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A good place to start would be to thank all of those kind folks who complimented me on the first McIntyre *Matchpointer*. So many did that I developed a standard response that I'll repeat here: "when you're the *Matchpointer* editor and you can't play bridge, you have to concentrate on layout." I've made a few refinements this time, and although at this point I'm excited about them, they still have to get from my computer screen to the



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laser printer and then through the xerographic process. The experience I have with desktop publishing tells me that what I see isn't always what you get, so I'm crossing my fingers.

A small number of club managers couldn't be reached on deadline weekend, and so the club news section is not quite complete. I urge those interested in playing at Burnaby, Hastings, or South Surrey to call those club managers for the latest information.

The decision to print Joerg Schneider's article in full (see President's Message) was ultimately mine, and so I apologize to those who were offended. I want to make it clear that the recipient of complaints in any such situations should be the editor and not the writer. I think our talented writers should be encouraged to submit material to the *Matchpointer* without having to worry about adverse reaction to it. (Obviously, this doesn't

apply to IMP League Prognostications though...)

I began playing bridge at the UBC Bridge Club in 1982. A few years later the club folded (although the Faculty Club duplicate game has been running weekly since), but now there are 60 eager people who have joined a new UBC Bridge Club, many taking the ACBL-developed Club Series of Lessons under instructor Eugene Chan. On November 10, while most of us will be knocking one another out at the Round-Up Sectional, the UBC Bridge Club will host the ACBL-wide College Instant Matchpoint Game at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. The top score in each of five ACBL regions will earn each partner a scholarship award of \$500 US. It's great to see bridge making a comeback at the university level. Any students interested in playing in this event can contact Eugene at the Bridge Centre for details. —McB

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President's Message

Our new year is only two months old and already we have had some significant activities.

The first McIntyre *Matchpointer* is now almost a distant memory. The members I have spoken to agree that while there are many changes, the newsletter maintains its quality. I am sure this issue will be even better than the last and continue the upward tradition which has proceeded for decades. With reference to the *Matchpointer*, your Board received many complaints regarding Joerg Schnieder's comments about Mike Lawrence. On behalf of the Unit Board, I would like to apologize to those who were offended and stress the comments were one person's opinion. I believe free speech, and its corollary, free writing, is a fundamental right in a free society, and defend Joerg's right to express his own opinions. Most of our board, however, feels we should not have printed them and to the extent that by printing them we may have tacitly endorsed those opinions, I hereby issue a full retraction and apology.

On first reaction, our decision to go to a split site Unit Game appears a success. In September we had a total of 32 tables in play. The Vancouver game suffered no loss of attendance; instead, many more people took advantage of the opportunity to play. Keep it up. Sites will be split 11 months but we will continue to have a combined Unit Christmas Party. This year, that game will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Marpole Community Centre (59th and Oak, Vancouver) and will be directed by our two Unit Game directors, Louis Landau and Thony Stiennon. I hope to see you all there as

this is our annual Unit Party, with plenty of hospitality as well as great bridge.

While we broke even, our September Evergreen Sectional was not as successful as we hoped. We believe one reason is the fact it is scheduled too close to Labour Day, so we plan to move it a week later in September whenever possible, starting next year. Our next Sectional is the RoundUp, to be held at the Pacific Inn on the Remembrance Day weekend. This will again be a four-day sectional with bracketed knockouts. We hope to maintain the four-day format in the future so we can continue to provide this popular bridge format. Speaking of sectional events, our committee (Dot Carnegie, Graham Putnam, and Brian Russell) is to present a report on proposed Sectional events at our November meeting. If you have concerns or suggestions, please contact them immediately. We will likely approve any changes next month so the time for input is now.

Finally, I encourage you to support Unit fundraising by purchasing an *Entertainment '95* from Jennifer Paynter or her assistants. The books can be used to save money on dinners, attractions and accommodations both locally and while attending out-of-town Sectionals and Regionals. Every bridge player should have one. This represents our major fundraising initiative to provide player subsidies in multi-level events. Funds are currently apportioned to all multi-level events (COPC, CNTC, CWTC, GNT B/C, and NAP) but the specific allocations are under review. If you have ideas about future arrangements, please contact our committee (Chuck Campbell, Bob Gerrie, and John Mullen). They are also due to report in November so, again, provide your input today. —David Schmidt

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Flight A Prognostications

(Source requested anonymity)

The 93 - 94 A League went pretty much to form with Divinsky going wire to wire and defeating the dark horse Thomas team in the final. The interesting story was the semi-final where the Thomas team advanced to the final despite being narrowly edged over the course of the play. The difference was a late arrival penalty judiciously levied by the esteemed commissioner.

Now a quick trip in the time machine back to 1974. There was an event called the Inter City Teams where a Vancouver team played a Seattle team in an event scored by two simultaneous IMP matches over two days. That is 256 boards involving 10 players in each

team. In 1974 the event was held in Seattle and after two days the 256 boards yielded a dead tie!! Playoff time, right? Wrong. Seattle triumphed due to a penalty being levied against a Vancouver player who was tardy for the first match Sunday morning.

As you probably guessed, the offender in 1974 was involved in the semi-final debacle in '94. In the latter instance he was the teammate rather than the culprit but what goes around comes around. Irony, or justice perhaps?

Oh, the 94 - 95 season. Well, Divinsky is back in fact and the contenders did nothing to improve, so there is little suspense this year. So I thought I'd dispense with predictions and, since I promised to fill up some space, will do some reviewing of newly released movies....



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Poignant contemporary drama chronicling the struggles of three Jewish men adjusting to life with Gentile partners. Strong production values and moving social commentary. Ballantyne is superb in the title role as the politician's politician who manipulates schemes and politics to keep the wheels greased and the machine functioning

Aidan's List

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Starring: Dan Jacob, Mike Strebinger, Aidan Ballantyne
with Gord Davis and Don Brazeau
Directed by Nathan Divinsky

An effective contemporary reworking of the classic Beckett stage play. The ample mature cast does justice to the material but for the hoi polloi the highlight is a cameo appearance by Greg Arbour. You may remember that Greg left a previous project with this crew at the crucial stage of filming due to a perceived lack of professionalism among his colleagues. Predictable he leaves before the proverbial arrival but I don't want to spoil the ending.

Waiting for Connop

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Starring: Paul Hagen, Cam Doner, and...Bob Connop
Directed by Cam Lindsay

The latest in a string of successful martial arts action flicks from the prolific Takemori Brothers. Again the highlights are the action scenes featuring the boys although the special effects required to turn the lanky Waterman into Ichabod the Killing Machine push the envelope of F/X technology. Hopwood plays himself of course, but represents an attempt to lure the female viewer to a genre oriented toward young males.

The Six

Sammurai

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Starring Mike & Ben Takemori
Featuring Steve Vincent, Martin O'Reilly, Dave Waterman, and Jack Hopwood
Directed by Mike Takemori

This movie is predictable if uneven. The real story is off screen: Bev insisted on having as large a dressing room as Rhonda and Mike Dimich was tired of being the butt of all the jokes. Well, Bev got her dressing room at least! Den-

The Big Chill III (IV?)

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Starring: Rhonda Betts, Mike Wilson, Dave House, Bev Taylor
with Mike Dimich
Directed by Lawrence Betts

nis Hopper was set to replace Dave House but backed out when he realized the lack of commitment involved.

Contemporary police drama featuring Peter Walton as "Shakey", a young, fun loving recruit assigned to an elite anti-crime squad of committed veteran officers who resent the casual newcomer. Will his intrusion destroy the squad morale? Will Shakey breathe life into the jaded group and help them wake up and smell the roses?

Shakey

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Starring: Peter Walton as "Shakey"
with Ted Hicks, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall, and Gary Phelan
Directed by Doug Thomas

Your basic "chick flick" was filmed under the working title of *Jenny and her Sisters* before directional control was exercised. Ron Borg and Richard Christie give strong understated performances as the henpecked husbands, but Jennifer Paynter and Nicci Charleson steal the show as a pair of chatty spinster sisters. This comedy-drama will sell its share of Kleenex.

Green Fried Zucchini

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Starring (in order of appearance) Ron & Sandra Borg, Nicci Charleson, Richard & Marcia Christie, Jenny Paynter
Directed by Sandra Borg

Comic book style urban gang action adventure with Bill T as Mini Hulk, RC as the Blob and Rob Shelburn as the Punisher who form a street gang known as the Romans. They come up with the name "Romans" from spiritual advisor Guru, played by Michael

THE ROMANS

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Starring: Bill Terzianoff, Ron Christensen, and Rob Shelburn
also starring Michael Neagu
Special appearance by Mike Dorn Wiss
Directed by Bill Terzianoff

Neagu. He mumbles that he's from Rumania but the gang can't count beyond two syllables, so it is shortened to "Romans". Violence, bad language and bloodshed throughout. Only redeeming feature is the self-indulgent appearance of award-winning screenplay writer Mike Dorn Wiss. He plays "Scribe", a 90's type journalist who sells the gang's stories to the tabloids.

That's right, another comedy from loquacious Leo who has a lot of laughs on his hands this time. The screen sizzles when Bill and Mary Lou are front and centre but fizzles otherwise. Like most comedies it has a good initial premise and gags but not enough substance to sustain a feature.

**December Bride Meets
The Ancient Mariner**

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Starring Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone, Jean Groome

Introducing Larry Daugert and Tom Devine

Directed by Leo Steil

This first time low budget feature from producer Lochang is a domestic farce where the Tuna, a kindly generous Chinese Canadian who lives alone in a big house, offers his rooms free of rent to three middle aged women who are down on their luck. This romp relies mainly on sight gags and is embarrassingly bad. I could have sworn that I saw Anne Nagy and Marguerite Chiarenza in substantial roles but their names were absent from the credits. Rumour has it that when they saw the completed film, they were so aghast they paid to have their names removed.

**The Tuna Meets
Three's Company**

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Starring: Connie Delisle, Pauline McClafferty, and Catriona Brown, with Ken Lochang as "The Tuna"

Directed by Ken Lochang

Standardfare overwrought predictable coming of age drama featuring the 90's Brat Pack. Chronicles the angst and uncertainty facing today's, generation Xers frustrated by the power and perks of the boomer generation. Like the characters in the plot this movie fails to deliver.

COMING OF AGE

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Starring Duane Tilden

with John Reay, Dennis McMahon, and Craig Snelgrove

Directed by Felipe Hernandez

This attempt to update the 19th century classic to modern does not work.

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**How Green Was
My Valley II**

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Starring Flora Tereposky, Mike Moffat

with Brad Fletcher, Jim Sache, and Jim Groves

Directed by Garry Skoropada

Set in the 50's, this suburban soap follows the predictable lives of two middle class couples. Despite an energetic action performance from producer Larry Pocock, this action is interminable. This one really drags. Slow.

(Almost) Ordinary People

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Starring Larry Pocock

with Don Sache and Sheila Giroto

Directed by June Pocock

(Ed. All of the above may be seen at your local bridge club. We'll be reporting on the box office story in future issues... —McB)

Flt B Prognostications

by Jimmy the Turk

After cruising undefeated through the league last year, the Don Sache team has disbanded, with several members moving up to the big league and others retiring. Coupled with the disappearance of several other players, some to retirement, some to other leagues and others to other units, the Flight B IMP League has been reduced to eight teams from last year's ten.

The Sache team's departure has left the B League wide open. At first glance there is no dominant team, which should make each match, from the

beginning to the end of the season, a very competitive affair.

If you were to ask eight bridge players to rate this year's teams, you would probably get eight different choices as to who should be first. You would probably also get eight different eighth place teams. In other words, the league is so evenly matched almost any order of finish is possible. It is, however, my task to determine the pre-season ratings, so you will have to settle for my vision of the end of the season. After reading this, you may well say Jimmy has been in the sauce too long, or, perhaps, not long enough. It's your call, but, with sincere apologies to all those players I am about to offend, here's my call:



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FLIGHT B Prognostications continued from page 6

1. **Tai Eng (Dwayne Dicks, Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Fred Powell)** If there was a prize for persistence, Eng would probably get it. He has been trying for number one in Flight B for countless years now, with a variety of lineups. He has come close on occasion but has yet to find the magic combination. He may have found it this year. Eng kept only Fred Powell, with whom he has a steady if not spectacular partnership, from last year's team, and joined forces with another steady partnership: Dianne Isfeld and Dwayne Dicks, who lost their own power pair of Alison Dorosh and Monica Angus from last year's team. The foursome then raided the free agent market to pick up Insa Fricker as an insurance policy. Fricker may be just enough insurance to replace any ill or under-achieving players on the roster through the season, with positive effect.

