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Apologies are due to several people for several reasons. This issue is going to hit the streets seven days later than it should have, and I apologize to those most affected—special events which might have benefitted from some last minute promotion are the CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game, and the Future Stars tournament, which I hope we promoted well enough last issue. I



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also apologize to so many eager readers who had to wait a few days extra this time.

The final squeeze of all this material into 24 pages was accomplished at the cost of serious shrinkage, for which I apologize to anyone needing a magnifying glass. Most of the club ads are smaller than they were, and some of the articles might seem to fade away...

Finally, I apologize to those very few Club Managers who without fail have their material in before the deadline. Sadly, this list is becoming rarer with each issue, as the deadline pass with little or no information about more clubs each issue. **This issue marks the final time I will call for data after the deadline.** The deadline is always on page 2: by now you all should know exactly what data I need, so

let's make an effort to get it all in on time. I hated to delay the issue four days because of missing data, and I will not do this again.

LATE NOTE: At the last possible moment before this issue was laser printed, we have the news that Canada has reached the Bermuda Bowl final against the USA II team in Beijing. This could be you next year: start by qualifying your team in the next CNTC qualifying game!!

In looking over old *Matchpointer* issues to find material on the Recorder, I found some interesting ideas that I may try over the next few issues. I agree with Eugene Chan's letter in the previous issue that a vital ingredient missing from the *Matchpointer* is reader feedback—so I'll be trying my best to provoke some...

Good reading! —McB

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President's Message

by David Schmidt

In the last issue, I talked about declining attendance at bridge and said the Unit would attempt to do something about it in the coming year.

We are beginning. One reason attendance is declining is because some players are turned off by what they see as increasingly poor behaviour in the bridge environment. In response, your Unit has begun wrestling with the issue of conduct, deportment and ethics (C, D, & E). This is not an easy issue, as almost everyone's idea of what constitutes bad conduct, bad deportment and bad ethics differs. What is not in dispute is that bad conduct is detrimental to bridge. How to define it and how to deal with it are two different matters.

Right now, there are two basic ways to express your concerns about C, D, & E. The first is to refer the matter to the Unit Recorder. The Recorder acts as a mediator, attempting to iron out minor misunderstandings before they become major issues. It should be the first avenue of action for any player with a concern about C, D & E. The second is to refer the matter to the Unit Disciplinary Committee, which can decide whether or not to conduct a hearing. This is not an action which should be taken lightly.

A hearing involves a panel of players, witnesses, plaintiffs and defendants. Because of the number of people involved it can be difficult and time-consuming to set up and can create a lot of rancour among players. It is therefore something a player should not ask for cavalierly. Yet, is it important players know these avenues are available to deal with their concerns about actions at the table.

However, it would be much better if everyone made an concerted effort to be a little bit nicer at the table and avoid these situations altogether. When was the last time you heartily greeted your opponents? Are you careful not to bait them, to avoid making improper comments, no matter how slight, and to restrain your temper when a hand is misplayed or a ruling goes against you? If we could all do this, we would all enjoy the game a lot more and disenchanted players would return.

Speaking of being a little nicer to each other, our annual

Unit Christmas Party will be a little different this year. In the past, we have tried to hold a single Party/Unit Game at a special location on the second Sunday of December, combining bridge, food and refreshments. This year, for a number of reasons, that is not possible (we have however, booked the Engineer's Hall for the 1996 Christmas Party).

Therefore, we have decided to continue our regular split-site Monthly Unit Games in December, being the first Saturday of December at the Vancouver Bridge Centre and the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club. The game will start at the regular time but we invite players to come early as we plan to have food and refreshments at each site. We recognize this option runs a distant second to a combined Unit Party at an independant site, but hope you will attend nonetheless. Please invite your friends as well. With your support we could see 40-60 tables in play at the two sites, which would be a wonderful way to end the year.

Before we get to the Christmas Party, however, we still have two more Sectional Tournaments. The first is our annual Future Stars tournament, which is limited to players with under 100 masterpoints. It will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, Oct. 21-22, and will include four single session games with mini-lessons before each game. This is an excellent way for our less experienced duplicate players to try tournament bridge without the pressure of a regular sectional. If you are just beginning your bridge career or know someone who is, plan to attend. Partnerships will be arranged so you don't even need to bring a partner.

November 10-13, we will hold our four-day Round-Up Sectional at the Pacific Inn in South Surrey, with bracketed knockouts beginning Friday evening. Since we introduced the bracketed knockouts and the four-day format, this has become our largest sectional and I invite all of you to attend. By the way, the Pacific Inn has replaced the doors at the end of the room so there should no longer be any draft (if it is a cool evening).

Please support your Unit events. Your Board devotes considerable time and effort into organizing them and our only payback is the joy we get from seeing you at the tables!

—David Schmidt

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Pigskin Preview

by Harry the Horse

With the arrival of cool, crisp autumn days, our thoughts are turned once more to that annual pursuit of fame and glory, the Flight A IMP League. Here then, is our somewhat less than serious analysis of this year's protagonists, with apologies to football fans everywhere.

1. (10-3) **Nathan DIVINSKY** (Aidan Ballantyne, Don Brazeau, Gord Davis, Mike Strebing, Dan Jacob): Although the players at the skill positions are getting a little long in the tooth, coach Lombard...er, Divinsky seems to have his troops in fine form once again. Rumours that speedy wide receiver Mike Strebing was testing the lucrative free agent market were strictly that, so with the team back intact, upset prospects appear slim. All-Pro defensive back Gordy "Just Win, Baby" Davis returns from a Hong Kong trip embracing an obscure far Eastern religion, and vows to play with more fanaticism.

DJ AB XXXX MS
ND
GD
DB

THREEPEAT PRO SET used by both finalists almost exclusively last year; may become league norm. Runs to GD or DB are possible, wide outs DJ and MS have a large repertoire of patterns, and AB's options are multi-varied, over the middle, block, decoy, even the rare flea-flicker. ND is best inside two minutes.

2. (9-4) **Doug THOMAS** (Gary Phelan, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall, Ted Hicks, Peter Walton): Over the past few seasons this squad has personified the dictum that "if you don't beat yourself, it won't be easy for anyone else to beat you." We see no reason to change this perception. The mundane "Ground Chuck" offense and the "bend but don't break" defense should ensure a comfortable playoff position. All-pro running back Dan "Trash-Talkin'" Watson is fresh from an off-season conditioning program and should be a threat for the rushing title once again.

TH PWXXXX GP
DT
DW
JM

"WORKING ON IT" PRO-SET
The two-time runners up keep working on matching their rivals. PW's motion plays need to be less erratic, and the running duo needs more help from the offensive line in opening up holes. DT's passing game, while not racking up megayards like Dr. D's, is efficient to wide receivers TH & GP.

3. (8-5) **Cam LINDSAY** (Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Cam Doner): Another squad which has used free agency to good advantage—Ron "Bullet"

RB XXX PH XXX
BC
CL CD

"CAM-SHAFT" LINE PLUNGE will be better this year with the occasional pass to RB. PH & BC have been seen trying a fake fumbled-snap sneak in very short yardage situations. CL & CD are working on play-action passes so don't be fooled.

4. (8-5) **Mike DIMICH** (Bev Taylor, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Betts, Gord McOrmond, Greg Arbour): Coach Dimich, with his trademark brand of convoluted logic borrowed from his other passion, handicapping, may have put together the Cinderella team of the year. Having acquired the services of Gerry "Put me in, Coach!" McCully in a multi-player trade, and having coaxed the former superstars Greg Arbour and Gord McOrmond out of retirement, the Dimich machine looks ready to roll. Although the starting QB hasn't been announced, training camp observers note that Rhonda Betts has looked very comfortable calling the plays. However they choose to line up, this team is playoff bound.

Borg agreed to a large one year contract, with only mild discontent expressed by some veterans. Expect the two Cams to line up in the familiar, is slightly outdated, twin fullback formation, with the usual squabbles over who gets to carry the ball. You can also expect them to be around, and most likely on time, for the playoffs.

GA MDXXXX BT
MCO MCB
RB

"ALL BETTS TAKEN" SHOTGUN: Risking the long snaps even on first down appeared to be working well in camp. The "Double Big Mac" halfback duo offered a variety of running options, and MD was working on some new routes. BT continues to catch the short-medium passes for first downs, and if GA can stay inbounds, he'll be a threat to go deep.

MLB BG XXXXX FH DT
MN
MW

We had to blink upon seeing the field goal unit come out on first-down with four wide-receivers! But holder MN has many post-snap options. Blitzing opponents will be unpleasantly surprised at kicker MW's blocking skills.

5. (7-5-1) **Felipe HERNADEZ** (Mike Wilson, Michael Neagu, Duane Tilden, Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone): Coach Hernandez has sought to balance his rather intense nucleus of players with the addition of the dynamic Bellingham duo, Mary-Lou Bert, and Billy "Lighten Up" Goldstone. While it's difficult to know the results of this mixture, we suspect

that the final team chemistry should be a winning one. Needless to say, in Mike Wilson, they have the premier field goal kicker in the league, which gives them a solid edge in any close game. A team with honest playoff aspirations which could surprise even their most optimistic fans.

DS CL X X X X X ??
 JA
 JD PH

SAME-SIDE WIDE-SET is the most often seen formation here. The running of JD and PH is aided by sweeps to the strong side, with occasional reverses to DS or CL. We predict a free-agent signing to fill the vital role of weak-side tight end before mid-season.

7. (7-6) June POCOCK (Larry Pocock, Sheila Giroto, Don Sache, Kathy Adachi, Wilf May): Another veteran squad featuring a new-look offense with Larry "Bombs Away" Pocock going deep to a talented group of wide receivers although possibly a step slow by league standards. They figure to be in the thick of the playoff hunt and their opponents will have to ensure they stay focussed against this battle hardened group of veterans who are specialists in running up the score.

SV DW X X X X X MR
 MT
 JH BT

6. (7-5-1) John ANTHONY (Peter Herold, Carolyn Levi, David Sokolow, Jim Dickie): John "Deep Pockets" Anthony has committed a large chunk of his personal fortune in order to sign this talented group of free agents. If Sokolow and Levi can stop feuding over who has the best contract, this team could go far. A definite playoff possibility with a top three finish possible. Jim "Crazy Legs" Dickie and Peter "Straight-up-the-Middle" Herold should feature prominently on all highlight films. Slow motion highlights should be avoided however, unless you enjoy watching paint dry.

SG DS X X X X X WM KA

 LP
 JP

"DOUBLE BARRELED SHOT-GUN" Another dangerous shotgun formation, but with two players back, fielding errant snaps should be easy. SG and DS are the long threats; WM (screens) and KA (sideline patterns) are higher percentage. LP has called his own number as receiver (after handing off to JP). Biggest problem: sacks—JP and LP often differ in their readings of the defensive set.

8. (7-6) Mike TAKEMORI (Stephen Vincent, David Watterman, Ben Takemori, Martin O'Reilly, Jack Hopwood): One of the few teams intact from last year, it seems they have decided to stick with their aging veterans. Perhaps enig-

"OFF TACKLE-MORI" OFFENSE (bottom of previous column). This set emphasizes short runs and screen passes. Both tight ends, MR and DW are skilled at double-teaming defensive linemen to open holes for BT, JH, and even sneaks by MT. Just when you think SV's uniform will never get dirty, he goes in motion for a reverse, or angles into an over-the-middle pass for big yardage.

