



# MATCHPOINTER

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Double-dummy  
problem

WEST

♠ T9865  
♥ T  
♦ KJ6  
♣ K973

NORTH

♠ J72  
♥ AKQJ  
♦ AQ  
♣ AQJ6

SOUTH

♠ AQ3  
♥ 853  
♦ T753  
♣ T42

7NT by South  
Lead: 10♣

EAST

♠ K4  
♥ 97642  
♦ 9842  
♣ 85

## What, the Deuce!

by Joerg Schneider

A double-dummy problem for people suffering from insomnia! Exuberant bidding by partner after a strong club opener and a negative response lands you in 7NT! Yes, that's right, seven notrump! Can you justify partner's optimism after the lead of the T♣?

(See page 8 for solution)

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I owe the Vancouver Bridge Centre an apology. I'm sorry, VBC!

In the March 1996 *Matchpointer*, as the VBC was about to boycott the District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs because all funds raised went into Seattle Unit revenues, I tried hard to convince them that although they had a point it was better not to cause trouble and try to work toward a solution. It seemed to me at the time, having been assured by several that the District-wide STaC was not making much if anything at all, that taking such a stance over so little money was making a mountain out of a molehill. I was unsuccessful, and in this space I slammed the VBC for their stance, which I referred to as stubborn and disappointing.

It has now been disclosed to us that the 1996 District-wide STaC made more money for the Seattle Unit than any one of our Sectionals in the past year, \$1500 U.S. in fact, and the Unit Board, and myself particularly, is forced to eat humble pie. We intend to offer administrative assistance to Seat-

tle for this year's STaC, in exchange for a pro rata dispersal of the profits to Unit Boards, in proportion to their table-count in the event. If the STaC again makes \$1500, and there are 1500 tables, each Unit would receive \$1 per table participating. This plan was suggested by Eugene Chan almost a year ago and fell on deaf ears everywhere.

Seattle's position is that since they run the tournament, they own the profits. But they make the profits by getting clubs outside their jurisdiction to participate. Their response is "be our guest, run your own District-wide STaC in addition to ours." But there are over two dozen Units in District 19; if each one ran an annual District-wide STaC there'd be one every second week, the novelty would wear thin, and the profits would vapourize. But a District-wide STaC in which all Units could make money based on their participation levels would get all Units involved in promoting the event, and attendance would rise even higher than the current levels.

I'll be asking the printers for a major miracle so that this issue can appear at the Unit Christmas Party. If you're reading this there, somebody at Budget worked very hard to get this out on an extremely short turnaround. I certainly appreciate that!

I wish you all the best of the holiday season, and I hope the musical offerings I give this weekend do not reflect the lack of practice made necessary by my long hours in front of the screen—which are now over.

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# President's Message

by Jennifer Ballantyne

Our November Sectional was sufficiently successful that we will be using the Surrey Inn again. With better publicity and more familiarity with the site, route access and restaurants, we hope that future tournaments there will be attended better. The Board's policy is to find affordable but comfortable playing sites located throughout our Unit. We have booked the Bonsor Recreation Centre in Burnaby and the Delta Recreational Centres for upcoming 1997 Sectionals but we're starting off in the Queensboro Community Centre, New Westminster, for our January 24-26/97 Tournament.

The Surrey Inn has been booked for the National Finals of the Canadian National Team Championships and the Canadian Open Pairs Championships scheduled for June 9-14, 1997. Club qualifying rounds for the CNTC are underway; the Unit is sponsoring one further COPC qualifying event at a site and date to be arranged. I encourage all Unit

members to participate; as the host unit, we will be offered places in both National Finals above quota. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and play against bridge players from all across Canada. Anyone who would like to help with hospitality can call me at (604) 438-3095.

Vancouver has another great Tournament scheduled for March, 1999: the ACBL Spring National Championships. Committees are forming now to work on the many aspects of running a successful tournament. We need everybody's help. I know that 1999 sounds a long way off but in terms of hosting a major tournament, we're actually behind schedule. We'd like to show the (bridge-playing) world all the amenities that we can enjoy regularly but we need YOUR help. Please contact Doug Cowan at (604) 921-7787 to volunteer.

Finally, I'd like to offer Season's Greetings to all Unit 430 members and their families. Don't forget the Unit Christmas party on December 15/96 at the Engineer's Hall in Burnaby. It's the only combined Unit game of the year and your last opportunity to win points for the Unit Masterpoint Race! See you all there!

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## Trophy Races

by Bruce McIntyre

Unit 430's three annual trophy races were decided at the final Sectional tournament of the year, the Round-Up Sectional at the Surrey Inn. In addition to the bracketed knockouts making possible large gains in the standings, the concurrent NAOP District Final might make the races interesting, as contenders in the NAOP would be forced to sit on the trophy race sidelines for all of Saturday.

In the Phil Wood Trophy Race, Dan Jacob had a lead of over 15 points on Bill Goldstone going into the sectional. However, perhaps due to the traffic on Thursday evening and the new site, the attendance for the Bracketed Knockouts

was down almost twenty teams from last time, and although Cam Doner won the top bracket to close the gap a little (Jacob played in the Open Pairs Thursday evening and came second overall), no one was ever in a position to catch Jacob, since all of the top twenty contenders played in the NAOP District Final on Saturday, or not at all. On Sunday Jacob's team won their first four in the Swiss and it was a clinch. Jacob's total of 88.81 was 21 points better than Larry Hicks second place finish. Jacob also won the trophy two years ago with a huge 50 point haul at the 1994 Round-Up Sectional.

The Edith Bonnell Race had Mary Lou Bert leading by 8½ points over Rhonda Foster, with Kathy Adachi and June Pocock not much further behind. Adachi and

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Pocock were knocked out in their first match, and Bert did not play in the knockouts. When Rhonda Foster's squad lost their semi-final match Friday night while Mary Lou Bert finished second in the Friday evening Open Pairs, all of a sudden the lead was over thirteen points with most of the contenders occupied in the NAOP on Saturday. Polly Dunn of Seattle vaulted into the top ten with a win in the Saturday Open Pairs, but Sunday saw no great changes in the standings, and Mary Lou won the trophy with a total of 51.87, fourth in the Phil Wood race, and more than thirteen points clear of Rhonda Foster in second place. In 1994, Bert was unable to hold off a strong charge from Pat Landau in the Round-Up; in 1995 she was leading going into the final Sectional but June Pocock had a huge tournament to win the trophy. Third time lucky!

With the retirement of Michael Neagu from the Phil Wood Under 200 race (where he proved untouchable for two years), I predicted in the December 1995 *Matchpointer* a close race for this year, and it went down to the final day. Leading going in was Kelvin Raywood, by two points, but a dozen people were within nine points or less: Kristin Orians, H.K. Ho, Sky Williamson, Shirley Fitterman, Amiral Alibhai, Christa Mead, James Burt, Lenora and Phil Awram, Pat Lester, Arik Sitek and Nancy Friedman. Raywood brought most of the District 19 Flight C champs to the knockouts, including Orians and this writer...and was knocked out in the first round. To Raywood's horror, his closest rivals lost no time in getting to the knockout final while he struggled in the Friday pairs games to get a few partials. Raywood was unable to play at all on Saturday, and Williamson was competing in the NAOP, but Shirley Fitterman scored heavily in the Saturday pairs game with Jeannette Greenhut to take the lead into Sunday. Fitterman could not play in the Sunday Swiss though, so Raywood needed mid-overalls to regain the lead. Also in the hunt were Sky Williamson, a few points behind Raywood, and Nancy Friedman a few further back. Both Raywood and Williamson had cleverly taken a rival out of contention for the trophy by making them teammates on the last day: Raywood partnered Kristin Orians, and Williamson had Amiral Alibhai as a teammate.

At the break, the Raywood/Orians team (with Ruby Jackson and Sandra Hawk) were 3-1, and the Williamson/Alibhai team (with Kathy Bye and Julian Lee) were also at 3-1. The fifth round would be pivotal in the trophy race as Sky and Kel met at the same table!

The first two boards were routine pushes. Board three was a 2 IMP swing to Raywood on a partscore hand. Board four was the first potential swing hand. (In order to obtain the gory details, we had to assure complete anonymity for players at both tables for this hand!) The Raywood side declared 4♥ with these cards:

DUMMY: ♠Qx ♥Jx ♦AJxxx ♣KQTx

DECLARER: ♠xx ♥AKT9xx ♦— ♣AJxxx

Dummy had opened 1♦, and declarer bid 1♥.

Now the defense overcalled spades and raised them after opener passed. Declarer now bid 3♣, was raised by dummy, and then bid 4♥ which ended it. The opening leader took two spade tricks and switched to a club. Declarer won in dummy and ran the jack of hearts. The finesse lost and a club ruff set the contract one trick.

Declarer now realized that the heart finesse had been unnecessary, but a member of the Williamson side, checking the seating arrangements at the other table, stated with confidence that the play would be the same there because "our teammate loves finesses!"

But would it? You'll have to wait for the result, as they did.

On Board five Raywood-Orians stayed out of a bad game, and won five IMPs. On board six Williamson went for 500 against a vulnerable game with two overtricks (the players assure me that the slam was unbidable) to win the five IMPs back. If Raywood needed a swing, Board 7 was the chance:

Board #7 S Dir, both vul	NORTH ♠ X ♥ QXX ♦ AKJXX ♣ 9XXX	6♣ by East Lead: x♦
WEST ♠ JT9XXX ♥ KXX ♦ X ♣ KQJ	SOUTH ♠ X ♥ 9XX ♦ 9XXXX ♣ TXXX	EAST ♠ AKQXX ♥ AJTX ♦ QT ♣ AX

WEST K. Raywood	NORTH S. Williamson	EAST K. Orians	SOUTH J. Lee
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass
2♦ (2)	Double	2♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣ (3)	
6♣	all pass		

(1) strong, artificial, forcing

(2) weak or waiting (2nd negative available)

(3) 1 or 4 keycards

Would the other table be allowed to bid to the slam uncontested? West might open 2♣, or North in third seat might open in diamonds.

Again the location of the queen of hearts was crucial. Sky won the diamond lead and switched to a trump. Kristin played the clubs, pitching a heart from her hand, hoping for a key to the distribution. When none came she decided to rely on Zia's Rule: "If they don't cover, they don't have it!" When the jack of hearts was not covered she rose with the king and finessed the ten on the way back. Plus 1430.

At the other table, Kathy Bye opened the West hand 2♣.

Amir Alibhai went straight to 4NT. Kathy's five diamond call showed no keycards and was doubled by Sandra Hawk. Amir signed off in five spades and despite that Zia's rule no longer applied with the AJTx visible, Kathy also picked up the heart queen. Should Amir have bid 3♣ (asking for shortness) instead? Thirteen IMPs to Raywood.

The last hand saw East-West at both tables sacrifice in 5♣, then take the push to six clubs once five spades was bid by North-South. 5♣ was down one at both tables, and 5S was unmakeable. A scary push.

When the results were compared, it was found that on Board 4 Amir had rebid 4♥ after the opponents bid and raised spades. Ruby Jackson still found the club switch at trick three and the play in fact was exactly the same at both tables, proving that the Williamson squad knew one another well! A 15 IMP win for Raywood put him at 4-1 with two matches to

go. Some last round heroics got them a losing tie in their final match, and 5¼ was good enough for a tie for second, enough to put Raywood clear of Fitterman by just 1.11 points! Kristin Orians finished third, Williamson and Alibhai were fourth and fifth. Jeannette Greenhut came from 15th to claim 6th place, and Terry Val Jean won the Flight B Swiss to come from "off the charts" to ninth. We confidently predict a close race again next year, but Raywood/Orians are clear favorites: Fitterman, Williamson, Greenhut, Ho, and Valley phenom Dan Webster (who didn't play many Sectionals this year but is now Sectional Co-chair and thus will be playing more often next year) are all now over 200, and Alibhai may be over 200 by January 1st.

All in all, 638 people won 4036.52 silver points at five Vancouver Sectionals this year (not counting the Future Stars Sectional).

**PHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE**

1. Dan Jacob.....	88.81
2. Larry Hicks.....	67.23
3. Bill Goldstone .....	63.54
4. Mary Lou Bert .....	51.87
5. Gerry McCully .....	51.86
6. Aidan Ballantyne.....	49.62
7. Felipe Hernandez .....	46.39
8. Cam Doner.....	46.27
9. Peter Herold.....	45.50
10. Mike Wilson .....	42.73
11. Ron Borg.....	42.13
12. Rhonda Betts .....	38.52
13. Gord McOrmond.....	36.21
14. Kathy Adachi.....	35.88
15. John Lien.....	31.37
16. June Pocock.....	31.13
17. Anne-Marie Bullis .....	27.89
18. Haiderali Nazak.....	27.82
19. Pat Dunn.....	26.45
Polly Dunn.....	26.45
21. Ernie Dietrich.....	25.39
22. John Home.....	25.35
23. Michael Hargreaves.....	25.27
24. Dianne Isfeld.....	25.01
25. Sharon Colson .....	24.97
Neil Ballard.....	24.97
27. Michael Neagu.....	24.88
28. Gary Phelan.....	24.86
29. Yuko Fujieda.....	24.60
30. Greg Arbour.....	24.03

**EDITH BONNELL TROPHY RACE**

1. Mary Lou Bert .....	51.87
2. Rhonda Betts.....	38.52
3. Kathy Adachi .....	35.88
4. June Pocock.....	31.13
5. Anne-Marie Bullis.....	27.89
6. Polly Dunn.....	26.45
7. Dianne Isfeld .....	25.01
8. Sharon Colson .....	24.97
9. Yuko Fujieda .....	24.60
10. Mary Fines.....	23.92
11. Claire Burns .....	22.47
12. Patti Adams .....	22.15
13. Shirley Fitterman.....	21.96
14. Stella Alliston .....	20.98
15. Kristin Orians.....	20.54
16. Donna Morrison .....	19.74
17. Janet Daling.....	19.63
18. Jean Groome .....	19.09
19. Shiela Dickie.....	18.30
20. Sheila Giroto.....	17.50

**PHIL WOOD**

**UNDER 200 TROPHY RACE**

1. Kelvin Raywood.....	23.07
2. Shirley Fitterman.....	21.96 x
3. Kristin Orians .....	20.54
4. Sky Williamson .....	17.61 x
5. Amirali Alibhai .....	17.31 ?
6. Jeannette Greenhut .....	16.99 x
7. Nancy Friedman .....	14.86
8. H.K. Ho.....	13.76 x
9. Terry Val Jean.....	12.14
10. Christa Mead.....	10.82
11. James Burt.....	10.79
12. Lenora Awram .....	10.63 ?
13. Don Keith.....	10.55 x
14. Peter Morse.....	10.38 x
15. Phil Awram .....	10.00 ?
16. Pat Lester.....	9.86 x
17. Arik Sitek.....	9.83
18. Gloria Prescott.....	9.19 x
19. Arthur Ma.....	9.18 x
20. F. Reynolds .....	9.05

(x=ineligible in 1997, over 200)  
(?=could collect 200th point before January 1st and become ineligible)

**1996 Trophy Races  
The Final Standings**

**ROUND-UP SECTIONAL TOP TEN**

1. Gord McOrmond.....	20.99	6. Michael Hargreaves.....	16.59
2. Aidan Ballantyne .....	20.77	7. Cam Doner.....	16.10
3. Dan Jacob.....	20.55	8. Patti Adams.....	13.09
4. Larry Hicks.....	17.66	9. Polly Dunn.....	13.00
5. Ron Borg.....	16.75	Pat Dunn.....	13.00

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# Brian Russell

## From Ping-Pong to Bridge

A full Ping-Pong table led to a life of bridge for Brian Russell, the area's newest tournament director.

