league plus a wealth of non-IMP League experience. Stamina, however, may be a problem.

Lee (Ray, 433-5159 home, 736-5421 office, Danny Lee, Roberta Miller Tait, John De Meulemeester)

Good B League material here, and the only reason they won't finish higher is a lack of killer instinct. Raw meat prior to matches may help.

Montgomery (Ida, 985-5549, Maureen Taylor, Avril Hodson, others not confirmed at press time)

This group of Pembertonians may be the most 'fun' team in the league. They'll need to grind a bit to do better, though.

Moore (Tod, 327-2298, Veronica Moore, Ron Groome, Fritz Bowers, Shirley Hulme, Betty Hamilton)

The best managed team in the league (two managers, yet!) still has a big club pair, but the two Life Masters, featuring Ron 'Waivers' Groome, are why they'll reach this bracket.

Playoff probabilities:

Cross: (Tom, 925-1708 home, 687-3233 office, Betty King, Phil Osborne, Gerry Cross, Angela Fenton, Wayne Atmore)

Some newcomers on this squad, but their overall sober attitude towards the game should land them a playoff berth.

Jorgenson (Don, 224-6484, Elaine Levins, Peter Marr, Jack Ritch, Denny Denmann, Edie Denmann)

Veteran aggregation will send IMPs flying around like sand on the Sahara, but should come out on the right side of enough swings to get this far.

A long-time partnership and a couple of playoff regulars make it difficult to pick this team out of the money. They would be well advised to remember that the season is a 308 board affair where the 'long bomb' isn't always necessary.

The Winnah!

Shuce (Alana, 738-8257, Elaine Ryan, Julie Smith, Trudy Hurdle)

In ability and exposure to local top-level bridge they are ahead of the rest. Motivation could be a troublesome factor, however, as nobody here is the take-charge sort. If they want to win, they'll be tough to beat.

CLUB NEWS

SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB
404 E 51st Ave

Manager: Tod Moore 327-2298

Mondays at 7:00 pm. \$2.00. Free coffee. No games on stat. holidays.

ACBL-Wide Charity Game: November 28.

Leader in the 1983 Sunset Duplicate Trophy Race is still John Bryden, with Morris Potzold ever a close second.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB
202-1515 Pemberton
North Vancouver

Tel. 987-3733

A new committee was elected in September: Manager - Vic Bennington, 987-5537; Secretary - Nick Parker, 873-1751; Accountant - Rose Wrean, 922-9587; Treasurer - Tom Cross, 926-5184; Partnerships & Publicity - Anne Scott, 929-4595; Refreshments - Hobart Liang, 922-1516 & Mary Fines, 927-3241.

Winners: Rookie Club Championship, Sept. 06: Shirley Fraser - Gloria Ferrey

Rookie GNP, Sept. 20: 1/2. Doe Stockdale - Elsie Snider
1/2. Dennis McMahon - John Reay

Club Championships: Sept 7, Hanna & Hobart Liang
Sept. 12, Anne Scott & Nick Parker
Sept. 23, 1/2. Avril & Chuck Hodson
1/2. Cliff & Pat Glen

Upcoming Events: Club Championships - Mon. November 7
- Fri. November 25
- Wed. November 30

Rookie Club Championship - Tues. November 22

Continent-Wide Charity Game - Mon. November 28, 7:30 pm.

Canadian National Teams Game: Sunday, January 15, at 1:30 & 7:30 pm.

Cost \$40 per team.

We need a minimum of eight teams to hold this event, so please register with a \$10. deposit to:

The Treasurer, Pemberton Bridge Club,
202-1515 Pemberton, North Van., V7P 2S3

ARBUTUS GARDENS BRIDGE CLUB

For eighteen years, Hans and Lilian Kruse have held Tuesday and Friday night games at the Arbutus Gardens. Friday Sept. 30 was a sad night for the many regulars as Hans and Lilian said farewell to their bridge group to embark on a long sabbatical, starting in Hawaii and ending (eventually) in Florida. We hope they have a happy retirement and want them to know that their friendly bridge game (not forgetting Lilian's homemade cookies) will be sorely missed.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

T.G.I.F. - Friday, October 26

Canadian National Teams: Saturday, Nov 5 - 2 sessions 1:30 & 7:30

Sunday, Dec 4 - 2 sessions 1:30 & 7:30

(more next page)

[Long one of our nicest players to play with or against, Martin is on his way to being one of our best - if only I could keep him from yawning every two rounds. You have to be good to be lucky. Ed.]

1. void Board-a-match.
J9xxxx N-S vul.
xx You are North.
QTxxx

E S W N
3S Db1 4S ?

2. AKT8xxx IMPs. E-W vul.
x You are North.
x
Axxx

E S W N
3D 3S P ?

3. void Matchpoints.
AQ Both vul.
KQJ987 You are South.
AJ98x

W N E S
1D P P ?

4. AKQxx IMPs. N-S vul.
Jxx You are South.
AKx
xx

W N E S
P P 1H 1S
3H* P 4H ?

*Limit raise

5. Axx IMPs. E-W vul.
Kx You are South.
KJ9xx
J9x

E S W N
1NT P 2C* P
2H P 4H P
P P

What do you lead?

*Stayman

6. Ax IMPs. Both vul.
JTxx You are East.
xx
T9xxx

W N E S
2H 2S 3H 4D
P 4H P 4S
P 5D P 6C
P 6S P P

What do you lead?

Scores will be determined by combining the actual results at the table with the panel's votes. Send your IYB answers (comments are helpful but not necessary) to Martin O'Reilly, 3896 W 29, Van., tel. 228-8441, or to the Matchpointer offices by December 29, 1983.

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

Monday mornings at 10:45

Managaer: Pat Carruthers 420-6573

Nov 14: Club Championship

Dec 19: Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday evenings at 7:30

Manager: Hazel Dressler 438-2102

Nov 22: Club Championship

Dec 13: Annual Christmas Party

Players needing partners are welcome at the Tuesday night game.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October

22-23 FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL
Marpole community Centre
28-30 Totem Sectional & Bridge
Fiesta, Victoria BC

November

6 Vancouver Unit Game
Cloverdale & Haida Club
11-13 Puget Sound Setional
Seattle Trade Center
12-13 WOMEN'S TEAM TRIALS
Marpole Community Centre
12 Olympiad Fund Game (MCC) 7:30
13 Special Unit Pairs (MCC) &
Novice Pairs 12:00
18-20 VANCOUVER ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

December

11 UNIT GAME & CHRISTMAS PARTY
Marpole Community Centre
26-31 Midwinter Holiday Regional
Reno, Nevada

January

1 Vancouver Unit Game
13-15 Tacoma Sectional & GNP
District Final
29 CNTC Unit Qualifying Game
(tentative)
* 24 Blues Dpt.: Many people commented
(unfavorably) on the frequency of
24-board games at the last sectional.
* We do try to avoid them and will
continue to do so. Our apologies.

The Sunday Team Games at the February
Sectional will be a non-smoking event!
Please support this experiment.

* Deadline for next issue: Dec 29, please!