9. (6-6-1) Leo STEIL (Les Fouks, Bob Sauve, Anne-Marie Bullis): The iconoclastic coach Steil has recruited throughout the valley to assemble this eclectic collection, no doubt hoping to embellish his legendary reputation for turning underdogs into champions. The probability is at least one of the team will get the mumbled game plans wrong, and while we're not predicting an early exit from the playoff race, Leo will have to use all of his inimitable talents to get this crew into the post-season.

 KR
BR X X X X X BG
 TR
 SK RA

"FIRST & FIFTEEN" SK and RA provide a sound running tandem to balance the wild passing game to BG and BR. Tight (loose?) end KR has been lining up 3-5 yards off-side throughout camp. Rumours are that the plan is to use mirrors to avoid excessive flags from the zebras.

matic coach Mike "The Rid-dler" Takemori saw more in their last season form than the rest of us, or perhaps he feels the revamped offense will be enough to put them over the top. In any case, the sight of running back Ben "Boom-Boom" Takemori, rumbling, bumbling, stumbling into the end zone should be a familiar one. Whether it will happen often enough to secure a playoff spot remains to be seen.

X X X X X X X
BS LS LF
AB

"AUDIBLE MUMBLINGS" This oddball set results from LS's "you could hear a pin drop" audibles. The line blocks the rush as well as possible while grunts and wheezes tell the eligible receivers where to go. ESP may be necessary in loud domed stadiums.

10. (6-7) Brian RUSSELL (Tony Remedios, Billy Gamble, Sherman Kwan, Roger Allen, Ken Robertson): Tony "The Rifle" Remedios promises a crowd-pleasing vertical game. Whether he can deliver will depend on the extent to which Billy "White Shoes" Gamble and Brian "Golden Boy" Russell can regain the blistering speed which made them famous. Looks like this squad will have to play themselves into shape. Late season heroics possible if no coronaries in the process but playoffs seem an outside chance at best.

11. (5-8) Doug COWAN (Stella Alliston, Monica Angus, Pat Landau, Mary Fines, Steve Beaton): A largely unknown quantity, this team is reported to have been holding secret workouts on the North Shore over the summer. We

can but hope their hasty travel schedule won't preclude a serious run at the playoffs.

"NORTH SHORE RUN & SHOOT" The "run" in this run & shoot is strictly after the pass reception. Whether it's a screen to SB, a sideline pattern to SA, a fly to MF, a toss & sweep to PL, or a post pattern to MA, expect this squad to live or die on DC's critical touchdown to interception ratio.

SB X X X X X MF MA SA
PL DC

12. (4-9) Patti ADAMS (Connie Delisle, Pauline McClafferty, Marguerite Chianrenza, Jennifer Ballantyne): A

team which should lay to rest once and for all the myth that gender bias exists in full contact sports. Lack of offense

could be a problem but defense wins games, especially playoff games (hey, it could happen: just don't risk the rent money on it). On the other hand—not likely! Patti "Twinkle-Toes" Adams has promised a very disciplined offense emphasizing ball-control. My best advice to their opponents is to hang on tight and don't fumble.

CD X X
X X PA X X
PM X JB
MC

THE "HEAR ME ROAR" FORMATION? Little is known about this avant-garde set. PM and JB used an unknown rule to decide who went right and who left. PA took the long snap and faded back, often only to hand off to MC. Note the odd flaring of the offensive line around centre CD. Obviously some statement is being made here, but we're just not sure what it might be.

13. (3-10-1) Martin JOHNSON (George Bell, Elliott Netto, Eugene Chan, Sarlo Camas): Apparently this squad thinks it will be an easy transistion from roller derby to the gridiron. They could be right but I like their chances of

MJ X X X X X EC SC GB EN

winning the lottery better. Look for high scoring games with an offence featuring the flea-flicker.

THE "IMMACULATE DEFLECTION?" The mystery tight-end was being used in camp for an unusual purpose: a trick play where MJ, GB, and EN all go wide and turn back, SC goes in motion and then over the middle, and quarterback EC fades slowly and rifles a 90mph spiral right at the mystery man's helmet., the deflection to be caught by whoever is nearest. They had this up to a 25% completion rate (with many interceptions) after two days of practice, but they'd gone through nine tight ends in that time...

OC JS X X X X X X BS JH

14. (3-10) Owen CARTER (Bill Sinnett, Josh Sinnett, Julian Hansen): The Bellingham Bullets will feature a Run and Shoot Offense with a yet-to-be-named defense. If they remember to use live ammunition they could provide a few upsets. Likely to be hampered by lack of familiarity with the Canadian game—waiting for fourth down to punt will be deadly...

We have only the photo from a spy-sattelite to tell us what this Bellingham quartet have planned. Apparently one of the four wide outs goes in motion and receives the snap. We expect few running plays.

["Harry the Horse" thanks the Bird-Dog for his training camp scoops and the projected offensive formations.]

Flt B Prognostications by Jimmy the Turk

What happened to the Flight B IMP League? A few years ago, the Unit raised the masterpoint limit from 1,000 to 1,500 to allow more players to qualify and enjoy this extended team play. So what happened? The number of teams has stuck at eight for the second year in a row. Rather than have just seven matches, the commissioner has come up with a novel two-division concept, splitting the teams into two divisions. Each team will play two matches against the other three teams in its division and one against the four teams in the other division. This imbalanced schedule means each team plays ten matches (a good number) but

creates havoc for your prognosticator.

To make things worse, the divisions have been named the Jimmy the Turk (JTT) Division and the Hideous-Hog-In-Training (HHIT) Division and both JTT and HHIT are predicting the results. What an ignominious fate for JTT, who is being rewarded (?) for last year's predictions, when his last place team won the event (!), by being second guessed by the HHIT. Disgusting!

However, undaunted, I am about to fearlessly predict another year of IMP League matches. One comment: who decided which teams went into which division? I notice HHIT is in his own division! Did he have a hand in that?

First place in each division plus two wild-card teams make the semi-finals. If there is one wild-card team from each division, the division winners will play the wild-card

from the other division. If one division produces both wild-card teams, the lowest ranked wild-card team will play the team that wins its division, and the highest ranked wild-card team will play the winner of the other division.

1. Tai ENG—1st, JTT Div. I picked this team first last year and haven't changed my mind. Eng has to rise above his second-banana status sometime. He made the final last year so he almost made JTT look good. Maybe this will be the year he finally gets it all right. It won't be easy. He and Fricker make an excellent pair but he has lost something with the departure of Dwayne Dicks. That relegates Dianne Isfeld to "spare" status, and she is far too valuable an asset for that. It also puts a lot of pressure on the pair of Powell and Wong who will have to perform at their best in every match. **Rating: 20/30**

2. Terry Scott—1st, HHIT Div. Scott and Page were part of last year's fourth place team but should do better this year with the addition of two familiar North Shore couples. This team will likely not suffer the fate of many "couple" teams: both the Dabrowskis and Frenchs are among the most even-tempered of bridge couples and both have enjoyed considerable tournament successes in recent years. Opponents will likely find playing this team one of the most enjoyable matches of the season. Opponents will most likely end the evening with pleasant, albeit losing, memories. **Rating: 19/30**

3. Ric Sumner—2nd, HHIT Div. This is primarily a new team with only one face really familiar to recent Flt B IMP Leagues (McIntyre) and another (Shelburn) which was around two years ago but missing last year. Sumner and Woroch are stepping up a notch after a second-place regular season finish in last year's Flight C League while Beattie and Hofstede are a pair of capable journeymen who should be able to hold their own at this level. The real question mark is the novel pairing of the mercurial Shelburn and the eclectic McIntyre. Should those two manage to survive each other, they could be dynamite. Then again, they could blow each other up just as easily. Only time will tell. **Rating: 18/30**

4. Jules Wilkins—2nd, JTT Div. Wilkins and Lam were half of last year's winning team (which this prognosticator picked for last place) and that has to rate for something! They are obviously a pair of up and comers with, now, a proven ability to come through when it counts. In Dressler and Trerise, they have found more than capable replacements for the departed John Whittlesey and Louise Elliott. The two

veterans have a wealth of experience to draw on, the question is, will they be too busy running their respective clubs to devote the energy necessary to be competitive in the league? If Dressler and Trerise play to their ability and Wilkins and Lam continue to shine, this team could easily make Wilkins and Lam repeat champions. **Rating: 17.5/30**

5. Larry Meyer—3rd, JTT Div. This is year four for the most enigmatic team in the league. They finish on top, they finish on the bottom, they finish in the middle. They are in the playoffs, they are not in the playoffs. Last year they grabbed third place, and were one of only three teams to break average but failed to get past the semi-finals. This year, I predict they will just miss the playoffs, with an even record. But let's give them a hand for perseverance. They have been in the league almost forever and have maintained an identical lineup for four years, a testament to their collective good nature. Everyone on the team enjoys playing IMPs and nobody holds anyone else to task. We could all learn a lesson from them. **Rating: 15/30**

6. Geoff Fetterley—3rd, HHIT Div. Who wants to play in the Flight B IMP League this year? That appears to be the question posed by Fetterley and Bye after their two teams disbanded during the off-season. Fetterley and Bye clearly enjoyed the IMP League while most of their previous teammates opted out this year. So the two joined forces and recruited some of their Vancouver Bridge Centre friends and partners to form a new team. While all five players are starting to make regular appearances on unit winner's lists, particularly Bye, Fetterley and Jackson, they still lack the quality or depth of the teams rated above them. **Rating: 14/30**

7. Walter Schmid—4th, JTT Div. Fresh from a victory in Flight C last year, the Awrams have picked up new teammates and stepped up to the tougher world of Flight B. It's a big step up, perhaps bigger than they realize. In Walter and Connie Schmid, they have gained two enthusiastic players who will also find the competition daunting. The big question mark is what will the fifth wheel, Webster, do? Though relatively unknown, he could be the best of the lot but may suffer from an inability to fit into these two established partnerships. **Rating: 9/30**

8. Diane Ayukawa—4th, HHIT Div. Last year, being rated last was a blessing in disguise. Nobody took the team seriously while the team itself rallied to prove it was much better than forecast. And it was, eventually

1995-96 FLIGHT B LINEUPS

JIMMY THE TURK DIVISION

Tai Eng (Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Fred Powell, Peter Wong)

Larry Meyer (Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita)

Walter Schmid (Lenora & Phil Awram, Connie Schmid, Dan Webster)

Jules Wilkins (Hazel Dressler, Greg Lam, Ted Trerise, Mike and Gail Moffatt)

HIDEOUS HOG IN TRAINING DIVISION

Diane Ayukawa (Jim Balcom, Bob Jess, Bev Kane, Toyo Nunoda, Joyce Rhodes)

Geoff Fetterley (Fred Brown, Kathy Bye, Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson)

Terry Scott (Adam & Maria Dabrowski, Bernice & Al French, Marina Page)

Ric Sumner (Bob Beattie, Thelma Hofstede, Bruce McIntyre, Rob Shelburn, Roman Woroch)

winning the championship. So much for predictions! Maybe the same thing will happen this year. Maybe this team also will prove the prognosticator dead wrong. Jess and Balcom have several years of B & C IMP League experience to draw on, Ayukawa has been here before, while Rhodes and Nunoda show promise. But promise will not be enough to win this year. Promise and enthusiasm are qualities to be admired but do not necessarily translate to IMPs on the scoresheet. **Rating: 7.5/30**

Second Guesses

by the Hideous Hog in Training

Not too long ago, I played in a crucial last round IMP league match in which both teams would secure playoff spots simply by garnering five victory points each, of the thirty available. As long as the match was within about 60 IMPs either way, we'd be in. The first half was played in a jovial mood and we received our teammates to make the comparison.

