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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jude Goodwin-Hanson

ON THE SUBJECT OF SCHEDULING: October 15 was a dark day for club and unit bridge organizers (see letter to the editor, page 4). The Unit Executive has been striving to organize events with enough advance warning that other clubs and organizations can avoid overlaps. It is also very important for the players in order that they may plan their schedules, both bridge and personal. On pages 18 and 19, you will find a new format for the Upcoming Events. It includes EVERY day of the months between one Matchpointer Deadline and another. Events are indicated, weekends are indicated, and if there is no event scheduled, a line has been drawn. If you are scheduling events, LOOK FOR AVAILABLE DAYS first, and chose your date accordingly. Pay attention to sectionals in the area, both in-unit and outside the unit. As editor of the Bridge Buff, I receive all sectional and regional dates in District 19. I have included them in our own upcoming events. HOWEVER, this listing can only go so far into the future. At the bottom you will also find what we know of later months, which will help you somewhat but will not solve conflicts between local clubs and playing areas. Your best bet is to CONFIRM ANY DATES WITH THE MATCHPOINTER, prior to publishing your flyers. If you are planning a major club-sponsored event, make every effort to pick your date 4-6 months ahead and confirm with the Matchpointer as soon as possible. The Unit Executive always has a 12-month calendar, as current as possible, which can be obtained if requested.

ON THE SUBJECT OF VOLUNTEERS: Too much is being done by too few. It is neither reasonable nor successful to expect 12 people to run all the events in our unit, supply hospitality, promotion, organize, schedule, co-ordinate, keep records and statistics, handle sites, awards, supplies, trophies, etc., etc. There are each year, six multi-level events which require co-ordination at the club level, six Vancouver Championship events, three major Unit-sponsored games, eleven unit games, one Future Stars Sectional, five large sectionals, and IMP League with three flights, at least twenty-two clubs and 1,300 members. About 50% of these are either new or have less than 100 masterpoints and deserve personal encouragement and attention. The solution to all this work is COMMITTEE. Each of the 12 unit executive members needs a committee of happy volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the less work there is to do! In the past, Vancouver players were very generous in the volunteer department. At present, we receive many more complaints than we do offerings of service. The massive bulk of work put on the shoulders of the executive further discourages members to volunteer for the Unit Executive itself. Organizing bridge events can be a lot of fun.... Let me give you examples of the small jobs which need doing: Volunteer caddies for Vancouver Championship Events (to save money for subsidy) approximately 3 hours of your time; volunteer cookie and cake bakers; volunteer reporters for the Matchpointer (club news, upcoming events, etc) volunteer stand-ins for unit games, volunteer 'official statistician', volunteers to help promote membership growth, volunteers to help man a membership booth at all tournaments, volunteer telephone people... all enjoyable and helpful services. The Sectional Committee needs volunteers to help with posters, and hospitality. The Special Events committees need volunteers. The Matchpointer needs volunteers. We all need volunteers. This fall, YOU might be asked to volunteer. Please be generous. Even the smallest amount of time and service will be welcome. Call me at 224-2210, and let me know how much time you are able to give.

THE VANCOUVER MATCHPOINTER: Published 5 times yearly. Next Deadline, December 1. Submit all upcoming events to Jude Goodwin-Hanson 16-4336 W.10th Ave., Vancouver. Postal Code: V6R 2H7 Phone: 224-2210 Fax: 222-9236 Small ads welcome, with donation of \$25 for one year. The Matchpointer is distributed through the Unit 430 Clubs, and by mail. If you are unable to attend club games, you may have your name added to the mailing list.

DAWN KINGSLAND: Due to illness, Dawn will be unable to carry on her duties on the Unit Executive. We thank Dawn for all her hard work, and hope she is feeling better soon. Dawn's replacement will be DIANE ISFELD. The unit executive welcomes Diane to the Board. Diane will be helping Patti and Jo with membership affairs.

Unit

BALANCE SHEET & INCOME July 1 - October 4, 1989 ... Brian Badger, Treasurer

ASSETS		REVENUE	
Current Assets		Valley July Sectional	5808.00
Royal Bank Can	6385.91	Cost of July Sectional	4894.00
Royal Bank US	1204.24	Net Revenue July Sect	914.00
Petty Cash	100.00	Evergreen Sectional	6430.00
TOTAL	<u>7690.15</u>	Cost of Ever.Sect.	5064.79
Accts Rec.	0.00	Net Revenue Ever.Sect	1365.21
Advances Rec.	135.00	Round-up Sectional	0.00
Inventory	0.00	Cost RU Sectional	20.00
Prepaid Exp	0.00	Net Revenue RU Sect.	20.00-
Sectional cash clear.	0.00	Winter Sectional	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>7825.15</u>	Cost of Winter Sect	35.00
Fixed Assets		Net Revenue Winter	35.00-
Electric Typewriter	300.00	BC Championships	0.00
Type.Accum Deprec	150.00-	Cost of BC Championships	35.00
Bidding Boxes	1571.70	Net Revenue BCC	35.00-
Boxes Accum Deprec	0.00	Future Stars	0.00
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>1721.70</u>	Cost of Future Stars	341.18
		Net Revenue FS	341.18-
TOTAL ASSETS	9546.85	Free Play Sectionals	98.00-
		TOTAL VANCOUVER SECTIONALS	<u>1750.03</u>
LIABILITIES		Inter City Imp Pairs	134.00
Current Liabilities	0.00	Monthly Unit Games	9.85-
Total Liabilities	0.00	Christmas Party	100.00-
		NANLM	256.00
EQUITY		NAOPC	327.60
Retained Earnings	7915.53	MP Advertising	50.00
Current Earnings	1631.32	Donations	5.00
TOTAL EARNINGS	<u>9456.85</u>	Interest income	85.95
		Membership income	662.87
Total Equity	9456.85	US exchange gain/loss	81.13
Liabs + Equity	9456.85	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>1492.70</u>
		TOTAL REVENUE	<u>3242.73</u>
		EXPENSES	
BUDGETS - SPECIFIC FUNDS		Bank Charges	.23-
CWTC	0.00	Bridge Supplies	347.49
NANLM	256.00	Matchpointer	1051.84
COPC	0.00	Miscellaneous	79.28
NAOPC	327.60	Postage	25.98
CNTC	0.00	Telephone	74.56
GNT-B	0.00	New Membership	8.97
		Unit Board Annual Dinner	31.81-
BUDGETS - GENERAL FUNDS		Stationery	55.33
CWTC	378.72	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1611.41</u>
NANLM	126.24	TOTAL INCOME	<u>1631.32</u>
COPC	189.36		
NAOPC	126.24		
CNTC	378.72		
GNT-B	64.12		

UNIT 430 BIDDING BOXES: The Unit Board has moved to charge a rental fee of \$1 per table per session for the use of these boxes. We also moved that users must pay a security deposit of \$10/set of 4 bidding boxes, refundable when boxes are returned in good order. Call Greg Arbour, Pauline McClafferty or Sheila Giroto for more information.

COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT

Why were the various CLUB EPSON game results not listed in the Matchpointer?

The clubs did not submit their results to the Matchpointer. Although this was an International Event, clubs were responsible for running the event (or not) and were not required to inform the unit as to whether or not an Epson game was held at their venue. On this basis, it would have been a difficult and time-consuming task to discover which clubs ran the event, and what their results were. In fact, this editor did not even consider it. Perhaps I have been remiss. In the past, there has been a club-news volunteer whose job was to call all the clubs prior to MP deadline, in order to ensure that their news was current. This was convenient and pleasant, both for the club owners and their patrons. Perhaps we should have someone continue this service. I herein welcome any volunteer. Please call the Matchpointer office if interested.

Who is the *\$#** who scheduled the NAOFC Unit Finals on the Labour Day weekend? And managed to slip it by many qualifiers..

The Unit Board would like to apologize, sincerely, for this error. While embroiled in the struggle with dates and schedules, (the fall calendar, as you know, if very full of both sectionals and special events) we failed to give proper importance to the long weekend in September. Also, although the dates were posted at a larger club as well as listed in the August Match Pointer, the two or three weeks notice was, admittedly, not sufficient. In future, Unit finals will be announced DURING THE QUALIFYING STAGE, so all will be informed before they plan their schedules.

Why isn't the UNIT taking responsibility for the INTER-CITY IMP PAIRS event?

In the past, it was agreed by the unit board, that the Inter-City IMP Pairs would not be a Unit Game, nor sanctioned, as there was some 'gambling' involved. As a result, the Unit Board did not pay much attention to the event's organization until, perhaps, it was too late.

As a result, rumours were flying, the Haida Club was put under needless pressure, and attendance was abysmal.

The Inter-City IMP Pairs is a great event, and should be one of Vancouver's premier games. In future, the Unit will take responsibility for the promotion and organization of this event. The Calcutta will remain an integral part of the event, so there will be no sanction. However the quality and excitement of the game should encourage participation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

As one who has, in the various positions I have held over the years, had a lot to do with scheduling, I have every sympathy with organizers of bridge events trying to avoid overlaps. Nevertheless, I find the situation that has developed for Sunday, October 15, totally unacceptable and not in the best interests of bridge or the parties responsible for holding the events.

On this day, three events, all worthy of the attention of Unit 430 members, were scheduled:
1:2-session Charity Swiss teams Abbotsford
2:2-session Charity Swiss teams North Shore Winter Club
3:CNTC Qualifying at the Haida Bridge Club.

At first glance, one might assume that these events would not attract the same clientele, yet over the years I, for one, have played in all three events at various times. This year, I would have given serious consideration to at least two of them.

The unit board has gone to some lengths to give as much advance publicity as possible to upcoming events and if in doubt, the Match Pointer editor is always well-informed in this regard. Hopefully, conflicts such as occurred on October 15 can be avoided.

.... Doug Cowan

June Budd Hicks

December 27, 1961 was a happy date for Adrian Hicks - it was the day he married June Budd and brought her to Vancouver to live. And so too was it a happy day for the bridge community here as it allowed Vancouver to know one of the finest women bridge players in the Pacific North West.

Over the years she and Adrian were a formidable bridge partnership at club games and tournaments. Together they ran the successful Vancouver Bridge Club, first of all at its down town location and then in West Vancouver. June Budd's outgoing, attractive personality was a real asset in all their undertakings.

Unfortunately, June Budd's health failed in the last few years of her life... but not her ability to play a good game of bridge. The last time I remember seeing her at a Sectional Tournament, she and Andy Kenmuir were the other half of a mixed team with Adrian and Stella Alliston "Now Stella," said Adrian, "It's up to us to play well and bring this team in"... No matter how they tried, neither could put their fingers on the right card. The 'other half', however, came through with flying colours and once again, June Budd proved what we all have known for years here was one of our best.

..... Murdoch Smith

June Budd Hicks passed away this August 15th. On behalf of the Unit Executive, and all Unit 430 players, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Adrian Hicks.

.... Jude Hanson, President, Unit 430

EPSON WORLD BIDDING CONTEST

In the Epson Pairs booklet, you would have found a world-wide bidding contest. Whether or not you entered the contest was up to you but we do know that some local players took a stab at it... nestled in among Japan, Israel, India, Hungary, Australia and Alberta (!) on the world-wide overalls list, I found our own fair country, and unit, well-represented. The following members placed in the top 100 and won Seiko Products for their efforts.