Rating: 20/30

2. **Bruce McIntyre (Geoff Fetterley, H.K. Ho, Kristin Orians, Patti Prenty, Kelvin Raywood)** This is a similar lineup to the team which finished second in the regular season last year, before being narrowly beaten in the playoff semi-finals. Captain McIntyre believes, quite correctly, that Fetterley, whose own team disbanded, and Ho will be more than adequate replacements for departed team members. Add the editor and commissioner, and this team will likely generate more material for the *Matchpointer* than any other. Unfortunately for the Hideous Hog-In-Training and his cohorts in the Vancouver Bridge Mafia-In-Training, *Matchpointer* stories do not necessarily mean victories at the table. Once their training is complete, however, look out. This team's day is sure to come.

Rating: 19/30

3. **Diane Dean (Jim Balcom, Tove Chen, Bob Jess, Leslie Laudan, Nancy Yoshida)** While Balcom has turned over the team captaincy to Dean, this is essentially the same team which has been slowly plying its trade through the B & C Leagues for several years. After getting hammered in the B's a few years ago, the team dropped down to C two years ago. Their victory there gave them enough confidence and experience to return to, and succeed in, B, a fact they proved by slipping into third place during last year's regular season, then upsetting McIntyre in the playoff semifinals. This year, the team has added another top Flight C player in Laudan, which should give them more versatility. Despite this, the team will again test the truth of the ancient fable of the tortoise and the hare. Hares beware, the tortoises could, and probably will, plod past you.

Rating: 17/30

4. **Sandra Robson (Angela Fenton, Pauline Lee, Marina Page, Anne & Terry Scott)** This is

definitely Flight B's dark horse team. Despite being a Port Moody resident, Robson, another perennial Flight B participant, went shopping on the North Shore and assembled an all-new team this year. In Fenton and the Scotts, Robson picked up some hardy veterans of the old Pemberton club who, if not spectacular, should provide a steady bottom for the rest of the team. In Lee and Page, Robson has found some promising players whose enthusiasm should complement her veterans. Under normal circumstances, this team would get the nod for first. However, history shows Flight B is anything but normal and many previous teams with lots of talent but little experience in the vagaries of league play have required a year or two of seasoning. The same could be true of this team.

Rating: 16/30

5. **Dee Kerr (Kathy Bye, Ram Hira, Corinne Tapley)** Like Robson, this is another team which is difficult to place. Bye is the only one with recent league experience, and while she has enjoyed some good results recently, her team foundered badly last year. Her new team may founder as well, wasting the first few matches as they develop a cohesive style. The team does have a solid anchor in Hira, a veteran player who seems to prefer the rubber-style bridge the league is based on. Of course, one must question whether an anchor will give them stability or simply root them to the bottom. The team could also suffer from a short lineup. Four person teams are notoriously difficult to manage in league play and the team could be forced to supplement its lineup with unproven players from time to time, to generally detrimental effect.

Rating: 15/30

6. **Dawn Kingsland (Lillian Gibson, Nigel Nicholas, Maureen Schwartz, Skye Williamson)** Does success in Flight C mean success in Flight B? Kingsland and her teammates are hoping it does. No doubt they are looking at the experience of the Balcom (now Dean) team, which won Flight C two years ago and made it to the Flight B finals last year. This pundit does not believe lightning strikes twice, so do not expect them to be challenging for the top this year. The addition of Lillian Gibson to last year's winning lineup is not enough to make this quintette a Flight B contender, but, all in all, the steady performance of the Kingsland/Williamson tandem should ensure the team will not be blitzed by anyone.

Rating: 12/30

7. **Larry Meyer (Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita)** What is with these guys? This is year three for this lineup, and they have yet to decide whether they are a good team or a bad team. Two years ago, this identical lineup made it to the finals. A similar lineup reached the finals a few years earlier. However, last year the

Delphine Tablotney

1994 BC Women's Team Champion

It started out as a "headache," but "it got into my blood," and now there is nothing Delphine Tablotney would rather do than play bridge.

She got her bridge start by taking a course from Lisa Strebinger at Churchill High School well over 30 years ago. After playing kitchen bridge for a time, she played her first duplicate at the old Kerrisdale club against such luminaries as Adrian Hicks and the Turnbills.

"We got hammered and went away with a headache," Tablotney recalls, "but we went back for more torture."

It is a decision she has never regretted.

"I don't know where I'd be without bridge. I've met an awful lot of people and made a lot of friends," she says, adding she became a life master in 1978 "when it was far more difficult than it is today."

During her first ten years, Tablotney played only one or two club games a week and just one tournament a year, that being the Evergreen Sectional then held at Harrison Hot Springs.

"It was our holiday from our husbands and kids," she notes, "it was a very relaxing time."

She professes to no longer care about the matchpoints, instead preferring "the camaraderie and the fun of talking over the hands."

Tablotney admits she can be hyper at the table, often losing her temper, particularly at herself. Despite that she insists bridge has been "a really nice time of my life."

She considers her involvement in the women's teams a highlight, having attended the national championships the past five years, the last time as the B.C. women's team champion.

Although "it has been a lot of fun. You get to know the people and make a lot of friends," she expresses concern about the direction the competition is going.

"I don't agree with the current selection process and the way the conditions of contest are not being followed," she says, "each year there is a little more frustration with the format."

Tablotney ranks Phyllis Gerber as a favorite partner. The pair have developed a strong partnership since first playing together in the late 70's. However, she advocates playing with more than one partner.

"When I first started out I played with only one partner and I was making the same dumb mistakes all the time."

So she expanded her partnership base and took lessons, including some from Mike Lawrence, who was living in the area

at the time. Not all the lessons were helpful. "We took a course from Hugh Walter but it was all on squeezes and we didn't even know what squeezes were at the time."

In addition to playing, Tablotney has regularly contributed her time and talents to bridge administration, most recently acting as hospitality chair of the last Vancouver regional.

"It was a nice experience once I got into it," she says, stressing hospitality adds to enjoyment of a regional. "It's a lot of work but I think it's appreciated."

Tablotney admits the cost of bridge is increasing but believes it is still "the very best entertainment for your money. Where else can you go to get 3.5 hours of entertainment for just \$5?" she asks, pointing out "I can go out and play bridge 4-5 times a week for the price of one of my husband's golf games."

She has no intention of quitting the game. "I've always said I remember Marie Scott. That's the way I want to go: calling for the ace of spades off dummy. That would be the best way to leave this world."



same five guys finished a dismal last. Which team will show up to play this year? Will it be the team of winners, or will we again see a team which takes enough unreasoned fliers to find itself a few IMPs short at the end of each night. If you believe these rubber bridge strategists have refound their winning touch, put them at the top of the list. If you think this year will be a repeat of last year, put them at the bottom. I don't believe this will be as poor as last year, but I wonder if it will be much better.

Rating: 11/30

8. **John Whittlesey (Louise Elliott, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins)** Another four-bagger, this team will find the year a learning experience. Whittlesey and Elliott are developing a solid partnership and gained some league experience on a fill-in basis last year, but still need more seasoning before they become real contenders. In Lam and Wilkins, Whittlesey/Elliott have found a capable pair to assist them, but, again, the pair lacks the experience and expertise to match the talent to be found in teams rated above them. Of course, Jimmy the

Turk is rarely able to correctly predict the last-place team, and he would not want to break his streak. In placing them on the bottom rung of the ladder, he may have given this team the incentive it needs to escape that fate at season's end.

Rating: 10/30

(Flight C predictions will be in the December *Matchpointer*. Non-Life Masters ALERT! Get your teams together now for the C Flight of the IMP League. Our predictor promises kindness... -Mcb)

The Suicide Finesse

by Louis Landau

This hand came up during the Swiss Team event at the recent Sectional in Queensborough and was a very good example of what could be called The Suicide Finesse. The contract was relatively easy to reach and both Wests decided that the only lead that would do no harm was to lead the unbid major. This was an excellent lead and immediately put declarer to the test. In a suit contract it is essential to count your losers to discover just where you are, and on this hand South can count one spade loser and either two or three diamond losers, depending on where the missing honours happen to be. As the cards lie, if South takes the spade finesse, East wins and a diamond return nets three more tricks for a one-trick set. This happened at one table and South apologised to his partner and said the way the cards lay there was nothing he could do about it. This, of course, was not true as they found out when they compared scores at the end of the round and found that the other team had made an overtrick, for a swing of 750 or 13 IMPs, enough to lose the round.

The secret to the play of this hand is in timing. It should be obvious to declarer that the danger with this hand is that he

will lose three diamonds as well as the inevitable spade, so all his efforts should be directed towards avoiding this. What should be done is to decline the spade finesse and go up with the ace. It is then a simple matter of drawing trumps

and then playing three winning clubs, throwing off two losing diamonds from dummy on the two extra winners. By this simple play, South can reduce his three or four losers down to a maximum of two: the spade king and the diamond ace, whoever holds them. When playing teams the top priority is to make your contract. Never try to make extra tricks if the whole contract could be put in jeopardy. No one really wants to commit suicide when it is unnecessary.

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	♠ AQJT	
	♥ 98765	
	♦ 652	
	♣ 3	
West		East
♠ 32	♠ K985	
♥ T4	♥ 32	
♦ AQ7	♦ JT98	
♣ J96542	♣ T87	
	South	
	♠ 764	
	♥ AKQJ	
	♦ K43	
	♣ AKQ	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			



The Peloton Theory

by Bruce McIntyre

With each summer comes the Tour de France bicycle race, a sporting event often conceded to the eventual victor before it is half over, like a bridge hand. And from this yearly spectacle we pick up a wonderful term which can be applied to duplicate bridge, that of the "peloton."

Peloton, a French word meaning "group" or "squad", has a special meaning in cycling. When three hundred thin men in skin-tight short pants toe-clip themselves into their machines and begin the day's stage of Le Tour, they don't all rush head-long for the finish line, because it's miles away in another province. Instead, they quickly form into three distinct groups: leaders, the peloton (which often includes half or more of the bikes in the race), and stragglers. Each has its own distinct strategy.

The advantage of being in the peloton is that there is far less wind resistance when there are fifty bikes directly ahead of you, which saves on energy in the long run. The disadvantage is that the peloton moves at a rigid pace, one which is never good enough to win. To

escape the peloton requires extreme tactical skill or very good luck: you either inch your way past bike after bike until after twenty or thirty minutes of gaining slowly, you feel the head wind and see only asphalt ahead; or the road becomes wider and you find an opening and time the advance perfectly.

If you are behind the peloton, your goal is to reach it, of course. If you're ahead of the peloton, your goal is to stay there, but if the race has just begun this is unlikely. The overall strategy can be summed up as follows: only the most massive of early leads is out of eventual peloton range; and when the race enters the final stages, as long as you are in the peloton or better, you have a shot at winning.

Applying peloton theory to bridge, it is quickly apparent that most games, especially large tournament events, have a similar peloton of pairs between 47 and 53% at any one time people who will probably not win any masterpoint awards. At matchpoints, where every board in a 24-28 board session is worth about 4%, you can increase (or decrease) your final score by about 2% for each top (or bottom). So if you are hovering near the front of the peloton at about 52% with six boards left, this is the time to make your move: you still have a chance to win (six tops will put you at about 64%

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schnieder

It is surprising to find that even experienced partnerships, who have no trouble bidding major suit slams, find it difficult to bid slams when the length is in the minors. 3NT seems to be the universal and popular resting place once the lack of a major suit fit is discovered. This hand from the Calgary Regional is a case in point.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣ (1)	Pass	1♥ (2)
Pass	2♦ (3)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ (4)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠ (5)	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 16 + HCP, any shape.
- 8+ HCP, 5 or more hearts.

3. 16-21, 5 or more diamonds.

4. Since North bypasses 3NT, this must be a mild slam try in clubs, quite justified in view of the singleton in partner's suit, the good diamonds, and the super club fit.

5. RKC: 2 key cards with the club queen.

North dealer Vul: N-S Lead: ♠J	North	West	East	South
	♠ Axx ♥ J ♦ AKQxxx ♣ QJTxxx	♠ Kxxxx ♥ QTxxx ♦ JT9xx ♣ -	♠ JT9xx ♥ Kxxx ♦ xxx ♣ 98xxx	♠ Qx ♥ Axxxx ♦ xxx ♣ AKxxx

When the queen of clubs reveals the bad trump break we pull just three rounds of trumps and then A-K and a small diamond. If East ruffs we pitch our losing spade in dummy and can later ruff the spade with dummy's fourth trump. If East pitches, we ruff, come to hand with a heart ruff, pull the last trump and run the diamonds conceding a late spade trick. Plus 1370 was worth nearly all the matchpoints.