Down at halftime 73 IMPs to nil? Impossible! After all, this is Jimmy the Turk's last place pick! We tried to recoup enough to sneak in but did even worse in the second half! The Whittlesey team that had whittleseyed us to sawdust won two more to win the whole shebang, my teammates departed for various reasons (few, I suspect, are the actual motivations...) and I now feel it my duty to warn as best I can that long-distance predictions (Turkey is long-distance, isn't it?) can jump up and bite the least suspecting. Here's how the B League really will go.

JIMMY THE TURK DIVISION

1. Jules WILKINS. The late addition of Mike and Gail Moffatt to this squad makes them a close choice to take this division, although close is the word here. Any of the four teams could come out on top, but in the other division this seems unlikely. My advice is to completely ignore the fine print on Wilkins's specially printed convention card, as his partners often do...

2. Walter SCHMID. Surely an area that produces Cam Neely and Larry Walker must be able to put together a formidable competitive bridge team. This fivesome will surprise many, and the HHIT crystal ball foresees a crucial free agent signing in mid-season to bring them to three dangerous partnerships. Some opponents will be apt to try to steal a few bases too many on this deceptively fast defense. Don't be fooled!

3. Tai ENG. The Turk may have hit upon a crucial point above: without Dicks/Isfeld, this is not quite the same squad, and the competition (especially in their own twice-played division) is somewhat tougher this year. Look for Tai to find ways to get Isfeld into the lineup for improved bench scoring.

4. Larry MEYER. The winner of this division may be based on who beats up on the other division the most. But the Meyer team is slightly different.

Their form varies so much that they might drop a few against the other side of the table, but I expect them to score well in both ends of the double-header against Eng. Reading between the lines, I suspect there is a vendetta among the Meyer "family" about the fateful day long in the past when Mr. Eng defected to form his own team. These guys are always a fun-loving, free-spirited group, but against Eng they come out as "Vito" Mayer, "Bugsy" Coote, "Vinnie" McKenzie, "Muscles" Simpson, and "Machine Gun" Takashita. Tai may take it on the lam—twice! He did last year.

THE FINAL STANDINGS: Wilkens 6-4, 170 VPs; Schmid 5-5, 155 VPs; Eng 5-5, 145 VPs; Meyer 4-6, 135 VPs.

HIDEOUS HOG IN TRAINING DIVISION

1. Terry SCOTT. Runaway! This hastily-formed squad may garner enough VPs to ensure no wild-card teams from this division. I expect them to go 5-1 within the division, or better, and beat three out of four of the other. The scariest fact is that there are more fine players emerging from the church of St. Louis (Landau) in West Van.

2. Diane AYUKAWA. A few on this squad might benefit from reading the article on slow play elsewhere in this issue, but this squad will win the fight for second in this division. Arrive early to shuffle boards, but don't expect an easy time.

3. Geoff FETTERLEY. Could this be the breakthrough year for this squad? They don't have the division mascot to provide double-digit swings in random directions, which is likely a blessing. Newcomer Brown is a Fetterley discovery, in the Helen-Shields Rookie-Master game no less, and should not be underestimated. However, even Fred cannot play without a partner, so opposing captains and teammates should use the fifteen-minute rule: a match at 7:30 should be explained to Geoff as a 7:15 start.

4. Ric SUMNER. Sure, it's easy to predict your own team for last place, but let me explain. The Turk's sources are off a bit: Rob Shelburn and HHIT discovered long ago how long their partnership fuses were likely to run, and 28 boards was not the answer; thus, HHIT's free-agent contract specified a brand new partner, one to compliment his unique style of shoot (in all directions simultaneously) from the hip and ask questions (such as "was that Blackwood?") later. The dueling systems, Roman Flub and the HHIT Shuffle will be seen in some number of matches this year, but as of this writing, plans for the first match have not reached me, proving that Captain Sumner may have hit upon the most obvious strategy to guide this team to a respectable showing: Sumner-Shelburn and Beattie-Hofstede are not going to give too much away.

THE FINAL STANDINGS: Scott 8-2, 190 VPs; Ayukawa 4-6, 140 VPs; Fetterley 4-6, 135 VPs; Sumner 4-6, 130 VPs.

PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS: Scott over Eng, Schmid upsets Wilkens, Scott over Schmid in the final. The Hog predicts serious, nail-biting mayhem in the final battle for the last wild-card spot, which should keep at least six teams in the running until the bitter end. Should be fun.

The Only Hope

by Louis Landau

This deal is directly from the ACBL Diamond Series lessons. It is aimed at relative newcomers to the game, and yet the obvious play can easily be missed, even by experts.

The problem with this hand is that when East counts her tricks she finds that in order to make the nine necessary to secure her contract, she needs at least four tricks in diamonds. This all looks easy until you realize that there are no entries into dummy outside the diamond suit itself. If East is very careful she will be able to set up the diamonds. However the problem is then that there will be no way of getting there to make them when they are set up.

East has to make two assumptions to succeed. Firstly she has to assume that the diamond finesse is correct, and secondly she has to hope that the missing diamonds will divide according to the odds. These say that if there are an odd number of cards missing in a suit, they tend to divide as evenly as possible. In this hand there are five diamonds missing, so East hopes that they will di-

vide 3-2. If either of these "hopes" is wrong, the contract cannot be made. If they are right, and with this particular hand they are, then all East has to do is go back to basics. No matter how the diamonds

are divided, she will always have to lose at least one, so she should lose it early, while she still has full control of the hand. She must win the first spade and immediately play a small diamond, and put on a small one from dummy whatever the opposition plays, losing the one diamond she has to lose. When she regains the lead she plays her last dia-

mond from her hand and takes the finesse by playing the queen from the table. When this succeeds, and when both players follow to this second diamond, there is no more problem in making three notrump with an overtrick!

She makes one club, five diamonds, two hearts and two spades for a well-earned top. Any other play is doomed to failure. Try it, and you will find out!

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NORTH	
Dir: North	♠ J7
E-W Vul	♥ Q9872
Lead: 6♠	♦ JT
vs 3NT	♣ K965

WEST	EAST
♠ 953	♠ AK2
♥ T64	♥ AK5
♦ AQ7532	♦ 86
♣ 7	♣ AJ432

SOUTH	
♠ QT864	
♥ J3	
♦ K94	
♣ QT8	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The Curse of Bidding Boxes?

by Rudy Notzl

Remember the good old days when you could change your bid as long as it was done in the same breath? Nowadays, with bidding boxes, a curse has emerged—the bidding cards exhibit the same trouble as a well-used deck of cards: they have a tendency to stick together! Who has not experienced the situation where you grab the right tab, but, to your horror, another bidding card hitches a ride?

What's to do? The "Oops!" rule, should apply. Is it possible that the person even intended such a bid?

Our "Ruling the Game" ACBL expert, Brian Morgan, has the answer (see the December 1994 ACBL Bulletin): "...[in the case of] an inadvertent bid—a bid-box accident—allow the player the intended bid without penalty."

An arrogant director does not even bother to establish whether the accidental bid could have been contemplated! So what's to do? Get rid of such directors and keep the bidding boxes!

[McB: There appear to be three separate issues brought up here, Rudy: 1) bid-box cards, like playing cards, stick together more often after excessive use and should be replaced, 2) what should a director do in the case of bidding box accidents, 3) is it

any different if the player might have contemplated the accidental bid? I agree with the first point, and I recognize that the worst bid-boxes around are a few of the older ones that the Unit has been using at tournaments for many years. In the Unit's defense, we have bought some new boxes, and the condition of our worst bid-boxes are not quite at the stage where they should be replaced. The newer bid-boxes appear to me to be better designed than the ones we purchased when we first made bid-boxes the norm at tournaments; the tabs are larger, and the cards are more sturdy. I think most directors are clear on the ACBL guidelines: a bid-box accident is like saying "one spade—I mean one heart." The bid is one heart; there is no penalty. But with bid-boxes, the director should ask the players to recreate the action that caused the "whoops!". If there is a possibility that there was pause for thought before the whoops was noticed, a good director will still allow the correct bid to be substituted, but will remain at the table to ensure that the partner of the player who had the accident does not profit from the possible unauthorized information. But looking into the whoops-bidders hand to see if he "might have contemplated" the whoops bid is no good: whatever you decide, you give away information about the nature of the whoops player's hand.]

Doug Cowan

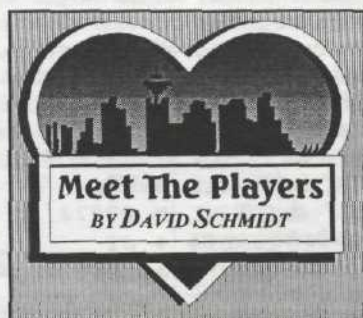
1999 NABC Co-chair

If your resume included Silver Life Master, president of Unit 430, president of District 19, co-chair of the North American Championships, bridge director and accredited bridge teacher, one might assume bridge is your business and your life. But that is definitely not the case for Doug Cowan, one of the most familiar members of the North Shore bridge fraternity.

"To me, bridge is a pastime. I play it because I enjoy it," Cowan says, "I have never been paid a dime to play with someone and I have never paid a dime for anyone to play with me."

That statement covers a lot of years. He started playing almost 40 years ago, while at work in Toronto.

"My family always played, and when I started with my first company, they had a duplicate club at the office. We played in the office on Friday nights," Cowan recalls. Soon after starting at the office club, he went to a sportsman's show where he encountered a duplicate tournament. He tried it out and was hooked for life. He continued to play regularly until the early 60's when he met his wife, Julie, then a non bridge player. While he was raising his family, bridge became an occasional pastime, limited to the odd club game. Once the kids no longer required a babysitter and his wife learned to play, the Cowans were back at the clubs on a more regular basis, Doug making Life Master just before a company transfer brought him to Vancouver, now his permanent home,



in 1978.

In the early 80's, he began his career in bridge administration, serving several terms on both the Unit and District boards. Recently he accepted the challenge of co-chairing the 1999 Vancouver North American Championships. He hopes to make the tournament a "community effort," saying it will be good for both the city and local bridge.

"Anytime you get a major convention, it's good for the city," he says, adding he hopes to promote Vancouver as both a tournament site and vacation destination. "I intend to encourage people to bring their skis and golf clubs. As this thing gets rolling and we generate enthusiasm among the local bridge fraternity, we can use this to get people interested in bridge at the grassroots level."