"We got bumped off the Ping-Pong table at Douglas College and my friend noticed a friend of his from high school playing bridge nearby so we went over and joined in," Russell recalls. That was 1984, and the "friend from high school" turned out to be Dave Glen, who was playing with two other people familiar to many local players: Mark Eddy and Deborah King.

That introduction was all Russell needed to get hooked on the game that has become his life, and his transition from rubber to duplicate bridge was immediate, albeit partly by accident. "Two days later, I went to kibbitz Dave at the Fraser Valley Bridge Club and got thrown into the game when *someone needed a partner*," he remembers, also recalling "we didn't win but I was hooked anyways."

Soon after, he went to his first sectional and searched for a partner for the novice game. He found another young novice, Cam Doner, and not surprisingly, they won! He became a bridge bum, playing up to seven sessions a week. "I played the community centre circuit: Poco Monday, Burnaby Tuesday, Maple Ridge Wednesday, Fraser Valley Thursday and Surdel Friday, plus a couple of afternoon games every week."

For the most part, he played with Glen, Doner and Larry Hicks. The foursome quickly became a formidable group, winning the 1985-86 Flight B IMP League and making their presence felt in the bridge community. Russell attributes their success to the fact they all seemed to have good card sense and their intense dedication. "Dave and I would often crash at Larry's overnight, get up in the morning and just talk bridge all day."

Work and a trip to Europe intervened, and Russell didn't play much for about two years, but restarted in late 1988. The next spring, he joined his buddies on the tournament trail. "I was young and foolish, looking for adventure and didn't like a 9 to 5 job," Russell says, noting he took the plunge despite not even being a life master. That didn't



matter. In early 1990, he hit the big time, winning a Swiss Teams in Salt Lake City then following it up with two pair victories including the Super Flight A in Denver the next week. He won over 300 points that year, but only became an LM when he earned his silver points playing in a pair game with Dan Wat-

son at the Evergreen Sectional.

He then slowed down his play "to stay under 1,000 masterpoints as long as possible and be a Flight B pro. It didn't help my game much. "After living in Las Vegas for a time, Russell returned to Vancouver in the fall of 1993, largely giving up the life of a bridge pro. "It's pretty tough to make it as a high-end bridge player," he notes, adding "the Americans don't hand out many green cards to bridge pros."

Russell used to play 2/1 almost exclusively, but has recently switched to other systems, like Standard, Blue Club and Precision, "so I can become more familiar with them and defend against them." In the process he has found he particularly enjoys Precision.

Since he still doesn't like a 9-to-5 job, Russell turned to directing. "I decided to start directing and save my energies to go to the nationals as a player," he notes. He has enjoyed the same meteoric rise as a director as he did as a player, quickly progressing from a local club director to being head director at several smaller sectionals and earning praise along the way.

"I enjoy directing," he says, "you get to interact with players and help to allay situations as they arise. Everyone knows this is a game which can give rise to strong emotion." Russell says directing has also helped him as a player "because I know the rules a little better and appreciate the directors a little more." For those reasons, he encourages more players to try directing, but adds, "I have to be careful not to encourage too many people. You won't get rich directing, especially if there are too many directors out there."

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# Attitude in Context

## by Louis Landau

This hand is from Audrey Grant's "Heart" lessons, and shows that even if you think your play is automatic, stop and think. As soon as you play automatically you will play badly.

North has too many points to open 1NT and not enough to open 2NT, so has very little choice but to open 1♥ and see what happens. South has enough points to respond but not enough to bid a new suit at



Board #15  
S Dir, N/S vul

**WEST**  
♠ JT963  
♥ A93  
♦ 74  
♣ 952

**NORTH**  
♠ AK  
♥ KJT65  
♦ QT3  
♣ KQJ

**SOUTH**  
♠ 754  
♥ Q8  
♦ 8652  
♣ AT83

3NT by South  
Lead: J♠

**EAST**  
♠ Q82  
♥ 742  
♦ AKJ9  
♣ 764

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	all pass	

the two level, and not enough hearts to support partner. Again she only has one bid and that is 1NT. North, with 19 high card points and a 5 card suit, should have no problem bidding game, and as the partnership has found no golden fit, game should be in notrump, even though the stronger hand will be dummy.

West has a fairly easy lead, top of a sequence, and South should count her tricks. She has two spades and four clubs, so all she needs is to drive out the ace of hearts to make at least nine tricks, and she should do it immediately while she still has an entry into dummy, the ace of spades. It all seems too easy. However

East can well be the "fly in the ointment" and defeat the contract, provided she is awake. When partner leads the jack of spades, East certainly likes the lead, but will she be able to defeat the contract in time? East should realize that declarer is most likely to have at least three club tricks, and these, added to the known two spade tricks and the at least four heart tricks will result in the contract being "cold." There is a saying in bridge that should be considered: When declarer has all the tricks she needs in three suits, it is normally a good idea to attack the fourth suit, in this case diamonds. East should realize that she will have four tricks in diamonds if partner can lead them first, and furthermore the spades are going to be a lost cause as declarer will run for her nine tricks before they can be established. Because of this, she should not encourage on the initial spade lead, but play the discouraging deuce, asking partner to switch if she can get in. If declarer has the ace of hearts, the contract is undefeatable, so

all she can hope is that partner has got that vital card, and when she gets in, she should make the obvious switch to a diamond, and so defeat the contract.

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Mon Feb 24: ACBL-wide Senior Game  
Wed Mar 12(pm): Club Championship

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Maria Dabrowski (October)  
Pat Landau (November)

### Evening Players of the Month:

Pat Landau (October)  
November: A: Claire Burns/Peter Morse,  
B:Barry Kirkham, C:Ann & Wink Andres

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# Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

How do you and partner bid these hands from the Saturday afternoon session of the Seattle Regional? West opens 1♠ in third seat.

Board #6 E Dir, E-W vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ KQJT53 ♥ AKT4 ♦ — ♣ KQ8	Seattle Regional Saturday Aft.
<b>WEST</b> ♠ 2 ♥ 93 ♦ AK842 ♣ JT962	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ A6 ♥ Q752 ♦ 965 ♣ A543	<b>EAST</b> ♠ 9874 ♥ J86 ♦ QJT73 ♣ 7

At our table, I elected to double, and it went 3♦-3♥-4♠. Now what?

I decided to try 4NT—if partner shows no ace, we can sign off in 5♥, with one ace 6♥ seems a reasonable gamble (surely one of the missing aces must be the A♦). When partner replied 5♣ (Keycard) I applied the same (not necessarily sound) reasoning and bid 7♥, which is “on ice.” The surprising thing is that only two of the other 13 pairs found 6♥, everybody else resting in four or five Hearts—a rather poor effort, I think.

## SOLUTION TO “What, the Deuce!” (from the cover):

The real hero on this deal (as the by-line suggests) is the deuce of spades:

Double-dummy problem	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ J72 ♥ AKQJ ♦ AQ ♣ AQJ6	7NT by South Lead: 10♣
<b>WEST</b> ♠ T9865 ♥ T ♦ KJ6 ♣ K973	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ AQ3 ♥ 853 ♦ T753 ♣ T42	<b>EAST</b> ♠ K4 ♥ 97642 ♦ 9842 ♣ 85

On the 10♣ opening lead play the seven and win in hand (it doesn't matter if East plays the king or not, as we will see), preserving the deuce for its big moment to come. Now after

the diamond finesse works, cash the ace of diamonds and three hearts (West throwing spades to guard the minors). The position is now:

Now the J♥ (pitching the 7♦ from your hand) squeezes West in three suits:

♣ if he throws a club, that one is easy: low to the Q♣, and lead the 10♣: dummy is high.

♠ if he throws a spade, careful now: overtake the jack of spades, the ten of clubs forces a cover, and now leading the spade two to the three squeezes West in diamonds and clubs.

♦ if he throws the diamond winner, again you must overtake the jack of spades, cash the ten of diamonds squeezing West in the black suits. If you forget to overtake, West and North can both throw spades on the ten of diamonds, but now when you cash your three of spades, dummy is squeezed in clubs:

NORTH (to discard): ♣ AQJ6

WEST: ♣ K97

EAST: immaterial

SOUTH: ♣ T42

If dummy plays the six West will not cover the T♣ and eventually make his king. If dummy throws the queen or jack, West by covering the ten sets up his nine.

After the overtake, however, this is the position:

NORTH: ♠ 2 ♣ AQJ6

WEST: ♠ 9 ♣ K973

EAST: immaterial

SOUTH: ♠ 3 ♦ T ♣ T42

We lead the diamond and if West throws the spade we throw the 6♣ and now after ten-king-ace of clubs we can return with the three of spades for the second club finesse. If he throws a small club we pitch the spade from dummy and now only one club finesse is needed.

In both variations (West pitching a spade or a diamond at trick seven) the two of spades was needed to make the hand. If it was the 4 (or, heaven forbid, the 7 if you failed to play it at trick one) the hand cannot be made.

Should you find this unblock? A thoughtful declarer should—not because he can hear the grass grow or foresee the position at trick nine, but because he realizes that he may need three finesses through West, and the only possible third entry can be the spade three. It may not work, but then nothing else will either.

This requires some thought, of course, but how often have you seen a card led, partner putting down that suit first and declarer saying “play low,” before he has seen the rest of the hand. Not the best method for success.

Think first—you can always commit *hara kiri* later!

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# A Rookie's Master Defence

by Kelvin Raywood

The Fall CBF Rookie-Master game held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on October 30 attracted 37 tables of eager rookies and "wise" masters. Some of the rookies had played duplicate for a while but had not yet reached the 20 master-point cutoff. Dave was no such "rookie-lite". He had not seen a bid-box before, let alone a duplicate board or convention card. In fact he thought it was strange to play bridge without first selecting a batch of CD's for the 5-disc player and ordering pizza. He was told that it was not *de rigueur* to bring his own beer, but he soon located the Bridge Centre fridge. Noting that it was not particularly well stocked given the number of people in attendance, he thought it best not to waste time going over how duplicate bridge worked. He'd just pick it up as he went along. Let's see how he did from his partner's point of view.

Dave's master held the following hand in third seat with both sides vulnerable:

♠K954 ♥AKJT8 ♦K9 ♣J7

Dave passed and the opposing master opened 1NT. Some masters overcalled 2♥ but Dave's preferred to defend with this hand so chose to pass. After two more passes he led the ace of hearts which drew the two, three and six. He was looking at:

Board 4 W Dir, both vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A32 ♥ 754[2] ♦ T6 ♣ T643	1NT by South Lead: A♥
<b>WEST-Master</b> ♠ K954 ♥ [A]KJT8 ♦ K9 ♣ J7	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ 6 played ♥ ♦ ♣	<b>EAST-Rookie</b> ♠ 3 played ♥ ♦ ♣
A♥ wins, all play low. What now?		

There is a convention that says that the lead of an ace at notrump requests partner to drop an honour or show count. However, the master had noted that Dave always followed low, so continued with the king. This captured Dave's queen and declarer's nine. Figuring that declarer would have a harder time than Dave in finding discards the master played three more hearts. Dave played a low club, a low diamond and a low spade. On the first two hearts the master declarer pitched two small diamonds. On the last heart, declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and the ten of spades from her hand. How should the master continue?

Dave could hold at most an ace or a king in addition to the queen of hearts that he started with, so a club could only help declarer. It seemed unlikely that declarer would pitch two small diamonds from an initial holding of Qxx or QJxx so declarer was probably now down to QJx or AQ in diamonds. But Dave's first discard was a club, not a diamond. He would surely pitch a diamond first with a five card suit so it looked like declarer started with 3-2-5-3. Declarer's discard of the ten of spades seemed to indicate that she also held the queen and jack. If Dave held the ace of diamonds, playing two rounds of diamonds would defeat the contract but that would be the end of the defence. An additional undertrick, if possible, would have to come from the spade suit. Dave's master could see that the ten of clubs in dummy was likely to set up and so decided to remove dummy's entry by playing the king of spades. This was the full deal:

Board 4 W Dir, both vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A32 ♥ 7542 ♦ T6 ♣ T643	1NT by South Lead: A♥
<b>WEST-Master</b> ♠ K954 ♥ AKJT8 ♦ K9 ♣ J7	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ QJT ♥ 96 ♦ QJ532 ♣ AKQ	<b>EAST-Rookie</b> ♠ 876 ♥ Q3 ♦ A874 ♣ 9852

Declarer covered with the ace (Dave following low) and played the ten of diamonds off the board. Dave decided at this point that he'd done enough playing low, so he flew with the ace and returned his last spade. Declarer won the queen and took her three club tricks but had to play a diamond to Dave's master who won the last two tricks with the king of diamonds and nine of spades. Down two was a top for E-W. The "official" analysis was that E-W should take seven tricks, either playing 2H or defending 1NT.