47th	CONNIE DELISLE, Vancouver	374
51st	ERNIE DIETRICH, Coquitlam	369
69th	DENNIS McMAHON, Vancouver	351

Congratulations to all of you, and let this be a lesson to those players who try to hide their accomplishments from the ferret-eye of your faithful editor.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to all our New Life Masters!

HELEN JANG won her LM at the Seattle Regional.

JOHN MULLEN won his at our own Evergreen sectional.

Others are:

STAN BODLAK
ROBERTA MILLER-TAIT
TONY REMEDIOS
ALISON DUROSH

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

JOYCE PETERS has joined the ranks of Unit 430 members with over 1000 points.

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

STEVE CLEMENTS and ANN ECCLESTONE are listed as having passed the 500 point mark.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS A hearty welcome to Unit 430's newest members...

LARRY CHOW
RUBY VANZIFFLE
HANNA FORLEN

***** ENTERTAINMENT 1990: The Coupon Book *****

Jennifer Paynter has once again volunteered to sell these great little coupon books - filled with discounts and 2for1s for everything from dinner, a day on the slopes, the theatre, a bike ride to hotels in out-of-town areas... perfect for at-home or away. Proceeds go towards the multi-level subsidy funds. Call Jennifer now at 438-3095. \$40/book.



TEST YOUR PLAY Quizzes for Juniors BY Cam Doner

Following are a couple of hands from recent tournaments. Both deal with similar themes.

The first is from a Stratified Pairs event at the Seattle Regional:

- 1) S- x
H- A1097
D-AKJxx
C- Ax
S- Q10x
H- KJ8x
D- Qx
C- Kxxx

The Auction:

N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	P
4H	P	4N(1)	P
5C(2)P		5D(3)	
6H(4)			

- How many Keycards?
- 0-3 -most likely 3 in view of the 4H jump.
- Have you got the Q of Hearts?
- Yes, but no outside King (?)

West leads the A of spades and continues a spade. Plan the Play.

This next hand is from the Vernon Sectional.

- 2) S- KJ9xx
H- K
D- xx
C- A98xx
S- AQ
H- Ax
D- AKJxxx
C- QJ10

The Auction:

N	E	W	S
1S	P	2D(1)	P
3C(2)P		1NT(3)	

- 2/1 game force
- not promising extras
- Why waste time?

West leads the 3 of spades, East places the 10. Plan the play.

Answers on page 20 April 26 .

THE STREBINGERS TEACH BRIDGE

Judy Strebinger has been teaching beginner and intermediate bridge classes for five years now. She has 7 classes per week, and teaches year round. Judy teaches at the North Shore Neighbourhood House, (Delbrook school) and is sponsored by the School District.

I have had the pleasure of many conversations with this boisterous, fun-loving teacher. the mother hen of a huge group of beginners and many repeat customers. Over the years she has developed her own personal style of teaching that includes personal contact and enjoyment, as well as logic and sound principles. Here is a sample of her approach: "The first lesson, I have them deal the cards and then, starting with dealer, each must tell the others ONE thing about their hand. They might say "I have four spades" or "I have 10 points", or whatever. This goes around the table, and then starts again, where each person tells ONE MORE thing about their hand. This goes on until everything is said. It gives them a perfect understanding of what bidding is all about."

Judy also gives private classes, with a minimum of 2 tables, and will actually travel! Her fees for this average about \$5/person.

Judy's husband, Michael Strebinger, is a well-known local bridge expert (recent winner of the Canadian Open Pairs national championship) and we are told that he is available for Advanced Classes.

To learn more about the Strebinger 'School of Bridge' call 988-9810.

CALCUTTA fact and fancy	
Greg Arbour & Elliott Netto	\$130 (1)
Rob Crawford & T.Remedios	\$130 (3)
Ted Hicks & S.Williamson	\$100 (4)
Anne Nagy & Gordie Davis	\$90 (2)
Chris Diamond & M.Takemori	\$90 (10)
Duane Tilden & Bob Santa	\$70 (6)
J.Goodwin-Hanson & J.Stenning	\$70 (9)
Les Fouks & H.Fournier	\$70 (7)
G.Fisher & R.Yarmchuk	\$60(11/12)
B.Terzianoff & G.Putnam	\$60 (8)
M.Hoff & M.Chiarenza	\$35 (5)
Mike & Patti Prenty	\$25 (14)

VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAM

*Qualifying Games Nov~Jan

SINGLE SESSION PAIRS * PLAY AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH * QUALIFY AS INDIVIDUALS
The top 50% of the field, or average score or better, qualify for the Vancouver Women's Team Championships (CWTC Unit Final). Pick a partner and come on out!
The following clubs are offering qualifying games - patronize your local club.
MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB November 16 7:30 PM Phone:792-4389
FRASER VALLEY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB November 23 7:15 PM Phone: 522-4355 (no smoking)
VANCOUVER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB November 27 10:00 AM Phone: 984-8309
HALDA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB December 6 7:30 PM Phone: 875-1714
SOUTH SURREY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB December 4 7:00 PM (No smoking) Phone: 987-3753
PENBERTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB January 8 7:30 PM Phone: 531-5836

As well, all women winning Master Point Awards at the following two events will qualify:
VANCOUVER EVERGREEN SECTIONAL, WOMEN'S PAIRS September 8, 1989
VANCOUVER ROUND-UP SECTIONAL, WOMEN'S PAIRS November 17, 1989 1:00 PM Sheraton Hotel

*Vancouver Championships

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL QUALIFYING PLAYERS. FORM TEAMS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.
** March 3, 1990 ** Haida Bridge Club ** Non-Smoking ** 2 sessions, teams **

Enjoy the competition of a city-wide Championships!
Qualify for the BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIPS!
For more information, read your Matchpointer,
October 1989 issue, or contact the following:
Jude Goodwin-Hanson 224-2210
Marcia Christie 581-1554
These events are part of the
Canadian Women's Teams 1990
Championships

Events

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WOMEN'S TEAMS

Goodwin-Hanson

For years now, a whole lot of people have worked with the Canadian Women's Team Championships (CWTC) in an effort to turn it into the great event it promises to be. Slowly, the wrinkles and kinks are being ironed away and this year, we, the organizers, believe we have at last coaxed the teetering championships into a form well-suited to BC as well as Vancouver. Following is an overview of the Conditions of Contest. Please read carefully and direct all or any questions to Marcia Christie, Zone co-ordinator (581-1554) or Jude Goodwin-Hanson (224-2210).

QUALIFYING GAMES These will run from November to January. Dates and sites are listed on the facing page. This year, we are running this stage as a **SINGLE SESSION PAIRS** game. Players qualify as **INDIVIDUALS** as in previous years. Our object here is two-fold: 1) to increase participation and awareness of the event, by 'exposing' more women to the game through the support of more and smaller clubs outside the major city centre, and 2) to improve the quality of the games at this level through the increased participation. The object here is to not only qualify for the next level, but to play games against your future adversaries. It was thought that it might be a lot easier to find a partner for one of these qualifying games, than to find a whole team. Also, running a pairs event is much easier on our always generous club owners. The previous years' turn-out of two or three teams not only undermined the legitimate 'qualifying' principles of the event, but proved very disappointing for club managers and participants alike. The addition of the two sectional Women's Pairs events, as a qualifying event, will also aid the above objectives - greater exposure, and increased participation. Note that the Sectional games will not generate income for the 'kitty' as we will NOT be increasing the table fees. We are hoping to qualify women through this event who would not normally enter the CWTC, but may, once they receive their slips in the mail. There are six games on the schedule; should be plenty of opportunity to qualify! Grab a partner and get out there.... patronize your clubs.

THE VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS March 3, 1990

Conditions of Contest details are listed elsewhere in this article. The game will be held at the HAIDA club. It will be **NON SMOKING**. It will be a 2-session **TEAM GAME**, round robin with VPs. (Please note: the condition involving a 3-VP penalty for failure to alert has been discarded, although we believe it remains in the CNTC conditions). Participants must have qualified through a qualifying game, and present a qualifying slip at game time. This event begins the CWTC, (Intermediate Stage) and participants in the Vancouver Championships automatically become eligible participants in the CWTC. Winners will be awarded the title of **VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONS**. They and other qualifiers will be invited to attend the **BC CHAMPIONSHIPS**.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS April 7-8, 1990

Conditions of Contest details are listed elsewhere in this article. We are hoping to make this a **BIG** event, with all the pomp and respect due a provincial championships. The site will be the North Shore Winter Club, newly renovated. We will be encouraging teams from all over the province to send their women's teams down. We will be forming a hospitality committee and plan to help with transportation, provide hospitality and all the other good stuff associated with this kind of event. Of course the qualifiers will be informed of all details, and we hope that many more of you will volunteer to help us make this a great weekend, both socially and bridge-wise. We will need drivers, caddies, people to sort and duplicate boards, reporters, and all-round hospitality-type people. If we have enough volunteers, no single person will have a lot of work to do!

VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONS:

1986- Sharon Crapko, Leslie Gold, Seline Jacobson, Donna McDuff
1987- Leslie Gold, Rhonda Betts, Jude Goodwin-Hanson, Connie McAvoy
1988- Kathy Adachi, Ina Andersen, Mary Fines, June Stenning
1989- Jude Goodwin-Hanson, Rhonda Betts, Julie Smith, Lynn Dickie
1990- ???

Events

WOMEN'S TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS (cont)

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL FINALS Halifax June 30-July 4, 1990

This final will be a 22 team event. Three of these 'berths' are allotted to BC.

MONEY There will no longer be any money sent to a National Coordinator and thus there will be no money turned back to the teams to help defray expenses at the National Final. This is a new format and especially benefits those BC Units who have been paying money into a kitty while never being able to enjoy the benefits. All money raised, through the various levels of this event, below the BC Championships, remains IN THE UNIT. Money raised in the Vancouver Unit will be used to subsidize those Vancouver teams that qualify for the National Finals. Money raised in other units could very well be used to send teams to the **BC CHAMPIONSHIPS**.

Obviously, with the National Finals in Halifax, money will be a bigger issue this season (approximately \$1000/person budget). The qualifying games at the clubs will collect \$2.50 per person (some of which is sanction fee), and players entering the club games should expect to pay more than that for their entry, to cover the host club's expenses. The actual entry fee depends on the individual clubs. Money generated through the qualifying games and the Vancouver Championships will be named as 'specific' funds and budgeted solely for the Women's Teams, Vancouver. Money generated through the BC Championships (Zone final) will be divided equally between the three qualifying teams. (Note- the Vancouver Unit Board will divide the Women's Teams money, specific and general, equally between qualifying Vancouver Teams).

QUALIFICATION Please refer to the Conditions of Contest to determine eligibility. The top 50% of the field, and all those with an average score or better, in the **QUALIFYING GAMES**, will be issued a qualifying slip for the Vancouver Championships. Players qualify as individuals.