Peloton theory, continued from page 8

which is often a winning total), and a reasonable streak of three tops and three averages will get you to 58%, and you'll be among the leaders.

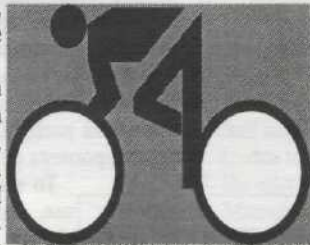
The key difference, of course, is that in bridge you can cut through the peloton like a hot knife through butter with good results. In cycling you can pedal like hell for an hour and not get out of the middle of the peloton. In a recent game, my partner and I waged a war against the peloton all evening; we passed it, it passed us, this all happened over and over until we crossed the finish line just ahead of it: stopped the bike, turned around and were run over by the stampeding herd! This, to my knowledge, has never happened to anyone in the history of Le Tour.

So, to successfully apply the peloton theory to your game, you need to have a good idea where you stand at all times, which means a good estimating system. The simpler your system is, the better. I use the Numeric GO-TO-BAT system. You've seen people use the non-numeric form of GO-TO-BAT: T is a top, O is a bottom, A is average, and G and B are good and bad respectively. At the end of the game they look at this GOAGBATOAGATO gibberish and somehow decide what it all adds up to. My system converts all this into numbers: 4 is a top, 0 is a bottom, 2 is average. After each round I compare what we got with what was average: if we scored 5 in two boards we're plus one for the round. If we're between -3 and +3 at any point in the session we're inside the peloton. You can also estimate

based on the actual top, but it's more complicated to add eights and elevens and fives, and anyhow our greatest players can't accurately estimate the difference between an eight and a nine on a twelve top.

To improve your skills at estimating your score on boards, you must collect your matchpoints at the end of the game and see how close your estimates were, and then work out where you went wrong. If top is 12, for example, your estimate multiplied by three should be pretty close to what you got; if not, you should find out why. As you get better, you might start scoring in half-points: 2½ is an average-plus; ½ is a shared bottom, etc. The key to good estimating is to make a first guess before you look at the travelling score-sheet in the early rounds. If you went minus 50 in 3NT in round two, and you honestly feel this is a normal result, don't let the +400 scored up in the first round sway your prediction too much. But if it's round ten and there are nine plus scores, you must have missed something, and even if you didn't the other tables did: -50 isn't going to be good, no matter how normal it felt at the time.

The one thing that peloton theory will teach you is never to give up. I have played sessions where my predictions had us eight or twelve points in the hole, and we've gotten back to average or better. It doesn't matter what happened early on, if you are at average with a few rounds left, you have a shot at winning. And average heading into the last round gives you a chance at winning masterpoints. So the next time you play, pretend there are fifty cyclists around you jostling for position and see what happens in the final sprint to the finish!



Bridge Software

by Gordon McOrmond

Bridge Olympiad by Quantum Quality Productions, Inc. *Bridge Olympiad* proved to be a disappointment for me. The cover of the software package made the claim of being "The World's Finest Computer Bridge Game." However, in my opinion the title is still in dispute.

After first installing the program I found that 509 K wasn't enough to run it, so I ran Memmaker (from DOS) to increase my free memory to 590 K. This proved enough to run the program smoothly.

The opening screens and music are impressive and rank in quality with any of the modern game genre. You can shortcut through the title screens by hitting any key. Soon you are in the lobby of a swank hotel and have the choice of playing in a game of practice bridge, rubber bridge, or the Olympiad teams. IMPS is my favorite game so I chose to start in this section. First I had to choose my partners and system. System choices were natural (like Acol), American (5-card majors), and Precision. It should be noted that this is the first program that I have seen that offered Precision as a bidding system choice. The choice of partners is great. Each player had a detailed picture accompanied by a list of his/her/its attributes: bid level, play level, aggressiveness and cheating (seems to relate to their ability to psyche). Choosing partners is an easy and fun process.

Soon I moved on to an attractive screen showing three hands dealt face down and my own dealt face up. After answering the copy protection question (based on a random word chosen from the manual), I was ready to play.

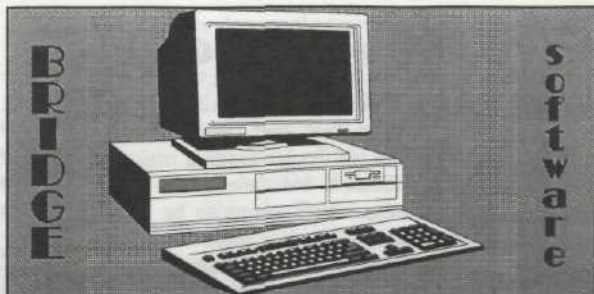
Playing around with the controls I found that I could turn off the background music (an immediate improvement). Some other features included your choice of playing or not playing these conventions: Jacoby Transfers, Gambling 3NT, and weak jump overcalls. I

decided to live dangerously and chose affirmative for all of the above.

The first hand it dealt was:

East-West quickly bid to Four Hearts on this auction: 1♥ - 2♠, 2♠ - 3♥, 4♥.

I led my top diamond, declarer won the ten and proceeded to cash the ace-king of diamonds, except that my computer partner ruffed and returned the jack of spades. Declarer won the ace, cashed the king of spades, and ruffed a spade



low in dummy, everyone following. Then dummy led a small heart, partner rose with his/her/its ace, cashed the ace of clubs and led a heart. Declarer flew with the heart king and managed to get out for down one by endplaying partner with his queen of trumps.

Not a very strong line of play, though some human declarers might go down after making the mistake of leading a trump off dummy at the wrong time.

On the next hand the computer confirmed its poor declarer play ability. It quickly bid to a reasonable Six Hearts slam requiring declarer to play trumps (AT3 opposite KJ9876) for no losers. The computer had no problem, it won the first trick in dummy and led the three of hearts to the six, successfully finessing my partner's doubleton queen! Very few human declarers would make such a weak play.

A nice feature in the Olympiad mode was that after you played the hand, you had the option of viewing the closed room, where the computer bid, defended, and played all the hands. If the computer was a better player, the experience would have been more rewarding.

Without going into a lot of similar examples of the computer's bidding and play, I will conclude by saying that most experienced duplicate bridge players would not find the program very challenging. Although it does feature some interesting options like tutor (recommends bids and plays) and auto (plays all hands), the poor quality of its advice reduces its value. It has the capability of changing the deal type from random to South-best, or N-S game, or N-S slam. These options are not as good as Bridge Master by Capstone. Nor does this package offer the ability to connect with partners and opponents over the phone lines.

To summarize: I liked the graphics, the ease of use, and the choice of partners, opponents and players. I disliked the poor play and defending level, the narrow choice of definable hand types, the lack of modern communication, the inability to print hands and the inability to input or save deals.

(Bridge Olympiad by Quantum Quality Productions, Inc., sells for \$54.95. Bridge players who mention the *Match-pointer* ad will receive 15% off this price at Strider Computers 594-5422)

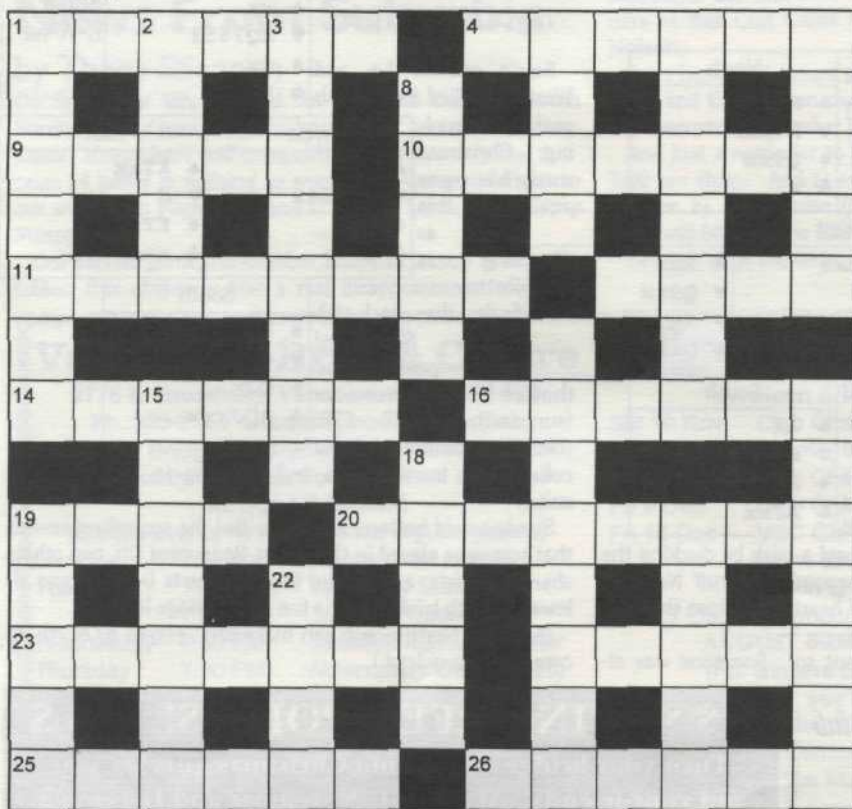
North dealer Vul: N-S Lead: ♠J	North	
	♠	Jxxx
	♥	AQxxx
	♦	xxx
	♣	Axxxx

	West	East
♠	xxx	♠ AKxxx
♥	8xxx	♥ KJT9xx
♦	KJxx	♦ AQT
♣	KQTxxx	♣ x

	South
♠	QTxxx
♥	x
♦	xxxxxxx
♣	Jxxx

Cryptic Crossword

by Pat Stapff



Answers are based on wordplay: anagrams, hidden words, double meanings, etc. Many but not all relate to bridge.

ACROSS

1. Reject garbage (6)
4. But I do change to do better than opponents (6)
9. Victor's girl has love (5)
10. Lead given to antagonist in final drama
11. Bid after opponents psychic! End in outright first! (8)
12. Nothing taken by returning DOW director (4)
14. Certain wise cures hidden (6)
16. Send in altered Sorenson (6)
19. Relatives \$1,000 high card (4)
20. Smash double jump shows one (8)
23. Rubbed a bad red mongrel (7)
24. Reported chess piece dark (5)
25. Enrol some dozen listeners (6)
26. Warnings found in Scottsdale RT system (6)

Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club
 Thursdays at 11AM at 950 West 41st Ave, Vancouver
 Games open to all players: Oct 20, Club Championship
 Connie Delisle (263-9196), director

Tsawassen Bridge Club
 South Delta Rec Centre
 1720-56th Street, Delta
 Finn Schultz 534-5025
 Mondays 7:30 pm

ARBUTUS VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB
 Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
 28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver
BY INVITATION ONLY
 Shirley Bowers 732-3252
 Susan Gyemant 732-8555

DOWN

1. Drives in sheep with poles (7)
2. First fire sale ordered in error (5)
3. Cat drops damaged five of diamonds (8)
5. Initially Unit not District organizations cause downfall (4)
6. Swell dance orchestra leader taken on (6)
7. Dull commercial for *Nymph* (5)
8. Trades leads out of order (5)
13. By mistake ignore a large tournament (8)
15. Manage ace (7)
17. Drinks for leprechauns? (7)
18. Sam's suit (5)
19. Fool Jack (5)
21. Wild cat legend found in file (5)
22. Dad's odd totals (5)

Send your solutions to Bruce McIntyre (address on page 2).
 The first three correct entries drawn on December 1st will
 receive a free play to a Monthly Unit Game in
 1995. Solution next issue...

Tops And Bottoms?

by Joerg Schneider

At Hazel Dressler's weekly club game this hand came along:

East-West, after some exotic bidding, found themselves in Four Spades Doubled. Accurate defense netted +1100 for North-South. North led his singleton club to the ace, ruffed the return and shot back the diamond queen, which West covered in dummy. Another club ruff followed, and South regained the lead with the diamond jack to shoot a heart through, setting up a heart trick with the two high spades still to come. (Declarer could have saved a trick by ducking the diamond queen; now after the second club ruff North is endplayed and has to either lead a heart away from the king or concede a ruff sluff in diamonds.

Surely +1100 was a cold top-not so! Someone was al-

Dealer: ? None vul Lead: ♠ J vs 4♠ *	North	
	♠ xxx	♥ KTxxx
	♦ Q9xxx	♣ x
	West	East
	♠ QJTxxx	♠ 9xxx
	♥ Ax	♥ Q9xxx
	♦ xxx	♦ Kx
	♣ Kxxxx	♣ Qxxxx
	South	
	♠ AK	
	♥ xxx	
	♦ AJTxxx	
	♣ AJxxx	

lowed to play in Four Diamonds Doubled making six for a rare score of +1110!!