The play of the king of spades is known in the literature as a Merrimac Coup. It is characterized by the play of an unsupported honour to remove an entry to dummy before long cards are established there. It is sometimes confused with a Deschappelles Coup, where an unsupported honour is played in order to create an entry to partner's hand. Dave made a master play of his own by rising with the DA to return a spade. This was a critical play that preserved his partner's entry. If Dave had followed the classic "second hand low" maxim, the master would have been forced to win with the king of diamonds before the long spade was established. Well defended Dave Marriot.

# The Wrong View

by Bruce McIntyre

The Hideous Hog (In Training) had cornered me at a break during the Sunday Swiss at the recent Round-Up Sectional. There was no escape, for he had a hand record from the previous days afternoon session, with the offending board well-circled. HHIT's hand was A8/K5/KJ72/AKQJ9, and he gave the facts fairly, interrupting himself only to allay the looks of horror on my face at the various atrocities he was proud to have committed.

"So in fourth seat I pick up this 21 count and of course open 2NT. You do not agree? What else would you suggest? Reversing into diamonds would mean I'd have to wait till my third bid to bid notrump, and by that time all hope of my declaring notrump may have been lost, with partner having two chances to bid notrump himself. Partner responds 3S, Minor Suit Stayman—yes, I too was surprised at this turn of events, but had no choice but to await developments by bidding 4C. Partner now bid 4D and I regarded this as forcing—his choices with a weak single-minor suit hand would be pass or 3NT, so this must be a good hand and probably the diamond bid is a cue bid. So of course I bid 6NT—really, McBruce, if you are so shocked at what goes on in real bridge today, perhaps you should stop spending so much time at your computer and start playing more."

I had said nothing. The Hog In Training now showed me the full picture:

DUMMY: ♠5 ♥J42 ♦A8654 ♣T843

HHIT: ♠A8 ♥K5 ♦KJ72 ♣AKQJ9

"Anyhow, the lead was of course a heart to the ace and a heart spot back to my king, so I had to get the diamonds right to bring the slam home. I was no better or worse off than anyone in a minor suit slam, except that if I made it I would get a better score, so I really don't understand these grimaces at what is clearly pristine bidding on my part. On the run of the clubs both opponents pitched exclusively from their longest suits, hearts on the left, spades on the right, but unfortunately, with nineteen major suit cards between them and only three pitches each, making a trick out of this was impossible. So I played a diamond to the ace and LHO pitched a spade—your move."

I looked closely at the diamond suit, but no hocus-pocus with the spots presented itself. "Far too late already," said HHIT, interrupting only silence. "You must play the ace immediately, and *then* look for the impossible finesse."

"What's the difference?" I asked.

"The difference is that if you play the ace quickly, RHO may play a card, establishing LHO's revoke, and you are home—come now, you don't mean to say you thought there was some way to make the slam with four to the QT9 in one hand, now, do you? When LHO shows out the only hope is that he has revoked."

"So you made it on the revoke?" I scoffed. "Not terribly heroic."

"I admit that in the heat of battle, still reeling from the rather unusual—even for me—auction, I succumbed to the same fate that you did, and while I looked for the impossible diamond finesse, before calling for the ace, LHO said 'Oh. I have a diamond,' and played the nine. Now what?"

I looked again. "Can you take advantage of the penalty card?"

"I didn't think so, but I had a better idea. I called the Director as a tactical move."

While I wondered what on earth this meant, an older gentleman who had been not far off listening while reading an old *Matchpointer*, turned to face us. "May I hear the rest of this?" he enquired politely, in a British accent. HHIT assented, and the gentleman, who resembled Winston Churchill somewhat, took the chair to HHIT's left as he continued with the story.

"Before the Director arrived, I knew what my plan had to be. I couldn't make any use of the penalty card, but presumably the Director would stay for the conclusion of the hand and make sure LHO played it at the first legal opportunity. I expected that the diamond return from dummy would fetch the ten from RHO, and I would have to guess the suit. But if LHO had no more diamonds, the Director might be inching forward slightly, to be sure that the penalty card was played at this juncture; whereas if LHO held the queen, it would have to be played, and the Director would not need to be alert. It seemed like an extra clue might be given to me because of the presence of the Director."

I wanted to ask who the Director was, but thought better of it.

"Anyhow," continued HHIT, "I led the small diamond from dummy, and as expected RHO played the ten, and I snuck a peek at the Director, just behind me and to the left, and found that his demeanor was entirely neutral: focused on me in fact. No clue either way."

"Well good," I said. "I don't mind telling you that this sort of business is not really—well, it doesn't strike *me* as fair." I emphasized the antepenultimate word, hoping to get some back-up from the other man. He sensed this and spoke.

"On the contrary; I would say declarer is at liberty to draw from any source of clues he feels he can sense. Quite an intriguing situation. Of course, if the Director was quite obvious about it one way or the other, the opponents might well appeal and get an average, but since you can always guess right in any case, that shouldn't affect your score."

"But what card do you now play?" asked the Hog-In-Training. Getting nothing but silence from us, he continued. "I reviewed the hand and found three indicators. One:

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RHO played low-high and might have echoed with a small doubleton out of force of habit. Two: a player who revokes is more likely to not see a singleton than to misplace two cards of a suit, especially when one of them is an honour." He paused for emphasis. "But the most important clue comes from the unguarded moment when LHO, in the heat of battle, looked upon the table and discovered that he had revoked. What did he now say? What *exactly* did he say? He did *not* say 'I've revoked.' He let slip the key to the hand, because in fact what he said was 'Oh. I have a diamond.' Now I know very well that after revoking people tend to say 'I have a diamond' to mean 'one or more'—nobody would ever say 'I have some dimonds'—but this was different: LHO blurted out the line immediately upon discovering his revoke, in preference to any number of other phrases that do *not* carry the possible connotation of a singleton diamond, such as 'I've revoked' or 'oh, you led a diamond, I'm sorry' or 'I didn't follow suit.'" The Hog-In-Training had built up to a great crescendo as the light dawned, and even our guest swallowed a great mouthful of his sandwich as HHIT completed his soliloquy with majestic sweeps of his arms: "So?" he said loudly. "We finesse!"

And to his surprise, our guest and the Hog-In-Training mouthed the next line in unison: "WRONG!"

The Hog In Training sank back in his chair: "You played the hand yesterday, sir?"

"No, but one sees a lot of human theatre in this game, and your delivery showed all the signs of a change of pace at the climax. Furthermore, you probably missed the really vital clue that would have allowed you to make the slam."

At this the Hog-In-Training sat up.

"Instead of planning to watch the Director," continued our guest politely, "why not sneak a peak at LHO as RHO follows to the second diamond? You might actually see him semi-detach a card, or, once he sees that a diamond is played from dummy, move his hand to the card he wishes to play. Even if there is no movement of the card-playing hand, there may be body language that tells you what he is about to do. And with a Director present, you can be sure that he won't be fingering five cards as though selecting a discard when he has a diamond to play. Why on earth should you want to watch the Director, the only person nearby who absolutely *cannot* hold the queen of diamonds?"

Stunned silence.

Our guest rose from his chair, abandoning two sandwiches that the hotel was selling to hungry bridge players at the break. "These sandwiches are rather filling, and to my surprise I see it is time to leave as my plane will be off in an hour. Please accept the remaining two as thanks for a fine story. It's been a pleasure meeting you both; I received a tip from someone and came here hoping to find you. Clearly you are McBruce, the editor of the local bridge newsletter, and quite obviously you, sir, are the character referred to as the Hideous Hog-In-Training. But I wonder. You resemble an acquaintance of mine named Karapet. Does the year 1329 mean anything to you?"

He left, and after a few seconds the Hog-In-Training and I looked up towards one another and our eyes met as we asked each other the same rhetorical question in awed unison:

"Do you know who that was?!"

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# Storylines

## Hands from various sources

(Many years ago a struggling beginner presented an article to Jude-Goodwin Hanson with shaking hands and was surprised to see it appear in the next issue of the *Matchpointer*. Eventually that person became the current *Matchpointer* editor, and perhaps someday will actually learn how to play this game... Anyhow, with that in mind, and to prove the point that you need not be an expert to have your stories see print here, we present two stories submitted by a new player who describes himself to me as a beginner. You may decide for yourself after reading them. If, as I did, your opinion is that "beginner" is not very accurate, I understand that Mr. Morse is looking for partners....)

### Too Much Science? or Too Little?

by Greg Morse

Goren is quoted as saying that scientific bidders have to work twice as hard as the rest of us to reach a contract. Would science help or hinder on this deal?

I was playing with Andy Hellquist whom I had met for the first time 5 minutes before the event. One of the many things we had not discussed was how to compete when the opposition opens INT.

Board #21 Dir N, N-S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A3 ♥ A43 ♦ KJT54 ♣ K75	Round-Up Sect. Saturday Eve.
<b>WEST</b> ♠ KQ85 ♥ KQT52 ♦ A3 ♣ 63	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ JT964 ♥ 96 ♦ Q9872 ♣ T	<b>EAST</b> ♠ 72 ♥ J87 ♦ 6 ♣ AQJ9842

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G. Morse	Opener	A. Hellquist	Transferrer
	1NT	Pass (1)	2♥ (2)
Double (3)	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass (5)	Pass		

(1) Andy wasn't sure how to show his club suit after the opponents opened INT.

(2) Transfer to spades.

(3) Lead directing

(4) Good judgment to bid hearts, but what level is correct?

(5) Should I raise to four, or with all the points over me are we too high already?

In pre-Transfer days South would simply bid 2♠ over INT and West would never get the chance to show his heart suit. Instead West got a free bid since North could not pass. With a fit established, and concealed distributional values, partner had no problem bidding the major. The play presented no problem after a club lead, and eleven tricks was worth 5 matchpoints on an 8 top. A good result for E-W that would not have happened if the opponents had been less scientific.

Or was it?

Obviously 4♥ is cold, I'm not sure what 4♥ bid and made would be worth on this board since I don't have access to the records] but with we didn't get there. Had Partner and I been playing Brozel or DONT, Andy would have had a way to show his Club suit, and we might have bid 4♥.

So E-W got only a medium result, when with a little more science we could have gotten a top.

Does your partnership have an agreement on how to compete over a strong NT? How about a weak NT?

(In Flight B two sections played this board nine times each, and +200 was worth 10½ matchpoints out of eighteen to E/W, or would have been if the sections were combined for scoring purposes. +450 would be worth 14½. In the concurrent Flight A game, eighteen more tables played the board, and +200 was worth 12/18, +450 scored 14/18 (so much for the notion that Flight A matchpoints differently!). There was only one 450 score in each game, but several N-S apparently sacrificed: a N-S pair in Flight A scored +870 and an E-W pair in Flight B took somebody to the bank for 1700! There are as many interference schemes over notrump openers as there are fish in the sea, but all of them are geared at getting into the auction, with bidding game an extremely low priority, since your chances of making a game when a strong notrump has been opened by an opponent is slim. Even here where game is cold, bidding it is only

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worth a few more matchpoints.)

### Going for Broke

by Greg Morse

At a recent club game, it was in the late rounds and we had not been doing well. I decided we needed a couple of tops to salvage the evening and was in a "go for broke" mood:

The bidding was fast: Partner opened 1NT and I raised to 6NT. West overcalled hearts but when you're going for broke these are mere details—at least until the auction is over and the play begins. West led his suit.

Late rounds: "Go for broke"	Me	6NT by South Lead: x♥
WEST	♠ JX ♥ QXX ♦ AKQX ♣ ATXX	EAST
♠ KXX ♥ KXXXX ♦ X ♣ K98x	Partner	♠ XXXX ♥ XXXX ♦ XXXX ♣ X
	♠ AQXX ♥ AJ ♦ JXX ♣ QJXX	

First, what do you think of the bidding? I should note that no other pair bid 6NT, although several made twelve tricks in 3NT. Second, do you see a way to make six, or possibly seven?

On looking at the hand two things should stand out. First is that West must have the three missing kings for her overcall. Given that fact, there are probably four club tricks, four diamond tricks, two spades and two hearts. No problem right? The second thing that should stand out, however, is that transportation is going to be a problem, especially getting off the dummy.

I won't burden you with the actual play, as partner did

not appreciate the significance of the overcall and tried the spade finesse, and did not try the club finesse.

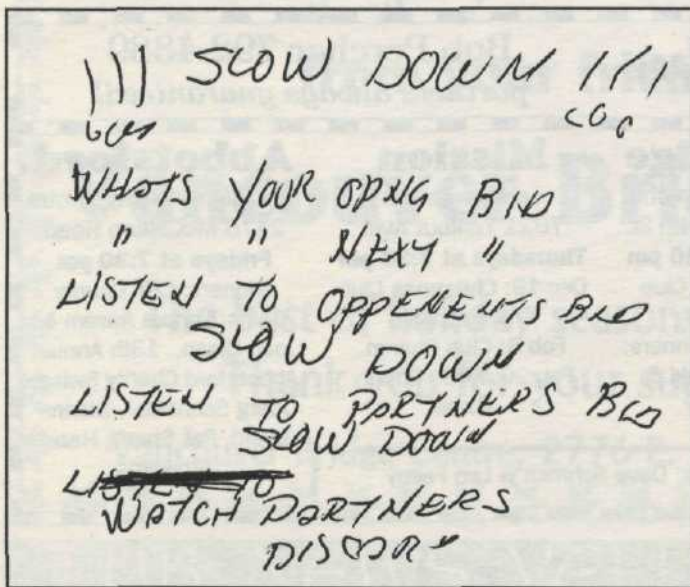
The play should have gone (I think): Win the heart lead with the jack, and lead the queen of clubs. West ducks. (If she does not there is an extra entry to hand and the end result is the same, but a little simpler.) Lead a low spade to the jack. If West wins the contract makes easily so she ducks again. Now lead a low club to the ten revealing the bad break. Now the only chance to make it is on a squeeze, but the odds are good given that West has to guard all suits. Run the diamonds producing the following position with West yet to discard on the last diamond:

West to play to trick 8:(N/S 8-0)	Me	6NT by South Lead: x♥
WEST	♠ X ♥ QX ♦ — ♣ AX	EAST
♠ KX ♥ KX ♦ — ♣ K9	Partner	(losers) ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —
	♠ AQ ♥ A ♦ — ♣ JX	

If West discards a spade, come to hand with the ace of spades (dropping the king), and the queen of spades now squeezes West again, and we should make seven.

If West discards a heart, come to hand with the ace of hearts (again dropping the king of hearts). Then a club to the ace, and the queen of hearts forces either a club or a spade discard for the twelfth trick.