The formula for qualifying TEAMS for the **BC CHAMPIONSHIPS** is as follows:
$$\frac{\text{\# of tables at Qualifying games and Vancouver Championships} \times 16}{\text{Total \# of tables in all qualifying \& unit games in BC}}$$

Qualification for the National Finals (3 teams from BC) will follow the previous condition that no more than 2 teams may come from one unit.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS Masterpoint awards for the Qualifying and all higher rounds of the CWTC will be red point awards, on a scale at least commensurate with sectionally rated events of the same size. The ACBL will determine exact awards for all events up to the National Final as sanctions are granted.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST OVERVIEW Canadian Women's Team Championships - Vancouver Unit 430
For a complete set of conditions, contact Marcia Christie

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

A player, to be eligible to play in a Qualifying Round game must be either
i) a Canadian citizen as of Sept 15, 1989 ii) a landed immigrant resident in Canada as of Sept 15, 1989 iii) a member in good standing of a Canadian Unit of the ACBL, or
iv) have received special permission to play in the qualifying level only.

An eligible player may enter Qualifying round games as often as she wishes, with the same or different partners.

A player, to be eligible to play beyond the Qualifying Stage, whether as a member, a substitute or replacement, must be a Canadian citizen or resident landed immigrant as of September 15, 1989, must have earned a qualifying position anywhere in Canada, unless she has received specific exemption from the CBF Committee on CWTC Procedures.

A TEAM, which may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players, is eligible to play in the Vancouver Championships (CWTC Intermediate Stage) provided each and every member of that team has earned a qualifying position, or has been exempted as described above. A player is deemed to have become a MEMBER of a team if : i) she is listed on the entry form of that team in the Vancouver Championships, thereby becoming an ORIGINAL MEMBER



GNT-B TEAMS

NON LIFE MASTERS.... This is YOUR event. The 1989-1990 season of the Grand National Teams Flt B (non LM) is now underway. Club qualifying dates are listed below. YOU MUST QUALIFY IN ONE OF THESE CLUB GAMES. You qualify as individuals, and may form new, different or the same teams for the Unit Finals, as long as everyone has qualified. Last year, our unit was well-represented by the TERZIANOFF team (Bill Terzianoff, Dennis McMahon, Marguerite Chiarenza, Steve Clements and Duane Tilden) at the District Finals, winning the whole shebang, a second in a row for a Vancouver team. They also won an expense-paid trip to the Nationals! where they placed 5th-8th. Plan to come out for this fun team event. You are eligible as long as you were not a Life Master prior to September 1, 1989.

CLUB LEVEL GAMES:	November 1	White Rock Duplicate Bridge Club
	November 23	Pemberton Bridge Club
	December 17	Haida Bridge Club
UNIT LEVEL GAME:	March 31, 1990	
DISTRICT LEVEL :	April 20-22	Everett WA Holiday Hotel 8:00 Friday

Women's Teams (CONTINUED)

- CONVENTIONS : Conventions in the ACBL General Convention Chart will be allowed at all stages of the competition.
 - ONLY conventions in the ACBL General Convention Chart will be allowed in any Qualifying Games and at the Vancouver Championships.
 - In the BC Championships, any other system or convention will be permitted if a typewritten description and suggested defences are available in sufficient quantity for each competing team at the playing site prior to game time.
 - In the National Finals, any other system or convention will be permitted if a typewritten description and suggested defences are available to the National Co-ordinator at least twenty-one days prior to the event. Copies will be mailed to participating teams at least fourteen days prior to the National Finals.
- SMOKING POLICY: At the Qualifying games, the smoking policy of the Club will apply. In the case of the sectional pairs, there will be NO SMOKING.
 - At the Vancouver Championships and the BC Championships, there will be NO SMOKING in the playing area. The National Finals will also be NO SMOKING.

CNTC TEAMS

Some call this the number one team event in the Unit. Certainly it is a great opportunity to hone your skills against Vancouver's top players. There are three club qualifying games. Players qualify as INDIVIDUALS. Full Conditions of Contest can be obtained from PETER MARR, UNIT CO-ORDINATOR (294-5653) The Qualifying Round is a two-session event.

QUALIFYING GAMES:	October 15	Haida Bridge Club
	November 14	Grand Slam Bridge Club
	December 16	Pemberton Bridge Club

VANCOUVER OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: February 25 Haida Club No Smoking (Unit 430 Finals- Qualifiers must have won at least 1/2 their matches or place in the top 50% of the teams entered in a qualifying game)

- MASTERPOINT AWARDS: Will be red points, on a scale at least commensurate with Sectionally rated events of the same size.
- CONVENTIONS : Only conventions in the ACBL General Convention Chart will be allowed at the Qualifying Games.
- SMOKING POLICY: At the Qualifying games, the smoking policy of the club will apply. At the Unit Level and higher- no smoking.

*** THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL CANADIAN CITIZENS OR LANDED RESIDENT IMMIGRANTS ***
(As of August 15, 1989. Not restricted to ACBL members.)

A TEAM is eligible to play in the BC Championships provided that each and every member of that team has earned a qualifying position, or has been exempted as above. A player is deemed a member of a team if either i) she is listed as one of the original members, or ii) she joins that team as an approved replacement (see below).

A TEAM is eligible to play in the National Finals if all the above apply and a player is also deemed a member of the team if she joins that team as an approved augmentation (see below).

A TEAM ENTERS the CWTC by filling out an entry form for the Vancouver Championships. A team remains ACTIVE in the CWTC so long as it retains THREE of its ORIGINAL members, has not been eliminated in competition and has not, as a team, withdrawn from the CWTC.

Every team which enters the CWTC must name a TEAM CAPTAIN, who shall represent the team in all official capacities.

NOTE: It is important to realize that each player listed on a team's entry form at the Vancouver Championships is and will remain ineligible to play on any other team until the team of which the player is a listed member is eliminated from competition, at which point the player becomes eligible for use as a replacement, substitute, or augmentation. This remains true whether or not the listed member actually plays with the team in any round.

Teams made up of members from more than one playing area or zone must play in the area from which the majority of players come.

There are no requirements, in terms of boards played, for the continued membership on a team at the Vancouver Championships. In the BC Championships, each member of a team must play at least 50% of the boards.

A player who has entered the WUTC (Intermediate stage-CWTC) may not enter another Intermediate stage game in another playing area.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

It is expected, but not required, that a team which enters the CWTC by playing in the Vancouver Championships, will continue in competition until eliminated.

A team which wishes to withdraw may do so immediately after the Vancouver Championships by notifying Marcia Christie. After the BC Championships, the CBF requests an explanation in writing.

A withdrawing team will be replaced by the highest ranking non-qualifier from among the teams which played at the same site.

3. CHANGES IN TEAM MEMBERSHIP

a) GENERAL : The players, as listed on the entry form for the Vancouver Championships, are the original members of that team. No team will be allowed to continue in competition which does not retain at least three of its original members.

Under no circumstances may a player be a member of more than two teams beyond the qualifying level, whether by original membership, replacement or augmentation.

No player who has withdrawn from a team, and no member of a team which withdraws, may be used for substitution, replacement or augmentation.

A player who is used as a substitute on a team may not enter the event as a member of another team or be used as a substitute, replacement or augmented player until the team she originally played for is no longer active in the event.

b) SUBSTITUTION: The temporary replacement of a team member by a non-member for a short period of play.

A team member may not have a substitute for more than one full stage of the event.

A substitute may be used to bring a team up to four players.

A substitute must be approved, and not, in the opinion of the co-ordinator, noticeably strengthen the team.

A substitute must be an eligible player as defined in section 1, except that at the Vancouver Championships, a substitute need only have PLAYED, not qualified, in a qualifying game.

c) REPLACEMENT: The permanent addition to the team of a new member, replacing a departing member.

A replacement must be an eligible player as defined in section 1, who has never been a member of or played for any other team which is currently active in competition.

A replacement must be approved by the Co-ordinator of the next level of competition, and should not, in the opinion of the Co-ordinator, noticeably strengthen the team.

A replacement becomes a full-fledged member of the team she joins, in the place of, and assuming the rights of, the player replaced. The replaced player receives any master point awards due at the time of her withdrawal; the replacement receives all subsequent awards.

d) AUGMENTATION: The permanent addition of a player or players to a team having fewer than six members.

Upon qualifying for the National Finals, a team with less than six players may augment with any player(s) who played in the event at the Qualifying level to bring its total team membership to five or six. The choice of augmented members is subject to the approval of the National Co-ordinator, who must be notified not less than three weeks before the start of the National Finals.

Inter-Club

ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL TROPHY-5TH ANNUAL

All Unit 430 clubs are welcome to enter one or two teams in this Championship. How you pick the team is up to you, but each team must fit the following criteria:

1. Must have one player with under 100 mps.
2. May have only one player in excess of 1000.
3. May not have more than two LMs (note: correction on published conditions- as of June 30, 1989)

SITE: Haida Bridge Club
DATE: November 25, 1989
TIMES: 1:00 and TBA
ENTRY: \$32 per team

* This event, as with ALL Unit 430 events, is NON SMOKING *

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

- 1985 PoCo Bridge Club - Betty Michno, Liz Hicks, Brian Russell, Dan Watson
1986 Haida Club- Catriona Brown, Sarlo Duggan, Sheila Shoring, Bernie Hoy
1987 Haida Club- John Bryden, Louise Elliott, Graham Putnam, Diane Kinakin
1988 Fraser Valley Club- Barb Krawietz, Ernie Dietrich, Ted Hicks, Dan Watson.
1989 ???

CHRISTMAS PARTY

** DECEMBER 10 **

Open Pairs - Single Session
Happy Hour and Finger Foods at 6 PM
Game Time at 7:30 PM

*Cash Bar * Desserts * Hors D'Oeuvres *
* ENTRY \$6.00 **
Marpole Community Centre - 59th & Oak

All Unit 430
Members are cordially
invited...
Please Come

MUG NITE!

WINNERS SEPTEMBER GAME

- 1/2: Ev Hodge & Mary Fines
1/2: Laurence Betts & Rhonda Betts
3: Jo Elliott & Pauline McClafferty
4: Thony Stiennon & Ron Groome
5: John Mullen & Allison Dorosh

WINNERS OCTOBER GAME

- 1: Leo Steil & Sefton Levine
2: Jo Elliott & Mary Fines
3: Doug Cowan & Anne Scott
4: Molly Mason & Fred Webster
5: Bernice Mulock & Jan Argent

LEADERS UNIT GAME TROPHY RACE

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Jo Elliott | 503 |
| 2. Ben Takemori | 386 |
| 3. Ev Hodge | 383 |
| 4. Mary Fines | 381 |
| 5. John Lepage | 349 |
| 6/7. Rhonda Betts | 333 |
| Laurence Betts | 333 |
| 8. Alison Dorosh | 326 |
| 9. Dennis McMahon | 320 |
| 10. Ian Gardner | 315 |

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November 5
January 7
February 4

IMPORTANT NOTE!

All Unit Games are Non-Smoking.
This includes Unit Finals,
Special Events, and Sectionals.

IMP LEAGUE PAULINE McCLAFFERTY

Entries have closed in Flights A and B, with thirteen and seven team respectively. We are still open in Flight C. If there aren't enough teams, there won't be a Flight C, so register or get on a team by calling Pauline at 873-0908 or see Patti Prenty at the Future Stars Sectional, deadline, OCTOBER 22.

Last year's B & C winners have both moved up a flight. Some hope the winners of the A Flight have reached their level of incompetence. Bidding boxes are available (at a nominal fee to defray their cost) for use. For information call Greg, Pauline, Sheila Giroto (5206-888) or see Gordie at the Haida. Winning captains remember to report your results. Penalties for late play in Flight A will be strictly enforced.