Then, a few hands later:

South opened 1♣ and West overcalled 2♥. North

passed, drooling: Christmas surely has come early this year as long as

partner finds the back-stab double. She does!

Three passes and thirteen tricks later we are (surprise!) MINUS 670! (Declarer cannot fail to collect four trump tricks and ace-king in both rounded suits.)

Surely a cold bottom, we think. But the scoresheet reveals that someone played in One Heart Redoubled (!!), two others shared our fate, and a third in Two Hearts Doubled was allowed a ninth trick! What a fun game bridge is!

(Actually, North-South can make 2NT, played by North, in comfort on any lead.)

	North	South dealer E-W vul
	♠ xxx	
	♥ AQ7653	
	♦ xxx	
	♣ Kxxx	
	West	East
	♠ Axxx	♠ KTxxx
	♥ KT9842	♥ J
	♦ Axxx	♦ KTxxx
	♣ x	♣ xxx
	South	
	♠ QJ9x	
	♥ -	
	♦ QJx	
	♣ AQJxxx	

Fraser Valley Bridge Club

Century House, 620 8th St.

New Westminster

Thursday at 7:15PM sharp

Liz 589-9321 Ted 421-1266

Larry 526-1953

\$5 entry (includes refreshments) for regular games, special events extra no smoking in playing area

handicap games last Thu. each month

Oct 20 Stratified Game (Open Pairs)

Nov 3 Mitch Hodge Trophy Game (local charity)

Nov 17 Swiss Teams Dec 1 Stratified

Oct. 20 Christmas Party/Club Champ.

Recent Winners

Aug 18 Teams: Gary Phelan, Edith Hicks, Dan Watson, Gladys Mackie
Sept 8 Charity C.C.: Ernie Dietrich & Mike Moffatt

Sept 22 Vantage Travel Instant MP:
N-S: Ev Hodge & Donna Morrison
E-W: June Pocock & Gladys Mackie
IMP League: \$10/team

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\$\$\$ WIN GREEN POINTS! \$\$\$

Turn your bridge ability into Christmas gifts for you and your friends! At all VBC November and December games, each full masterpoint you win gets you \$2.00 off purchases of any VBC books or supplies.

Hastings

Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St.

Vancouver

Marianne Scott 298-3932

Wednesdays

10:30 am

(new time: don't be late!)

sandwiches, cookies,
tea/coffee

Everyone Welcome!

South Surrey

Bridge Club

1284 184th Street

(Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club)

Director/Manager:

Arlene Browning-599-4771

REGULAR GAME

Mondays at 7:15pm

Computer Scoring

Handicap Game first Monday
of each month

News From Suburbia

by Thony Stienon

On September 4th, we held our first Unit Game in South Surrey, and by now everyone knows that, in terms of attendance, atmosphere and competition, it was a very real success: 14 tables is nothing to sneer at... Congratulations to our winners in Flight A, B, and C: Shirley Laidlaw and Gypsy Sturrock.

Our second game, on October 2nd, had a total of only 8½ tables: this obviously was a real disappointment after the

success of our first one. Anyway, that's life. And the winners of this Unit Game were Pat Wotherspoon and Daisy Neilson.

Let's hope that future games will show a steady improvement and that we can match and even improve on our first achievement. November 6th is the next one.

And just a reminder to all: the Unit Game always starts at 7:00 pm sharp. And as everyone knows already, for the December 11 Unit Game (the annual Unit Christmas Party) there will be only one site: the Marpole Community Centre.

See you all at the table...

Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8

Ph. 255-2564 Lessons, books, supplies

Rubber Bridge: whenever four wallets collide
(usually Sat eve., Sun aft., Mon. eve.)

REGULAR GAMES

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday	7:30 PM	Intermediate (0-50)
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Open Day Game
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Stratified non-Life Master
Thursday	7:30 PM	Newcomers Game (0-20) (resumes Sept. 15)
	7:30 PM	Open (Loonie) Game
Friday	11:00 AM	Supervised Play
(TGIF:last)	8:00 PM	Open Lucky # Game
Saturday	1:00 PM	Beat the Experts (new time beginning Oct. 22)
	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs
Sunday	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 19 Oct	Stratified Olympiad Fund Game (LM & non-LM) Hand analyses; proceeds to CBF International Fund	
Sat 22 Oct	Beat the Experts returns to VBC	
Sun 23 Oct	NAP Flight A Unit Final (Noon & TBA)	
Tue 25 Oct	(Eve.) COPC Club Qualifying	
Wed 26 Oct	NLM Club Championship	
Fri 28 Oct	TGIF featuring the return of VBC's "Hired Gun Kitchens." An optional dinner will be provided at 6:30 at an extra cost of \$4 with proceeds to the Vancouver Sun Christmas Stocking Fund	
	Club Championship (0-50 MP)	
Mon 31 Oct	Club Championship (0-50 MP)	

Thu 3 Nov	Club Championship
Sat 5 Nov	CNTC/GNT Stratified Club Qualifying Noon & TBA
	Club Championship
Tue 22 Nov	Evening Club Championship
Sun 27 Nov	Club Championship
Fri 9 Dec	Club Championship
Fri 16 Dec	VBC Christmas Party Game. Pre-game dinner is free (except for \$2 donation to Empty Stocking Fund)
	Afternoon Club Championship

AUGUST BRIDGEFEST WINNERS

(For winners of Club Championship games, see the list on page 14)

Tuesday Eve (membership game)	A: Don Sache/Larry Pocock
	B: Corrine Tapley/Ram Hira
	C: Jim McKenzie/Bob Takashita
Wed 24 Aug	B: J. Greenhut/S. Fitterman
	C: Arkadiusz Sitek/Cal Chugg
Sun 28 Aug	B: Ruby Jackson/Sandra Hawk

MONSTER (>70%) GAMES:

Mon 4 Oct. Nomi Kaplan/Jerry Grove, 74.5%

Thu 18 Aug: Connie Delisle/Paul Hagen, 72.0%

GREEN POINTS IN NOV-DEC: Masterpoints won=discounts on books and supplies! See our ad on page 12.

BEAT THE EXPERTS RETURNS!

Beginning Oct 22, a new game will be run on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm. The game will be run regularly as a "Beat the Experts" with a **free play** awarded to each player that manages to beat our designated expert pair! Please note the Saturday Evening game is now cancelled.

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: October 8, 1994. Not including invitation-only clubs.)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Most Recent Club Champions
Mon	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	H: 16 Nov, 5 Dec	19 Oct (Wed.)	Edna Quinn/Marina Page
	1045a	BBY	H. Dressler	H: 1st	unavailable	unavailable
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	Teams	27 Oct (Thu.)	see Wednesday
	715p	SRY	A. Browning	H: 1st	unavailable	unavailable
	730p	CWK	B. Percher	open	17 Oct	Ken Cowherd/David Schmidt
	730p	TSW	F. Schultz	open	unavailable	unavailable
	730p	VBC	C. Delisle	LP:0-50	12 Dec	Nomi Kaplan/Jerry Growe
Tue	1100a	VBC	A. Nagy	open	27 Dec	Phil Hernandez/Jim Burt
	1200p	S-W	T. Stiennon	Teams: 13 Dec	22 Nov	Isabel Chernoff/Willm. Kennedy
	730p	BBY	H. Dressler	open	unavailable	unavailable
	730p	VBC	A. Ballantyne	S:0/200/750	22 Nov	Michael Neagu/Mike Dorn Wiss
Wed	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	S:23 Nov	14 Dec	Shirley McKinney/Julie Smith
	1030a	HAS	M. Scott	open	unavailable	unavailable
	100p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	27 Oct (Thu.)	1993: Jean Coyle (Individual)
	715p	WRK	F. Schultz	H: last	7 Dec	Ina Anderson/Wilf May
	730p	M-R	B. Percher	open (new location)	unscheduled	Garry Skoropada/Evelyn Start
	730p	C.V	A. Yallouz	open	19 Oct	Catriona Brown/John Ashwell
	730p	VBC	B. Russell	LP, S:0/20/100-NLM	26 Oct	J. Greenhut/S. Fitterman
730p	VCR	L. Landau	S, and LP:0-50	26 Oct	Catriona Brown/Joyce Peters	
Thu	1100a	JCC	C. Delisle	open	20 Oct	new game—none yet held
	1200p	CLO	P. Stapff	open	8 Dec	J. Schneider/B. Anderson
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	27 Oct	see Wednesday
	715p	F.V	L. Hicks	H: last	15 Dec	Ted Hicks/Oddy Skonnord
	730p	MIS	B. Percher	open	3 Nov	Jim Sache/Lois Mazuren
	730p	VBC	E. Chan	LP: 0-20	unscheduled	new game—none yet held
	730p	VBC	G. Davis	open	3 Nov	Leo Steil/Marguerite Chiarenza
Fri	1100a	VBC	C. Delisle	Supervised Play—no masterpoint awards given.		
	730p	ABB	B. Percher	open	unscheduled	Roy & Eileen Van Pelt
	730p	S-D*	T. Stiennon	Teams:18 Nov	25 Nov	Insa Fricker/Elaine Levins
	800p	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	9 Dec	Ken Robertson/Aidan Ballantyne
Sat	100p	VBC	G. Davis	S, Note new time	19 Nov	Hazel Nicol/Jean Bardsley
Sun	100p	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: 13 Nov	4 Dec	Bernie Hoy/Sefton Levine
	630p	VBC	B. Russell	IP,S:0/200/750, X:1st	27 Nov	Leo Steil/Phil Hernandez

H=handicap S=stratified LP=limited masterpoint game IP=IMP Pairs X:n=game not held on nth week. 1st, 2nd, last, etc: only in the first, second, or last (or whatever) week of each month. (All listed clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks.) Games limited to club members and guests are not listed here. Some clubs hold quarterly club championships for each weekly session, others hold one for all of their sessions. Most clubs will usually be happy to provide space and supplies for IMP League matches for a small table fee: but please contact the director in advance for fees and availability.

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Special Events at Clubs

October 15—December 20, 1994

(Club Championship dates for all Unit 430 clubs can also be found in the Weekly Game List on page 14.)

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
15-16 Oct		VBC	Future Stars Sectional (regular games at VBC held concurrently)
15 Oct	7:30	VBC	Final Saturday evening game
17 Oct	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
18 Oct	7:00	S-W	Membership Game
19 Oct	10:00	VCR	Lions Gate Handcp Pairs Championship
19 Oct	7:30	C-V	Club Championship
19 Oct	7:30	VCR	Canadian Olympiad Fund Game
19 Oct	7:30	VBC	Strat. Olympiad Fund Game (LM/NLM)
20 Oct	11:00	JCC	Club Championship
20 Oct	7:15	F-V	Stratified Game
21 Oct	7:30	S-D	Membership Game
22 Oct	1:00	VBC	New afternoon game begins
23 Oct	1:30	VCR	Special Charity Pairs at Har El Comm. Centre, 1735 Inglewood, West Vcr.
23 Oct	noon+	VBC	NAP Flight A Unit Final (2 sessions)
23 Oct	6:30	VBC	IMP Pairs game runs concurrently
25 Oct	7:30	VBC	COPC Club Qualifying Game
26 Oct	10:00	VCR	COPC Club Qualifying Game
26 Oct	7:30	VBC	NLM Club Championship
26 Oct	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
28 Oct	8:00	VBC	TGIF Party night (\$4 Dinner at 6:30 with proceeds to charity)
30 Oct	11:30 & TBA	ABB	12th Annual Max Charity Swiss Teams (at Abby Arts Addition)
31 Oct	7:30	BBY	Hallowe'en Costume Party/Contest Prizes for best three costumes
31 Oct	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-50 MP)
03 Nov	noon	CLO	Swiss Teams
03 Nov	7:30	MIS	Club Championship
03 Nov	7:30	F-V	Mitch Hodge Trophy Charity Game
03 Nov	7:30	VBC	Club Championship