A club discard has effectively the same result as declarer now loses only one spade trick.



### Lost And Found?

While cleaning up the Surrey Inn after all the bridge players had left, this pickup slip (along with what was written on the back) was turned in by one of the clean-up crew. We are not sure what this is, but since part of the *Matchpointer* is meant to be instructive, we thought it would be a good idea to reproduce this anonymous contestant's "cheat sheet" as an admonition to developing players. Photoreduction will render the handwriting illegible, so here are the contents, just in case:

||| SLOW DOWN |||  
WHAT'S YOUR OPNG BID  
" " NEXT "  
LISTEN TO OPPONENTS BID  
SLOW DOWN  
LISTEN TO PARTNER'S BID  
SLOW DOWN  
WATCH PARTNER'S DISCARD

I must add that the front of the slip records a 50-IMP victory, so...

# Unit 430 Top 50

as of Oct 1 1996.

This list of the Unit's top masterpoint holders is compiled from the October 1 computer list sent to us by the ACBL. The number in brackets is the position occupied in the Top

50 list one year ago. It was suggested last year that we include in the list the totals of deceased players; unfortunately this data proved difficult to obtain. From past issues of the *Matchpointer* we have approximate data for four such players; if you can help us fill in the rest we would appreciate it. Newcomers to the list from other Units this year are Mary Lou Bert and Gerry McCully.

	<i>Leo Steil</i>	9130	( 1)	25.	Mike Strebinger	2994	(25)
1.	Cam Doner	7113	( 2)	26.	Stella Alliston	2989	(31)
2.	Aidan Ballantyne	5997	( 3)	27.	Cam Lindsay	2790	(26)
3.	Laurence Betts	5363	( 4)	28.	Don Brander	2730	(27)
4.	Ron Borg	4829	( 5)	29.	Mike Dimich	2664	(28)
5.	Jim Dickie	4657	( 6)	30.	Jean Groome	2633	(30)
6.	Peter Herold	4614	( 7)	31.	Mike Wilson	2607	(29)
7.	Dan Jacob	4482	( 9)	32.	June Pocock	2535	(34)
8.	Mary Lou Bert	4379	(-)	33.	Jenny Ballantyne	2397	(32)
9.	Paul Hagen	4377	( 8)	34.	Gerry McCully	2358	(-)
10.	Gord McOrmond	4240	(10)	35.	Marge Neate	2342	(35)
	<i>Adrian Hicks</i>	4179		36.	Charles Swanson	2323	(33)
11.	Bob Connop	3877	(11)	37.	Liz Lee	2287	(36)
12.	Larry Hicks	3869	(12)	38.	Ina Andersen	2260	(37)
13.	Lauren Miller	3736	(13)	39.	Larry Pocock	2221	(42)
14.	Ev Hodge	3659	(14)	40.	John Hurdle	2191	(38)
15.	Don Brazeau	3608	(15)	41.	Ernie Dietrich	2186	(45)
16.	wilf May	3485	(17)	42.	Phyllis Gerber	2170	(43)
17.	Donna Morrison	3443	(19)	43.	Martin O'Reilly	2161	(39)
18.	Kathy Adachi	3440	(20)	44.	Pat Landau	2148	(44)
19.	Mary Fines	3409	(18)		<i>Don Fraser</i>	2142	
20.	Fred Sontag	3401	(16)	45.	Ed Ashenhurst	2114	(40)
21.	Rhonda Foster	3272	(22)	46.	Alice Strebinger	2094	(41)
22.	Greg Arbour	3253	(23)	47.	Delphine Tablotney	2037	(46)
	<i>Jim Donaldson</i>	3222		48.	Shiela Dickie	1991	(49)
23.	Buddy Crapko	3162	(21)	49.	Anne Marie Bullis	1942	(-)
24.	Ted Hicks	3028	(24)	50.	Sandra Borg	1935	(47)

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Lorraine Brown

### Mission

Leisure Centre  
7621 Taulbut Ave.  
**Thursdays at 7:30 pm**  
Dec 19: Christmas Club  
Championship  
Feb 6: Club Champ.  
Feb 20: ACBL Charity  
Game

### Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre  
2478 McCallum Road  
**Fridays at 7:30 pm**  
Winners: CBF Charity  
Game: Lenora Awram &  
Joan Olson. 13th Annual  
Abbotsford Charity Swiss:  
Joerg Schneider, Dianne  
Isfeld, Pat Staff, Hazel  
Stowards

## 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

### COMING EVENTS

December 18: Christmas Party

February 12: Club Championship

Oct 30 Club Championship Winners:

Nancy Friedman & John Whittelsey

## White Rock Bridge Club

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

Kay Lyons 536-0486

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Club Championship Winners:

Ron McConnell & Ray Morrisson

Dec 25: No Game, Club Closed

## Bill Goodwin

1924-1996

William Douglas (Bill) Goodwin, a familiar sight at Vancouver Bridge Centre Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening games, passed away on November 10, at the age

of 72 years. Bill's ever-pleasant demeanor at the table will be missed by friends, family, and especially Fay Crawford. Jude-Goodwin-Hanson, editor of the CBF magazine and a former Unit president and editor of the *Matchpointer*, is Bill's daughter. Our condolences go out to family and friends.

# Happy Holidays

from your friends at the

## Vancouver Bridge Centre

The best of holiday seasons to you and yours.

Thank you for your support in 1996.

Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, ph: 255-2564

# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: December 11, 1996. Not including invitation-only clubs)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Last Reported Club Champions
Mon	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 10 Feb	13 Jan, 7 Apr	Bonnie Scott/Pat Lester
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	date TBA	Albert Yallouz/Pirpal Gill
	7:00 pm	SUN	R. Notzl	Teams	unsupplied	see Wednesday
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open	20 Jan	Thony Stiennon/Ron McConnell
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	16 Dec, 17 Feb	Joan Olsen/Pat Carruthers
	7:30 pm	KER	T. Treirse	open	unscheduled	unsupplied
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	H: 1st, trophy race game:	3rd	annual trophy points race
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-200, stratified	10 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	A.M. Bullis	stratified	11 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open, Teams: 17 Dec	date TBA	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebinger	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	date TBA	Chester Michno/Amad Rafii
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	11 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 22 Jan	19 Feb	Clare Way/Kathy Bye
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-20 MP	12 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
	1:00 pm	SUN	R. Notzl	open	unsupplied	Individual: Pat Ashby
	7:15 pm	WRK	F. Schultz	STR: 30 Oct, 27 Nov	unsupplied	Ron McConnell/Ray Morrisson
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	12 Mar	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	12 Feb	Nancy Friedman/John Whittelsey
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	18 Dec, 19 Mar	Wilf Meyer/Laurie Cowan
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, STR	12 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
Thu	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	unscheduled	Nomi & Nadia Kaplan
	11:00 am	CLO	P. Stapff	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	7:00 pm	SUN	R. Notzl	open	held 14 Aug	see Wednesday
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open	date TBA	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	19Dec,6Feb	Brad Fletcher/Garry Skoropada
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	0-20, resumes 2 Jan	13 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	13 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
Fri	9:30 am	VBC	E. Chan	Easy Bridge Drop-In (Instructed Play, not duplicate)		
	1:00 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	14 Feb	new game—none yet held
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	7 Mar	J. Schneider, D. Isfeld, P. Stapff, H. Stowards
	7:30 pm	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams—first Friday of each month only		
	7:30 pm	S-D	T. Stiennon	Teams:17 Jan, X:24 Jan	date TBA	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	14 Feb	held after Matchpointer deadline
Sat	1:00 pm	VBC	E. Chan	Monthly Special Events, otherwise afternoon and evening Rubber Bridge		
Sun	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: tournaments	9 Mar	held after Matchpointer deadline
	6:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	IP-STR, X:1st (MUG)	5 Jan	held after Matchpointer deadline

### GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game  
 LP=limited masterpoint game  
 X:n=game not held on nth week of each month  
 1st, 2nd, last, etc=only on the first, second last (or whatever) week of each month (unless noted, all clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks)

STR=stratified game  
 IP=IMP Pairs scoring

Games limited to club members and guests are not listed here. Some clubs hold four quarterly club championship for each of their weekly sessions, others hold one for all of their weekly sessions. Most clubs will be happy to provide space and/or supplies for IMP League matches for a small fee: but please contact the director in advance for fee and availability.



# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## Special Events at Clubs

**December 15, 1996—March 10, 1997**

(Quarterly Club Championship dates for Unit 430 clubs are also listed in the Weekly Duplicate Game

List about four inches to the left of here.)

### Date Time Club What's Happening

16 Dec 10:00	VCR	Morning Christmas Party
16 Dec 7:15	SRY	Christmas Party
16 Dec 7:30	CWK	Christmas Party/Club Champ.
16 Dec 7:30	SQU	Final 1996 Trophy Race Game
17 Dec 7:30	BBY	Trophy Race Game
18 Dec 7:15	VCR	Christmas Party/Club Champ.
18 Dec 7:30	M-R	Christmas Party/Club Champ.
18 Dec 7:30	C.R	Christmas Party Game
19 Dec 11:00	CLO	Christmas Party Game
21 Dec 6:00	S-D	Christmas Party Dinner and Bridge (please pre-register)
22 Dec 1:00	RMD	Christmas Party

### Date Time Club What's Happening

23 Dec 10:45	BBY	Christmas Party Game
24-25 Dec	Most	clubs closed for holidays
26 Dec 7:15	F.V	Club Closed (site unavailable)
26 Dec-1 Jan	VBC	Smorgasbord Week
26 Dec 7:30	VBC	Tournament of Champions Membership Game
27 Dec 7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night
30 Dec 7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
31 Dec 11:00	S-W	Club Closed (site unavailable)
31 Dec 7:30	BBY	Club Closed (site unavailable)
1 Jan 11:00	John Reeve	Individual Tournament (note different starting time)
3 Jan 7:30	NSW	Monthly Swiss Teams
4 Jan noon	VBC	Last Chance CNTC Club Qualifier (2nd session TBA)
5 Jan 6:30	VBC	ChIMPs Club Championship
11 Jan 1:00	VBC	Rubber Bridge Tournament
<b>12 Jan</b>	<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>	(Note: 2nd Sunday in January only, first Sunday in February-November)
13 Jan 10:00	VCR	Club Championship
13 Jan 7:30	VBC	GNT Club Qualifier (1 session)
17 Jan 7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
18 Jan noon	COPC	Unit Final (2nd session TBA) (tentative, see page 29)
20 Jan 7:15	SRY	Club Championship
22 Jan 10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
<b>24-26 Jan</b>	<b>Winter Sectional at Queensborough Community Centre, most clubs closed</b>	
27 Jan 7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
28 Jan 7:30	VBC	Sectional Winners Play Free
29 Jan 10:45	HAS	Charity Game
31 Jan 7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night
31 Jan 8:00	TBA	West Coast Calcutta Auction
1 Feb 1:00	TBA	West Coast Calcutta Day 1
2 Feb 10:00	TBA	West Coast Calcutta Day 2
<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>	
6 Feb 7:30	MIS	Club Championship
7 Feb 7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
10 Feb 10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
10-14 Feb	VBC	Club Championship Week
10 Feb 7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200 MP)
11 Feb 10:45	VBC	Club Championship
11 Feb 7:30	VBC	Club Championship
12 Feb 10:45	VBC	Newplicate Club Championship

## 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	588-6794
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
NSW—N. Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289
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	898-2702
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	Kay Lyons	536-0486

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
12 Feb	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-750)
13 Feb	7:30	VBC	Open Club Championship and a separate Newcomers Club Championship (0-20)
14 Feb	1:00	VBC	Classic Card Club Championship
14 Feb	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
15 Feb	1:00	VBC	<i>The Carpet Event</i>
17 Feb	7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams
17 Feb	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
19 Feb	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
20 Feb	7:30	MIS	ACBL Charity Game
22-28 Feb		VBC	<i>Junior Week (all VBC games Sectionally-rated fundraisers for Junior bridge)</i>
22 Feb	1:00	VBC	Junior Week Special Individual
23 Feb	1:00	VBC	Stratified GNT Club Qualifying Game (1 session)
24 Feb	10:00	VCR	ACBL-wide Seniors Game
24 Feb	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
1 Mar	noon	VBC	<i>CNTC Unit Final (2 sessions)</i>

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
2 Mar			<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>
7 Mar	7:30	ABB	Club Championship
7 Mar	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
8 Mar	1:00	VBC	Rubber Bridge Tournament
9 Mar	1:00	RMD	Club Championship

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
12 Mar	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
15-16 Mar		VBC	<i>Spring Mini-Sectional</i>
15 Mar	1:00	VBC	Future Stars Pairs (0-100 MPs)
15 Mar	7:30	VBC	Open Pairs Stratified by Expertise (0/1/2 LMs)
16 Mar	1:00	VBC	Future Stars Swiss Teams (0-100 MP)
16 Mar	6:30	VBC	Stratified Open IMP Pairs
17 Mar	7:30	VBC	St. Patrick's Day GNT Club Qualifier (tentative)
29 Mar	TBA	VBC	Goofy Pairs Calcutta (tentative)

## Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8  
Ph. 255-2564 Lessons, books, seminars

Dec 24-25: Club Closed  
 Dec 26-Jan 1: *Annual Smorgasbord Week*  
 Thu Dec 26: Tournament of Champions Membership Game  
 Fridays: Dec 27, Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 28: *TGIF*  
 Wed Jan 1: Afternoon Newpicate closed but evening game still on  
 Sat Jan 4: Last Chance CNTC Qualifying  
 Jan 11, Mar 8: *Rubber Bridge Tournaments*  
 Jan 13 (eve), Feb 23 (aft): Stratified GNT Club Qualifying Games  
 Jan 18: COPC Unit Final  
 Jan 28: Sectional Winners Free Play Night  
 Feb 10-14: *1997 Club Championship Week #1*  
 Feb 15: *The Carpet Event*  
 Feb 22-28: *Junior Development Week (all games Sectionally-rated)*  
 Feb 22: Junior Week Special Individual  
 Mar 1: CNTC Unit Final  
**Mar 15-16: Spring Mini-Sectional**  
 Mar 15: Aft: Future Stars (0-100), Eve: Open, Stratified by Expertise  
 Mar 16: Aft: 0-100 Swiss Teams, Eve: Stratified Open IMP Pairs  
 Tentative: Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day GNT Club Qualifying Game  
 Mar 29: Goofy Pairs Calcutta  
**RECENT BIG GAMES:** Tue Aug 20 (am), Brian Russell/Martin Johnson (75.00%), Tue Sept 3 (am), Jeannette Greenhut/Connie Delisle (75.00%), Wed Sept 18 (am), Lynn & Ture Erickson (75.00%),