1989-90 FLIGHT B IMP LEAGUE FORECAST By Jimmy the Turk

Since Jimmy the Greek has become a persona non grata, one of our young Turks has been chosen to make this year's prognostications in the Imp League's top minor league. Flight B is made up of two types of teams; veterans either not quite good enough or not daring enough to take on the major leaguers, and up'n'comers honing their skills, hoping someone in the majors will notice.

Now that last year's winning Bodlak team has drafted themselves up to the majors, the Flt B field has been left wide open for last year's runners-up, the THONY STIENNON team (Colin Collin, Joerg Schneider, Garry Skoropada). Stiennon has retained the tandem of Schneider and Skoropada, who always do well in team competition, but dropped the rest of last year's players. Instead, he has added Collin, a veteran all-star making a return to Flt B after an absence of several years. On paper, this group of seasoned life masters is the class of the league, but, as everyone knows, this game is not played on paper.

Likely to give Stiennon the best run for the money is the LOIS MAZUREN team (Jim Groves, Roselle McRae, Jim Sache, Dave Schmidt, Aaron Wolf). A previous incarnation of this all-Chilliwack team finished first in Flt B several years ago before fading in the playoffs, while another version surprised a few Flt A teams two years ago. The team is now back where it belongs and if it can field a team with four cylinders firing at the same time, it could be murder. Murder could also be the word for the team's schedule, which could see them playing nothing but away games. Since Mazuren meets Stiennon in the first round, this first match could tell the tale for the season.

A likely third place finish awaits the PATTI PRENTY team (Deirdre Cole, Mike Prenty, Jane Skinner). Patti is the only member left from last year's Metcalfe team which crumbled in the second half after a credible first half. This year, Patti has a new husband and two members of last year's winning Flt C team. If there are no marital disputes (the first year is supposed to be the hardest) and the Cole-Skinner partnership survives the move up, these young Turks could easily be the dark horse in the field.

Perennial Flt B competitors, the TAI ENG team (Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Fred Powell, Dick Simpson, Fred Takashita) are making another run for the roses this year. Picked for fourth, this team could finish anywhere as past reulsts seem to be either tops or bottoms. Hopefully, Eng's addition of previous Flt Ber Rod Coote and Dick Simpson to last year's four-man lineup will provide the steadying influence this team obviously needs.

Fresh off a victory in Flt C and now out to try their luck in Flt B is the JIM BALCOM team (Tom Bennet, Gordon Devlin, Bob Jess). Balcom and Jess have attempted to cope with the Cole/Skinner defection by recruiting Bennet from last year's Flt C second place team and adding newcomer Devlin. Last year's victory should give Balcom confidence and he may surprise some teams who choose to underrate the group. Although long on potential, the team is likely to find this year a learning rather than a winning experience. CONTINUED ON PAGE 19

The IMP League season has begun again, with 13 teams signed up to battle it out in FLIGHT A. This year, for the first time, bidding boxes will be available for all teams who wish to use them for their matches. To help the unit defray the cost of purchasing the boxes, there will be a small surcharge of \$1 per team per match, plus a security deposit of \$10 per team per match, which will be refunded upon the return of the boxes after each match, provided there is no damage. Boxes will have to be picked up from and returned to Greg Arbour, who can be contacted during the day at 681-1171.

Now for a pre-season scouting report of the teams who will be vying for the Flight A title:

DIVINSKY (2-1) Nathan Divinsky, Don Brazeau, Aidan Ballantyne, Mike Dimich, Gord McOrmond, Dan Jacob. With Dimich coming in for Mike Strebinger, this team will have to trade in its catcher's mitt for a couch. Either that or a good hypnotist. Brazeau is steady if unspectacular. A big break for the House team when he was unable to play in the semi-final last year. Ballantyne has plenty of ability but will never learn to stay away from those awful weak two bids and random pre-empts. McOrmond and Jacob are good but even they can do only so much, as witness the semi-final against House last year. The old magic may no longer be there. Divinsky is capable and can be very tough at times. Probably the best team in the field, but a bit short when it comes to IMP strategy. Not too much of a disadvantage in this field.

LINDSAY (3-1) Cam Lindsay, Bob Connop, Ron Borg, Cam Doner, Paul Hagen. The Defending Champions. Need one say more. Borg is coming off a great year (COPC Champion, IMP League winner, qualifier for the CNTC national finals until his team deserted him - you will just have to learn to play better, Ron). Rumour has it that this team has their minds on the golf course most of the time, but they still shoot par or better at the bridge table, and just when you think you have them beat, they hit a hole-in-one. Doner was a useful substitute for Jacob last year. The post mortems were mercifully shorter, anyway. One can safely predict they will be around at the end.

TAKEMORI (5-1) Mike Takemori, Dennis Dohl, Martin O'Reilly, John Bryden, Ben Takemori, Steve Vincent. Champions two years ago, they slipped badly last year, but were still good enough to make the playoffs. However, I don't see much improvement this year. No fixed partnerships, virtually no practice, and, unlike Borg, unable to intimidate by reputation. Dohl will have to go to whip, but his heart might not be in it after the Tigers' disastrous year. Yet do not be surprised if they scratch their way into the playoffs again. Another Championship would, however, be too much to ask.

HOUSE (8-1) Dave House, NPC, Anne Nagy, Elliott Netto, Paul Sontag, Helen Fournier, Les Fouks and Adrian Hicks. This is the same team, minus Greg Arbour, but with the addition of Fournier and Fouks (some 2 for 1 trades are better than others) which lost the championship match last year after leading at the half. Unfortunately, Adrian wasn't available to play the second half and the Borg machine was just too tough. Anne and Adrian can be a dangerous pair. Netto is fresh from a victory in the IMP pairs and Fournier and Fouks show signs of being a force to reckon with. With Dave masterminding strategy from under piles of dirty laundry on West Fourth and with Sontag deciding to show some interest from time to time, this team could contend.

CHRISTIE (8-1) Marcia Christie, Debbie McCully, Gerry McCully, Jim McCully, Doug Baldwin, Richard Christie. A legitimate contender from the depths of Surrey. One McCully is bad enough, but all three? I never know what any one of them has for their bids. And usually, neither do they, which makes them that much tougher. Marcia is the perfect foil for Debbie. She never worries about what Debbie has, or doesn't have. And if Richard and Doug can find catchers' mitts big enough to handle the knuckle balls from Jim and Gerry, this team should do fine. Stamina over the long haul will be the key here.

BETTS (8-1) Rhonda Betts, Laurence Betts, Greg Arbour, Jude Goodwin-Hanson, June Stenning, Larry Pocock. Veteran jockey back in the saddle after a two year lay off. Will need to go to the whip often. This team revives an old partnership after a two year hiatus. Rumour has it that their first outing at the recent sectional was inauspicious to say the least. The system needs work and so do they. Stenning and Pocock are an established partnership but will have to learn to win against tougher competition. Goodwin-Hanson has formed a good partnership with Stenning but they will have to learn to develop more confidence at this level. Rhonda Betts is always dangerous. Witness her team's decisive win at the recent sectional. School year distractions prevent her from playing at her best. Arbour will as usual be available to provide criticism, hopefully constructive, after (and probably before and during) each match. A real team player. Should contend for last playoff spot, but don't be surprised if they come up just short.

JOHNSON (12-1) Martin Johnson, Chris Christofferson, Peter Walton and Harvey Piercy. With the Big Club functioning well at one table and the psychic twins at the other, this team could be tough from time to time. Inability to grind it out from match to match will prevent them from contending. They could also use a few warm bodies coming off the bench. Going with a four-bagger is awfully tough.

TILDEN (25-1) Duane Tilden, Bob Santa, Chris Diamond, Dennis McMahon and Steve Clements. This team has some talent but will have to develop a lot more discipline if it hopes to have any chance to vie for a playoff spot. How they will line up is anyone's guess (does it really matter?) but if they put Santa (Ho! Ho! Ho!) at one table and Clements at the other, they could be tough. (This is a working man's team and while the couch-potato giants have been resting on their laurels, these guys have been actually playing bridge. Sooner or later, this editor predicts there will be an upset... eds note).

BODLAK (50-1) Stan Bodlak, Sandi White, Angela Fenton, Pat Landau, Joyce Peters, Peeter Kangro. Another longshot, but again a lot of potential to cause trouble. After six blitzes in a row and an 83.5% performance in Flight B last year, Bodlak, White, Fenton and Kangro have decided it is time to move up. Landau (CWTC champ) and Peters know how to bid them up. This team should make their mark from time to time.

ELLIOTT (50-1) Jo Elliott, Izzy Anderson, Christina Jacob, Pauline McClafferty, Jennifer Paynter, and John Lepage. Five tough ladies and one token male. He should be a candidate for sainthood. Not quite sure how they propose to line up. A longshot team to be sure, but I expect a few upsets along the way. Patience will be the key, for the opponents that is.

OSBORNE (50-1) Bill Osborne, Wilf May, Gray McMullin, John Reay and Danny Lee. This group of Max Hardy clones will again learn that system is not enough, at least not this system. Nevertheless, they will pull the occasional upset. May the 2 over 1 game force be with them. Contending teams beware.

MCDONALD (50-1) John A. McDonald, Gordon Estrada, Doug Hansford, Ina Andersen, Ken Danielsen, Brian Dixon. Hansford and Danielson are an established partnership and can be tough on any given night. Andersen is defending Canadian Women's Teams champ, and McDonald and Estrada played very well in the morning knock-outs at the Reno Nationals. Dixon should help. Still, all in all, it is hard to see how they will be able to contend. Confidence will be a big factor here.

GARDNER (50-1) Ian Gardner, Eugene Chan, John Mullen, Brian Russell, Nicci Charleson. Gardner and Chan have been trying to form a partnership and they will use the IMP league for *team* practice. Unfortunately, Chan can't play ZIA every day. He will have to learn to grind it out against mere mortals. The other members of the team are an unknown quantity (though Russell and Charleson have shown that they are not intimidated by the Haida Club experts) and could be tough for that reason alone. The proverbial longshot.

INTER-CITY IMP PAIRS

The Haida Bridge Club hosted the trials to select the Vancouver team for the annual Inter-City challenge match against Seattle. It will be held in Seattle at a time and place to be determined. The order of finish in the Flight A bracket (and Calcutta) was as follows:

- 1: Elliott Netto and Greg Arbour +116 IMPS
- 2: Anne Nagy and Gordon Davis + 71 IMPS
- 3: Rob Crawford and Tony Remedios + 55 IMPS
- 4: Ted Hicks and Steve Williamson + 29 IMPS
- 5: Mel Hoff and Marguerite Chiarenza + 19 IMPS
- 6: Bob Santa and Duane Tilden + 6 IMPS

The first five pairs form the Flt A team, with Santa and Tilden as first alternates.

Only four pairs showed up for the Flight B bracket. They played against the flight A players, and earned an automatic qualification when they bought their entries.