Despite that enthusiasm, Cowan recognizes that getting new players interested in duplicate bridge is a daunting task.

"When I started, people played Stayman, Blackwood and strong twos. The differences between a casual and a du-

plicate player weren't that great. But our game has become far more sophisticated and today, what the rubber player plays does not bear any resemblance to what we play. It makes it more difficult for beginners. People can be easily intimidated."

In his own case, he plays 2/1 with most partners but notes "I'm pretty adaptable." He has to be, as he has a legion of partners he plays with. "I recently went through my convention book and found over 40 convention cards. I will play with just about anyone as long as they're pleasant."

Pleasant is a word he strongly emphasizes, "I play this game to the best of my ability with people I enjoy playing with," people like his wife Julie, Pat Landau, Steve Beaton and, recently, Pauline Lee.

As befits an NAC chairman, Cowan counts his games at NAC's among his bridge highlights. Although he is thrilled at "just the fact of playing in the NAC's," he particularly recalls the 1992 IMP Pairs in Toronto. "We didn't do anything overall but we won a section and I found the ambience really wonderful. I thoroughly enjoyed the time and the event."

He also fondly recalls his first Nanaimo Seniors Regional when he topped the masterpoint list by winning over 50 points.

Despite his accomplishments and continued involvement, to Cowan, bridge will always be a hobby.

"I don't think you should lie awake at night stewing about a hand. This is a recreational pastime, not a life or death situation."

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

One of the fascinating aspects of declarer play at pairs lies in the quest for that important and often elusive extra trick that turns a humdrum 5 or 6 into an 11 or greater. At teams when you are in four hearts and cold for five there is little point in wondering whether you can make six on a double

squeeze and throw in—a waste of energy for one l_y IMP!

Not so at pairs—and often this extra energy spent leads to some beautiful play—witness this hand, played some years ago by Blue Team star Walter Avarelli. See first if you can match his play and make twelve tricks, double dummy, on the lead of the king of spades.

♠A754 ♥JT ♦KJT53 ♣J2

♠KQJ3 ♥3 ♦Q9876 ♠KQ6 ♠T962 ♥762 ♦4 ♣A9754

♠8 ♥AKQ9854 ♦A2 ♣T83

(Avarelli's twelve tricks are on page 17)

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am \$4.50 per player Tuesdays at 7:30pm

IMP League matches: \$16/team, includes coffee

Don't Miss: Annual Hallowe'en Costume Contest, Oct. 31!

Sept 19 Membership Game Winners: Joerg Schneider/Pat Landau

Club closed December 25 and 26.

East Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie at River Road
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry, includes lunch

Sundays 1:00 PM

November 26: Membership Game

December 3: Club Championship

December 17: Christmas Party

Closed for Sectional Nov 12

Isawassen Bridge Club

South Delta Rec Centre, 1720-56th Street, Delta

Finn Schultz 534-5025 Mondays 7:30 pm

Central Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond

(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Albert Yallouz 321-1891

coffee & goodies computer scoring

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 15: Club Championship!

Nov 29: Membership Game

Dec. 13: Christmas Party Game

Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8

Ph. 255-2564 Lessons, books, seminars

Rubber Bridge Saturdays

REGULAR GAMES (All but Friday Stratified)

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday	7:30 PM	Intermediate (0-200)
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Lunch Available
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Strat. Adv. Int. (0-750)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Newcomers (0-20)
	7:30 PM	Open (Loonie) Game
Friday	11:00 AM	Supervised Play
	7:30 PM	Open Lucky # Game
Saturday	1:00 PM	Saturday Fast Pairs
Sunday	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs

Oct 21-22: Bridge Centre hosts Vancouver Future Stars Sectional (regular games still on).

Tue Oct 24: (pm) COPC Club Qualifying Game

Fri Oct 27: TGIF Party Night

Sat Oct 28: Fast Pairs Club Championship

Thu Nov 16: North American College Bridge Contest

Mon Nov 20: CBF Charity Game (open to all)

Fri Nov 24: TGIF Party Night

Sat Nov 25: Fast Pairs Club Championship

Sun Nov 26: (Noon/TBA) CNTC Club Qual. Game

Dec 4-8: Mini-Club Championship Week: all games

Monday thru Friday are Club Championships

Sun Dec 10: (noon/TBA) CNTC/GNT Club Q Game

Fri Dec 15: Holiday Charity Game/Dinner/Bash

Sun Dec 17: IMP Pairs Club Championship

Dec 24-25: Club Closed

Dec 26: (10:45) Boxing Day Tournament of Champions Membership Game

RECENT WINNERS (Congratulations!)

NAOP Club Qualifying Games: Aug 16 (Flt B/C): Pat Jones/Victoria St. Mars Aug 26 (open): Patti Adams/John

Ashwell Aug 31 (open): Sandra Robson/Alan Harrop

All-Stars Individual, Sept 10: Gerry McCully

Yellow Card Individual, Sept 10: Semiral Tuncer

COPC Club Q, Sept 11: Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone

Instant Matchpoints, Sept 20: Ben Takemori/John Reay

North Am. 49er Pairs, Sept 27: Phil Spicer/Jim Tennant

Quarterly IMP Pairs Champions: 1st Qtr: Patti Adams;

2nd Qtr: Michael Neagu; 3rd Qtr: Catriona Brown

Big Games: Les Fouks/June Pocock (70.83%, June 20),

Jim Tennant/Phil Spicer (70.83 %, July 5), Lauren

Miller/Gord McOrmond (70.03%, Sept 22)

Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: Oct. 15, 1995. Not including invitation-only clubs.)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Most Recent Club Champions
Mon	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	open	11 Dec	John Ashwell/Clare Way
	1045a	BBY	H. Dressler	open	4 Dec	June Pocock/Les Fouks
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	Teams	unscheduled	see Wednesday
	715p	SRV	A. Browning	open	27 Nov	unsupplied
	730p	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	13 Nov	Lois Mazuren/Pat Carruthers
	730p	SQU	W. Jonat	H: 1st, trophy race game: 3rd		annual trophy points race
	730p	TSW	F. Schultz	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	730p	KER	A. Nagy	open	6 Nov	Al Coulter/Judy Murphy
Tue	730p	VBC	C. Delisle	LP:0-200, stratified	4 Dec	James Burt/Erik Sitek
	1100a	VBC	A. Nagy	stratified	5 Dec	(tie) K. Robertson/H. Greenhut, C. Delisle/J. Greenhut
	1100a	S-W	T. Stiennon	Teams: 5 Dec	28 Nov	Kay Lyons/Maree Logan
	730p	BBY	H. Dressler	open	17 Oct	Ray Morrison/Beryl Hamilton
	730p	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	5 Dec	Felipe Hernandez/Gordon Davis
	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	open	11 Dec (Mon.)	see Monday
	1030a	HAS	M. Scott	open	27 Dec	Olive MacDonald/Bonnie Anderson
	100p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	unsupplied	Individual: Doris Housley
Wed	715p	WRK	F. Schultz	STR: twice a month	unsupplied	Sefton Levine/Bernie Hoy
	730p	M-R	B. Percher	open (new location)	13 Dec	John Richoux/Lisa Cobetto
	730p	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	15 Nov	Phyllis Gerber/Pearl Minkoff
	730p	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, STR	6 Dec	Ruby Jackson/Remi Van Tomme
	730p	VCR	L. Landau	STR, and LP:0-50	30 Nov, 27 Dec	Pat Landau/Joyce Peters
	1100a	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	19 Oct	Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
	1100p	CLO	P. Stapff	open	7 Dec	Barb Stachoski/Tillie Neilson
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	unscheduled	see Wednesday
Thu	715p	F.V	T. Stiennon	open	14 Dec	Ted Hicks/Dianne Wilson
	730p	MIS	B. Percher	open	14 Dec	Rudy Lacerte/Gladys Plumridge
	730p	VBC	E. Chan	LP: 0-20	unscheduled	none yet held
	730p	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	7 Dec	Felipe Hernandez/Duane Tilden
	1100a	VBC	C. Delisle	Supervised Play—no masterpoint awards given.		
	715p	VCR	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams: first Friday of each month only		
	730p	ABB	B. Percher	open	29 Oct (teams)	unsupplied
	730p	S-D	T. Stiennon	Teams:17 Nov	28 Dec	Gypsy Sturrock/Alice De Roo
Fri	730p	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	8 Dec	Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone
	100p	VBC	E. Chan	fast pairs stratified	28 Oct	Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
Sat	100p	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: 12 Nov	3 Dec	Phyllis Gerber/John Ashwell
	630p	VBC	B. Russell	IP-STR, X:1st	17 Dec	Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone

H=handicap STR=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.

Special Events at Clubs

October 20-December 13, 1995

(Quarterly Club Championship dates for Unit 430 clubs can also be found in the Weekly Game List about four inches to the left of here.)

Date Time Club What's Happening

21-22 Oct	VBC	Future Stars Sectional
23 Oct 7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams (pre-register)
24 Oct 7:30	VBC	COPC Club Qualifying Game
25 Oct 10:30	HAS	International Fund Game
27 Oct 7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Game
28 Oct 1:00	VBC	Fast Pairs Club Championship
29 Oct 11:30	ABB	13th Annual Charity Swiss Teams
	& TBA	Championship (2-sessions)
30 Oct 7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
31 Oct 7:30	BBY	Annual Hallowe'en Costume Game (prizes for best costumes)
3 Nov 7:15	VCR	Monthly Swiss Teams

Date Time Club What's Happening

3 Nov	7:30	S-D	Game moved for this night only to: St. John's United Church, 7655 Scott Rd. (120 St.), Surrey
5 Nov	Monthly Unit	Game	(VBC 6:30, SRY 7:00)
6 Nov	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
6 Nov	7:30	KER	Club Championship
9 Nov	7:30	VBC	North American College Bridge Contest
10-13 Nov			Most clubs closed for Round-Up Sectional at Pacific Inn, White Rock (some clubs open Monday, Nov 13: check with your local club manager)
13 Nov	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
15 Nov	10:30	HAS	Membership Game
15 Nov	7:30	C.R	Club Championship
16 Nov	7:15	F.V	Charity Game
16 Nov	7:30	VBC	COPC Club Qualifying Game
17 Nov	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
20 Nov	7:15	SRY	Membership Game
20 Nov	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
20 Nov	7:30	VBC	CBF Charity Game (open to all)
22 Nov	10:00	VCR	Stratified Game
24 Nov	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
24 Nov	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Game
25 Nov	1:00	VBC	Fast Pairs Club Championship
26 Nov	noon	VBC	2-session CNTC Club Qualifying Team Game
		& TBA	
26 Nov	1:00	RMD	Membership Game
27 Nov	7:15	SRY	Club Championship
27 Nov	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
28 Nov	11:00	S-W	Club Championship
29 Nov	10:30	HAS	Charity Game
29 Nov	7:30	C.R	Membership Game
29 Nov	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
1 Dec	7:15	VCR	Monthly Swiss Teams
3 Dec	1:00	RMD	Club Championship
3 Dec		Monthly Unit	Game Christmas Party Finale (VBC 6:30, SRY 7:00)
4 Dec	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
4 Dec	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
4 Dec	7:30	CWK	Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game
4-8 Dec		VBC	Club Championship Mini-week
4 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200)
5 Dec	11:00	S-W	Swiss Teams
5 Dec	11:00	VBC	Club Championship