## REGULAR GAMES

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday	7:30 PM	<i>Intern. Stratified (0-200)</i>
Tuesday	10:45 AM	<i>Stratified Open Game</i>
		<i>Lunch Available!</i>
Tuesday	7:30 PM	<i>Stratified Open Game</i>
Wednesday	10:45 AM	<i>New Novice Game (0-20)</i>
		<i>Includes Mini-Lesson and Lunch</i>
Wednesday	7:30 PM	<i>Strat. Adv. Intern. (0-750)</i>
Thursday	7:30 PM	<i>Newcomers (0-20)</i>
		<i>No Games during fall lessons, resumes Jan. '97</i>
Thursday	7:30 PM	<i>Stratified Open Game</i>
Friday	9:30 AM	<i>Easy Bridge Drop-In</i>
Friday	1:00 PM	<i>Classic Card Game</i>
Friday	7:30 PM	<i>Open Lucky # Game</i>
		<i>last Friday of each month: TGIF party night!</i>
Saturday	1:00 PM	<i>Monthly Special Events</i>
		<i>otherwise weekly Aft and Eve Rubber Bridge</i>
Sunday	6:30 PM	<i>Early Bird IMP Stratified</i>
		<i>scores count for quarterly ChIMPs championships</i>

Wed Oct 23 (am), Marilyn Martin/Diana Marr  
 3rd Qtr Ch.IMPs winner: Paul Sontag

**Calling all non-Life Masters! Unit 430's IMP League, needs more teams in Flight C as soon as possible. League matches are played about once every 3-4 weeks, and the emphasis is on fun and learning. To sign up, call Shirley Fitterman today at 731-7077.**

**Squamish Bridge Club**  
 Masonic Hall, Elliott Building  
 38140 Cleveland Ave., Squamish  
 Mondays at 7:30 PM  
 monthly handicap and trophy race games  
*Lorraine Hurren 898-2702*

<b>SUBURBIA clubs</b>	<i>South-West Duplicate Bridge Club</i>	<i>Fraser Valley Bridge Club</i>	<i>Sur-Del Bridge Club</i>
<i>Thony Stiennon (non-playing director) 951-7560</i>	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
<i>Regular Game:</i>	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
<i>Club Championships:</i>	latest round held after Matchpointer deadline, next round TBA		
<i>Christmas Party:</i>	December 21 at Sur-Del (pre-registration is required)		
<i>Swiss Teams:</i>			January 17
<i>Closures:</i>	December 24, 31	December 26	January 24 (Sectional)

## News From Suburbia

by **Thony Stiennon**

As announced in the last Matchpointer, our Candlelight Swiss Teams event took place on the 22nd of November at Sur-Del: a total of 17 teams entered the contest. Each table was adorned with two candles and there was no other light in the room...when the players arrived. For the game, however, we had to get the not-so-natural electric light on. Anyway, the atmosphere had been created and the mood was excellent.

Four rounds of seven boards each were scored in Victory Points. The winning team ended with a whopping 66 VP out

of a possible 80, an astonishing 82.5%! Congratulations to the big winners: Roman Woroch, Betty Fawcett, John Sokolowski and Tom Cotton.

And now, just a reminder: our Christmas Party for the Fraser Valley Bridge Club, the South-West Duplicate Bridge Club and the Sur-Del Bridge Club will take place on Saturday Dec. 21 at the site of the Sur-Del Bridge Club (St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, at 11601 82nd Avenue in Delta). Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and at 7:30pm we will start the evening of fun bridge. The cost for the evening will be \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required as soon as possible.

To all Bridge Players I wish a 1997 full of Sunshine & Smiles.

# 1997 West Coast IMP Pairs Auction Bridge

(non-smoking event)

Event "A"  
OPEN

Event "B": 0-3000 combined MP  
(subject to discretion)

**Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1997, in Vancouver** (exact location T.B.A.)

Play begins 1:00pm, Saturday, Feb. 1, and 10:00am, Sunday, Feb. 2.

Bridge auction for both events begins 8:00pm, Friday, Jan. 31.

**THE EVENT:** A four-session IMP Pairs. Each pair will play against every other pair at least once during the event. Scoring will be based on IMPs.

**CHANGES THIS YEAR:** All participants required to buy 25% of themselves, and may buy up to 50% of themselves within 20 minutes of being auctioned off.

**THIRD FLIGHT** (prize money only, no auction) if there is substantial interest.

**THE ENTRY FEE:** Event "A": \$250.00 per pair (\$200.00 to player's prize pool)  
Event "B": \$150.00 per pair (\$100.00 to player's prize pool) Entry on first serve basis.

**INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO:** Larry Chow, 604/852-5187 e-mail: [ichow@uniserve.com](mailto:ichow@uniserve.com)

**NOTE:** Cheques will be accepted for ENTRY FEES, if received no later than Jan. 15, 1997.

## Unit 430 Soon To Be Webbed

### Page under construction, will be ready in January

Internet users will have a new source of local bridge information in January. *Matchpointer* editor Bruce McIntyre has been seen clutching a book about something called HTML and grumbling. Asked about what it was all about, he was heard to emit a hissing noise from which could be heard the words "get Webbed." We expect that the difficulties will be overcome by January and the Unit 430 Home Page will be ready for hits on the World Wide Web: currently the various pages are under construction. The address for the Unit 430 Home Page will be:

<http://www.mypage.direct.ca/m/mcbruce/u430home.html>

The site will contain the latest information on multi-level events, Unit Games, Club news, tournament results, *Matchpointer* articles and deadline information, Unit Board minutes, and will build an on-line directory of local users with e-mail addresses and OKBridge names from your submissions. There will be initially only one external link: to Jude Goodwin-Hanson's incredible Great Bridge Links page. An index of pages available will keep you updated on the most recent changes and updates. You'll be able to send information directly to McBruce via e-mail without launching your e-mail program. But not until January. Please.

District 19 now has a Web page in development. The DINO home page is maintained by Polly Dunn from:

<http://www.aa.net/~polly/dist19/>

## THANK YOU

from Gladys Mackie

TO THE LADY WHO PUT THE HOWL IN HALLOWE'EN—HAZEL DRESSLER. For many years Hazel's Tuesday Halloween costume bridge

night has provided much laughter and enjoyment. Enjoyed, not only by those who dressed up, but by those who delighted in trying to determine who was beneath the costume or makeup. Winners were always thrilled to be recipients of Hazel's generous "Best Costume" prizes. Many thanks Hazel!

# 1996-97 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight A (unlimited MP)

Standings as of December 7, 1996.

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	Mptr Seed	Avg Sw. per bd.	Probability of 1st place	playoffs
C. Lindsay	4-1-0	108	21.60	+30.80	5	4.86	0.222	0.969
J. Pocock	3-1-0	85	21.25	+34.25	6	4.51	0.192	0.948
C. Doner	4-0-0	84	21.00	+19.00	8	4.43	0.100	0.879
F. Hernandez	3-0-0	60	20.00	+13.00	3	3.56	0.027	0.630
G. Davis	3-1-0	75	18.75	+13.25	1	4.76	0.368	0.981
R. Foster	3-1-0	72	18.00	+9.50	2	3.89	0.067	0.837
A. M. Bullis	2-2-0	66	16.50	+10.00	9	4.57	0.011	0.515
K. Lochang	2-1-0	49	16.33	+2.00	11	4.50	0.004	0.257
M. Johnson	2-2-0	63	15.75	+4.50	10	5.05	0.005	0.448
J. Dickie	2-4-0	89	14.83	+6.83	7	4.79	0.002	0.473
G. Fetterley	1-4-0	45	9.00	-28.00	14	4.13	<0.001	0.002
G. Thomas	1-4-0	45	9.00	-25.00	4	4.21	<0.001	0.057
L. Laudan	0-5-0	34	6.80	-38.20	12	3.95	<0.001	<0.001
D. Cowan	0-4-0	25	6.25	-36.50	13	4.57	<0.001	<0.001

The teams in the standings table are listed in order of VPs per match. The Average Swing per Board column may give some insight into which teams are most likely to play high-scoring matches and which hope to win the low-scoring affairs. The probabilities of finishing first and making the playoffs are calculated with a computer program that reads in results thus far, merges

these with the pre-season predictions to calculate a rating for each team, then simulates the remainder of the season 2,000 times and counts the number of times each team finished first or made the playoffs. For example, the Lochang team faces 249-1 odds against finishing first overall, and about 3-1 odds against finishing seventh or higher and making the playoffs. You can see the effect that

the preseason predictions have at this stage, since Fetterley and Thomas have identical records thus far but Thomas's chance of reaching the playoffs is higher due to their higher preseason prediction. As the season progresses, the program will consider the results more and the predictions less.

Rosters for all teams in Flight A can be found on page 17.

Flight A Results	vs GD	vs RF	vs FH	vs DT	vs CL	vs JP	vs JD	vs CD	vs AMB	vs MJ	vs KL	vs LL	vs DC	vs GF
G. Davis		+27:23	30 Mar	20 Apr	2 Mar	16 Mar	+30:23	+17:9	2 Feb	+13:20	16 Feb	5 Jan	15 Dec	19 Jan
R. Foster	+27:7		20 Apr	19 Jan	30 Mar	5 Jan	+8:19	2 Feb	16 Mar	16 Feb	15 Dec	2 Mar	+28:23	+29:23
F. Hernandez	30 Mar	20 Apr		5 Jan	16 Mar	15 Dec	+3:18	19 Jan	2 Mar	2 Feb	24 Nov	16 Feb	+25:22	+11:20
D. Thomas	20 Apr	19 Jan	5 Jan		-17:9	30 Mar	2 Feb	+37:6	+51:4	+25:8	16 Mar	+5:18	16 Feb	2 Mar
C. Lindsay	2 Mar	30 Mar	16 Mar	+17:21		+29:23	20 Apr	5 Jan	16 Feb	19 Jan	-7:11	2 Feb	+43:25	+72:28
J. Pocock	16 Mar	5 Jan	15 Dec	30 Mar	-29:7		19 Jan	20 Apr	+36:24	+45:25	2 Mar	+85:29	2 Feb	16 Feb
J. Dickie	-30:7	-8:11	-3:12	2 Feb	20 Apr	19 Jan		16 Feb	30 Mar	2 Mar	+48:25	16 Mar	+50:25	+16:9
C. Doner	+17:21	2 Feb	19 Jan	+37:24	5 Jan	20 Apr	16 Feb		+19:21	10 Nov	30 Mar	+3:18	2 Mar	16 Mar
A.M. Bullis	2 Feb	16 Mar	2 Mar	+51:26	16 Feb	-36:6	30 Mar	-19:9		5 Jan	27 Oct	19 Jan	20 Apr	+44:25
M. Johnson	-13:10	16 Feb	2 Feb	+25:22	19 Jan	-45:5	2 Mar	10 Nov	5 Jan		20 Apr	+51:26	16 Mar	30 Mar
K. Lochang	16 Feb	15 Dec	24 Nov	16 Mar	+7:19	2 Mar	-48:5	30 Mar	27 Oct	20 Apr		+47:25	19 Jan	2 Feb
L. Laudan	5 Jan	2 Mar	16 Feb	-5:12	2 Feb	-85:1	16 Mar	-3:12	19 Jan	-51:4	-47:5		30 Mar	20 Apr
D. Cowan	15 Dec	-28:7	-25:8	16 Feb	-43:5	2 Feb	-50:5	2 Mar	20 Apr	16 Mar	19 Jan	30 Mar		5 Jan
G. Fetterley	19 Jan	-29:7	-11:10	2 Mar	-72:2	16 Feb	+16:21	16 Mar	-44:5	30 Mar	2 Feb	20 Apr	5 Jan	

A date in a box is the date by which a match is supposed to be played. A pair of numbers separated by a colon is the IMP margin (plus is a win, minus a loss, zero a tie), then the VPs earned by the team listed in the left column.

# 1996-97 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight B (0-1500 MP), City Division

## Standings as of December 10, 1996.

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	Mptr Seed	Avg Sw. per bd.	Probability of 1st place	playoffs
L. Meyer	3-0-0	71	23.67	+37.00	4	4.44	0.729	0.990
R. Jackson	2-1-0	53	17.67	+10.67	7	4.52	0.058	0.790
D. Ayukawa	2-1-0	53	17.67	+11.33	1	4.71	0.171	0.882
H. Dressler	1-1-0	33	16.50	+12.50	5	3.98	0.030	0.560
K. Raywood	1-2-0	37	12.33	-11.67	2	4.85	0.009	0.345
E. Marchuk	1-2-0	33	11.00	-22.33	8	4.54	0.001	0.270
D. Sharp	0-1-0	9	9.00	-18.00	6	4.93	<0.001	0.081
T. Eng	0-2-0	11	5.50	-41.00	3	5.86	<0.001	0.079

The computer program that predicts the playoff teams and the pennant race (see comment below Flight A standings for details) had to be adjusted after the #8 seed Marchuk defeated the #1 seed: it claimed that it could not rank the teams in a manner consistent with the results and still conform to the preseason predictions! Of course, the computer predicting the Meyer squad as a 71% favorite for first means little since the computer has not been told that the Meyer squad is 100% unpredictable!

We apologize for misspelling Bob Takishita's surname last time in the preseason predictions. Rosters for all Flight B teams appear below.