We will need to fill in the Flt B team with one more pair. The four pairs are as follows:

- 1: Nicci Charleson and Brian Russell
- 2: Mike and Patti Prenty
- 3: S.Groddon and C.Williams
- 4: T.Bennet and G.Devlin

THE HAIDA IMP PAIRS ... by Greg Arbour

Elliott and I prevailed on the strength of a huge second session where we scored an even 100 IMPS. Could we have done better? Look at the following layout:

N/S Vul	Dealer West	S- Jx	The Auction:			
	S- Jx		J.Hanson	G.Arbour	J.Stenning	E.Netto
	H- 10xx		West	North	East	South
	D- xx		P	P	1S	3H
	C- AK10xxx		3S	4C	4S	DBL
S- xxxx	S- AK10xxx	Elliott led his singleton club				
H- Kx	H- x	and I cashed the King, declarer fol-				
D- Kxx	D- AJxx	lowing with a small club (not the best				
C- J9xx	C- Q5	play by declarer since I now knew that				
	S- Q	Elliott had indeed started with a stiff.				
	H- AQJcccc	Had declarer played the Q, I might well				
	D- Q10xx	have shifted to a diamond and her second				
	C- 9	club loser would have gone away on the				

what she was doing (she has obviously seen me defend before). I woodenly continued with Ace and a small club. Declarer discarded her singleton heart on the third round of clubs and when Elliott ruffed with the Queen of Spades, he was end-played, forced to lead a diamond into declarer's AJxx or set up the King of Hearts for a second discard (along with the J of clubs) to take care of declarer's two small diamonds.

At the end of the hand I mentioned to Elliott that he could have beaten the hand by cashing the Ace of hearts at trick one and then switching to his singleton club. In any event, after showing this hand to others as a lead problem, it occurred to me about a week later (when I was younger, I probably would have worked it out in a day or two) that I could have beaten the hand myself by playing a low club at trick 2 for Elliott to ruff. This prevents the establishing of the Jack of clubs for use as a discard for one of the losing diamonds. Elliott can cash the Ace of hearts at trick 3 and exit with a heart, setting up one discard, but he must come to a diamond in the end. No doubt Elliott noticed my faux pas immediately, but was too polite to point it out at the time. In any event, we lost 6 imps (Elliott, if you are going to double with these hands, you will have to make better leads, or find a partner

who can defend better) instead of winning 10.

In my own defence, a low club at trick two would be wrong if partner held Q-QJ10xxxx-Axxxx-x or even Q-AQJxxx-xxxx-x.

Another hand of interest involved a slam decision. With both vulnerable, Elliott opened 2NT (20-21). I held K109xx-QJx-Kx-A10x. Clearly the field would be in some small slam. There would be no imps to be won unless we could bid and make a grand. Should I try for one? My philosophy is that if partner needs all of his cards working to make a grand slam, then settle for a small slam, unless you are playing a system which allows you to identify partner's precise shape and the location of his high cards at a low enough level (a big club system with relays, perhaps). Starting with 2NT on these hands is one of the biggest disadvantages of standard methods.

However, if partner can have wasted values for his previous bidding and a grand might still be there, then some further exploration is warranted. In any event, I bid 2H (transfer) not knowing where this would lead. Elliott bid 3S, which I play as denying a particularly good hand for spades. I should now have bid 6NT. But there are several hands which partner could hold that would make a grand a good bet, e.g. AQx-AKxxx-Axx-QJ. Notice that the QJ of clubs are completely wasted, yet both 7H and 7NT are excellent. With AQx-AK10x-Axx-QJx, 7H is not a bad contract. How to bid these hands intelligently to a grand is of course another story. Another possibility is AQx-Ax-Axx-KQxxx. With the last hand I would have bid 3NT (showing 3-card spade support with 2 of the top 3 honours and good controls).

I decided to soldier on with 4C. Elliott now bid 4D and I bid 5D, intending to bid 6NT over 5H, hoping that Elliott could bid a grand with the right values. How he would know whether he had the right values on this auction is not entirely clear. Elliott however bid 7S directly over 5D. He held S-AQxx-Ax-Axx-KQJx. Notice that 7S is on a finesse, but 7C depends only on clubs being 4-2, diamonds no worse than 6-2, (a diamond ruff is the 13th trick, without needing to take the heart finesse) and spades not being 4-0. By my calculations, a 77.5% grand slam with my hand as declarer. I can handle a 4-0 spade break on my right, though not on my left (not enough entries to both pick up the spade Jack and enjoy a heart discard on the fifth spade). With Elliott as declarer, my LHO could ruff an opening spade lead, reducing the overall odds to 73.66%.

With Elliott's hand, I would have bid 4C directly over the transfer. This would show a good fit for spades plus a source of tricks (Zia has written about this approach in a recent ACBL Bulletin). A 4D cue bid would show the big spade fit but is not otherwise helpful. Over 4C, I could bid 4NT (RKCB) and Elliott would bid 5C (3 key cards). Over 5D (asking for the QS), he could bid 6C (QS plus KC). I could now bid 7 Clubs which Elliott would be happy to pass with his good four card club suit. To a certain extent, this is pie in the sky after the 2NT start, and it is not usually necessary to look for a grand slam on these hands. What is important is that you at least recognize the possibilities. Would you have recognized the same possibilities if you did not hold the QJ of hearts (wasted values in 7C)? Would you even have reached a small slam?

To finish, the heart finesse worked and Elliott made 7S. We won 13 imps. If the finesse had lost, we would have lost 17 imps. 30 imps turned on the location of one card. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good.

WHERE IS AUNTIE MAE? Mae Thorpe is out buying furniture from evicted Vancouverites to sell for spot cash... too busy for this year's Imp League Forecast Her recent most favourite expression is "Get it on the truck, boys". Auntie Mae will be happy to offer suggestions or criticisms during the season.

IN HONOUR OF HENRY SMILLIE, there will be a DANCE NOVEMBER 17, after the evening session of Mixed Pairs. Music, a bar, friends - all the ingredients for a fine time.... stick around and enjoy the fun.

Events

october

S 15	CNTC Club Qualifying	Haida Club	Haida Bridge Club
M 16	Club Championship		Pemberton Bridge Club
T 17	COPC Club Qualifying		Grand Slam Bridge Club
	Charity Game (Duplicate & Chicago)		South Park Royal Mall
W 18	Lions Gate Handicap Pairs		Vancouver Bridge Club
	COPC Club Qualifying		Pemberton Bridge Club
	Handicap Pairs		Hastings Bridge Club
	COPC Club Qualifying		Fraser Valley Bridge Club
T 19			
F 20			
S 21	FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL		Oakridge Shopping Centre
S 22	FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL (teams)		Oakridge Shopping Centre
M 23	COPC Club Qualifying		Vancouver Bridge Club
	Start: Seaside Regional		
T 24	Novice Club Championship		Pemberton Bridge Club
W 25	Charity Game		Hastings Bridge Club
T 26	Charity Game - Hastings Club	*Club Championships	Mission Club
F 27	Swiss Teams (Inter-club qualifying)		Pemberton Bridge Club
	Start: Comox Valley Sectional		Courtenay
S 28			
S 29			
M 30			
T 31			

november

W 1	GNT-B Qualifying round		White Rock Bridge Club
	ACBL Membership Game		Pemberton Bridge Club
T 2	10th Annual Mitch Hodge Trophy		Fraser Valley Bridge Club
F 3	Start: Sunnyside Sectional		
S 4			
S 5	MUG NIGHT Monthly Unit Game		North Shore Winter Club
M 6	Membership Game		Chilliwack Club
T 7			
W 8	Club Championships		Maple Ridge Club
T 9	Stratified Pairs		Fraser Valley Bridge Club
	99er Club Championship		Pemberton Bridge Club
F 10	Start: Seattle Sectional		
	Start: NABCs		
S 11			
S 12			
M 13	Handicap Day		Vancouver Bridge Club
T 14	CNTC Qualifying Round		Grand Slam Bridge Club
	ACBL WIDE CHARITY GAME		Haida Club * Langley Club
	ACBL WIDE CHARITY GAME (Novices)		Pemberton Bridge Club
W 15	Quarterly Club Championship		White Rock Bridge Club
	Handicap Pairs		Hastings Bridge Club
	IMP Pairs Club Championship		Pemberton Bridge Club
T 16	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying Round		Mission Duplicate Bridge Club
F 17	ROUND UP SECTIONAL		Sheraton Hotel, downtown
S 18	ROUND UP SECTIONAL		
S 19	ROUND UP SECTIONAL		
M 20			
T 21			
W 22	Membership Game		Hastings Bridge Club
T 23	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying Round		Fraser Valley Bridge Club
	Membership Game		Hastings Bridge Club
	GNT-B Qualifying Round		Pemberton Bridge Club

Events

NOVEMBER (cont)

F 24	CANADA-WIDE OLYMPIAD FUND GAME	Pemberton Club * Haida Club
S 25	ANDY NAGY INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE	Haida Club
S 26	Grey Cup	
M 27	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying round	Vancouver Bridge Club
T 28		
W 29		
T 30		

DECEMBER *① Matchpointer Deadline!*

F 1	Tacoma Sectional * Swiss Teams	Pemberton Bridge Club
S 2	NAOPC & NANLM DISTRICT FINALS	Tacoma Saturday & Sunday
S 3	X-Mas dinner & Club Championships	Chilliwack Bridge Club
M 4	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying round	South Surrey Bridge Club
	CHWK Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game	Chilliwack Bridge Club
T 5		
W 6	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying round	Haida Bridge Club
T 7	Swiss Teams	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
F 8	Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
S 9		
S 10	UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY <i>get here!</i>	Marpole Community Centre
M 11		
T 12		
W 13	Christmas Party (reserve early)	Vancouver Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Maple Ridge Bridge Club
	Club Championships	Hastings Bridge Club
	Club Championships	Hastings Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Mission Bridge Club
F 15	Christmas Party	Pemberton Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Haida Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Abbotsford Bridge Club
S 16	CNTC Qualifying Round	Pemberton Bridge Club
S 17	GNT-B Qualifying Round	Haida Bridge Club
M 18		
T 19		
W 20	Christmas Party	White Rock Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Hastings Bridge Club
T 21	Christmas Party	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
	Christmas Party	Hastings Bridge Club
22-25	Christmas <i>Ho Ho Ho!</i>	
T 26	Start: Reno Regional	
F 29	Swiss Teams	Pemberton Bridge Club
S 31	New Years Eve Pairs & Midnight Swiss	Pemberton Bridge Club

JANUARY	7	MUG NIGHT (Monthly Unit Game)	North Shore Winter Club
	8	WOMEN'S TEAMS Qualifying Round	Pemberton Bridge Club
	15-21	* VANCOUVER REGIONAL	
	27	* COPC (Unit Finals)	VANCOUVER OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS
	28	Super Bowl	
FEBRUARY	2-4	Bellingham Sectional	
	4	MUG NIGHT	North Shore Winter Club
	9-11	* VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL	
	16-18	Seattle Sectional	
	25	* CNTC (unit finals)	VANCOUVER OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS
	4	MINTI-MCKENNEY MUG NIGHT	North Shore Winter Club
MARCH	3	* VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	
	9-11	Victoria Sectional	
	16-18	Everett Sectional	
	23-25	Yakima Sectional	
	16-25	NABCs- Spring	
	31	* GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B UNIT FINAL	