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Club Abbreviations and Contacts

ABB—Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
ARB—Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers Susan Gyemant	732-3252 732-8555
BBY—Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445
C.R—Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891
CLO—Cloverdale BC	Pat Stapff	588-6974
CWK—Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
F.V—Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
HAS—Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932
JCC—Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196
KER—Kerrisdale DBC	Ted Trerise	261-5443
MIS—Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
M-R—Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
RMD—East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298
S-D—Sur-Del BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
S-W—South-West DBC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
SRY—South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	574-0299
SQU—Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	892-3308
SUN—Sunshine Coast BC	Rudy Notzl	885-5552
TSW—Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025
VBC—Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone #:	255-2564
VCR—Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309
WRK—White Rock BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025

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CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
5 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
6 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-750)
7 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
8 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
10 Dec	noon	VBC	2-session CNTC/GNT Qualifying & TBA Stratified Team Game
11 Dec	10:00	VCR	Christmas Party Game and Club Championship
11 Dec	7:30	CWK	Christmas Club Championship
13 Dec	7:30	M-R	Christmas Club Championship
13 Dec	7:30	C.R	Christmas Party Game
13 Dec	7:30	VCR	Christmas Party Game
14 Dec	7:15	F.V	Christmas Club Championship
15 Dec	7:30	ABB	Christmas Game
15 Dec	7:30	VBC	Annual TGIF Holiday Charity Bash (dinner, 6:30)
17 Dec	1:00	RMD	Christmas Party Game
17 Dec	6:30	VBC	IMP Pairs Club Championship

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
18 Dec	10:45	BBY	Christmas Game
18 Dec	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
18 Dec	7:30	SQU	Final 1995 Trophy Race Game
19 Dec	11:00	S-W	Christmas Game
19 Dec	7:30	BBY	Christmas Game
20 Dec	10:30	HAS	Christmas Party
22 Dec	7:30	S-D	Christmas Game

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
26 Dec	10:45	VBC	Boxing Day Tournament of Champions Membership Game
26 Dec	12:00	VCR	John Reeve Individual Championship
27 Dec	10:30	HAS	Club Championship
27 Dec	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
1 Jan	12:00	VCR	Party Game (note special time)

South Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street (Semi-ahmoo Fish & Game Club)

Director/Manager:
Arlene Browning-574-0299

Mondays at 7:15pm
Handicap Games first
Monday of each month
Computer scoring

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct 23: Swiss Teams
(please pre-register)
Nov 20: Membership Game
Nov 27: Club Championship
Dec 18: Christmas Party

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 792-4389
partners always guaranteed!

Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre
9400 College Street
Mondays at 7:30 pm
Stratified Games last
Monday each month
Nov 13: Club Champ.
Dec 4: Milk Bottle Fund
Charity Game
Dec 11: Christmas
Game & Club Champ.

Maple Ridge

Centennial Centre
Seniors Complex:
11940 224th St.
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Dec 13: Christmas Game
& Club Champ.
Chwk NAOP Club
Qualifying Game Winners:
Roselle MacRae/Ken
Cowherd

Mission

Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave.
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Dec 14: Christmas Game
& Club Championship

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road
Fridays at 7:30 pm
Dec 15: Christmas
Game

DONT MISS THIS!!!

**13th Annual Abbotsford Charity Swiss
Teams Championship: 2 sessions beginning at
11:30am, Sunday October 29**

SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
Thony Stiennon (non-playing director) 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave. Delta BC
Regular Game:	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
Swiss Teams:	December 5		November 17
Club Championships:	November 28	December 14	November 24
Charity Game:		November 16	
Christmas Party Game:	December 19	December 14	December 14

RECENT WINNERS
International Fund Game
South-West, Sept 5:
Stella Steves/Maree Logan
Membership Game
South-West, Oct. 3: Esther
Freeman/Marsha Woroniuk

Membership Game
Sur-Del, Oct 6:
Liz Lee/Colin Collin
DON'T FORGET
South-West's starting time on
Tuesday mornings has been
changed to 11 AM.

SPECIAL Sur-Del NOTE
On November 3rd, the normal
site for the game is unavailable.
For that night only, the game
will take place at St. John's
United Church, 7655 Scott Rd.
(120 St.) in Surrey.

**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

Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club
Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver
All players welcome! Club Championship Oct 19.
Connie Delisle (263-9196), director

Squamish Bridge Club
Masonic Hall, Elliott Building
38140 Cleveland Ave., Squamish
Mondays at 7:30 PM
handicap games first Monday each
month, trophy race games third
Monday each month
Lorraine Hurren 892-3308

Vancouver Bridge Club
St. David's Church, NW corner of
Taylor Way and Upper Levels
Highway, West Vancouver
Louis Landau - 984-8309
All games non-smoking
Monday 10:00 AM open
Wednesday 10:00 AM open
Wednesday 7:15 PM stratified
A separate 49er game will be run
Wednesday evening whenever
attendance allows
Computer Scoring Bid-boxes
Both Wed. games are jackpot games.
All holiday Mondays are PARTY
DAYS, with door prizes, goodies etc.

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS
Nov. Wed. 22nd (am): Stratified Game
Wed. 29th (pm): Club Championship
Monday 28th: Stratified Game
Dec. Monday 4th: Handicap Game
Monday 11th: Club Christmas Party and
Club Championship
Wed 13th (pm): Club Christmas Party
Monday 25th: Closed
Players of the Month: Aug: Adam
Dabrowski, Sept: Maria Dabrowski
BC Day Charity Pairs: Keith
Miller/Rose Wrean **Seeburg**
Memorial Cup: Shirley
McKinney/Julie Smith **Labour Day**
Open Pairs: Gil Calhoun/Stam
Sangdahl **ACBL Instant**
Matchpoint Game: N/S: Arthur
Ma/Steve Beaton E/W: Betty
Harold/Ruby Vanziffie

First Friday of each month: **One Session Swiss Teams** be-
ginning at 7:15pm. Teammates guaranteed to all pairs;
individuals should call Louis to arrange for teammates.

Hurry Up And Think

by Bruce McIntyre

The biggest irritant in duplicate bridge, claimed a survey not too long ago, is not table rudeness, or complicated systems, or even anything to do with smoking. It is slow play. Many experienced local players who used to play frequently are seldom seen at clubs these days. Is it because they play rubber at home? because they've lost interest? because they feel no need to beat inferiors? because they've lost touch with the latest conventions? No. It is because they haven't the patience to play club bridge anymore, because it's too damn slow.

As a result, many club games are getting smaller. Once you lose the top end of your player base, the remaining members of your game don't attend with anywhere near the frequency of the bridge-crazy addicts, and attendance goes slowly down. You can point to a lot of reasons attendance is off, but the number one turn-off of this game is following a pair who is slow every round, or waiting for the North-South pair one table lower to complete the round and hand you the boards.

And what do you read about slow play, and how to prevent it? They tell us to play quickly, don't conduct post-mortems, don't waste time smoking or getting coffee or talking to friends between rounds, claim when you can, and all sorts of obvious things like that. Sort of like advising a pitcher to throw strikes and don't give up a hit, or a goalie to keep the puck from entering the net. The real keys to playing fast are in forming habits that serve to keep the game moving, and staying alert at the table.

To play fast you don't need to play "fast"; you just need to play slow less often.

Suppose the auction goes 1NT (15-17) on your right, you pass an eleven count, LHO makes a transfer. You should see that there is a great chance for you to be on opening lead eventually, and you should start figuring out what your best lead might be against notrump, or against the suit about to be bid by RHO. Once the auction is over, you can immediately place a card on the table. After your lead is turned face up, you can write the contract on your convention card as declarer studies dummy.

You scoff. "That might save five seconds," you say. "Over the course of the night that might save a minute or two at most." Point taken. But how often have you seen one or more of these:

—a fourth pass by the player whose bid was passed out

—"whose hearts; is it my lead?"

—"what did we do on board seven, partner?"

These events don't cost five seconds; they cost minutes. But if you get into the *habit* of keeping the game moving, it will speed up the game a little bit, by getting opening leads onto the table quicker and saving time figuring the best defense because you need to go over the bidding again in your mind before leading to trick three; and, it will speed up the game a lot, because players who are really at the table almost never ask "is it my lead," or make a fourth pass, or forget what happened on the previous board.

So let's go over the ground and look at a single deal and how time wasted can be extra time saved:

Arriving at the table: this is where most of the time goes. The smoking ban in effect now at most clubs forces smokers to go outside or to a special room to smoke, where you can't hear the round being called. Many clubs have washrooms, or coffee and other refreshments that are far away from the tables. Some clubs even have less washroom space than they need and lineups result. *None of these is any excuse for arriving at the table late.* The only excuse for arriving at the table late is that you were still playing boards when the round was called. Even this is not an excuse if you finished the boards late and then went to get a leisurely refreshment while your next opponents were waiting (although we will make an exception for biological urgency, provided you follow it up with bridge urgency to make up for the lost time).

Greeting the opponents: too many of us don't. But some of us greet with such profusion that by the time the first bid is finally made, other tables have played six tricks already. The happy medium is to greet and pull cards from the slot simultaneously. This keeps everybody happy. If someone wants to tell a story, fine, but don't let it hold up the bidding. Correct form is "...so Freddie went up to the officer and said 'Sir, I respectfully—redouble—I respectfully submit that...'" If you are not confident in simultaneously bidding and being the jovial raconteur, simply mention that you have a funny story to tell after the round, and almost certainly you'll have time—trust me.

Sorting cards: even with my bizarre method of card sorting, I take about the same amount of time as everyone else. What isn't cricket is when somebody has to say "still sorting" because the dealer has passed his 2-count without sorting. This slows things down for everyone, since there is the awkward knowledge that the dealer passed quickly. The time gained by the quick pass

is swiftly lost by the other players as they try to ignore this unauthorized information. Sort your good hands and your bad ones. We also need to recognize that some players have genuine trouble in sorting their cards and need a few extra seconds. Rushing them inevitably causes more timewasting later.

Bidding: Take a few seconds before sorting to check the dealer and vulnerability on each board. Reduce the essential information to two words: "We/They/Both/None" for vulnerability and "1st/2nd/3rd/4th" for the seat you are in. If you're East on Board 15, you simply remember "They; 4th." (If those new boards with the green hands and the funny vulnerability stickers confuse you, you won't be confused when you make it a habit to look for this information every deal.) Why? Because the number one timing problem in bidding consists of players not realizing it is their turn. Either the dealer hasn't seen that he is the dealer, or the player due to make the next bid is waiting for LHO to say something. If you are next to call and are thinking for more than a few seconds, it's a good idea to give some indication that you know it is your bid, to put minds at rest.

Before the opening lead: Once the bidding is over, somebody should say aloud the contract and declarer ("...so, Six Hearts Redoubled, by East...") and the players should write the contract down now on the backs of their convention cards—except the player on opening lead, who should open the proceedings before writing the contract down.