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
04 Nov	7:30	S-D	Alternate location: St. John United Church, 7655-120th Street, Delta
05 Nov	noon & TBA	VBC	CNTC/GNT Stratified Club Qualifying (2 sessions, reg game still on)
06 Nov	1:00	RMD	Membership Game: hand records
06 Nov	7:00	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
11-13 Nov			Most clubs closed for Round-Up Sectional at Pacific Inn in White Rock
16 Nov	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
17 Nov	7:15	F-V	Swiss Teams
18 Nov	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
19 Nov	1:00	VBC	Club Championship
21 Nov	7:00	SUN	ACBL-wide Charity Game
21 Nov	7:30	CWK	ACBL-wide Charity Game
22 Nov	noon	S-W	Club Championship
22 Nov	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
23 Nov	10:00	VCR	Stratified Game
25 Nov	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
27 Nov	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
30 Nov	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
01 Dec			Deadline for all December Matchpointer material
01 Dec	7:15	F-V	Stratified Pairs
04 Dec	1:00	RMD	Club Championship: hand records
04 Dec	6:30	VBC	IMP Pairs as usual (no Unit Game)
05 Dec	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
07 Dec	7:15	WRK	Club Championship
08 Dec	noon	CLO	Club Championship
09 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
Please note when attending club Christmas parties that pre-registration helps club managers plan more effectively. Most clubs charge a small extra fee for the party if dinner is included; check the club ads for the exact details.			
11 Dec	6:30	VBC	No IMP Pairs Game (Unit Xmas Party)
11 Dec	6:00		Marpole Community Centre: 1994 Unit 430 Christmas Party (see ad on page 26)
12 Dec	7:30	CWK	Chwk. Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game

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Club Abbreviations

ABB	Abbotsford DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	F-V	Fraser Valley BC (Liz Hicks 589-9321)	S-W	South-West DBC (Thony Stienon 951-7560)
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only: Shirley Bowers 732-3252 or Susan Gyemant 732-8555)	HAS	Hastings BC (Marianne Scott 298-3932)	SRY	South Surrey BC (Arlene Browning 599-4771)
BBY	Burnaby DBC (Hazel Dressler 524-4445)	JCC	Jewish Community Centre BC (Connie Delisle 263-9196)	SUN	Sunshine Coast BC (Rudy Notzl 885-5552)
C.V	Central Vancouver BC (Albert Yallouz 321-1891)	MIS	Mission DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	TSW	Tsawassen BC (Finn Schultz 534-5025)
CLO	Cloverdale BC (Pat Stapff 588-6794)	M-R	Maple Ridge DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre (Club: 255-2564)
CWK	Chilliwack DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	RMD	East Richmond BC (Ernie Dietrich 936-2298)	VCR	Vancouver BC (Louis Landau 984-8309)
		S-D	Sur-Del BC (Thony Stienon 951-7560)	WRK	White Rock BC (Kay Lyons 536-0486)

VBC Press Release

Summer Big Events Wrap Up

The summer season, slow? Not according to the VBC, which recently wrapped up a twelve-week, twelve-team Summer IMP League and a late-August Club Championship Week. The Summer IMP League Champagne Division champions were the Paragons: Robin Chan, Vincent Chan, Hobert Liang, Arthur Ma, and C.C. Lai. Coming out on top in the consolation Beer Division were the Searchlights (Dianne Isfeld, Mechthild Kellas-Dicks, Craig Snelgrove, Dee Kerr, Martin Johnson., and Ram Hira. All these names, plus those of last year's winners appear on a beautiful trophy on display at the club. The VBC wanted to thank the source of the detailed standings displays for "organizing," but while typing this up he forgot...

Club Championship Week, run under the name BridgeFest, was held from August 22 thru 28. The mini-tournament was a major success, culminating in a barbecue despite uncooperative weather. The week-long masterpoint race ended as listed below:

An unscrupulous editor of a Unit publication, notorious for his tall tales of local bridge lore, tried to get several of the people on the list to illuminate the juicy story of the Thursday night post mortem in print, but luckily for the reputation of many notables, the sordid story was kept out of the yellow press, keeping all of the "guilty" parties anonymous.... ☺

1. Aidan Ballantyne	8.65
2. Leo Steil	7.68
3. Phil Hernandez	7.07
4. Ken Robertson	6.11
5. Rob Shelburn	6.07
6. Larry Pocock	6.03
Don Sache	6.03
8. Pauline McClafferty	5.64
9. Arkadiusz Sitek	4.00
10. Trudy Hurdle	3.62

Special Events at Clubs cont. from page 15

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
13 Dec	noon	S-W	Swiss Teams
14 Dec	10:00	VCR	Club Championship/Christmas Party
14 Dec	7:30	M-R	Christmas Game
14 Dec	7:30	C-V	Christmas Party
14 Dec	7:30	VCR	Christmas Party
15 Dec	7:30	MIS	Christmas Game
15 Dec	7:15	F-V	Christmas Party
16 Dec	6:00	VBC	Christmas Party and Dinner
16 Dec	7:30	ABB	Christmas Game
17 Dec	6:30	S-D	Christmas Party and Dinner
18 Dec	1:00	RMD	Christmas Party
19 Dec	7:30	CWK	Christmas Party

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
22 Dec	noon	CLO	Christmas Party
26 Dec	10:00	VCR	John Reeve Individual Championship
27 Dec	11:00	VBC	Club Championship
28 Dec	7:30	VCR	Club Championship

Central Vancouver Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Albert Yallouz 321-1891

Wednesdays 7:30 pm sharp

coffee and goodies computer scoring

Club Champs: 73.24% Game!

Catrina Brown & John Ashwell

Close but no cigar... (2nd)

Brian McCool & Hazel Stowards

DON'T MISS IT!

Oct 19: Club Championship

Dec. 14: Christmas Party

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 792-4389

partners always guaranteed

12th Annual Max Charity Teams

This annual event will be held in the

Abby Arts Addition on Oct. 30th

Two Sessions; 11:30 and TBA

Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre

9400 College Street

Mondays at 7:30 pm

Oct 17: Club Champ.

Nov 21: ACBL-wide

Charity Game

Dec 12: Chwk. Milk Bottle

Fund Charity Game

Dec 18 Christmas Party

Maple Ridge

Back in Business!

Centennial Centre Seniors

Complex: 11940-224th St.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Dec. 14: Christmas Game

More Chilliwack winners:
75% in Club Championship!

Dave Schmidt/Ken Cowherd

Mission

Leisure Centre

7621 Taulbut Ave.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Nov 3: Club Champ.

Dec 15: Christmas Game

Still more Chilliwack news:
Oct 3 Charity Game winners

Joan Olson/Phyllis Quigg

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre

2478 McCallum Road

Fridays at 7:30 pm

Oct 30-12th Annual Max

Charity Swiss Teams (two

session Swiss with

catered dinner)

Dec. 16: Christmas Game

VSOSVWEOB?

by Bruce McIntyre

Patti Prenty and I have an agreement about doubling a notrump opener. If it's a strong notrump, the double shows a one suited hand; if it's a weak notrump, the double shows cards (equal or better to whatever the notrump range is). The question is: without a name for this convention, how do you put this on a convention card? My solution: VSOSVWEOB. This stands for "Versus Strong, One Suited; Versus Weak, Equal Or Better," and, especially since I don't write very neatly, guarantees a query when opponents examine the card.

Or so I thought. Michael Neagu opened a notrump on my left, and Patti doubled. Rob Shelburn had a long look at my card but said nothing. Michael said "what are they playing?" Rob shook his head. "Looks like Volkswagen to me," he said. In the three months since I haven't thought of a better name for it, so I'm writing "Volkswagen" from now on. That should fetch some questions...

Another true story: a charming lady assured her partner, after one of my lighter-than-air overcalls kept them from bidding on, that it was difficult to know what was right in light of the "intravenous" bid....

White Rock Bridge Club

Sunnyside Community Centre
1854 154th St., White Rock, BC

Manager: Kay Lyons-536-0486

East Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie at River Rd.
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry, includes lunch

Sunday 1:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6: Membership Game

Dec 4: Club Championship

both pre-dealt with hand records

Closed for Sectional Sept. 11

Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

Club Championship Winners

Bernie Hoy and Sefton Levine

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm
Handicap Game on the last
Wednesday of each month

We welcome all bridge players
to a friendly bridge club

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

DON'T MISS THIS!

Oct 31: Our Annual

Hallowe'en Party and

Costume Contest! Tricks

and Treats, and prizes for

the best three costumes.

Sur-Del Bridge Club South-West D.B.C.

St. Cuthbert Church Elk's Club, 1469 George St.
11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC White Rock BC

Fridays: 7:30pm Regular Games Tuesdays: Noon

Nov 25 Club Championships Nov 22

Nov 18 Swiss Teams Dec 13

Oct 21 Membership Games Oct 18

Partners Guaranteed 1994 CHRISTMAS PARTY

NOTE: Friday November St. Cuthbert Anglican Church

4th's game will be held at: Sat., December 17, 6:30pm

St. John United Church, Dinner at 7:00, \$10/person

7655-120th St., Delta Please preregister

Thony Stiennon 951-7560

SUNSHINE COAST Bridge Club

REAR of 5653 WHARF ST., Sechelt

Rudy Notz 885-5552

PARTNERS GUARANTEED

HOSPITALITY BREAKS

Monday Wednesday Thursday

7:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm

TEAMS OPEN OPEN

Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/SEMINARS

Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church; corner of Taylor Way and
Upper Levels Highway, West Vancouver

Louis Landau 984-8309

Monday and Wednesday, 10 AM; both Open

Also Wednesday 7:30 PM: An Open Stratified

Game and, if numbers permit, a 0-50 game

Computer Scoring — Wednesday Jackpots

PARTY Holiday Mondays: door prizes, goodies

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct 19am: Lions Gate Handicap Pairs Charity Game

Oct 19pm: Canadian Olympiad Fund Game

Sun Oct 23: Special Charity Pairs; Duplicate & Social

Bridge at Har El Comm. Ctr.; 1735 Inglewood, W. Vc

Oct 26am: CQPC Club Qualifying Game

Oct 26pm: 2nd 1994 Club Championship

Nov 16: Handicap Game

Nov 23 am: Stratified Pairs Game

Nov 30pm: 3rd 1994 Club Championship

Dec 5: Handicap Game

Dec 14am: Christmas Party & 4th 1994 Club Champ.

Dec 14 pm: Christmas Party

Dec 26: John Reeve Individual Championship

Dec 28: 4th 1994 Club Championship

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH: Shirley McKinney/Julie

Smith (August), Kathy Bye/Bernice Mulock (September)

Cloverdale Bridge Club

Cloverdale Curling Rink (beside
Arena) 6150-176th Street

Pat Staff 588-6794

Coffee and snacks included

Thursday at 12:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 8: Club championship

Nov 3: Swiss Teams

Dec 22: Christmas Party

Gerber Spoonfed

by Bruce McIntyre

Two hours ago I participated in the following disaster: 1♥ from partner, 1♠ from me, 2♦ from partner, 3♣ (fourth suit game forcing) from me, 3NT from partner, 4♣ from me, 4♠ from partner. With 6-1-1-5 distribution I thought slam was worth a shot, so I bid 4NT and partner passed. Ten tricks barely rolled home and eleven tricks in spades had no hope, so it didn't cost us anything (in fact, it worked out well) but imagine my surprise when I discovered partner showed out on the second round of spades! Four spades, I was informed, showed two aces, since four clubs was Gerber.

Oh, I thought. Well, that explains the pass of 4NT. Doesn't make sense though.

Gerber is a seldom used ace asking convention that comes into play over notrump bids. Yet somehow many players have trouble distinguishing when Gerber applies and when it does not. There is a simple rule for this, but for those few unfamiliar with this convention, let me explain it more fully first.

The Gerber convention is a bid of four clubs, *in specific situations*, which asks for aces. Responses are the same as normal Blackwood except that they are four steps lower. Four diamonds denies an ace or shows all four, four hearts shows one, four spades two, and four notrump three. (You have to be careful in responding since the suits and the level are both different from Blackwood responses. A common disaster ensues when the response of four clubs is five hearts. Does this mean four hearts: one ace, or five hearts as a Blackwood response: two aces? Good luck...) A continuation of five clubs by the four club bidder asks for kings.

Now for the confusing part. When is four clubs Gerber and when is it just another four club bid? This is a matter of partnership agreement, and you'll see on convention cards anything from "when obvious" (that's what we were playing two hours ago, and apparently it wasn't) to "jump over NT" to "directly over NT openers and rebids." There is a wide diversity of explanations in the Gerber area of the convention card, when logic can tell you if it is on or not.

We all know that a four club response to 1NT is always Gerber. But why is this? Answer: because we can't use 4NT to ask for aces, because that is the well-known quantitative slam try: "do you have a good 16 or 17, partner, or is this another bare minimum notrump opener? Bid 6NT if you like what you've got."