Winners

naopc NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

1. Dan Jacob & Aidan Ballantyne	223.8	234.5
2. Jim McCully & Derek Ward	222.5	209
3. Greg Arbour & Paul Sontag	218.5	202
4. Dennis McMahon & Ben Takemori	214	199.5
5. Ted Hicks & Dan Watson	209.5	203.5
6. Ted Hicks & Dan Watson	182.5	230
7. Claire Burns & Marion Crowhurst	218	183.5
8. Sheila Giroto & Brian Badger	171.5	227
9. Mike Takemori & Mike Dimich	181	213.5
10. Steve Clements & Tony Remedios	220	172
11. Gary Phelan & Doug Thomas	171.8	218
12. Hal Rodd & Adrian Hicks	181	204.5
13. Haider Nazak & Nurdin Kassam	195	188.5
14. Pauline McClafferty & Graham Putnam	214.3	161
15. Marguerite Chiarenza & Anne Nagy	207	160.5
16. Ron Yarmchuk & Gord Fisher	168	198.5

nanlm NORTH AMERICAN NON LM PAIRS

1. John Reay & Gray McMullin	187	124-
2. Michael Young-Lai & Rod Coote	149	140-
3. Alan Harrop & Ian Gardner	148-	135
4. Ken Lochang & Eugene Chan	145-	136-
5. Pat Blackall & Pat Stapff	159	120
6. Daisy Neilson & Mollie Mason	138-	135-
7. Alison Durosh & John Mullen	138	134
8. Mike Prenty & Louise Elliott	134-	130-
9. Gary Gilrairie & Faye Gilrairie	125-	135-
10. Helen Jang & Bea Sadgrove	123	138

These 26 pairs have won the right to represent Unit 430 at the District Finals to be held at the TACOMA SECTIONAL, December 2nd and 3rd. They will be in the Bicentennial Pavilion (13th & Market St.) with round one starting Saturday 1:30 PM. The top three placers in the District, each flight, will win an expense-paid trip to the Nationals in the Spring, 1990. Players may apply for subsidy from the Unit by submitting a written application, within two months of end of District Finals (Mar 1, 1990 deadline- all subsidy will be given at this time).. CONGRATULTIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

ANSWERS FROM PAGE 6 Test Your Play

1. S- x
H- A1097
D- AKJxxx
C- Ax
- S- A8xx
H- Qxxx
D- xx
X- xxx
- S- Kxxx
H- x
D- xxx
C- xxxx
- S- Q10x
H- KJ8x
D- Qx
C- Kxxx

Your biggest problem here is the trump suit. You could try to drop the doubleton Q, but that is only about 26% chance. Better, when you are missing 5 cards, to finesse (50%) But which way do you finesse? Is there a clue? Theory has it that people cash unsupported Aces against slams (risking developing a trick for declarer) only if they know a secret. In this case, we could surmise that West knew we would have to find a missing trump honour. So we decide to finesse West for the QH. But wait. Let us not get sloppy. Play a diamond to the Q,

and run the Jack of hearts. This will protect you against a 4-1 split. The Jack holds, play low to the 10, cash the Ace, back to hand with the KC, KH pulls the last trump and Dummy is high. A well-deserved top. Most declarers mad 5 on this deal. Being in 4 making 6 would have scored very well.

Winners

ACE OF CLUBS HALF-WAY LEADERS

The Ace of Clubs Certificates are awarded to those players winning the most points in club games. Half-way leaders are as follows:

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Margaret Benoit	44,5444.54
2. Rosalyn Richardson	39.72
3. Mary Fines	36.64

NAC MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Ernie Dietrich	35.02
2. Avril Hodson	29.01
3. B.Selander	28.89

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. James Sache	41.81
2. Bill Osten	21.49
3. Anne Ross	19.43

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. John Lepage	13.87
2. Rekha Shah	10.29
3. Gabriella Lieblich	10.11

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Mary Jordan	30.39
2. Sheridan Funk	20.01
3. Diane Dean	19.56

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Paul Sand	16.36
2. Gordon McPherson	9.66
3. Tom Dorn	7.38

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

1. Robert Takishita	4.29
2. Gerald Paul	4.09
3. Ronald Peel	3.17

HALF-WAY LEADERS- MINI MCKENNEY

The Mini-McKenney medals are awarded to those players who won the most masterpoints in a calendar year. The half-way leaders in each category are as follows:

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Larry Hicks	431.91
2. Dave Glen	305.64
3. Bill Gamble	201.83

NAC MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Brenda Robson	101.41
2. Ernie Dietrich	51.03
3. Alison Durosh	42.12

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. John Mullen	79.38
2. Eugene Chan	72.81
3. John Reay	68.63

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. John Lepage	86.24
2. Yvonne Klan	32.97
3. Marjorie Mason	29.11

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Gray McMullin	60.37
2. Bill Henderson	24.53
3. Pat Ashby	24.40

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

1. Les Baldys	21.87
2. Bill Acheson	14.03
3. Nancy Hurrell	9.73

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

1. Richard Sumner	8.32
2. Patricia Marsh	5.00
3. Robert Takishita	4.29

FLIGHT B IMP LEAGUE FORECAST Contined from page

Only two members remain from last's years Flight C runners-up, up with four newcomers, the DIANE AYUKAWA team (Tove Chen, Ginny Forrester, Marg Krucik, Barb Roche, Jill Wilson), hopes to make an impression in Flt B. While this team has a plethora of names to choose from, none are well-known. Lack of previous experience is likely to be this team's downfall but hopefully experience gained this year can be put to good use in the future.

One team has to be picked to finish last, and in this case it is the BRUCE MCINTYRE team (Nancy Hurrell, Gerry Rockandel, I.C.Sun) An also-ran in last year's Flt C, the team is likely to face the same fate this year. It is, however, encouraging to see the team enthusiastic enough to make the move up and it is our hope they will find the 1989-90 season a pleasurable, if not necessarily a winning, experience.

LAST MINUTE FLIGHT B ADDITIONS: The Stiennon team has further padded its first place berth prediction with the addition of able players Diansfeld and Ron Groome. The Prenty team has also added the rigors of a 4-man imp league team with the additions of Bob Beatty and Thelma Hofstede.

Winners

VANCOUVER EVERGREEN SECTIONAL September 1989

FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

1. Leo Steil & Wilf May
2. Cam Doner & Larry Pocock
3. Rekha Shah & Dick Cate
4. Martin Johnson & Mariann Scott
5. Don Fraser & Peter Marr
- 6/8. Harold Hammer & Marsh Woroniuk
- 6/8. Ted Trites & Louis Landau
- 6/8. Marjorie Mason & Allen Coulter

WOMEN'S PAIRS

1. June Stenning & Jude Goodwin-Hanson
2. Phyllis Gerber & Delphine Tablotney
3. Corrine Tapley & Donna Murdoch
4. Joyce Peters & Pat Landau
5. Jane Fahlman & Therese Cheramy
6. Pat Carruthers & Arlene Browning

MIXED PAIRS

1. Chris Diamond & Elizabeth Hicks
2. Helen Fournier & Les Fouks
3. Monica Angus & Jim Marshall
4. Mary Pines & Ted Trites
5. Adrian Hicks & Stella Alliston
6. Shirley Edelson & Richard Odlin, both Redmond, WA

FRIDAY NIGHT SIDE GAME

1. Phyllis Gerber & Delphine Tablotney
2. Mary Sutherland and Muriel MacLeod
3. Dick Cote & Carman Woolsey
4. Dorothy Gavigan & Thelma Hofstede
4. Dot Carnegie & Liz Lee

FORTY-NINER PAIRS (Friday)

1. Don & Gail Sharp, Vancouver
2. Tai Eng & Rick Hogarth, Richmond
3. Andrew & Gordon Carmichael, Vancouver
4. Angela Hehr & Brian Bleau, Vancouver

OPEN PAIRS FINAL

1. Jim McAvoy & Duncan Smith, Victoria
2. Catriona Brown & Pat Landau
3. Fred Struve & Joerg Schneider
4. Leslie Gold & Marcia Christie
5. June Stenning & Larry Pocock
6. Paul Hagen & Bob Connop

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION

1. Ida Goodlad & Bonnie Anderson
2. Brenda Robson & Leo Steil
3. Diane Ayukawa & Tove Chen
4. Connie Delisle & Sheila Dickie
5. Cam Doner & Steve Williamson
6. Don Sache & Doug Cowan

FORTY-NINER PAIRS (Saturday)

1. Patti Blythin & Patricia Jones
2. Larry Gauvreau & Tai Eng
3. Angela Holling & Audrey Herrick

SUPER SWISS TEAMS FLT A B-A-M

1. Rhonda Betts, Leslie Gold, Marcia Christie, Doug Baldwin 39
2. Duncan Smith, Dan Jacob, Jim McAvoy, Gord McOrmond 34
3. Leo Steil, Sefton Levine, Helen Fournier, Chaz Khodabandeh 31
- 4/6. Greg Arbour, Mike Hargreaves, Laurence Betts, Al Chapelle 30
- 4/6. Ray Miller, Puyallup- Jo Elliott -Barrie Wall, Seattle- Pauline McClafferty
- 4/6. Phyllis Gerber, Don Fraser, John Ashwell, Delphine Tablotney
7. Paul Conroy, Vern Swing, Denny Wheeler, Henry Lortz, all Seattle

SUPER SWISS TEAMS FLT B

- 1/2. Colin Collin, Avril Hodson, Gail Perrin, Frank Kelly 6
- 1/2. Angela Fenton, John Mullen, Peeter Kangro, Ian Gardner
- 3/4. Mike Dodson, Bellingham, Owen Carter, Lynden Larry Dugert, Bellingham, Tom Devine, Ferndale
- 3/4. Gerry Hazlewood, Carol Marriot, Thelma Hendrickson, all Bellingham, Helen Farmer, Sumas
5. June & Earl Johnson, Yakima
5. Susan McBride & Insa Fricker 4 3/4
6. James Knight, Betty Batchelor, Ardythe Hannah, Reijo Salmiren, all Bellingham

**** LOCAL UNIT MEMBERS WIN AT BC SENIOR GAMES :** Two long-time members of Unit 430 took home the bridge GOLD MEDAL at the 1989 BC Senior Games. Our congratulations go out to Life Masters Mabel Holding, Langley, and Mickie Gerik of Port Coquitlam. We would also like to salute games organizers who recognized the importance of duplicate bridge as a recreational activity for seniors by including it in this year's games.