The play: The opening leader should have the contract written down by the time the thirteen cards in dummy appear. At this point, no matter how obvious the play to the first trick, declarer should think for a half-minute or so before playing. Opening leader's partner may also wish to take some time, either before or after he plays his card. Time taken at the first trick is not time wasting; this is virtually always a time of planning and deep thought. Later in the hand, however, there are all sorts of needless irritating time wasting tactics that happen frequently:

—declarer thinks for a minute, then leads towards an ace-queen in dummy, LHO follows low smoothly, and declarer now goes into the tank again. Surely during the first tank he should have considered that the most likely outcome was a low card from LHO. His decision whether to finesse or not should have already been made.

—a player pulls a card from his hand, holds it unseen in mid-air, then replaces it again. Ten seconds later, the same act with a different card (or is it the same one again?). Some declarers even go so far within their blue funk of deep thought as to play a card at

a speed of about three millimetres a minute, until everyone in the club can see what it is, only to quickly pull it back at the last moment! This often causes the opponents to throw their cards on the table in disgust, which undoubtedly contributes to the time wasting, but under such torture who can blame them?

—many newer players (especially when trying to learn from a better partner) go out of their way to make the absolutely 100% perfect and proper signal on defense on every card. This results in ten seconds to decide whether to play the five or the three first as declarer runs his solid nine-card suit. Partner is usually so zonked by the repeated tanks he doesn't even notice the signals.

—it's my impression that people who look at the ceiling usually have nothing to think about at that time.

The solution to all of these is to stay ahead of what's happening. Don't detach a card until you're sure you want to play it. Don't lead up to dummy without some idea of what card you'll be playing in the likely circumstances. Don't take on too many defensive gadgets at once: the proper way to learn how to signal is to start slow and add things little by little. The ceiling won't help you.

Claiming: Many players have run into the Laws while trying to claim and have decided apparently to never try it again. This costs us all time. If you fear claiming because there's a trump out and you might miff the claim statement, just play a few more tricks until all you need to do is show your cards. If on defense you can see that dummy is good (and you KNOW that partner cannot win another trick), concede. It saves time.

Irregularities: There's nothing sillier than players debating over whether the director should be called after an irregularity occurs. Call him. You may have heard that you can't call the director if you're dummy. Call him anyway. Don't waste time dillying over whether the irregularity means anything. Keep calling until your call is acknowledged. (There are players who think that you can

summon a director by waving, as though they're bidding another fifty in a silent auction. You can't. Yell at him. Even if he's on the phone.)

After trick thirteen: Whoever is closest to North's convention card is responsible for seeing that North grabs the traveller first, before he enters the score on his own scoresheet. If North tries to enter the score on his convention card first, I suggest slapping your hand down on it. If North wishes to blab on, I suggest one of East or West take the scoresheet themselves and open it up for him. There is so much opportunity for time to be lost here that all four players should be especially vigilant. Get the job done before discussing the hand at length. Don't let anyone have an extended look at the scoresheet while there are still boards to play. A glimpse or two, or a quick (and quiet) recap of the most popular scores by North, fine. A comprehensive analysis of who bid the slam against whom, by counting tables to figure out who is pair 13, is not at all proper.

At all times: Be aware of how much time you have before the round is to be called. Directors could do a lot more to help players in this respect. Few directors anymore say "you should be on your last board," or something like that. It's better for a director to announce when a round is half-over, so that players can speed up if necessary.

The Golden Rule: There is one misapprehension that almost all players share with regards to slow play, and that is the fault principle. Too many players adamantly refuse to speed up their game (which as we've seen, does not necessarily mean to play fast, but just to avoid playing slowly) after a pair arrives late, since they feel that they were not responsible for the original delay. This sort of thing happens:

Round One: Played 3NT and needed to engineer a difficult endplay to make it, then a difficult defense for the needed 800 against our vulnerable game. Left the table three minutes into the next round.

Round Two: Got to table to find no op-

ponents, they were fetched from the smoking area outside five minutes into the round, and sat down saying "what took you so long?" Three times during the round we tried to speed this pair up, but they insisted on post-morteming the first board, and South took two minutes before being reminded it was his lead on the second. Left five minutes late, with opponents behind us waiting.

Round Three: Asked North, explaining system to South, to fill in the scoreslip after the first board and he exploded. "Not my fault you guys arrived late; you'll have to play quicker. Bloody slow players." Continued post-mortem. Director announced an early break, "because of a certain East-West pair."

Do you think the East-West pair is going to be back next week? Probably not, but the two North-South pairs will. Notice that the East-West pair had a few tough hands and got behind, tried to catch up, and were denied the opportunity. Don't blame the director: no director can monitor every table to find out who's at fault when a pair gets behind. By this time, it probably looks to the director like the East-West pair is slow.

The Golden Rule is that there is only one person responsible for slow play: YOU. I don't care what the circumstances are, I don't care if you've never been late getting to a table in your life: if you make no effort to get caught up, you are guilty. If your attitude is "I won't help because it isn't my fault," you are hurting the game more than any slow pair ever could.

Fast players don't play "fast." They just slow the game down less often. As a result, they have more time to think. What we need to do is look for the ways we all slow down the game and get rid of them, filling them with awareness and pauses for thought.

Slow players don't play "slow." They lose the thread and take time doing a whole slew of unnecessary things that slow the game down. It takes only one player to cause delays. Don't let that person be you. Keep the game moving: hurry up—and think!

[Give Me A Hand continued from page 10]

Here is how Avarelli played it:

Ace of spades, spade ruff, ten of hearts, spade ruff, jack of hearts, ruff the last spade, ace of hearts leaving this position after West and North pitch small diamonds:

♠—♥—♦KJT5 ♠J2

♠—♥—♦Q987 ♠KQ

♠—♥—♦4 ♠A9754

♠—♥K ♠A2 ♠T83

Avarelli now played the king of hearts, forcing West to

part with a high club. North and East shed clubs, and Avarelli now cashed the ace of diamonds and took the diamond finesse, leaving this:

♠—♥—♦KJ ♠J

♠—♥—♦Q9 ♠K

♠—♥—♦— ♠A93

♠—♥—♦— ♠T83

Now he exited with the jack of clubs and the defenders could choose their poison! If East wins he must concede the last two tricks to South, and if East ducks, West must concede the last two tricks to North! A pretty ending!

Phil Wood Trophy Race

1. Aidan Ballantyne.....	61.15
2. Lawrence Hicks.....	52.25
3. Felipe Hernandez.....	50.33
4. Bill Goldstone.....	48.20
5. Michael Neagu.....	46.63
6. Mary Lou Bert.....	43.14
7. Leo Steil.....	40.86
8. Peter Herold.....	40.65
9. June Pocock.....	37.88
10. Dan Jacob.....	37.76

Edith Bonnell Trophy Race

1. Mary Lou Bert.....	43.14
2. June Pocock.....	37.88
3. Sandra Jenkins.....	36.03
4. Kathy Adachi.....	35.13
5. Rhonda Betts.....	32.09
6. Shiela Dickie.....	24.15
7. Nicci Charleson.....	22.96
8. Pauline Lee.....	19.23
9. Bev Taylor.....	17.26
Delphine Tablotney.....	17.26

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy Race

1. Michael Neagu.....	46.63
2. Sky Williamson.....	18.70
3. Pat Jones.....	16.16
4. Amir Alibhai.....	15.43
5. Normi Kaplan.....	13.71
6. Jeanette Greenhut.....	13.08
7. Lenora & Phil Awram (tie) ...	11.58
9. Kathy Bye.....	10.77?
10. Larry Meyer.....	9.17
Jim McKenzie.....	9.17
(?: eligibility for 1995 contest uncertain)	

Evergreen Sectional Top Ten

1. Bill Goldstone.....	19.72
2. Gerry McCully.....	19.64
3. Leo Steil.....	17.10
4. Ken Robertson.....	16.96
Michael Neagu.....	16.96
6. Dan Jacob.....	15.61
Aidan Ballantyne.....	15.61
8. Larry Hicks.....	14.50
Allan Graves.....	14.50
10. Andrew Ross.....	14.33

Attendance Leaders after Four Sectionals

24/24 sessions: Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone, Bev Kane, Pat Landau, Pauline Lee, Bruce McIntyre, Toyo Nunoda, Joerg Schneider, Leo Steil.

22/24 sessions: Kathy Adachi, Yuko Fujieda, John Horne, Louis Landau, Haiderali Nazak, Joan Richards, Ric Sumner.

21/24 sessions: Patti Adams, Felipe Hernandez, Ken Robertson.

I discovered a slight hitch with the way the computer calculates total sessions—it appears to dock you a session if you are relegated to the consolation of a team event, as though you didn't play in the first session. (Yes, I know that most people would just as soon forget the session that places them in the consolation, and perhaps the computer is being sympathetic.) But, there are ways around these problems, and I'm confident that the data are now accurate. We thank those listed for their fine support!



Local Winners

EVERGREEN SECTIONAL
Queensborough Community Centre
September 15-17, 1995

Friday Afternoon

Stratified Pairs (20 tables)	
A1. Sheila Dickie/Ron Christensen	
A2. Leo Steil/Brenda Robson	
A3B1C1. Sky Williamson/ Amirali Alibhai	

Friday Aft. Stratified Pairs (Cont.)

A4. Sefton Levine/Bernie Hoy	
A5. Sue Bradford/Dot Carnegie	
A6. June Pocock/Les Fouks	
B2. Nancy Friedman/William Osten	
B3. Bruce McIntyre/Kelvin Raywood	
B4. John Mullen/Alan Harrop	
B5. Haiderali Nazak/Nuridin Kassam	
B6. Craig Snelgrove/Duane Tilden	
C1. Sky Williamson/Amirali Alibhai	
C2. Hing Kong Ho/Don Keith	
C3. Joe Parranto/David Grannis	
C4. Christa Mead/Priscilla Brown	

Women's Pairs (15 tables)

A1B1. Amy Graham/Joan Campbell	
A2. Donna Morrison/Helen Montgomery	
A3. Jean Groome/Jennifer Ballantyne	
A4. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney	
A5. Hazel Stowards/Ida Goodlad	
A6B2. Pauline Lee/Shirley Bowers	
B3. Nancy Davies/Pat Lester	
B4. Corrine Tapley/Daisy Neilson	
B5. Elaine Levins/Pat Wotherspoon	

Friday Evening

Mixed Board-A-Match Teams (22 teams)

1. Anne Nagy, Gordon Davis, Andrew Ross, Catriona Brown	
2. Lynda Cole, Ralph Cole, Stella Alliston, Les Fouks	

3. Jeanette Greenhut, Ken Robertson, Normi Kaplan, Michael Neagu	
4/5. Larry Pocock, June Pocock, Wilf May, Kathy Adachi	
4/5. Doug Cowan, Pauline Lee, Stephen Beaton, Pat Landau	
6/9. Louis Landau, Diane Dean, Maria Dabrowski, Adam Dabrowski	
6/9. Cam Doner, Ramona Wallis, Lenny Spilman, Nicci Charleson	
6/9. Felipe Hernandez, Marguerite Chiarenza, Mary Fines, Duane Tilden	
6/9. Leo Steil, Bill Goldstone, Brenda Robson, Mary Lou Bert	