The playoff format has yet to be decided. Four teams from each division will make the playoffs, but whether there

Flight B Results (City Division)	vs Ayukawa	vs Raywood	vs Eng	vs Meyer	vs Dressler	vs Sharp	vs Jackson	vs Marchuk
D. Ayukawa		16 Feb	26 Jan	5 Jan	+47:25	+18:21	9 Feb	-31:7
K. Raywood	16 Feb		+55:26	26 Jan	-72:2	9 Feb	-18:9	5 Jan
T. Eng	26 Jan	-55:4		-27:7	5 Jan	8 Dec	16 Feb	9 Feb
L. Meyer	5 Jan	26 Jan	+27:23		9 Feb	16 Feb	+17:21	+67:27
H. Dressler	-47:5	+72:28	5 Jan	9 Feb		17 Nov	26 Jan	16 Feb
D. Sharp	-18:9	9 Feb	8 Dec	16 Feb	17 Nov		5 Jan	26 Jan
R. Jackson	9 Feb	+18:21	16 Feb	-17:9	26 Jan	5 Jan		+31:23
E. Marchuk	+31:23	5 Jan	9 Feb	-67:3	16 Feb	26 Jan	-31:7	

A date in a box is the date by which a match is supposed to be played. A pair of numbers separated by a colon is the IMP margin (plus is a win, minus a loss, zero a tie), then the VPs earned by the team listed in the left column.

### FLIGHT A Team Rosters

<p>♣ Anne-Marie BULLIS, Les Foucs, Robert Sauve, Jean Groome</p> <p>♥ Doug COWAN, Pat Landau, Steve Beaton, Mary Fines</p> <p>♦ Gord DAVIS, Don Brazeau, Nathan Divinsky, Aidan Ballantyne, Dan Jacob, Michael Strebinger</p> <p>♣ Jim DICKIE, John Anthony, David Sokolow, Carolyn Levi, Brian Maksymetz, Bill Osten</p> <p>♣ Cam DONER, Nicci Charleson, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert, Tom Devine</p>	<p>♥ Geoff FETTERLEY, Fred Brown, Pauline McCafferty, Patti Adams</p> <p>♦ Rhonda FOSTER, Gord McOrmond, Greg Arbour, Gerry McCully, Lynn Fleming</p> <p>♣ Felipe HERNANDEZ, Mike Wilson, Mike Neagu, Lawrence Betts</p> <p>♣ Martin JOHNSON, Eugene Chan, Brian Russell, Bill Gamble, Sarlo Camas</p> <p>♥ Lesley LAUDAN, Roger Allen, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins</p> <p>♦ Cam LINDSAY, Ron Borg, Paul Ha-gen, Don Brander, Dave Waterman, Steve Vincent</p>	<p>♣ Ken LOCHANG, Paul Sontag, Anne Nagy, Ken Robertson, Ed Ashenhurst</p> <p>♣ Doug THOMAS, Gary Phelan, Peter Walton, Jim Marshall, Dan Watson, Ted Hicks</p> <p>♥ June POCOCK, Larry Pocock, Wilf May, Derek Ward, Kathy Adachi, Don Sache</p> <p>(Seven of the fourteen teams in Flight A will make the playoffs)</p>
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# 1996-97 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight B (0-1500 MP), Valley Division

## Standings as of December 7, 1996.

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	Mptr Seed	Probability of	
					1st place	playoffs
D. Schmidt	2-0-0	56	28.00	3	0.333	0.997
D. Webster	5-0-0	111	22.20	4	0.285	>0.999
G. Skoropada	2-1-0	65	21.67	2	0.381	0.999
D. Huber	1-1-0	37	18.50	6	<0.001	0.289
J. Olson	1-2-0	27	9.00	1	<0.001	0.359
E. Van Pelt	0-1-0	8	8.00	5	<0.001	0.262
A. Faulkner	0-3-0	15	5.00	7	<0.001	0.093
S. Reider	0-3-0	11	3.67	8	<0.001	<0.001

will be inter-division play (and at which point—quarterfinals, semifinals, or not until the finals) is still to be decided. Flight B players are asked to send their preferences to Commissioner Shirley Fitterman (731-7077).

In the Valley League, the standings table is a bit different since no IMP scores are being reported. This, according to Jimmy-the-Turk, is because there is a wider range of skill

levels among the teams in the Valley Division, and "0VP" is more politically correct than "lost by 145." The result is that the IMP Margin per match, and average swing per board columns are meaningless and have thus been omitted.

In 2,000 simulations, the program found none in which Webster (winners of their first five) missed the playoffs. This doesn't mean it is matchmatically impossible though!

Flight B Results (Valley Div.)	vs Olson	vs Skoropada	vs Schmidt	vs Webster	vs Van Pelt	vs Huber	vs Faulkner	vs Reider
J. Olson		L: 2 VP	L: 2 VP	27 Jan	25 Nov	13 Jan	11 Nov	W: 23 VP
G. Skoropada	W: 28 VP		27 Jan	L: 12 VP	13 Jan	25 Nov	W: 25 VP	11 Nov
D. Schmidt	W: 28 VP	27 Jan		13 Jan	11 Nov	8 Dec	W: 28 VP	25 Nov
D. Webster	27 Jan	W: 18 VP	13 Jan		W: 22 VP	W: 21 VP	W: 22 VP	W: 28 VP
E. Van Pelt	25 Nov	13 Jan	11 Nov	L: 8 VP		28 Oct	8 Dec	27 Jan
D. Huber	13 Jan	25 Nov	8 Dec	L: 9 VP	28 Oct		27 Jan	W: 28 VP
A. Faulkner	11 Nov	L: 5 VP	L: 2 VP	L: 8 VP	8 Dec	27 Jan		13 Jan
S. Reider	L: 7 VP	11 Nov	25 Nov	L: 2 VP	27 Jan	L: 2 VP	13 Jan	

A date in a box is the date by which a match is supposed to be played. Played matches are reported as a win (W), loss (L), or tie (T) for the team listed in the left column, along with the Victory Points won in the match.

### FLIGHT B (City) Team Rosters

♣ Diane AYUKAWA, Richard Dunn, Arkadiusz Sitek, James Burt  
 ♥ Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Kathy Bye, Sky Williamson  
 ♦ Tai ENG, Insa Fricker, Peter Wong, Fred Powell, Diane Isfeld  
 ♣ Larry MEYER, Dick Simpson, Bob Takishita, Jim McKenzie, Rod Coote  
 ♣ Hazel DRESSLER, Betty Fawcett, Shirley Bowers, Fortune Aknin, Pauline Lee  
 ♥ Don SHARP, Gail Sharp, Jamie Brown, Sue Bradford

♦ Ruby JACKSON, Sandra Hawk, Semiral Tuncer, Kenny Chan, Julian Lee  
 ♣ Ed MARCHUK, Priscilla Brown, Christa Mead, Marylou Varga

### FLIGHT B (Valley) Team Rosters

♣ Joan OLSON, Arlene Browning, Pat Carruthers, Lois Mazuren, Louis Vervoort  
 ♥ Garry SKOROPADA, Brad Fletcher, John Richoux, Flora Tereposky  
 ♦ David SCHMIDT, Dan Goerzen, Jim Groves, Brian Lee, Jim Sache

♣ Dan WEBSTER, Lenora & Phil Awram, Larry Chow, Ken Cowherd  
 ♣ Eileen VAN PELT, Roy Van Pelt, Walter and Connie Schmid  
 ♥ Dennis HUBER, Carol Hames, Roselle McRae, Doug & Donna Steinson  
 ♦ Andrew FAULKNER, Tony Dare, Ann Knowlan, Phyllis Quigg  
 ♣ Sharon REIDER, Larry Chequis, Sheila Gentry, Moira McLellan, Kathy Orr

(Four teams from each division qualify for the playoffs)

# Enter The Grinch

by Bruce McIntyre

It is well past time that some common misconceptions, not in the purview of bridge expertise, but rather concerning the way we run tournaments, were addressed. Most of these poorly thought-out opinions are held by a significant number of our members, who must know that their opinions are incorrect, because we hear them expressed quite often—but never as an official complaint or suggestion. Here is a short list of them, how many do you agree with?

—When the strata limits place our partnership near the low end of a strata, this gives us less of a chance to win masterpoints

—Victory Points is an inferior form of scoring because there is a chance that a team could win all its matches and lose the event

—Swiss Team games should always be eight rounds of seven boards, instead of six or seven rounds of nine or eight boards

—Stratified events cost Flight A players masterpoints because of the increased awards to Flight B and Flight C

—Stratified Swiss Team events are unfair to the lower flights because the team leading Flight B or Flight C will often have to play a Flight A team while their competition will have a great chance to catch up by playing a Flight B or Flight C team

—Forcing players to play in Flight A is not a good idea, but some of the events do that by limiting Flight B to 750 or 1000 points

—Stratified and other multi-event masterpoint awards are too generous towards the Flight A overalls; the lower flight overalls are much lower

That's a short list of the *sotto voce* complaints we've heard (unofficially, of course). It only remains to bring in the Unit Grinch (once the *Matchpointer* is safely out he'll revert to his normal jovial self) to expose the fallacies in each of these arguments in as heartless a manner as possible:

*When the strata limits place our partnership near the low end of a strata, this gives us less of a chance to win masterpoints*

Less than what? Suppose you and your partner are at 310 and the strata are 0-300, 300-1000, and 1000+. Of course, you'd have a better chance at winning masterpoints if you could play in Flight C, but you cannot. It would be great if the Unit Board would move the limits up a bit at a time to accommodate you so you could scoop Flight C overalls for the rest of time, but that wouldn't really be fair to the other Flight C players, would it? Not to mention that your friends who are at 320 might want the limits moved up a bit further—and then you'd no longer be the "favorite".

We cannot move the yardsticks to accommodate everyone. We move the yardsticks to create

roughly equal numbers in each strata, without making the lowest so high that new players cannot hope to compete within their strata. What amuses grinchers like me about this complaint is that the very players who place great value on moving up in the masterpoint lists somehow feel penalized when they reach their goal and enter Flight B: you'd never get them to admit that having reached Flight B, they didn't earn it, but this is what their complaints about strata limits imply. You worked so hard to get to the next level but you don't really want to be here? Why the rush then?

*Victory Points is an inferior form of scoring because there is a chance that a team could win all its matches and lose the event*

This actually did happen to Telkwa's Bob Currie at a recent Regional, but it doesn't make the argument valid. First of all, no scoring system is inferior as long as the players know about it before the event begins. The chances are very small that a team winning all its matches will not win the event, and virtually nil that they will not be in the overalls somewhere.

Playing Win-Loss, two teams could have ten boards in two sessions where their superior skill created a favorable swing. One of these teams might have one or two of these swings in each match and win all eight; another might have their ten swings all in three matches and split the other five to finish at  $5\frac{1}{2}/8$ —just out of the overalls by random luck. It works both ways.

We recognize that the Flight A players tend to prefer Victory Points and the Flight B and C players tend to prefer Win-Loss, but the real reason we usually play Victory Points in Flight A only is that Flight A Swiss events are often smaller, 16-24 teams, as opposed to the 28-42 teams in Flight B and C. With a small number of teams, Win-Loss is quite a flawed system: far too many teams are often tied at the end of the day, often not resulting in a single winner or reducing by ties the overall awards. The matchups in a small Swiss are far more difficult in Win-Loss than in Victory Points: often at the end of a day the leaders have all played one another and the event is decided by matches between teams one or two wins apart. The decision to play Win-Loss in Flight A at the Round-Up Sectional drew fire from some Victory Points advocates, but at that tournament the Flight A limit was set at an unusually low level (750), ensuring that there would be a larger turnout—with the larger turnout coming mostly from Win-Loss die-hards.

*Swiss Team games should always be eight rounds of seven boards, instead of six or seven rounds of nine or eight boards*

Out-of-town players who have a long drive do not agree. Their preference is for three rounds in the second session—it is long-established that this gets people on the road up to 30 minutes sooner even though the same number of total boards are played. Our tournaments derive a significant portion of their revenue from out-of-town players, so we



must give some consideration to their wishes. The first priority is for seven rounds of eight boards, but if there is an odd number of teams there must be an even number of rounds (the one-round Swiss "bullpen" of half-matches is not an option). This is why sometimes a team will be asked to leave the Flight B event and play up in Flight A: to make both events an even number of teams. If either event has an odd number of teams and nothing can be done to correct it, both events will be run in eight rounds. Six matches of nine is only the choice when there are insufficient teams to guarantee that the Swiss pairings will be reasonable. I played in a two-session Swiss once with eleven teams, and the director decided to go with eight matches: by halftime he could not find a set of pairings without having a leader play a cellar dweller, and by Round 7 teams were playing each other a second time as the director gave up trying to pair teams with similar records together.

*Stratified events cost Flight A players masterpoints because of the increased awards to Flight B and Flight C*

This is completely false. A 64 table stratified event pays the same Flight A overalls (whatever the number of Flight B and C pairs) as a 64 table Open Pairs without strata. If you add a third strata to an event, the awards for the second strata remain the same. Trust me, I tried it. The awards in Flight B and Flight C do not affect the Flight A awards in any way except one: if you attract a few more tables by virtue of turning your game into a stratified event, the masterpoint awards will increase.

*Stratified Swiss Team events are unfair to the lower flights because the team leading Flight B or Flight C will often have to play a Flight A team while their competition will have a great chance to catch up by playing a Flight B or Flight C team*

This is a feature of Swiss events: you win, you play winners, and vice versa. The Directors who decide the matchups do not know from the team record cards which teams are in which flights. If you are one win ahead of your rivals with one round to go, you will likely draw a tougher team than they will, but this would happen whether the event was stratified or not. Swiss Teams is a game where a good team can be upset in seven boards quite often, and even though you have five losses you have no right to expect as opponents an easy draw—another fine team might also have had a bad day. Directors match up teams on records, not perceived skill levels.

*Forcing players to play in Flight A is not a good idea, but some of the events do that by limiting Flight B to 750 or 1000 points*

We are aware that there are some players with four-digit masterpoint holdings who somehow think that exposure to Flight A will damage them. We don't quite understand this: the masterpoint system may be flawed, but not many players

can get to 750 or 1000 without acquiring enough bridge savvy to survive in the Flight A ranks. If there is a partnership out there who played in Flight A and got a poor score, but feels that their results would do considerably better in the concurrent Flight B event, call me—I have the records and can spend some time disproving that notion.

However, the inflation of the masterpoint is making it necessary that we reconsider our flighting and strata limits, and we are looking at moving to boundaries of 300 and 1500 for most future events.

*Stratified and event masterpoint awards are too generous towards the Flight A overalls; the lower flight overalls are much lower*

There is nothing that the Unit Board can do about ACBL masterpoint regulations, but a clarification might be useful:

There are three factors that decide the masterpoint awards for first overall in any event (and the award for first overall determines the rest of the awards): the type of tournament, the masterpoint limits, and the number of tables at or below the level of the event. The first two are quite clear, Regionals pay more than Sectionals, which in turn pay more than club games, and the limits on masterpoint holdings often is a factor. Most masterpoint chart lists say something like "75% Sectional," meaning that the game is sectionally-rated but because the event is stratified or flighted so that players above a certain level may not play, the actual awards are only 75% of those of an open game at a sectional.