**SECTIONAL TROPHY
RACE on PAGE 29...**

Winners

CAN-AM FREEDOM REGIONAL
Seattle, June 28-July 4

FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS

3. Leo Steil (Jackie Matthews)

FLIGHT B OPEN PAIRS

- 10/13. Alan Harrop, North Vancouver

FLIGHT C OPEN PAIRS

3. Patricia Ashby, Gibsons
Yvonne Klan, N.Vancouver

FLIGHT B KNOCKOUTS

- 3/4. Brenda Robson, Brackendale
Bill Osborne, North Vancouver

FLT A STRATIFIED Pairs

1. Doug Hansford, Delta
- 6/7. Rhonda Betts, Burnaby
Jim McCully, N.Vancouver
- 6/7. Mike Wilson & Peter Herold
8. Larry Pocock & June Stenning

FLT B STRATIFIED PAIRS

1. Larry Pocock & June Stenning
- 4/5. Donna Freeze, White Rock
Al Freeze, Pt. Roberts
7. Danny Lee, Vancouver
Ken Danielson, Surrey
8. Dennis McMahon & John Lepage
9. Tom Young, Vancouver

FLT C STRATIFIED PAIRS

2. Gordon Starr, N.Vancouver
4. Pat Stapff, Delta
Sandra Robson, Port Moody

FLIGHT A SUPER SWISS

3. Aidan Ballantyne

FLIGHT B SUPER SWISS

1. Angela Fenton, Peeter Kangro, N.Vancouver
Sheila Giroto, Brian Badger, both Coquitlam
2. John Mullen, Chris Ackerley, Van
Alison Dorosh, Squamish
John Lepage

FLIGHT B SWISS CONSOLATION

- 2/5. Yvonne Klan, N.Vancouver
- 2/5. Alan Harrop, N.Vancouver

OPEN SWISS TEAMS

- 3/4. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver

SWISS CONSOLATION

- 1/3. Brian Badger, Sheila Giroto
Dianne Isfeld, POCO, Garry
Skoropada, Maple Ridge

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION

- 3/4. Rolf Prystawik, Pete Moslinger
both Vancouver

STANDARD CARD PAIRS

2. Aidan Ballantyne, Rob Crawford
4. Ben Takemori & Chris Diamond
- 5/6. Madeline Becker, Rose Metcalfe

CHARITY PAIRS

- 5/6. Dianne Isfeld, John Mullen

99ER PAIRS (Fri.Aft)

1. Claire Burns & Marion Crowhurst
3. Alfred & Enid Pierce, W.Van

99ER PAIRS (Sat.Aft.)

1. Winnifred Gilbreath, W.Van

SIDE GAME (Fri.Eve)

3. Claire Burns & Marion Crowhurst

SIDE GAME (Sat.Aft.)

2. Ralph Graddon, Vancouver

NANAIMO SECTIONAL

FLT A OPEN

1. Cam Doner

NOVICE PAIRS

2. Noah Stewart & Andrew Mackey

SPEEDBALL SWISS

1. Cam Doner, John Lepage, Chris

ACKERLEY, JOHN REAY

OPEN PAIRS

3. Cam Lindsay & Don Brazeau

SWISS

- 1/2. Cam Lindsay & Don Brazeau

- 1/2. Ida Goodlad, Sandi White, George

JONESON, STAN BODLAK

STRAWBERRY MT. VERNON SECTIONAL

OPEN PAIRS

1. Sally McAlary, Peggy Wellman

FLT A OPEN

3. Ian Gardner & John Mullen

MASTERS

3. Leo Steil & Cam Doner

99ER

1. Marsh Woroniuk, White Rock

2. Tom Dorn & Gordon Devlin

PARKSVILLE SECTIONAL

OPEN PAIRS

3. Paul Sontag & Terry Mickelson

MASTERS

1. Bill Work & Jim Fisher

2. Alison Dorosh & Marge Neate

OPEN PAIRS

1. Paul Sontag & Terry Mickelson

SWISS

2. Paul Sontag & Terry Mickelson

Winners

PASCO SUN FUN REGIONAL, August 1989

CHARITY PAIRS

5. Monica Angus & Evelyn Hodge

OPEN PAIRS

4. Paul Hagen & Bob Connop

OPEN SWISS

- 2/3. Sheila Dickie, Bob Connop, Connie Delisle, Paul Hagen
- 4/5. Rob Crawford

SENIOR SWISS

- 4/5. Marge Neate, Stella Alliston

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLT A

6. Monica Angus & Marge Neate
7. June Stenning & Larry Pocock
8. Cliff Glen & Pat Glen

STRATIFIED PAIRS? FLIGHT B

1. June Stenning & Larry Pocock
7. Ron Fox & Raymond Clemmons

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLT C

1. Jim Kerr & Maarten Tjebbes
2. Brian Russell, Nicola Charleson

OPEN PAIRS

2. Jo Elliott, W. Van
3. Paul Hagen & Bob Connop

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Helen Jang, Richmond
3. Leo Steil, Vancouver
4. Frank Kelley, Colin Collin

FLT A PAIRS

3. Leo Steil
5. Rob Crawford, Vancouver

FLIGHT B OPEN PAIRS

1. Ken Danielsen, Frank Kelle, Surrey
7. Ray Clemmons, Surrey Ron Fox, N. Van
8. Sheila Giroto & June Stenning

ZIP SWISS TEAMS

1. Nicci Charleson, Brian Russell, Cam Doner, June Stenning, Larry Pocock
2. Maarten Tjebbes, Jim Kerr, Gary & Faye Gilrairie

FLIGHT B SWISS TEAMS

- 1/2. Avril Hodson, Colin Collin, Frank Kelley

VERNON SENIORS REGIONAL

OPEN PAIRS (Friday)

3. Karel Vanrenesse

KNOCKOUT TEAMS

- 3/4. Marge Neate, Stella Alliston, Ev Hodge, Donna Morrison

VERNON SENIOR'S REGIONAL September

CHARITY PAIRS

5. Jane Fahlman, Van Helen Jang, Richmond

OPEN PAIRS

1. Leo Steil, Vancouver
2. Stan Bodlak, George Joneson

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLIGHT A

1. Wilf May, Surrey
6. Stan Bodlak, George Joneson
7. Leo Steil

OPEN PAIRS *(see bottom left col.)

1. Ida Goodlad, Richmond Bonnie Anderson, Vancouver
4. Marge Neate, N. Van Donna Morrison, N. Burnaby
6. Patricia Glen, N. Van Don Fraser, N. Burnaby

SPEEDBALL SWISS

1. Doug Cowan, Pat Stapff, Peter Marr, Dot Carnegie
- 3/4. Ted Trerise, Paul Radnai
- 3/4. Karel Vanrenesse, Leo Steil, Wilf May
5. Cliff Glen, Don Fraser, Stan Bodlak, Pat Glen

OPEN SWISS

- 5/6. Barb Stachoski, Tillie Nelson, Doe Stockdale
- 10/11. Peter Marr, Don Fraser, Pat & Cliff Glen

SANTA CLARA REGIONAL

FLIGHT A SWISS

2. Cam Doner & Leo Steil

LAST CHANCE KOS

1. Leo Steil & Cam Doner John Anderson, Mike Jones
- SENIOR PAIRS: 5) Leo Steil

EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL August

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Leo Steil, Vancouver (J. Sutherlin)
- MASTER PAIRS
5. Cam Doner, Richmond (L. Lewis)

BILLINGS MONTANA REGIONAL (Sept)

- 1: FLIGHT A KOS: Cam Doner, Dave Glen

OPEN SWISS 1: Cam Doner

- 5: June Stenning, Larry Pocock

FLT A SWISS 3: Cam Doner

STRAT. PRS A 5: Cam Doner

- 6: Dave Glen

STRAT. PRS B 3: June Stenning, Larry Pocock

SPEEDBALL SWISS 2/3: Cam and Dave

Game

BRIDGE IS NOT ALWAYS MY PASSION

by Rose Wrean

Many people agree with Omar Sharif - bridge, with its endless challenge and fascination, can indeed be a passion. Still, many times after a session or two of bridge, especially at the tournament level, I feel like I never want to play again. Fortunately, this feeling has never lasted. For some people, however, it does last and that is the end of their bridge playing. Why? Because the game was an unpleasant experience. It can't be the game itself - bridge can be disappointing if you didn't do well and winning was your only objective - but it can only be unpleasant if the participants make it so.

It is easy to get rid of partners you don't enjoy - don't play with them. Unfortunately, it is not that easy to avoid unpleasant opposition.

Let me emphasize that the people who spoil the game of bridge are very few. Most of the people we meet at the bridge table are friendly and courteous. Win or lose, it is a pleasure to play against them. There are, however, a number of players whose technique includes gloating, intimidation, card slapping and verbal abuse.

It never ceases to amaze me that persons who would not dream of criticizing, humiliating or insulting either friends or strangers in any other social situation in a public place, abandon all niceties at the bridge table.

Here is a typical situation. With no clue from the bidding and equal values in both majors, you decide to lead a spade against 3NT, thus presenting the declarer with the contract. By trick 3 at the latest, you realize how wonderful for your side a heart lead would have been - your partner knew it a trick 1 and so did declarer. Dummy (unless asleep) has figured it out by trick 6. Why then is it necessary for declarer, after scooping nine tricks in an unmakeable contract, to say "Wasn't there without a spade lead, partner?" "Sure wouldn't have liked a heart lead."; "Club, diamond or heart out and we're dead" - the list is endless.

Don't you love it when the opponents have made their contract due to a slip in the defence, and declarer can hardly wait to score it up before saying "Best defence beats this two tricks, partner," a euphemism for "Sure lucky we played this board against the village idiots." Comments like this serve no purpose except to antagonize the opponents and embarrass a sensitive partner.

Bridge is largely a matter of making decisions, hopefully the right ones. No one, however, is infallible, and after deciding a sacrifice is right and going minus 300 against an unmakeable contract, I really don't need to hear "Glad to be out of that one."; "We're down at least one."; or worse yet, "If you'd played it correctly to go minus 100, it would have been good for your side, we can only make 140." I think I am being insulted - does the speaker really think that I haven't figured that out? Maybe they feel compelled to point out to my partner how unfortunate they are to be playing with me!

Another situation that is extremely uncomfortable is listening to the opponents berate each other. The moment the last card is played, the recriminations start. The fact that there are friends or strangers at the table bothers these people not a bit. The overwhelming need is to point out to partner how stupid, blind and hopeless they are and nothing else matters. It is not always easy to get up and leave the table at this time, especially if you are North-South. I don't know which is worse - to listen to two people hurl insults at each other or to listen to one voice only while their partner prays to sink through the floor.

It is a sad commentary that the higher the level of expertise and the fiercer the competition the more likely it is these incidents occur. The friendly atmosphere of the Club level is not conducive to unpleasantness and it is rare to encounter it at the novice level. Does this mean that the greater our ability to play bridge, the greater our capacity for rudeness? I hope not. Most of it, I am sure, is thoughtlessness.

The game of bridge in the last few years has suffered from a declining population. New players must be encouraged to start and all players must be encouraged to stay. We all have it in our power to promote this great game by applying the intelligence we all have, not only to the game itself but to the comfort and enjoyment of our partners and competition.

Game

WHY I GO TO BRIDGE TOURNAMENTS

by Lois Mazuren

Bridge tournaments are fun! Isn't that right? We all go to bridge tournaments to win and have a good time. An example of the fun and winning (sic) can be noted at the recent Can-Am regional in Seattle. It was a wonderful place for a summer tournament; in the heart of the city, in a beautiful park setting, within walking distance of many attractions, eating places, even motels, if you could dodge the formidable west coast rain drops. My overweight, over 40, smoking partner and I, both good flight C players, were playing this hand in an open event. This was not our premiere game, as half way through the session my partner started having chest pain. But the game must go on. So-o-o, we come upon John Anderson sitting north and the bidding proceeds... pass by my partner, pass by John's partner, 1NT by me (as always a little intimidated by the big guns - at least I have the best 16 points I have had all tournament), double by John, (I knew it, I could feel it in my bones), oh well, not to worry, we have done our homework and partner is awake, if in pain, and he makes his bid: 2 Clubs * transfer to diamonds, and it is duly alerted and explained. John's partner gives us a top by bidding 2 Hearts (whew, now I can pass my partner's transfer and get out of this auction), pass, 3NT - John is not so willing to give up a top.