A beginner might timidly ask at this point: Why do we even bother to change the ace asking bid (normally 4NT) to four clubs? It's a good question, since the correct answer leads to the rule to follow when you hear a maybe-Gerber 4♣ bid. The answer is: because, in

auctions where the Gerber convention is on, we cannot use 4NT as ace asking, because 4NT is reserved for another meaning, an "are you maximum" notrump slam try. So the key question to ask yourself in auctions where partner has uttered four clubs and you think it might be Gerber is: what if partner had instead bid four notrump? What would that be? If four notrump would have been a "max or min" query, then four clubs must be Gerber. This rule limits the Gerber situations to the following:

Directly following any bid of one, two or three notrump, whenever the bid clearly shows a balanced hand within a limited point range.

Follow these guidelines and you'll seldom get into trouble. If you want to extend Gerber beyond these situations, do so at your own risk, especially if it is undiscussed.

Back to the disaster. Partner has opened one heart and rebid two diamonds. You have responded one spade and have rebid three clubs. Partner now bids 3NT. Is four clubs Gerber? Only if partner's 3NT shows a balanced hand within a limited point range. We all know that on this auction partner's hand is unlikely to be balanced, and while the 3NT

Gerber: Obvious?

might be a bad 17 count, it might also be a good 12. If you think four clubs is Gerber here you need to discuss system.

Two minor points: The rule above has a few exceptions which are pretty obvious. Those who play that opening bids of 3NT are not "gambling" but some range of points, should reserve four clubs for the Stayman convention. 4NT should then be ace-asking. Similarly, when a two club opener is followed by a jump rebid to three notrump, showing a balanced hand too strong to open 2NT, four clubs should again be Stayman. Also, many players play that a Jacoby transfer followed by four clubs is Gerber, since 4NT is a quantitative raise which opener may convert to 6NT or six of the major: his strength tells him whether to bid a slam or pass 4NT (or sign off in five of the major with three trumps); his length in the major tells him whether to bid 6NT or six of the major.

Secondly: many who play inverted minor suit raises play a variant of Gerber where an opening bid in a minor, a single raise, and a rebid of four of the minor (whether it is clubs or diamonds) is a Roman Key Card ask. This obviously is not to be confused with the Gerber situations discussed above.

Early on in my bridge playing days, I heard my partner respond to four notrump with five spades. Having just responded four notrump to what I thought was a Gerber inquiry, I figured that five spades was a cue bid of some sort. We were both surprised to find that 7NT was unmakeable on the hand, especially as we had both claimed to have three aces!

Ace Of Clubs

1994 Midway Standings

The Ace Of Clubs competition crowns the players in each separate ACBL ranking that have won the most masterpoints at club games during the year. These are the midway top three in each category for Unit 430 masterpoint winners from all club games. (In some cases there are only two listed because the ACBL computer sometimes moves people around the continent without them realizing it...)

Rookie (0-5)

1. Walter Schmid, Maple Ridge.....14.81
2. Clement Lee, Vancouver.....13.24
3. Mary Kidd, Burnaby.....12.20

Junior Master (5-20)

1. Michael Neagu, Coquitlam28.42
2. Jerri Calverley, Mission14.42
3. James Burt, Coquitlam.....13.70

Mini-McKenney

1994 Midway Standings

The Mini-McKenney is similar to the Ace Of Clubs competition except that it records masterpoint won in all ACBL events: club games, tournaments, multi-level events: the works. Here are the standings partway through 1994. Many of the races here are incredibly close...

Rookie Of The Year

1. Walter Schmid, Maple Ridge..... 23.22
2. Anicet Pinto, Vancouver 16.74
3. Clement Lee, Vancouver..... 14.44

Junior Master Of The Year

1. Michael Neagu, Coquitlam 66.35
2. Joan Campbell, Richmond..... 26.67
3. Amad Rafii, Vancouver 19.62

Club Master Of The Year

1. Pat Lester, West Vancouver..... 29.74
2. H.K. Ho, Coquitlam..... 28.59
3. Roy Trask, Surrey 27.62

Sectional Master Of The Year

1. Pauline Lee, Vancouver 67.81
2. Aase Haines, Surrey..... 45.41
3. Marina Page, North Vancouver..... 37.41

Club Master (20-50)

1. Brian Lee, Abbotsford18.72
2. Bill Stevenson, Vancouver.....13.03

Sectional Master (50-100)

1. Ken Cowherd, Aldergrove.....34.44
2. Pauline Lee, Vancouver30.16
3. Hushang Mohtadi, West Vcr.....25.91

Regional Master (100-200)

1. Maria Dabrowski, North Vcr34.31
2. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver.....28.68
3. Dee Kerr, Vancouver.....24.21

NABC Master (200-300)

1. John Ashwell, Richmond.....29.69
2. Rob Shelburn, Burnaby.....28.52
3. Roger Cheung, Richmond.....24.11

Life Master (300-500)

1. Daisy Neilson, Langley36.57
2. Grace Jeklin, Surrey.....32.80
3. Roland Perron, Aldergrove31.54

Bronze Life Master (500-1000)

1. Dot Carnegie, Langley..... 51.01
2. Joni Johnston, White Rock 43.24
3. Joan Richards, West Vancouver31.52

Silver Life Master (1000-2500)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam 72.54
2. Pat Landau, North Vancouver.. 57.40
3. Stella Alliston, North Vcr..... 36.77

Gold Life Master (2500-5000)

1. Donna Morrison, N. Burnaby... 45.47
2. Mary Fines, North Vancouver .. 39.08
3. Ev Hodge, Burnaby..... 27.46

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000)

1. Rob Crawford, Vancouver 30.99
2. Leo Steil, Vancouver 27.03
3. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver ... 19.27

Grand Life Master (10,000+): None



Regional Master Of The Year

1. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver 78.28
2. Ric Sumner, N. Westminster..... 76.50
3. Roman Woroch, Delta..... 76.28

NABC Master Of The Year

1. Rob Shelburn, Burnaby 62.72
2. Randy Jordan, Burnaby 61.05
3. Diane Dean, Vancouver..... 60.64

Life Master Of The Year

1. Larry Chow, Abbotsford..... 129.90
2. Grace Jeklin, Surrey 105.10
3. Roland Perron, Aldergrove..... 68.45

Special Events

Info from Various Sources

The North American Pairs (NAP) Unit Finals in Flights B and C, were recently held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Congratulations to these pairs who qualified to represent our Unit at the District finals:

NAP UNIT FINAL FLIGHT B

Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafler
Brian Russell/Felipe Hernandez
Eugene Chan/Michael Neagu
Roger Cheung/Harry Friedman
Roman Woroch/Ric Sumner
Craig Snelgrove/John Reay
Aban Gerrie/Bob Gerrie

NAP UNIT FINAL FLIGHT C

Tom McKenna/Richard Syrnyk
Ruby Jackson/Kathy Bye
Lesley Laudan/Diane Dean
Clement Lee/Hing Kong Ho
Bill Terzianoff/Rob Shelburn
Sky Williamson/Jerry Loepplky

The Flight A final will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Sunday, October 23, 1994. Starting times for this two-session event are noon and TBA. We've received the following from DINO concerning the District Final:

"Finals for all flights will be held January 7-8, 1995, at the Tacoma Sectional at the Propeller Club in Tacoma WA. Two qualifying sessions will be held. At least 30% but not more than 50% of the pairs entering the event will advance to the final. The top two pairs overall will qualify to represent District 19 in the North American Final."

Unfortunately, this press release carries a disclaimer: subject to change. In the past, the top two pairs at the District Final have received an air-and-accomodations subsidy for their trip to the National Final from the ACBL. New partnerships may be formed among eligible pairs for the District Final.

Unit 430's current subsidy guidelines, which affect this event, are under review. The new Unit subsidy policy should be finalized at the Unit Board meeting November 2, after which interested players can contact any Unit Board member with questions.

The Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) Unit Final will be played at the VBC on February 12, 1995: two sessions, noon and TBA. There are two remaining Club Qualifying Games: Tuesday Evening, Oct 25 at 7:30 at the VBC, and a final chance the following morning at the Vancou-

ver Bridge Club in West Vancouver; Wednesday Oct 26, 10:00 am. It was written in the previous issue that "at all stages you qualify as partnerships;" this is untrue: at all stages you qualify as individuals. The CBF subsidy rules and National Final qualification regulations have been substantially changed this year.

The Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC) Unit Final is tentatively scheduled for March 4th, 1995, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, noon and TBA. Unlike the pairs events, this event begins at the Unit Final level, the only requirement being inherent in the event's title...

Another CNTC/GNT Stratified Club Qualifying Game has been scheduled for Saturday, November 5, two sessions, noon and TBA. Qualifying Flight A teams will be eligible to play in the Unit Final on March 12, 1995 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (again noon and TBA; again tentative). Teams qualifying in Flights B and/or C will be eligible to play in the District Finals of the GNT, time and location still unknown. As with the COPC, CNTC regulations have been substantially changed this year.

For information on these events, please contact Unit 430 Special Events Co-Ordinator Bob Gerrie at 274-0506.

Mini-McKenny midway standings continued from page 19

Bronze Life Master Of The Year

1. Dot Carnegie, Langley	103.57
2. Pat Stapf, Delta	92.62
3. Gary Phelan, Port Coquitlam	76.75

Silver Life Master Of The Year

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	124.15
2. Joerg Schneider, Vancouver	121.76
3. Stella Alliston, North Vcr	114.91

Gold Life Master Of The Year

1. Dan Jacob, Burnaby	107.67
2. Donna Morrison, N. Burnaby	102.39
3. Ron Borg, White Rock	87.81

Diamond Life Master Of The Year

1. Rob Crawford, Vancouver	329.06
2. Cam Doner, Richmond	268.35
3. Leo Steil, Vancouver	216.87

Grand Life Master: None

One important note: Rob Crawford is registered to Unit 430 but plays (and resides) almost exclusively on the tournament trail. Even though you don't often see him in these parts, Unit 430 is certainly proud to claim him as a member, and he is eligible for both lists. Over all, these lists accurately show the trend to the suburbs in this Unit, with players from all areas of our Unit well-represented.

Unit 430 Top 41

as of September 3, 1994.

The first 21 people on this list were identified by Eugene Chan from the computer run that clubs receive. Brian Russell than marked off the players above 2000 MPs, and I deleted the out-of-towners on the list as the result of some computer error, and sorted those remaining into a top 41. From last year we have a top 35, which is indicated in the brackets. We may have missed somebody, but luckily with three people collaborating the blame will be difficult to place...

The proportion of Life Masters to total members has increased by about 3.5% to 37% in the past year. As for the relative movement of our top players within their ranks, David Schmidt predicted that Aidan Ballantyne should pass Laurence Betts and that Rob Crawford and Cam Doner could be on the podium by this time. Calculations show that although Crawford took

1. Leo Steil	8131 (1)	20. Mary Fines	3088 (20)
2. Rob Crawford	5685 (4)	21. Donna Morrison	3040 (24)
3. Cam Doner	5406 (5)	22. Greg Arbour	2958 (25)
4. Aidan Ballantyne	5366 (3)	23. Ted Hicks	2956 (21)
5. Laurence Betts	5295 (2)	24. Rhonda Betts	2939 (22)
6. Ron Borg	4679 (6)	25. Cam Lindsay	2637 (27)
7. Jim Dickie	4547 (7)	26. Mike Strebinger	2936 (23)
8. Paul Hagen	4285 (8)	27. Don Brander	2730 (26)
9. Peter Herold	4281 (9)	28. Mike Dimich	2441 (29)
10. Dan Jacob	3920 (11)	29. Mike Wilson	2367 (32)
11. Gord McOrmond	3844 (12)	30. Charles Swanson	2323 (30)
12. Bob Connop	3822 (10)	31. Jennifer Paynter	2296 (31)
13. Larry Hicks	3676 (13)	32. Jean Groome	2256 (35)
14. Lauren Miller	3617 (14)	33. Stella Alliston	2236 (-)
15. Don Brazeau	3332 (16)	34. Liz Lee	2151 (-)
16. Fred Sontag	3327 (15)	35. Don Fraser	2142 (-)
17. Ev Hodge	3312 (17)	36. John Hurdle	2138 (33)
18. Wilf May	3263 (18)	37. Marge Neate	2134 (-)
19. Buddy Crapko	3139 (19)	38. Martin O'Reilly	2119 (-)
		39. Alice Strebinger	2096 (34)
		40. Edward Ashenhurst	2070 (-)
		41. Ina Anderson	2028 (-)

over 300 points off of Lucky Leo's lead, at this rate it would be another seven years before Leo's number one spot is jeopardized.

Player Data

Due to there not being enough space in the previous issue, we have a large backlog of these, and as a result I wouldn't be surprised to see somebody on the "Welcome to..." list also on the "New Life Master List." (OK, that would surprise me, but you get the idea...)