Future Masters Stratified (6 tables)

A1. Ghodsi Ahmadi/Tom Markham	
A2. Peggy Schindeler/Gypsy Sturrock	
A3/4B1. Joe Parranto/David Grannis	
A3/4. Maureen Crompton/Julian Lee	
B2. Christa Mead/Priscilla Brown	

Side Game (18 tables)

1. Sandi White/Stam Bodlak	
2. Corrine Tapley/Ram Hira	
3. Rhonda Betts/Gerald McCully	
4. Gail Watson/Gloria Prescott	
5. Al French/Bernice French	
6. Mollie Mason/Ferdinando Masini Pieralli	

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Saturday 2-session

Stratified Pairs (48, 46 tables)

- A1. Bill Goldstone/Gerry McCully
- A2. Doug Hansford/John McDonald
- A3. Jim Aitken/Joe Jabon
- A4. Bill Osborne/Andrew Ross
- A5. Patti Adams/Sharon Crapko
- A6. Rhonda Betts/Mary Lou Bert
- A7. Helen Montgomery/Delphine Tablotney

- B1C1. Sky Williamson/Amirali Alibhai
- B2C2. Phillip Awram/Lenora Awram
- B3. Ric Sumner/Rob Shelburn
- B4. Tony Remedios/Tove Chen
- B5. Roger Allen/Eugene Chan
- B6. Suzanne Berg/Al Lendh
- C3. Jeanette Greenhut/Nomi Kaplan
- C4. Hing Kong Ho/Don Keith
- C5. Gypsy Sturrock/Alice De Roo
- C6. Sohrab Radmard/Lu Gesford

Saturday Eve. Future Masters (4 tables)

1. Joe Parranto/David Grannis
- 2/3. Tony Wischer/Ginger Chiew
- 2/3. Harry Greenhut/Robert Sinclair

White Rock Bridge Club

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

Director: Finn Schultz 534-5025

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm
Stratified Games held
twice each month

We welcome all bridge players
to a friendly bridge club

Cloverdale Bridge Club

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

Pat Staff 588-6794

Coffee and snacks included

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver
Marianne Scott 298-3932

Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp
sandwiches, cookies, tea/coffee

Don Fraser Memorial Game, Sep 20:

Olive MacDonald/Bonnie Anderson
Oct 25: International Fund Game

Nov 15: Membership Game

Nov 29: Charity Game

Dec 20: Christmas Party

Sunday 2-session

Flight A VP Swiss (24 teams)

1. Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Larry Hicks, Allan Graves
2. Mike Wilson, Ken Robertson, Michael Neagu, Phil Hernandez
3. John Bryden, Robert Sauve, Leo Steil, John Kamb
4. Debbie & Mike Hargreaves, Gord & Doreen McOrmond,
5. Patti Adams, Pauline McClafferty, Marguerite Chiarenza, Connie Delisle
6. Gerry McCully, Bill Goldstone, Rhonda Betts, Mary Lou Bert
- 7/8. John Mullen, John Reay, Dennis McMahon, Brian Tkatch
- 7/8. Sandy Jenkins, Ken Scholes, Lauren Miller, Peter Herold

Stratified B/C Swiss Teams (24 teams)

- B1. Alan Harrop, Sandra Robson, Mariann Hutton, Mabel Holding
- B2. Rod Coote, Dick Simpson, Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie
- B3/6. John Horne, Marguerite Wiggins, Pat Wotherspoon, Elaine Levins
- B3/6. Tai Eng, Tom Cotton, John Sokolowsky, Insa Fricker
- B3/6C1. Maxine Sodmont, Ed Marchuk, Lynell Walker, Frances Gunn
- B3/6. Steve Beaton, Angela Fenton, Anne Scott, Terry Scott
- C2/3. Judy Murphy, Bobby Wood, Wanda Stepien, Joe Parranto
- C2/3. Richard Dunn, Anicet Pinto, Graham Thomas, James Burt

Out-Of-Town Winners

RED DEER REGIONAL, August 14-20

Monday Stratified Charity Pairs

- A2/4BC1/2. Ron & Maxine Sodmont
- B4C3. Bob Kiggins

Tuesday Stratified Women's Pairs

- A4. Jennifer Ballantyne/June Pocock
- B5. Dianne Isfeld/Pat Blackall

Stratified Open Pairs

- A9. Larry Chow
- C2/3. Ron & Maxine Sodmont

KERRISDALE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

2145 West 45th Ave., Vancouver

(the NE corner of West 45th Avenue and
Yew St, one block west of W. Boulevard)

7:30 pm on Mondays

(open on public holidays, except
Christmas and New Years Day)

Manager: Ted Trerise 261-5443 (5-6 pm)

ARBUTUS VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

BY INVITA- Shirley Bowers 732-3252
TION ONLY Susan Gyemant 732-8555
Thursdays promptly at 7:30 pm

Stratified Open Swiss

- A2. Garry Skoropada, Larry Chow
- A3/4. Doreen & Gord McOrmond
- B4/10. Pat Blackall, Dianne Isfeld, Sandra Robson; and also Lotte Elias, Dot Carnegie

C1. Ron & Maxine Sodmont

Stratified Senior Swiss

- A3/5. Doug & Julie Cowan, Ev Hodge, Mary Fines

- A3/5B1. Bob Beattie/Thelma Hofstede

Stratified Pairs B/C/D

- B1C1. Bob Kiggins

- B7. Jim & Judy Anderson

Midweek KOs Bracket 1

1. Rhonda Betts, Don Brazeau

Saturday Flight A Open Pairs

6. Don Brazeau

Weekend KOs Bracket 1

2. Lotte Elias

- 3/4. Rhonda Betts

Lucky Draw Swiss

1. Dianne Isfeld, June Pocock, Larry Chow

OLYMPIA SECTIONAL, September 1-4

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

3. Leo Steil/Jean Groome

Sunday Stratified Pairs

- A6. Sheila Girotto/June Pocock

- C6. Tom Markham

Monday Stratified Swiss

- B1/2C1. Tom Markham

NANAIMO SECTIONAL, September 22-24

Friday Aft. Open Pairs

3. Ken Robertson/Ted Sterling

Saturday Stratified Pairs

- B4/5C2. Nancy Davies/Pat Lester

- C4. Roy Trask

VICTORIA SECTIONAL, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Sunday Stratified Swiss

- A4/8. Nicci Charleson/Cam Doner

- B1. Gail & Don Sharp

(Thanks to Doug Cowan for Red Deer Daily Bulletins, and to Matt Smith for sending results—annotated results, yet!—from Sectionals in Olympia, Nanaimo, and Victoria. Match-pointer out-of-town winners lists are completely dependant upon what information gets to me. I'll print whatever I get, so save those Daily Bulletins and let me have a look at them!)

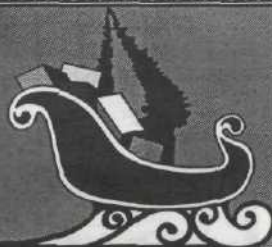


Unit Christmas Party: December 3, 1995

TWO SITES: CITY (Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver; AND SUBURBIA (Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, 1284 184th St., South Surrey)
CASH BAR...DESSERTS...HORS D'OEUVRES
HAPPY HOUR 6:30 BRIDGE 7:30

He's Making A List...

Call Santa (a.k.a. Terry Val Jean—530-3253) now and offer to bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to the Unit 430 Christmas Party on December 3.



Applications Requested

1996 Unit Game sites and Directors

Unit 430 is taking applications for 1996 Unit Game sites and Directors. Applications for sites should include financial details, availability on the traditional Monthly Unit Game

evenings (the first Sunday of each month), and maximum table capacity. Directors applications should include experience and remuneration expected. The Unit Board will consider all applications at its December 6th meeting, and the lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted. Applications may be sent to any Unit Board Member (addresses on page 25 of the August 1995 *Matchpointer*).

Special Events from various sources...

The *North American Open Pairs* Unit Final was held September 24th at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, and attracted a total of 21 tables over two sessions. Qualifying for the District Finals were these pairs:

NAOP Flight A Unit Final Qualifiers

1. Greg Arbour/Felipe Hernandez
2. Rhonda Betts/Gerry McCully
3. Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone
4. Mary Fines/Ev Hodge
5. Don Sache/Sheila Girotto

NAOP Flight B/C Stratified Qualifiers

- B1. Ric Sumner/Roman Woroch
- B2C1. Sky Williamson/Kathy Bye
- B3. Ruby Jackson/Joyce Tokarek

NAOP Flight B/C Qualifiers (cont.)

- B4. Craig Snelgrove/John Reay
- B5. Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld
- B6. Catriona Brown/Monica Angus
- B7. Duane Tilden/Gordon Davis
- B8C2. Denis Lefebvre/Gilles St Pierre
- B9C3. Phillip Spicer/Jim Tennant
- B10. Leszek Baldys/Randy Cooper
- B11. Leonard Feeny/David Schmidt
- B12. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
- B12C4. James Burt/Arkadiusz Sitek
- B14. Pauline McClafferty/Ken Lochang
- B15. Aban Gerrie/Robert Gerrie
- B16C5. Judy Murphy/Rangie Sylvestre
- C6. Faye Gilrairie/Gary Gilrairie
- C7. Anthony Faulkner/Anne Knowlan

- B17. Alan Harrop/Sandra Robson

The District Final will take place Saturday October 21, at the Renton Sectional. Good luck to all our players!

The *Canadian Open Pairs Championship* Unit Final has been scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Qualifying games for this event are being held October 24, and November 16 at the Bridge Centre.

The *Canadian National Team Championship* Unit Final has been scheduled for Sunday February 18th at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Qualifying games for this event have been scheduled for November 26 and December 10 at the VBC (the latter is a combined stratified CNTC/GNT qualifier).

The *Canadian Women's Team Championship* District Final will be held in the Spring of 1996 in Victoria; dates have not been announced yet, and there is no Unit Final—any ladies team may enter the District Final.

Info: Kathy Adachi, 591-9113.

The Unit 430 Recorder

[The May 1990 *Matchpointer* reported that Ev Hodge had volunteered to be the Unit 430 Recorder. Ev is still the Unit 430 Recorder today, has served us all excellently, and will continue to do so. But it has been five years since information on this valuable service was printed in these pages, and it is time for a reprint of Jude Goodwin-Hanson's excellent article from five years ago.]

What is a Recorder? The main role of the Recorder is to receive written information, complaints and suggestions by players about other players, tournament directors, tournament facilities—anything directly related to bridge in our Unit. This includes club level play, Unit Games, special events, and Sectionals.

Duties of a Recorder:

1. The Recorder keeps ongoing records of all grievances brought to her attention, the facts of which she is willing to verify. Absolute confidentiality is observed.
2. The Recorder has **no** punitive powers. If a hearing does take place, however, the Recorder's records may be made available to the Committee as evidence.
3. The Recorder will review memos received and deter-

send written complaints to:

**Ev Hodge
Unit 430 Recorder
7460 Kraft Crescent
Burnaby BC V5A 1Z5**

mine how the issue is to be acted upon. She may investigate to determine the facts and possible extenuating circumstances.