My partner on lead makes the wonderful choice of the 10 of spades. The full hand was:

S- Kxx		
H- 9		
D- AQJ8xx		
C- AKx		
S- AQJ3	S- 109xx	
H- Kxx	H- Qx	
D- Kx	D- 10xxx	
C- QJxx	C- xxx	
S- xx		
H- AJxxxxx		
D- x		
C- xxx		

After his Spade 10 holds, partner thinks (oh no!!) and makes the fatal switch of a small diamond. The rest is history, as anyone can see. After taking three top diamonds and giving up a diamond partner realizes his mistake and continues a spade. They got their top, I got a story, and had my ego spared from playing in 2 diamonds doubled, vulnerable, for the biggest number in the history of the world. ... Are we having fun yet?

(Editor's note : I believe big John would have made this contract no matter what your ailing partner chose to do. He knows the diamond finesse is either on or off. If it is off, there is no point in taking the diamond hook. If it is on, you must have it doubleton, as east has shown at least four. If east continues spades, John will win, play Ace and a low diamond to your King. Now his QJ will draw partner's remaining diamonds. You will get your 3 spades and diamond but that is 'all she wrote'. If partner had had the K10xx of diamonds, of course, John's play would not win him the contract, but then, partner would not have switched.)

ANSWERS FROM PAGE 6 Test Your Play

2. S-KJ9xx
H-K
D-xx
C-A98xx

S- xxx3
H- xxxxx
D- Qx
C- xx

S- AQ
H- Ax
D- AKJxx
C- QJ10

missing honour would need to be doubleton, about 26%. Give yourself this little edge by cashing the AK of diamonds BEFORE taking the 50% club finesse. If the DQ drops, you don't have to take any chances at all. If you had taken either finesse you would have gone down. Squeeze seekers can note that running your major suits first will not work because you would have to prematurely discard from your hand. Although finessing is right when you are missing 5 cards, always look for that EXTRA chance.

On this hand you have TWO finesesses to choose from. Which one do you take? Is one finesse superior to the other? Truth is, the finesse that WORKS is superior. But sometimes finessing can be a trap. You only need ONE finesse for your contract. An option to the finesse is to try to DROP a missing honour. You can combine your chances by first trying this line. The choice of which suit to do this in is clear - for clubs to be right, the K would have to be singleton, about a 6% chance. In diamonds, with both the A and K, the

Club

The Upcoming Events pages detail all special club games. To conserve space, we will not be listing these games in this section of the Matchpointer. Please note, however, seasonal closures.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB 1520 Pemberton Ave., North Vancouver 987-3733

REGULAR GAMES:

Monday	Open Pairs	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Novice Pairs(0-20)	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Open Pairs	7:30 PM
Thursday	Stratified Pairs	7:30 PM
	(under 200)	
Friday	Open Pairs	7:45 PM
Sunday *	Open Pairs	1:00 PM

* The Sunday game is subject to cancellation at the end of October if attendance does not increase.

RECENT WINNERS:

Open Pairs Club Championship (July 10)	Keith Miller & Rose Wrean
Novice Club Championship (July 25)	Karl Kupka & Marie Hunt
ACBL International Fund Game (July 28)	Not Held
Mixed Pairs Club Championship (Aug 16)	Pat Landau & Joerg Schneider
99er Club Championship (Stratified) (August 17)	FLT A : Jinny Harper & Yvonne Klan FLT B/C : Steven Smedley & Tony Flavell
NANLM Club Qualifying Round (Aug 24)	Ernie Dietrich & Rani Shroff
NA Rookie Pairs (September 12)	Jerry Loeppki & Eddie Weiss
Royal Viking Pairs (Sept 19)	OPEN: N/S Margie Neate & Stella Alliston E/W Jim McCully & Derek Ward
	0-100: N/S Frank Sigurdson & Don Lang E/W Gordon McPherson & John Gildersleepe
Swiss Team Club Championships (Sept 22)	Joerg Schneider, Pat Landau, Mary Fines, Donna Morrison

CLUB CLOSURES:

November 17-19	Closed for Sectional
December 25-26	Closed for Christmas
January 1st	Closed

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB Louis Landau Brunswick Bowls, Park Royal, W. Vancouver Phone 984-8309

REGULAR GAMES:

Monday	10:00 AM	Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Open

CLUB FEATURES: Computer scoring for 'instant' results
Random score optional jackpot, Wednesdays
All holidays are PARTY DAYS with door prizes and goodies.

RECENT WINNERS:

Seeborg Trophy Charity Club Championships (Aug 21) Guity Soltan & Pat Wothers
Player of the Month AUGUST: Mary Sutherland
Player of the Month SEPTEMBER: Julie Smith & Shirley McKinney (tie)
Membership Game (Sept 6): Shirley Godfrey & Jeanne Bentley

CLUB CLOSURES: December 25 and January 1 **CLUB CLOSED**

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB 1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby Hazel Dressler 438-2102

REGULAR GAMES:

Tuesday	7:30 PM	* Non-smoking
Monday	10:45 AM	* Partnerships Guaranteed for a regular games

Clubs

HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB 3096 E.Hastings, Vancouver
Mariann Scott 298-3932

REGULAR GAMES: Wednesday Open Game 11:00 AM
Thursday Open Game 7:30 PM

- *Non-smoking
- *Guaranteed partnerships
- *Coffee, Tea and Goodies included with entry

RECENT WINNERS:

Club Championship, September, Wednesday game: Jill Wainborn & Bev Cullen
Club Championship, Sept., Thursday game: Phyllis Gerber & Helen Morgan

CLUB CLOSURES: December 24th to 31st. Closed for Christmas

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB Century House 620-8th St New Westminster
Liz Hicks S22-4355 Ted Hicks 421-1266

REGULAR GAME: Thursday 7:15 PM Open Game

- *NOTE: NO SMOKING AT THE TABLE (with smoking breaks)

CLUB FEATURES: - Handicap games last Thursday each month
- Entry \$3 includes refreshments
(Special events and Charity Games extra)

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB Sunnyside Community Centre 1845-154th St
White Rock

President: Larry Snelling (596-5537) Partnerships: Harold Hammell (594-7736)

REGULAR GAME: Wednesdays 7:30 PM Non-smoking

RECENT WINNERS:

Local Charity Game (aug 16) Ina Andersen and Ted Deeder
NANLM Qualifying game (Aug 23) N/S: Mr. & Mrs. Van Pelt
E/W: Dot Carnegie & Rekha Shah
Swiss Teams Trophy (Sept 13) Sheila Giroto, Brian Badger, Colin Collin,
Norm Treleaven

HAIDA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB #203-456 W.Broadway, Vancouver 875-1714
Owner: Anne Nagy

REGULAR GAMES: Monday 7:30PM Novice (0-20)
Tuesday 11:30 AM Open Game
Tuesday 8:00 PM Open Game
Wednesday 7:30 PM Intermediate
Thursday 8:00 PM Open Game
Friday 8:00 PM Open Game
Saturday 8:00 PM Open Game

CLUB FEATURES:

- * Computer scoring * Partnerships * Senior Rates * Handicap facilities and ramp *
- * Thursday night Jackpot- winner take all (optional) * Friday night Jackpot - random score (optional * TGIF last Friday every month - hot dogs, cash bar *

SOUTH SURREY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB Cranley Place Senior Centre, White Rock
Moyra Storey 531-5836

REGULAR GAME: Mondays 7:00 PM No Smoking
CLUB FEATURES: Open holidays (note Christmas closures below)
\$3 entry, includes refreshments

CLUB CLOSURES: Closed Christmas Day and New Years Day

Clubs

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Bob Percher 792-4389
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PARTNERS GUARANTEED

ABBOTSFORD McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Rd.
FRIDAYS 7:30 PM

CHILLIWACK Senior Rec Centre
9400 College Street
MONDAYS 7:30 PM

MAPLE RIDGE Leisure Centre
11963 Haney Place
WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM

MISSION Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave
THURSDAYS 7:30 PM

LANGLEY Fernridge Hall
200th & 24th Ave
TUESDAYS 7:30 PM
Bill Worsfold 525-3754

SUNNYSIDE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Sunnyside Community Centre
1745 - 154th St., South Surrey
Barb Stachoski 531-0457
TUESDAYS 12:30 sharp
**non-smoking
** \$3 Includes refreshments
** Handicap games first Tuesday
of each month.

GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB
8920 Charles St., Richmond
George Radics 273-3003
TUESDAYS 7:30 PM
Guaranteed Partnerships

SCHEDULING GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS

- * Don't forget the FUTURE STARS CONTEST open to all club owners, managers and teachers.
- * Do you have your team together for the ANDY NAGY INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE?
- * Next Matchpointer Deadline: Dec 1st. This is the issue which will be set out at the January Regional- good for promo. Include all events from Dec 16-Feb 16

BILL WORSFOLD, manager of the POCO and CLOVERDALE clubs, will be leaving us at the end of this month. Terry Valjean will be taking over the Cloverdale club, and Pat Stapff will be in charge of the POCO club. Anne Nagy will be the new owner of B&B Bridge Supplies. Hopefully, we will have more information about these changes in time for the next issue.... Best of luck to you Bill!

Trace

SECTIONAL TROPHY RACE LEADERS: This is an annually awarded trophy, given to the player who wins the most points at the five Vancouver Sectionals, in each of the three categories. The Trophies will be awarded at the February Sectional.

With one more sectional to go, the leaders are:

PHIL WOOD OPEN TROPHY RACE

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| 1. LARRY POCOCK | 48.25 |
| 2. Phyllis Gerber | 40.12 |
| 3. June Stenning | 37.36 |
| 4. Catriona Brown | 35.58 |
| 5. Delphine Tablotney | 34.65 |
| 6. Aidan Ballantyne | 33.11 |
| 7. Ben Takemori | 31.97 |
| 8. Brenda Robson | 31.91 |
| 9. John Bryden | 30.50 |
| 10 Al Chapelle | 29.32 |

EDIE BONNELL WOMEN'S TROPHY RACE

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. PHYLLIS GERBER | 40.12 |
| 2. June Stenning | 37.36 |
| 3. Catriona Brown | 35.58 |
| 4. Delphine Tablotney | 34.65 |
| 5. Brenda Robson | 31.91 |
| 6. Marcia Christie | 29.23 |
| 7. Rose Wrean | 28.40 |
| 8. Leslie Gold | 25.72 |
| 9. Pat Landau | 24.58 |
| 10. Rhonda Betts | 23.02 |

UNDER 200 TROPHY RACE

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| 1. BRENDA ROBSON | 31.91 |
| 2. John Mullen | 23.95 |
| 3. John Reay | 22.83 |
| 4. Ian Gardner | 22.82 |
| 5. John Lepage | 20.22 |
| 6. Gray McMullin | 14.87 |
| 7. Alison Dorosh | 13.85 |
| 8. Allen Coulter | 13.24 |
| 9. Bill Terzianoff | 12.56 |
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7:30 PM
JUNIOR PAIRS (0 - 20)
7:30 PM

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FLT B 100 - 750
FLT C 0 - 100
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