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to:
Annerita Hasselbach
 Ted T. Lai
 Fritz Bowers
 Roger C. Cheung
 Sheryl Kanee
 Rob Shelburn

Bronze Life Masters:

(500 MPs)
 Robert W. Beattie
 Grace Jeklin
 Chester Michno
 Amy Graham
 Thelma Hofstede

Silver Life Masters:

(1000 MPs)
 Pat Carruthers
 Beryl B. Hamilton
 Thony Stiennon
 Bernie C. Hoy
 Dot Carnegie
 Keith Miller

Welcome to our New Members:

Shelby D. Anderson, Michael Borak, Homa Boustani, Priscilla Brown, Thomas D. Conard, Pauline Considine, Terry Dee, Lise Diakow, Bernard A Grant, Richard Hughes, Harold Kalman, Clement Lee, Sadru Merali, Michael Neagu, Michael D. Paine, Anicet S. Pinto, Nicole Quittenton, Marion Wilson, Dorothy Baxter, Barbara Butcher, Stephen Butcher, Rohani Davis, Mary E. Leonard, Alma Rogers, Stephanie Boswell, Priscilla Fratkin, Marjorie Groberman, Nadia Kaplan, Ethel Wiss, Beatty Zack

Farewell to: Jim Johnson (Palm Springs), Angela Taylor (Parksville)

Welcome to Unit 430 to (from):

Howard P. Barker (Victoria), Elizabeth Brisebois (E. Ontario), Gordon Cochran (Victoria), Caroline Hames (Parksville), Andy Mezel (SW Ontario), Gene C. Nagy (Ontario), Marilyn T Brauss (SW Ontario), M. A. Kaleem (Okanagan), Vera M. Lacina (Honolulu), W. H. MacDonald (Palm Springs), John M. Ashwell (Tucson), Jean M. Chisholm (Ontario), Gary J. Post (The Big Island).

Unit 430 Ranking Breakdown:

Total Members: 1211
 Rookie 130 10.7%
 Junior Master (5)..... 116 9.6%
 Club Master (20) 153 12.6%
 Sect. Master (50) 137 11.3%
 Reg. Master(100)..... 123 10.2%
 NABC Master (200) ... 95 7.9%
 Life Master (300+).. 457 37.7%

I for one would like to know where Unit 469 (The Big Island) is. Late info from the all-knowing Chanstar: Hilo, HI! I should have guessed.....

—McB



Collecting winners lists for local players from out-of-town tournaments is by far the toughest *Matchpointer* duty for a mostly-local player like myself. I rely on and thank thoughtful people like Pat Stapf, who collected Daily Bulletins at the Calgary Regional, and the VBC, which serves as a warehouse for these publications. Obviously, I'd prefer not to miss anybody's moment of glory, but without the help of players who play out-of-town I'm going to miss a few. Please excuse my errors of omission and help me out if you can.

—McB

- A3B2C1. Gail Watson/Gloria Prescott
- A4. John Horne/Richard Szyrnk
- A5. Bill Terzianoff/Rob Shelburn
- A6B3. Lloyd Curtion/Jacqueline Nameroff
- B4. Sky Williamson/Dawn Kingsland
- B5. Joe Puymon/Jayne Elliott
- B6. Ric Sumner/Pat Jones
- C2. Ferdinando Pieralli/Rangie Sylvestre

Local Winners

VANCOUVER EVERGREEN SECTIONAL; SEPT 9-11, QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday Afternoon

Open Pairs (15 tables)

1. Mike Dorn Wiss/Bernie Lambert
2. Bill Goldstone/Mary Lou Bert
3. Tom Cross/Terry Scott
4. Joerg Schneider/Louis Landau
5. Sheila Giroto/Grace Jeklin
6. Leo Steil/Jean Groome

Womens Pairs (20 tables)

1. Gail Perrin/Lotte Elias
2. Gladys Mackie/Helen Montgomery
3. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
4. Pat Landau/Joyce Peters
5. Hazel Stowards/Ida Goodlad
6. Diane Dean/Nancy Yoshida

Friday Evening

Mixed Board-A-Match Teams (24 teams)

1. Gord Davis, Anne Nagy, Andrew Ross, Catriona Brown
- 2/3. Rhoda & Lawrence Betts, Bev Taylor, Mike Dimich
- 2/3. Janis & Nick Parker, James LeNobel, Margie Neate
- 4/5. Jean Groome, Leo Steil, Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone

- 4/5. Larry & Edith Hicks, Janice & Mark Eddy
- 6/8. Selene Jacobsen, Fred Sontag, Aban & Bob Gerrie
- 6/8. Sheila Dickie, Paul Hagen, Connie Delisle, Dennis Dohl
- 6/8. Bill Terzianoff, Elaine Ryan, John Whittlesey, Rhoda Tafler
- 9/10. Les Fouks, Joyce Peters, Pete Walton, Sheryl Kanee
- 9/10. Christina & Dan Jacob, Marcia & Richard Christie

Side Game (17 tables)

- 1/2. Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez
- 1/2. Edith & Denny Denman
3. Pearl Minkoff/Pauline Lee
4. Grace Jeklin/Doug Hansford
5. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
6. Patti Prenty/Kal Kaleem

Future Masters Stratified (8½ tables)

- A1. Nora & Ted Sterling
- A2B1. Gypsy Sturrock/Shirley Laislaw
- A3. Jules Wilkins/Sly Williamson
- A4. Gail Watson/Gloria Prescott
- A5. Ruby Vanziffle/Tom Markham
- B2. Sidney Robinson/Elizabeth Linsley

Saturday Afternoon

Future Masters Stratified (7 tables)

- A1. Frances Gunn/Maxine Sodmont
- A2. Brenda Cameron/Daulat Samji
- A3B1. Isabel Chernoff/Mary Ponsford
- A4B2. Gypsy Sturrock/Shirley Laislaw
- A5B3. Burton & Kinga Voorhees

Saturday Evening

Future Masters (4 tables)

1. Frances Gunn/Maxine Sodmont
2. Joan Brooks/Anne Wallace
3. Alex Jack/Michelle Rostron

Saturday 2-session

StratiFlighted Pairs, Flight A (22, 22 tables)

1. Linda Sims/Lauren Miller
2. Gord McOrmond/Dan Jacob
3. Stella Alliston/Mary Fines
4. Nathan Divinsky/Gord Davis
5. Lynn Fleming/Rhonda Betts
6. Doug Hansford/John McDonald
7. Pauline Lee/Gladys Mackie

StratiFlighted Pairs, Flights B/C/D (22, 25 tables)

- A1. Sheryl Kanee/Graham Putnam
- A2B1. Tom Hanson/Kent Harold

Sunday 2-session

Open Swiss Teams (43 teams)

1. Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Cam Doner, Greg Arbour
2. Peter Maclean, Lauren Miller, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop
- 3/4. Leo Steil, Jean Groome, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert
- 3/4. Mike Dorn Wiss, Michael Neagu, Mike Wilson, Ken Scholes, Peter Herold
5. Brian Russell, Tony Remedios, Martin Johnson, John Bryden
- 6/7. Cliff & Pat Glen, Yuko Fujieda, Ernie Dietrich
- 6/7. Catriona Brown, Andrew Ross, Monica Angus, Alison Dorosh

Consolation Swiss (15 teams)

1. Ken Lochang, Ken Robertson, Roger Allen, Connie Delisle
- 2/3. John Horne, Daisy Neilson, Richard Szyrnk, Corrine Tapley
- 2/3. Dianne Isfeld, Dwayne Dicks, Rob Shelburn, Graham Putnam
4. Al & Bernice French, Joyce Turner, Lois Lester
5. Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapf, Louis Landau, Steve Beaton

(Top ten masterpoint winners for this Sectional, and the latest Sectional Trophy Race Standings, are on page 26)

Out-of-Town Wins by Unit 430 Players

SUMMER NABC
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JULY 22-31

Rob Crawford: 4th of 142 pairs in 1st Sunday evening side game, flight A; 7th in Monday Past Stratified Pairs; 24th of 148 pairs in Monday Stratified Open Pairs Flight A; 29th of 182 pairs in NABC IMP Pairs; 7th of 104 pairs in Saturday Flight A Imp Pairs.

Cam Doner: 32nd of 99 teams in 1st Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A; 42nd of 182 pairs in NABC IMP Pairs.

Leo Steil: 4th of 296 pairs in Monday Stratified Seniors Pairs; 2nd of 68 pairs in Thursday Flight A Seniors Pairs; 8th of 106 pairs in Saturday Senior Pairs Flight A.

Brian Russell: 2nd of 16 teams in Prime Time Bracketed Knockout Teams (Bracket IV).

White Hat Regional Calgary AB, Aug. 8-15

- Tuesday Stratified Swiss**
A2. Mike Dimich, Bev Taylor, Don Brazeau
A3. Peter Herold, Mike Wilson
C1. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa

Wednesday Stratified IMP Pairs

- B4/5C1. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa
C5. Kathy Bye

Wednesday Speedball Swiss

1. Cam Doner

Thursday Seniors Pairs

1. Leo Steil
2. Stella Alliston/Ev Hodge

Flight A Knockout Teams

1. Cam Doner

Flight B Knockout Teams

- 5/8. Joerg Schneider, Dot Carnegie, Angela Taylor, Pat Stapff

Friday Afternoon Future Masters

1. Gunter & Jessica Allman
6/7. Tom Markham, Peggy Schindler (playing separately!)

30 Hour Knockouts, Red Deer Bracket

2. Larry & June Pocock, Don Sache, Sheila Giroto

Saturday Afternoon

- Future Masters Stratified**
A4. Peggy Schindler/Joan Bell
A5. Gunter & Jessica Allman

Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A

- 1/2. Larry & June Pocock, Don Sache, Sheila Giroto

Sunday Swiss Teams Stratified Flights B/C

- B4/5. Pat Stapff, Joerg Schneider
B6/7C1. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa

(thanks to Pat Stapff for collecting all these names)

Seniors Regional, Richland WA, Sept 13-18 Thursday Stratified Swiss

- A2. Leo Steil

Friday Stratiflighted Pairs

- A5. Leo Steil

Knockout Teams, Bracket I

1. Leo Steil

All-Western Championship Regional, Santa Clara CA, Aug 30-Sept 5 Thursday Swiss Flight A

1. Cam Doner

Saturday Open Pairs

- A17. Cam Doner

Morning Knockout Teams, Bracket 1

1. Cam Doner, Nicci Charleson

September Splendour Regional, Butte MT, Sept 19-25

Tuesday Stratified Swiss

1. Leo Steil

Knockout Teams Flight A

1. Leo Steil

Knockout Teams Flight B

1. Al & Bernice French

Thursday Stratified Swiss Teams

- B3/6. Al & Bernice French

Thursday Seniors Swiss Teams

- 2/3. Leo Steil

Friday StratiFlighted Pairs

- B5. Al & Bernice French

Saturday Stratified Pairs

5. Leo Steil

NEC World Championships, Albuquerque NM, Sept 17-Oct 1

- World Mixed Pairs
Consolation (190 pairs)**
68. Ron & Sandra Borg

- Bracketed Knockouts,
Bracket I (14 teams)**
2. Les Fouks

NEC Zonal Swiss Teams (85 teams)

29. Canada: Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Peter MacLean, Lauren Miller



Best Daily Bulletin Spacefiller

At the Richland Seniors Regional, editor Katie Cuneen included some quotes from commentators in past World Championship Vu-Graph rooms, attributed to Edgar Kaplan: "The number of players who enjoy doubling the opponents into game can be counted on one toe." "They say 'When there is six, there is seven.' But I've seen cases of 'When there is six, there is five.'" "North doubled four hearts to tell himself what to lead." "I think declarer will play the ace of hearts and then nothing for ten minutes." (Six Hearts was the contract and trumps were 5-0.) "After a perilous journey around the world, they came back home to 3NT." "Declarer is planning to win six spade tricks, two hearts, one diamond, and a trick from heaven."

Monthly Unit Games

Split Sites Proving Successful

The first two Unit games held simultaneously at two sites have been held, and attracted a total of 54 tables. The "City" game ran 18 tables in September and 13½ in October, while the "Country" site had 14 and 8½. Given time and a bit of word-of-mouth advertising in Bellingham, we expect that the two sites will soon be neck and neck in an attendance race, while not in direct competition for the same players. (In order to attract more players from south of the border, we've sent flyers to clubs in Bellingham and moved our February game back a week so as not to conflict with the Bellingham Sectional.) By December the Unit Board will probably have voted to continue this grand experiment into 1995.