4. The Recorder acts as an educator. Many players do not understand ethics and rules. The Recorder is able to help newer players, and others, become aware of each player's ethical responsibilities.

How do we contact a Recorder? If you wish to report to the Recorder, you will find forms marked **PLAYER MEMO** available at the hospitality desk or from a Director on site. All **PLAYER MEMOS** should be completed as fully as possible and returned to the Recorder or to

a Director.

What kinds of things do we report? Feel free to fill out a memo regarding anything you feel is an irregularity. The problem may be a suspected breach of ethics, a case of misconduct, a psychic bid that perhaps was fielded too adroitly, a strange bid or play possibly indicating prior knowledge of the board...just about anything that is bridge-related. Or, you may want to air complaints about a tournament site, or treatment on behalf of a tournament director.

Discussing a perceived grievance with a Recorder is better than the negative effect caused by gossip and unresolved dissatisfaction.

Special Alert?

Changes for Round-Up Sectional

The Round-Up Sectional in White Rock at the Pacific Inn, as mentioned in David Schmidt's President's report, will not be as cold this year: the new management has repaired the drafty doors that caused speculation last year that the pool might be more suitable for hockey practice. However, the new management's policy regarding our providing food and drink has forced the Unit, at short notice, to change the tradition of free coffee at tournaments, for this tournament only. Instead,

the hotel will sell the Unit coffee at \$100/urn, which, to avoid excessive financial losses, the Unit will sell at \$1 per cup to players. Decafinated coffee will be available. The Unit expects to lose money from this overall arrangement (and to lose more money than we do by buying the coffee, renting urns and preparing it on site), and will review the advantages and disadvantages of the Pacific Inn site for future tournaments in view of the hotel's new policy. The new policy also precludes the Unit from providing muffins and pastries on the morning of the Swiss Teams. While your Unit Board apologizes for these

inconveniences, it is hoped that players will not take out frustrations on Audrey Loy, who will be selling the coffee on behalf of the Unit.

Regarding renting a hotel against renting a hall or community centre for a tournament, it appears that hotels expect that holding bridge tournaments may attract extra revenue in rooms and food. When the extra revenue is less than expected, rates rise and policies harden. Halls have no such expectation. So if we wish to have sectional tournaments at hotels, we need to eat and stay there in greater numbers (or attract enough out-of-town players who will do so).

Tournaments & Dates

October 20—December 20

OCTOBER

- 20-22 Renton Sectional
- 21 NAOP District Finals at Renton Sectional
- 21-22 Future Stars (0-100) Sectional at Vancouver Bridge Centre
- 27-29 Courtenay, Ketchikan Sectionals

NOVEMBER

- 30-5 San Francisco Regional
- 3-5 Sunnyside Sectional
- 5 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

NOVEMBER (cont.)

- 10-13 Round-Up Sectional at Pacific Inn in White Rock (see special note above)
- 24 Matchpointer deadline (December issue covers events from December 8 thru March 8, 1996)

17-26 ATLANTA FALL NABC

DECEMBER

- 1 Matchpointer editor turns 33 (add twenty years and 30% more gray if material for December issue still not in a week after deadline...)
- 1-3 Tacoma Sectional
- 3 Monthly Unit Game Christmas Party (two sites)
- 8 December Matchpointer hits the streets

Monthly Unit Games

"Ancient Mariner" increases lead

Heading into the home stretch, with but two Monthly Unit Games remaining, Leo Steil has opened up a sizable lead in the masterpoints race for the Unit Game Trophy. Pat Landau, with two high overall placings in September and October, has jumped into second place, while the Suburbia duo of Kathy Adachi and Ina Andersen seem to have hit a bump in the road. In Flight B and C there are excellent races that will also go right down to the wire. Don't forget that you are eligible for the Flight B race if you had less than 1000 points on January 1, 1995, and you are eligible for the Flight C race if you had less than 300 points at the beginning of the year. Because we get our annual report from the ACBL a few months before the end of the year, people sometimes are placed in the wrong strata. If you see such an error, call Bruce McIntyre (438-9735) to correct it. Of course, the flight you play in for any single game depends upon you and your partner's current masterpoint holding, but all points you win

count towards the races you are eligible for. The Flight A winner wins free plays for 1996 Unit Games as well as the Unit Game Trophy. The Flight B and Flight C winners win six free plays for Unit Games in 1996.

Meanwhile, as you'll see in the ad on page 20 and David Schmidt's message on page 3, the lack of a suitable site has forced us to forego the traditional single-site Christmas Part Unit Game for this year. In its place we will have a split site game on December 3, with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres supplied partly by the Unit and mostly by our talented players. Don't forget to call Terry Val Jean (530-3253) to offer help in ensuring the traditional excellence of the refreshments. "Happy Hour" for both games will begin at 6:30, with the bridge starting at 7:30. As always, partnerships are guaranteed to players arriving at least fifteen minutes early.

Only Donna Morrison has played in ten Monthly Unit Games this year. Thirteen people have played in nine out of ten: Kathy Adachi, Catriona Brown, Dot Carnegie, Doug Cowan, Len Feeny, Mary Fines, Ev Hodge, Pat Landau, Pauline Lee, Pearl Minkoff, Sandra Robson, Leo Steil and Graham Thomas. We thank you for your support!

♠ \$5 per player ♥ sectional rating ♦ goodies ♣ free coffee ♠ trophy race ♥ bid-boxes ♦
♣ non smoking ♠ stratified: A=1000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300 ♥ two sites ♦

A B C September 3 (South Surrey)

- 1 - Colin Collin/Frank Kelley
- 2 1 Edward Worsfold/Leszek Baldys
- 3 2 Aase Haines/Eleanor Webb
- 4 3 Lotte Elias/Gail Perrin
- 5 - Brian Johnston/Joni Johnston
- 4 A Patricia Jones/Richard Sumner
(not enough C pairs for a third stratum)

A B C September 3 (Vancouver)

- 1 - - Patricia Landau/Doug Cowan
- 2 1 1 Andre Oltean/Michael Neagu
- 3 2 - Anthony Remedios/Tove Chen
- 4 3 2 James Burt/Arkadivsz Sitek
- 5 - - Catriona Brown/Pearl Minkoff
- 6 4 - Joyce Tokarek/Ken Lochang
- 5 - Grace Jeklin/John Berry
- 3 Bruce McIntyre/Hushang Mohtadi

A B C October 1 (South Surrey)

- 1 - - Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone
- 2 1 - Glen Ponto/Lotte Elias
- 3 2 1 Aase Haines/Eleanor Webb
- 4 - - Dorothy Carnegie/Frank Kelley
- 5 - - Sheila Giroto/Donald Satche
- 6 3 2 Donna Costello/Gary Scollon
- 4 - Edward Worsfold/Leszek Baldys

A B C October 1 (Vancouver)

- 1 - - Leo Steil/Brenda Robson
- 2 - - Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
- 3 - - Peter Maclean/Lauren Miller
- 4 1 - Sandra Robson/Patti Adams
- 5 - - Catriona Brown/Pearl Minkoff
- 6 - - Ken Robertson/Brian Russell
- 2 - James & Judith Anderson
- 3 1 Jeanette Greenhut/Shirley Fitterman
- 4 2 Pauline Lee/Lesley Laudan
- 5 - Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda
- 3 Graham Thomas/Karen Denton
- 4 James Burt/Arkadivsz Sitek

1995 Points Leaders thru October 1

A	B	C	Pts.
1			13.18 Leo Steil
2			10.71 Pat Landau
3			9.93 Kathy Adachi
3			9.93 Ina Andersen
5			9.78 Doug Cowan
6	1		9.44 John Mullen
7	2		8.51 Sandra Robson
8	3	1	7.59 Graham Thomas
			7.56 June Pocock
10	4	2	7.43 Pauline Lee
			6.32 Pearl Minkoff
			6.32 Catriona Brown
13			6.26 Mary Lou Bert

1995 Points Leaders thru Oct. 1 (cont.)

A	B	C	Pts.
13			6.26 Bill Goldstone
15			6.17 Aidan Ballantyne
16	5		6.04 Ken Lochang
17			5.94 Lotte Elias
18			5.61 Ken Robertson
19			5.59 Larry Pocock
20			5.52 Garry Skoropada
	6		5.48 Patti Adams
	7		5.20 Esther Freeman
8			4.86 Frank Kelley
9	3		4.84 Karen Denton
10			4.82 Insa Fricker
10			4.82 Tai Eng
4			4.68 Aase Haines
4			4.68 Lesley Laudan
6			4.50 Michael Neagu
7			4.27 Jeanette Greenhut
8			3.97 Ruby Jackson
9			3.88 Eleanor Webb
10			3.56 Shirley Fitterman

463.82 masterpoints were won by 179 players in the first ten split-site games of 1995. A further 68 people played but didn't get any points...at least not yet!

More Unit Game Information: page 23

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Remaming 1995 Monthly Unit Game Dates

November 5 December 3

All Suburbia games begin at 7:00

All City games now begin at 6:30

(no longer at 7:00)

SITE ADDRESSES

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

"Suburbia": Semiahmoo Fish & Game
Club, 1284 184th St., South Surrey

Information: Terry Val Jean 530-3253

also see Xmas Party Ad, page 20

Directors: Louis Landau 984-8309 ("City"), Thony Stiennon 951-7560 ("Suburbia")

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ROUND-UP Sectional

November 10-13, 1995

FRIDAY

1:00 OPEN PAIRS* *One Session*
WOMEN'S PAIRS* *One Session*

7:30 **Bracketed KOs** *Round 1*
OPEN PAIRS *One Session*

SATURDAY

1:00 **Bracketed KOs** *Round 2*
OPEN PAIRS *One Session*
SENIOR PAIRS *One Session*

7:30 **Bracketed KOs** *Round 3*
STRATIFIED PAIRS *One Session*
0-300, 300-1000, 1000+
Future Master Pairs *One Session*
0-20, 20-50, 50-100

SUNDAY

1:00 STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS *1st session*
Fit A: Unlimited, plays separately
Fit B: Stratified 0-200, 200-750

Future Master Pairs *One Session*
0-20, 20-50, 50-100

7:30 STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS *2nd session*
Future Master Pairs *One Session*
0-20, 20-50, 50-100

MONDAY

10:30 FLIGHTED SWISS *1st session*
Fit A: Unlimited (Board-A-Match)
Fit B: 0-1250 (Win/Loss)

TBA FLIGHTED SWISS *2nd session*

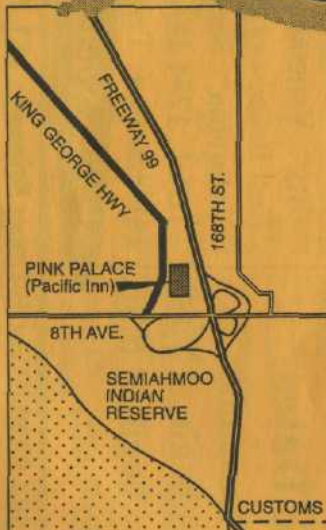
*STRATIFIED : Strat A: 750+; Strat B: 200-750; Strat C: 0-200

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Advance Notice: Spring Sectional, May 10-12, 1996, Engineer's Hall, Burnaby