The December Unit Game, however, is a single-site game, held not on the first Sunday of the month, but a week or so

on, closer to the middle of December so that we can call it a Christmas Party and so that the December *Matchpointer* can debut there. This year's location has been changed to the Marpole Community Centre at 59th and Oak in Vancouver. We would have preferred the Engineer's Hall in Burnaby since it is closer to our suburban players, but unfortunately it was unavailable on the day we wanted. Terry Val Jean, Unit Game Co-Ordinator, is in charge of the event, and needs as much help as I did last year in getting your kind and generous donations of desserts and hors d'oeuvres. See him at the Round-Up Sectional or call him at 530-3253.

One final note: the masterpoint race below does not include the most recent South Surrey game, because I didn't have an opportunity to get the disk from Thony before press time. Players in the South Surrey game are certainly eligible for the prizes for leading any of the three flights, and although this year they may be at a disadvantage because

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Site Addresses:

"City": *Vancouver Bridge Centre,
2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo),
Vancouver*

"Country": *Semiahmo Fish &
Game Club, 1284-184th St.,
South Surrey*

Info: *Terry ValJean (530-3253)*

REMAINING GAMES IN 1994

Sunday November 6 (both sites)
Sunday, December 11 (1994 Unit 430
Christmas Party, **moved to** Marpole
Com-munity Centre, 59th & Oak)

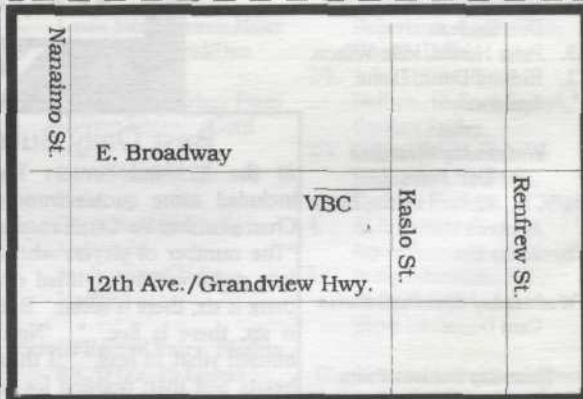
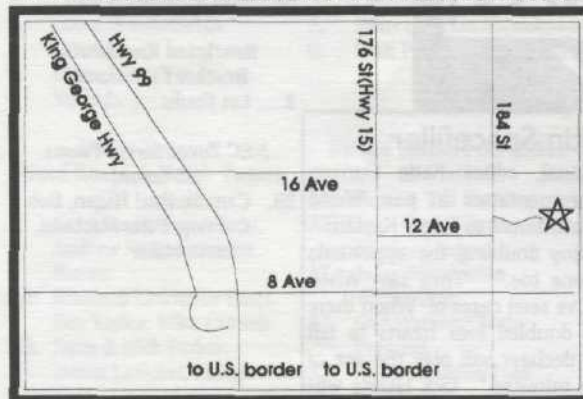
All Games Stratified

A=750+, B=200-750, C=0-200

Normal Game Time: 7:00 pm

Christmas Party: Happy Hour 6:30

Game Time: 7:30 pm



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Unit 430 Christmas Party

December 11, 1994
HAPPY HOUR 6:30
GAME TIME 7:30

Cash bar...desserts...hors d'oeuvres
Marpole Community Center
 990 West 59th Ave.
 Vancouver B.C.
 (Corner of 59th and Oak)



He's Making A List...

Call Santa (a.k.a. Terry Val Jean) now and offer to bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to the Unit 430 Christmas Party, on Dec. 11, at the Marpole Community Center (59th and Oak, Vancouver)



Unit Games, continued from page 24

only three games have been held there, I expect next year to see many new names on the lists!

Congratulations to the following overall winners:

A	B	C	Sept. 4 (South Surrey)
1	1	1	S. Laidlaw/G. Sturrock
2	2	-	Bea Sadgrove/Majorie Mason
3/43	-	-	R. Shah/A. Hasselbach
3/4-	-	-	Liz Lee/Norman Treleaven
5/6 4/5-	-	-	Lotte Elias/Gail Perrin
5/6 4/5-	-	-	Gary Scollon/Donna Costello

A	B	C	September 4 (Vancouver)
1	1	-	Anne Scott/John Mullen
2	2	-	Diane Dean/Lesley Laudan
3	-	-	Peter Maclean/Lauren Miller
4	3	-	J. Whittlesey/L. Elliott
6	4	-	J. Puymon/M. Crompton

A	B	C	September 4 (Vcr) Cont.
5	1	-	Nancy Hurrell/Ed Marchuk
6	2	-	Walter Schmid/H.K. Ho

A	B	C	October 2 (South Surrey)
1	1	-	D. Neilson/P. Wotherspoon
2	-	-	Ed Worsfeld/Stam Holding
3	-	-	R. Morrison/B. Hamilton
4	-	-	Paul Radnai/Marian Koch
5	2	-	Kay Lyons/Maree Logan
3	-	-	John Lien/Liz Stoneman
4	1	-	Aase Haines/Eleanor Webb

A	B	C	October 2 (Vancouver)
1	1	1	Dan Webster/Rob Shelburn
2	-	-	Joerg Schnieder/Pat Landau
3	-	-	Ken Robertson/Roger Allan
4	-	-	Larry & June Pocock
5	-	-	J. Mullen/D. McMahon
6	2	-	J. Whittlesey/L. Elliott
3	2	-	Nancy Hurrell/Ed Marchuk

A	B	C	October 2 (Vcr), Cont.
4	-	-	Chester Michno/Amad Rafii
5	-	-	Pauline Lee/Sandra Robson
3	-	-	M. Neagu/F. Hernandez
4	-	-	H. Mohtadi/B. Kiggins

A	B	C	Pts.	'94 Point Leaders
1	-	-	11.02	June Pocock
2/3-	-	-	9.03	John Whittlesey
2/31	-	-	9.03	Louise Elliott
4	2	-	8.82	John Mullen
5	3	1	8.30	Michael Neagu
4	2	-	7.77	Rob Shelburn
5	3	-	5.73	Felipe Hernandez
4	3	-	3.37	Lesley Laudan
5	3	0.4	3.04	Nancy Hurrell

Don't forget, game time is 7:00 PM, except at the Christmas Party, where the festivities begin at 6:30 (game time is 7:30).

Trophy Races

Double win possible for Neagu

With a 28 point lead in the Phil Wood Under 200 trophy race and a six point lead in the Phil Wood race, Michael Neagu is a good bet to escape 1994 with two trophies. The Edie Bonnell race is currently led by Mary Lou Bert. But the standings were turned inside out at the White Rock Sectional last year, so almost anything is still possible. Here are the contenders:

In the Under 200 Race, I placed asterisks beside the totals of those who it appears will be ineligible in 1995. (It's

unclear whether Michael Neagu or Kathy Bye will be under 200 on Jan 1st at this point.) It should be noted that two entrants, Bill Terzianoff and Yuko Fujieda, may in fact not be eligible, Bill because he is not on the Unit Roster (and thus I don't know how many points he had on Jan. 1), and Yuko because she was within 10 points of being ineligible on the Oct. 1993 computer run, and may well have been over 200 as of Jan. 1.

Complete listings of all Sectional Masterpoint winners and races are available to club managers either on DOS disk (in text format usable by word processing programs), or on paper. Club managers may contact Bruce McIntyre at 438-9735 for more information.

Summer Sectional Top 10

1. Micheal Neagu	16.29
2. Mike Wilson	12.57
3. Michael Dimich	11.80
4. Kathy Bye	11.52
5. Fred Sontag	11.50
Mike Dorn Wiss	11.50
Bill Terzianoff	11.50
8. Andrew Ross	10.65
9. Mary Lou Bert	10.16
Bill Goldstone	10.16

Evergreen Sectional Top 10

1. Dan Jacob	23.62
2. Lauren Miller	23.44
3. Cam Doner	15.12
4. Larry Hicks	15.10
5. Bill Goldstone	14.00
Mary Lou Bert	14.00
7. Linda Sims	13.50
8. Greg Arbour	13.25
9. Paul Hagen	10.85
10. Mike Dorn Wiss	10.76

Phil Wood Trophy Race

1. Michael Neagu	49.70
2. Lauren Miller	43.41
3. Mike Dorn Wiss	42.09
4. Mary Lou Bert	39.33
5. Dan Jacob	38.60
6. Michael Dimich	38.34
7. Leo Steil	36.20
8. Mike Wilson	33.37
9. Peter MacLean	33.34
10. Jean Groome	32.87
11. Cam Doner	32.13
12. Bev Taylor	30.29
13. Bill Goldstone	29.18
14. Pat Landau	28.83
15. Larry Hicks	28.40
16. John Bryden	27.20
17. Paul Hagen	27.08
18. Gord McOrmond	26.28
19. Bob Connop	26.17
20. Joerg Scheider	25.76
21. Stella Alliston	23.31
22. Laurence Betts	23.20
23. Greg Arbour	23.09
24. Brian Russell	22.15
25. Andrew Ross	21.43

Edie Bonnell Trophy Race

1. Mary Lou Bert	39.33
2. Jean Groome	32.87
3. Bev Taylor	30.29
4. Pat Landau	28.83
5. Stella Alliston	23.31
6. Mary Fines	19.16
7. Grace Jeklin	18.86
8. Donna Morrison	17.44
9. Ev Hodge	17.28
10. Linda Sims	16.90

Phil Wood Under 200 Race

1. Michael Neagu	49.70
2. Rob Shelburn	21.29*
3. Felipe Hernandez	17.42*
4. Bill Terzianoff	16.95
5. Yuko Fujieda	15.70*
6. Kathy Bye	14.03
7. Gail Watson	13.86
Gloria Prescott	13.86
9. Bruce McIntyre	13.31*
10. Edith Krul-Hicks	11.21

*-earned 200th point in 1994

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Tournaments & Dates

October 15-December 20

OCTOBER

- 15-16 Future Stars Sectional (0-100 MPs)
Vancouver Bridge Centre
- 21-23 Renton Sectional
- 23 NAP Flight A Unit Final, noon & TBA
Vancouver Bridge Centre
- 28-30 Courtenay Sectional

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Sunnyside Sectional
- 6 Monthly Unit Game: two sites (see p. 24)

- 10 ACBL-wide Collegiate Instant Matchpoint Game,
hosted by the UBC Bridge Club at the Vancouver
Bridge Centre (info: Eugene Chan, 255-2564)
- 10-13 Round Up Sectional, Pacific Inn, White Rock
(4-day sectional beginning Thursday afternoon)
- 11-14 Yakima Sectional
- 18-27 Fall 1994 NABC, Minneapolis MN
- 28-Dec 4 Seattle Regional

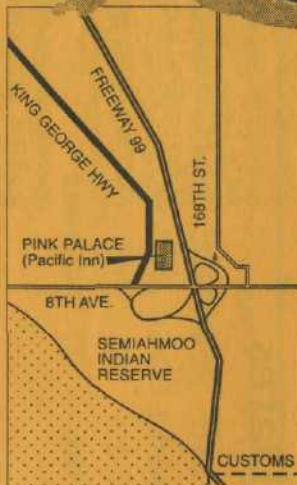
DECEMBER

- 1 Matchpointer deadline (Dec. issue covers events
from Dec. 12 thru Mar. 10), editor turns 32...
- 11 Unit 430 Christmas Party, Marpole Community
Centre (see p. 25); December
Matchpointer hits the streets



ROUND-UP Sectional

November 10-13, 1994



PLAYING SITE

Pacific Inn Hotel
1160 King George Hwy,
White Rock, BC
(604) 535-1432

THURSDAY

1:00 Stratified Open Pairs
0-300, 300-750, 750+ *One Session*
7:30 Open Pairs *One Session*
7:30 **Bracketed KOs** *Round 1*

FRIDAY

1:00 Women's Pairs
1:00 Open Pairs *One Session*
1:00 Stratified Future Masters
(0-20, 20-50, 50-100) *One Session*
7:30 Open Pairs *One Session*
7:30 Senior Pairs (55+) *One Session*
7:30 Stratified Future Masters
(0-20, 20-50, 50-100) *One Session*
7:30 **Bracketed KOs** *Round 2*

SATURDAY

9:00 am **Bracketed KOs** *Final Round*
1:00 & 7:30 Stratified Pairs
0-200, 200-750, 750+

SUNDAY

10:30 1st session
Open Swiss Teams
Non-Life Master Swiss Teams
4:30 2nd session
Open Swiss Teams
Non-Life Master Swiss Teams

Free Coffee all weekend

0-20 Future Masters play
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