The number of tables is the most variable factor. A large game with many sections will pay off much larger overalls than a smaller game, and often the overalls will go further than the usual six places. Another related factor is that all championship events which are open to all get credit for the tables in all other concurrent events. So our normal Open Pairs/Women's Pairs on Friday Afternoon will always pay larger awards to the Open Pairs winners even if the Women's Pairs game is larger, since the Open Pairs is the championship event. (And for those of you who want to know why the Women's Pairs cannot be the championship event instead, it is because about half of the Unit may not play in it!) In a stratified pairs with one stand-alone unlimited section and a stratified Flight B/C/D, the Flight A award will be based on the total number of tables in the entire event. The Flight B award will be based on the total tables in Flight B, C, and D. The Flight C award will be based on the total tables in Flight C and D. And so on. This means that if you are eligible for Flight B but feel you have a small chance at winning Flight A you may be better off to take your chances in Flight A since the payoff will be much higher. Which event is the championship will usually be evident from the tournament advertising.

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## Local Winners

### ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

Surrey, November 7-10

#### Bracketed Knockouts

(Thurs./Fri. Evening, Sat. Morning)

#### Bracket 1 "Canucks" 6 teams

1. Cam Doner, Gord McOrmond, Greg Arbour, Mike Hargreaves
2. Mike Wilson, Sandy McIlwain, Michael Newcombe, Felipe Hernandez, Duane Tilden

#### Bracket 2 "Grizzlies" 7 teams

1. Lotte Elias, Norman Treleaven, Carol Thompson, Isabel Chernoff
2. Terry & Fran Gould, John Lien, Liz Stoneman

#### Bracket 3 "Canadians" 8 teams

1. Shirley Fitterman, Jeanette Greenhut, Geoff Fetterley, Fred Brown
2. Sky Williamson, Peter Morse, Amirali Alibhai, Claire Burns, Gail Sharp
3. Allen Coulter, Rangie Sylvestre, Brenda Cameron, Bobby Wood (won play-off between semi-final losers in order to collect overall awards—ACBL regulations require teams to win at least two matches to be eligible for overalls)

#### Thursday Evening

#### Open Pairs 8 tables

1. Hazel Stowards/Adeline Kerley
2. Dan Jacob/Ron Borg
3. Jack Hopwood/Hal Rodd
4. Sheila Giroto/John Horne
5. Dianne Wilson/Gladys Mackie

#### Friday Afternoon

#### Stratified Pairs 24 tables

- A1. Bill Goldstone/Thomas Devine
- A2. Derek Ward/Lauren Holley
- A3. Gord McOrmond/Debbie Hargreaves
- A4B1. Haiderali Nazak/Noorali Dhahani
- A5. Cam Doner/Gerry McCully
- A6. Gary Phelan/Pete Walton

- B2. Don Keith/Delma Murray

### Friday Aft. Stratified Pairs Cont.

- B3. Bob Beattie/Thelma Hofstede
- B4C1. Walter Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar
- B5. Francis Reynolds/Brad Barton
- B6C2. Nomi Kaplan/Priscilla Brown
- B6. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

C3. Joan Sobieniak/Sharon Hughes

#### Stratified Women's Pairs 13 tables

- A1. Donna Morrison/Helen Montgomery
- A2B1. Beverley Cullen/Mary Corbould
- A3. Marge Neate/Stella Alliston
- A4. Kathy Adachi/Jean Groome
- A5B2. S. Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
- A6. Monica Angus/Patricia Landau
- B3. Tomie Yamanouchi/Doe Stockdale
- B4. Avril Hodson/Lotte Elias

#### Friday Evening

#### Open Pairs 22 tables

1. Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda
2. Aidan Ballantyne/Mary Lou Bert
3. June Pocock/Kathy Adachi
4. Larry Hicks/Dan Jacob
5. Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld
6. Al Austin/Peter Davis

#### Senior Pairs 13 tables

1. Eve Hoare/Birdie Duprau
2. Doug & Julie Cowan
3. Haiderali Nazak/Noorali Dhahani
4. Dee Kerr/Gary Post
5. Tomie Yamanouchi/Doe Stockdale
6. Mohammad Dadbeh/Joan Richards

#### Saturday 2-session

#### North American Open Pairs

#### District 19 Final

(Participants qualified at club level games throughout District 19. The top two pairs in each flight won trips to the March 1997 Dallas NABC)

#### Flight A (unlimited) 18 pairs

1. Gord McOrmond/Aidan Ballantyne
2. Mike Strebinger/Jim Dickie
3. Bill Osborne/Bill Harris
4. Cam Doner/Greg Arbour
5. Harry Steiner/Joe Jabon

#### Flight B (0-1500) 20 pairs

1. Felipe Hernandez/Mike Neagu
2. Gray McMullin/Angela Taylor
3. Andy Sherrill/David Greenspoon
4. Gary Phelan/Grace Jeklin
5. Aban Gerrie/Bob Gerrie
6. Ken Danielsen/Doug Hansford
7. Ron Woodard/Bob Brower

#### Flight C (0-500 NLM) 17 pairs

1. Jim Darcy/Stephen Tu
2. Mike Hughes/Dell Berg
3. Chris Maylin/Chris Robbins
4. Sky Williamson/Amirali Alibhai
5. Eric Bue/Carol Schroeder

### StratiFlighted Pairs

#### Flight A 18, 18 tables

1. Pat Dunn/Polly Dunn
2. Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafler
3. Anne Marie Bullis/Les Fouks
4. Peter Maclean/Alan Chapelle
5. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld
6. Richard Christie/Douglas Baldwin
7. Flora Tereposky/Ev Hodge

#### Flight B/C 24, 23 tables

- B1. John Whittlesey/Patti Adams
  - B2. John Horne/John Lien
  - B3. Jeanette Greenhut/Shirley Fitterman
  - B4. Daisy Neilson/Myra Morgan
  - B5. Brad Barton/Francis Reynolds
  - B6. Gail Perrin/Harvey Sawyer
- C1. Sidney Robinson/Bernie Levesque
  - C2. Nancy Friedman/Greg Lam
  - C3. Kurt & Jeannette Tiede
  - C4. Bob Bosley/Van Buchanan
  - C5. Ruby Vanziffle/Nancy Davies
  - C6. Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak

#### Sunday Swiss Teams

#### Flight A (Win-Loss) 22 teams

1. Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Ron Borg, Aidan Ballantyne
2. Jill Stokes, Debbie Mineault, Scott Morrison, Duncan Smith
- 3/4. Patti Adams, Garry Skoropada, John Mullen, Dianne Isfeld; Gordon Davis, Jean Groome, Robert Sauve, Mike Takemori
5. Debbie Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond, Doreen McOrmond, Mike Hargreaves

6. Sandy Jenkins, Randy Corn, Steve Bruno, Peter Herold, Ken Scholes

7/10. Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Don Brazeau, Cam Doner, Bill Goldstone; Mike Wilson, Mike Strebinger, Felipe Hernandez, Michael Neagu; Bob Brower, Della Palmer, Fred Stout, Ron Woodard; Steven Campau, Balusu Rao, Neil Ballard, Sharon Colson

#### Flight B/C Stratified (W-L) 26 teams

- B1. Terry Val Jean, John Horne, Jim Mayer, Leszek Baldys
- B2/3. Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson, Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians; Bob Beattie, Thelma Hofstede, Lotte Elias, Norman Treleaven

B4/5. Lesley Laudan, Greg Lam, John Whittlesey, Nancy Friedman; Eleanor Kaufmann, Yuko Fujieda, Aase Haines, Daisy Neilson

B6. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Joyce Rhodes, Isabel Chernoff

C1. Sharon Hughes, Joan Sobieniak, Ed Marchuk, Maureen Schwartz

## Out-of-town Winners

Seaside Regional  
October 13-19

### Sunday Charity Pairs

A3. Ron & Jean Groome

### Monday Open Pairs

A1. Larry Chow

### Ocean View Knockouts, Bracket II

3/4. Gray McMullin

### Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs

A1. Ron Groome

A2B1. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

A4. Jean Groome

### Weekday Knockouts, Bracket I

3/4. Cam Doner

### Wednesday Stratified Open Swiss

A1/3. Jean Groome

B3. Fred Struve

B4/6. Gray McMullin

### Thursday Stratified Open Pairs

A9B1. Joyce Rhodes/Annerita Hasselbach

A11. Cam Doner

B3. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

### Clam Digger Bracketed Knockouts

#### Bracket I

Cam Doner

#### Bracket II

Gray McMullin

(thanks to Jean Groome for lending me her set of Daily Bulletins)

Seattle Regional  
November 11-17

### Monday Charity Pairs

A5B2. Mohammed Dadbeh

C4. Don Keith/Jamie Brown

### Bracketed Knockouts

#### Bracket 2

Gray McMullin

#### Bracket 3

5/8. Fred Struve, Peter Jacquest, Don Sharp

#### Bracket 4

2. Priscilla Brown, Christa Mead, Nomi Kaplan, Marylou Varga

### Tuesday Open Stratified Pairs

A5. Ken Danielsen/Doug Hansford

C1. Don Keith/Jamie Brown

### Tuesday Stratified Women's Pairs

A5/6. June Pocock/Kathy Adachi

### Wednesday Stratified Swiss Teams

A2. Les Fouks, Anne-Marie Bullis

A4/5. Stella Alliston, Mary Fines

A6/10. Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone

B4. Don Keith, Jamie Brown

C1/2. Christa Mead, Nomi Kaplan,

Priscilla Brown, Marylou Varga

### Thursday Stratiflighted Pairs

A2. Mary Lou Bert

B4. Sidney Robinson

### Midweek Knockouts

#### Bracket 2

3/4. Don & Gail Sharp, Fred Struve, Peter Jacquest

#### Bracket 3

3/4. Ed Worsfeld



### Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs

A3. Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff

A5BC2. Ted Worsfeld

### Friday Stratified Pairs

B2/3. Insa Fricker/Tai Eng

### Friday Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

A4BC1. Kristin Orians, Kelvin Raywood, Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson

### Weekend Knockouts

#### Bracket I

3/4. Cam Doner

#### Saturday Stratified Pairs

A2. Aidan Ballantyne

B1. Insa Fricker/Tai Eng

B7C3. Sandra Hawk/Ruby Jackson

### Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

1. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff

### Lucky Draw Zip Swiss

1. Larry Chow

(It's late: can't remember who made sure I got these, but thanks very much!)

## NABC Update IV

### by Doug Cowan

I attended the recent Fall NABC in San Francisco, primarily to get as many tips as I could to assist us when our turn comes, now just over two years away.

San Francisco drew almost 13,000 tables, proving once again to the ACBL that when you have an attractive site and good facilities, people will come. We will have both, and virtually everyone I talked to said they intended to be here. Many had visited Vancouver briefly, either for Expo, or en route to a cruise, and they all commented on the beauty of our city. Therefore I feel our goal of 10,000 tables is well within reach and may well be surpassed.

I was able to spend some time with their Chairman, and learned that they stayed well within the allotted ACBL budget. They were not lavish with giveaways, etc., but what they did was more than adequate.

The one key position that we have yet to fill is the person in charge of Volunteer Recruitment. San Francisco had

about 20 volunteers a day manning Partnerships, Registration and Hospitality Booths. They had completely separate facilities for their under 200 point Intermediates and Novices, and this was a tremendous success, amounting to almost 10% of the attendance. They followed the same format that Seattle used in 1993, making a different Unit (or Units, if small) responsible for one day's volunteers each. That is easier for them than it is for us, as they have many small Units within easy commuting distance.

I will shortly convene a meeting of our core group of people and start making plans in earnest. As long as we are in motion no later than 18 months prior to the tournament, we should be in good shape.

As always, we welcome all comments and offers of assistance. Feel free to call me (921-7787) or Aidan or Jenny Ballantyne (438-9735).

# Movers & Shakers

## ...entering the home stretch

Here are the halfway standings in the Ace Of Clubs competition (in which points won in 1996 club games only count), and the Mini-McKenney (in which all ACBL points won in 1996 count). As usual, I direct your questions on the statistics presented here to the folks at the ACBL Membership Assistance Department, via their toll-free number, 1-

800/467-2623. The most striking effect since the last list in the September *Matchpointer* is the inclusion of Mary Lou Bert and Bill Goldstone, who requested to be members of our Unit instead of the Bellingham Unit since they play here far more often. This is the first time I can remember receiving the standings this late in the year from the ACBL; clearly someone in Memphis had the bright idea that their appearance here would highlight some close races as we enter the final weeks of the competition. And there certainly are some close ones...

### MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS

#### AS OF DECEMBER 1

##### Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Richard Werlin, Richmond..... 31.14
2. Walter Rae Fee, Delta ..... 26.63
3. Scott Hickes, Gibsons ..... 19.70

##### Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Van ..... 34.70
2. Peggy Ross, Vancouver ..... 23.58
3. Julian Lee, Vancouver ..... 23.02

##### Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Arik Sitek, Vancouver ..... 68.25
2. Christa Mead, Vancouver ..... 68.12
3. Kristin Orians, Vancouver ..... 60.98

##### Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amiral Alibhai, North Van ..... 92.53
2. Dan Webster, Mission..... 86.69
3. Amad Rafii, Vancouver ..... 75.90

##### Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Gray McMullin, Vancouver.....210.01
2. H.K. Ho, Coquitlam .....106.13
3. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver . 97.00

##### NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby .....282.64
2. John Lien, Surrey .....124.32
3. Richard Dunn, Delta..... 87.28

##### Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Felipe Hernandez, Coquitlam 126.79
2. Don Sharp, Vancouver .....118.03
3. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver..... 97.53

##### Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Larry Chow, Abbotsford .....237.57
2. Bill Goldstone, Bellingham ....232.52
3. Insa Fricker .....114.62

#### Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Gery McCully, Burnaby..... 216.04
2. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam ..... 189.43
3. Doug Cowan, North Van ..... 136.16

#### Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Dan Jacob, Burnaby ..... 192.29
2. Mary Lou Bert, Ferndale..... 228.86
3. Kathy Adachi, Delta..... 141.42

#### Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Cam Doner, Richmond ..... 415.12
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver 272.47
3. Laurence Betts, Burnaby..... 35.07

### ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

#### AS OF NOVEMBER 18

##### Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Richard Werlin, Richmond..... 20.42
2. Scott Hickes, Gibsons ..... 19.70
3. Kathleen Brady, Richmond ..... 13.24

##### Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Van ..... 23.87
2. Anneliese Rohde, West Van..... 13.38
3. Julian Lee, Vancouver ..... 10.95

##### Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Arik Sitek, Vancouver ..... 42.17
2. Bill Henning, Coquitlam ..... 31.10
3. Sharon Hughes, North Van..... 27.25

##### Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver ..... 69.99
2. Amiral Alibhai, North Van ..... 52.66
3. Dan Webster, Mission..... 38.56

#### Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Pat Lester, W. Vancouver.....47.97
2. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver..44.87
3. Nomi Kaplan, Vancouver .....42.74

#### NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. John Lien, Surrey.....51.77
2. Kathy Bye, North Vancouver ...50.32
3. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby .....48.19

#### Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Maria Dabrowski, North Van ....75.63
2. Adam Dabrowski, North Van....70.75
3. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver ..... 65.64

#### Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Bill Goldstone, Bellingham ....105.67
2. Daisy Neilson, Langley .....66.29
3. Tai Eng, Richmond.....59.32

#### Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....132.12
2. Pat Landau, North Vancouver..94.12
3. Anne Marie Bullis, New West...77.69

#### Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Mary Lou Bert, Ferndale .....107.03
2. Kathy Adachi, Delta..... 89.72
3. Donna Morrison, N. Burnaby...80.51

#### Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver ...29.59
2. Laurence Betts, Burnaby .....19.74
3. Cam Doner, Richmond .....6.72

## North Shore Winter Club Bridge

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# Special Events

from various sources...

The North American Open Pairs District Final was held at the Round-Up Sectional on November 9. At stake were trips to Dallas for the National Finals, for the top two in each flight. The Unit Final at the Bridge Centre proved to be nearly as prophetic as Nostradamus, as the Unit Final winners in Flight A and B went on to win the District Final. **Gord McOrmond** and **Aidan Ballantyne** won the Unit Final and went on to duplicate this at the District Final, winning by 10½ matchpoints over **Mike Strebinger** and **Jim Dickie**. **Cam Doner** and **Greg Arbour** were fourth of eighteen pairs. The Flight B event was won by **Felipe Hernandez** and **Mike Neagu**, again duplicating the Unit Final result. Second went to **Gray McMullin** and **Angela Taylor** of Nanaimo, who told this reporter she plans to use this victory to convince North Islanders to start running qualifying games—you need not live in Vancouver or Seattle to have any hope at winning! In Flight C, **Jim Darcy** of Kirkland and **Stephen Tu** of Bellevue edged Seattle's **Mike Hughes** and Puyallup's **Dell Berg** by 6 matchpoints. Vancouver Unit Final winners **H.K. Ho** and **Kenny Chan** were absent from the District Final, but the second and third place pairs, **Chris Maylin/Chris Robbins** and **Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai**, missed a trip to Dallas by 0.06 and 1.06 matchpoints respectively!

We wish our players the best of luck in March in Dallas!

The **Canadian National Teams Championship** is still in the Club qualifying stage, and your final chance to qualify is January 4 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, noon and TBA. Qualifying teams may participate in the Unit Final on March 1st at the VBC (also noon and TBA). The B.C. Zone Final will take place on April 5-6 at the Bridge Centre, and since we are hosting this event, the field may well be filled out with teams that "almost" qualified at the Unit Final. And, since the National Finals are being held at the Surrey Inn, once again local teams who "almost" qualify at the Zone Final may be asked to play in the National Final to fill out the field to a workable size. The National Final winner receives a CBF subsidy to enter the 1998 Rosenblum Cup in Tunisia.

The **Canadian Open Pairs Championship** will also culminate in the National Final at the Surrey Inn, and qualifying games at the Vancouver Bridge Centre have produced this list of qualifiers: **Jeanne Bentley, Bernice French, Bill**

**Osten, John Berry, Nancy Friedman, Gary Phelan, Marylou Bert, Sheila Giroto, Larry Poccock, Pat Blackall, Bill Goldstone, John Reay, Don Brazeau, Bill Henning, Ken Robertson, Catriona Brown, H. K. Ho, Howard Rubin, Priscilla Brown, Don Keith, Don Sache, James Burt, Dee Kerr, Sid Segal, Eugene Chan, Lesley Laudan, Rani Shroff, John DeMeulemeester, Sefton Levine, Hoshang Shroff, Cam Doner, Ken Lochang, Arik Sitek, Tom Dorn, Wilf May, Mike Strebinger, Geoff Fetterley, Gerry McCully, Doug Thomas, Mary Fines, Dennis McMahon, Marylou Varga, Rhonda Foster, Gray McMullin, Lynn Walker, Al French, Mike Neagu, Mike Wilson.** The Unit Board was looking into the possibility of holding a special qualifying game leading directly to the National Final because of the small number of qualifiers from this Unit thus far. Unfortunately this means that at press time the date of the Unit Final, January 18, is tentative, since there may not be a Unit Final. If you are one of the people in the above list, you will be contacted if the Unit Final is cancelled (in which case you would be qualified to play in the National Final); otherwise you may assume it will be held as planned. Needless to say, like the CNTC situation, local pairs will likely be asked to fill in at the National Final to make the field size as convenient as possible, and the first people contacted will be those who played in the qualifying games.

Two stratified **Grand National Teams** qualifying games have been scheduled at the Vancouver Bridge Centre: Sun February 23 (1:00 pm) and Monday January 13 (7:30 pm). Another, on Monday March 17 (7:30 pm) is tentative and will be confirmed in the next issue. All three will be one session events where half of each field will qualify for the District Final in Bellevue, April 18-20. Club Managers: there is still plenty of time to schedule this event at any club, and only one session is required: contact Felipe Hernandez for details on how to qualify your players for the District Final. This event no longer leads to international competition, so Canadians are now allowed to compete in all flights: in the past Canadians over 1500 MP had to compete in the CNTC, since the GNT Flight A was the vehicle used to choose the American team for international competition.

The 1997 **Canadian Women's Teams Championship** National Final is in Winnipeg, August 6-10. The B.C. Zone Final was still being planned at press time. There is no Unit Final or Club Qualifying level for this event.

More info: Felipe Hernandez, 931-5336.

## 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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Dec 22: Christmas Party

Jan 26: Closed for Sectional

March 9: Club Championship

INT. FUND GAME WINNERS

Hal Rodd & Helen Montgomery

# Monthly Unit Games

## Suburbs lead with one game left

Only one game remains, the 1996 Unit Christmas Party, and with luck this venerable publication may appear there, so that the results and races below may be eagerly read by players as they prepare for the final showdown. If you're reading this having not attended, we assure you that you missed a great party, a fine feast, and an exciting conclusion to the Unit Game races in all three flights.

Currently John Lien and Liz Stoneman share the lead in Flight A and B, and Lien, having begun 1996 with just under 300 points, is eligible for Flight C as well, and thus leads in all three. Can he bring home the triple crown and become the first to do so since Monthly Unit Games were first stratified in 1994? The winner may come from a long way back—a huge game will payoff in great proportions to the winners.

The Unit Board at their December meeting decided to continue with the status quo for 1997, and the basic conditions of contest at the Monthly Unit Games bear repetition because we continue to need to build the games. The first Sunday of each month (except for January, when we try to avoid the New Years by staging the game on the second Sunday, and December, when the Monthly Unit Game is the Unit Christmas Party in mid-December) is Monthly Unit Game night at the White Rock Elk's Club (the site of Thony Stiennon's Tuesday afternoon game) and at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. The Suburbia game begins at 7:00 and is directed by Thony Stiennon; the City Game begins at 6:30 and is directed by Louis Landau. Games are scored in

matchpoints, and are stratified with Flight C at 0-300, Flight B at 300-1000, and Flight A at 1000 or more. When tables permit (three or more), we will also hold a stratified novice section with limits at 0-20, 20-50, and 50-100. Masterpoint awards are given out at the rate paid at sectional tournaments. Each game is scored separately and overall awards are given for each game. Partners are guaranteed for any player who arrives and makes his "unhitched" status known to the Director at least fifteen minutes before game time.

The Unit holds three masterpoint races based upon the results of Unit Games. The Flight A winner gets the Unit Game Trophy and free plays for the next year; Flight B and C winners get six free plays for the following year. Your masterpoint total on January 1st determines which race(s) you are eligible for, regardless of which strata you may play in or which strata you win points from. If a player leads in more than one category he wins the highest category prize and the other awards go to the next player eligible.

It must be said that in order to win the awards, the key is not only to play well, but also to attend as many MUG nights as you can! Tai Eng, Len Feeny, Frank Kelley, Pat Landau, John Lien, and Liz Stoneman have played in all eleven games this year, Colin Collin, Doug Cowan, Insa Fricker, Chester Michno, Paul Radnai, and Roman Woroch have played ten out of eleven, and Patti Adams, Aase Haines, Ev Hodge, Stan Holding, Brian & Joni Johnson, Lesley Laudan, and Donna Morrison have played nine of eleven. You'll find almost all of these oft-seen participants in the list below, and the ones that are not there are not far behind! We thank everyone for their support, wish you all the best of the holidays, and look forward to seeing you on January 12, 1996.

<b>A B November 3, 1996 (White Rock)</b>				1 1	9.35	Liz Stoneman	25	4.94	Wilf May	
1	John Horne/Sheila Giroto	3 3	8.91	Insa Fricker	26	11 3	4.90	Jeanette Greenhut		
2 1	Annerita Hasselbach/Joyce Rhodes	4	8.73	Terry Gould	27	12	4.74	Chester Michno		
3 2	John Lien/Liz Stoneman	4 4 2	8.73	Frances Gould	28	13	4.64	John Mullen		
4 3	Elaine Levins/Pat Wotherspoon	6 5	8.26	Tai Eng	29	14 4	4.63	Rani & Hoshang Shroff		
5	Donald Sache/Derek Ward	7	7.59	Marylou Bert	16	6	4.57	Pat Jones		
4	Brian Johnston/Joni Johnston	8	7.50	Donna Morrison	16	4	4.57	Esther Freeman		
(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)		9 6	7.22	Patti Adams	16	4	4.57	Ric Sumner		
<b>A B C November 3, 1996 (Vancouver)</b>				10	6.97	Sefton Levine	19	7	4.04	Shirley Fitterman
1	Ken Lochang/Brian Russell	11	6.92	Bill Goldstone	20	8	4.00	Phillip Awram		
2/31	Gina Diamond/Chris Diamond	12 7	6.74	Brian & Joni Johnston	21	3	3.85	Lesley Laudan		
2/3	Donna Morrison/Evelyn Hodge	14	6.53	Doug Hansford	22	3	3.81	Marianne Hutton		
4	Ken Robertson/Roger Allen	15	6.48	Donald Sache	22	3	3.81	Mabel Holding		
5 2	Patti Adams/Ruby Jackson	16	6.10	Kathy Adachi	24	3	3.80	Ken Lochang		
6 3 1	Dan Webster/Phillip Awram	17	5.98	Sheila Giroto	25	3	3.78	Eugene Chan		
4	Jim Sache/Robert Percher	18	5.84	Dorothy Carnegie	9	3	3.63	Kathy Bye		
5/62	Al Austin/Peter Davis	19	5.65	Evelyn Hodge	10	3	3.61	James Burt		
5/6	Diane Ayukawa/Richard Dunn	20	5.46	Angela Fenton	11	3	3.60	Dan Webster		
3	Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut	21 9	5.27	Leonard Feeny	12	3	3.56	Amad Rafii		
<b>Points Leaders thru November</b>		22	5.23	Patricia Landau	12	3	3.56	Graham Thomas		
<b>A B C Pts.</b>		23 10	5.00	Roman Woroch	14	3	3.32	Arik Sitek		
1 1 1	9.35 John Lien	23	5.00	Phyllis Barrington	15	2	2.65	Gina Beland		

## Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

January 12    February 2

March 2    April 6    May 4

(first Sunday of each month, except in January and December: second Sunday)

Directors: **City:** Louis Landau (984-8309)

**Suburbia:** Thony Stiennon (951-7560)

Strata: A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300

## Site Addresses & Gametimes

**"City":** 6:30 pm, at Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver (255-2564)

**"Suburbia":** 7:00 pm, at White Rock Elks Club, 1469 George St., White Rock

**Further Info:** Gladys Mackie 526-0687

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♠ trophy race ♡ bid-boxes ◇ non-smoking ♣ two sites ♠

## Tournaments & Dates

**Dec. 15, 1996—March 10, 1997**

### DECEMBER 1996

26-31 *Reno Year-End Regional*

### JANUARY 1997

12 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)** Note change from normal 1st Sunday for January only

14-20 *Palo Alto Regional*

17-19 *Port Townsend Sectional*

20-26 *Hawaii Regional*

24-26 **Winter Sectional at Queensborough Community Centre (schedule, back cover)**

29-2 *Anchorage Sectional*

31-2 *Spokane Sectional*

### FEBRUARY 1997

2 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)**

7-9 *Bellingham Sectional*

14 **Matchpointer** deadline (March issue covers events from March 1 thru June 8)

14-16 *Kent Sectional*

17-23 *Portland Regional*

28-2 *Duncan, Moses Lake Sectionals*

### MARCH 1997

1 **March Matchpointer** hits the streets

2 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)**

6-16 **Spring NABC in Dallas**

Please confirm dates of out-of-town tournaments before making travel arrangements. We try to include the latest available information in the *Matchpointer*, but things change and sometimes we don't hear about them. If you attend out-of-town tournaments, please bring back Daily Bulletins or a list of local winners so we can include them in the next *Matchpointer*.

## Unit 430 Sectionals

### A One-Year Planner

**Winter Sectional**, January 24-26, 1997, at the Queensborough Community Centre.

**Spring Sectional**, May 9-11, 1997, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby (new location).

**Evergreen Sectional**, September 5-7, 1997 at the Surrey Inn (dates and location to be confirmed).

**Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional**, 1997 dates and location unconfirmed

**Round-Up Sectional**, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1997, at the Surrey Inn (dates and location to be confirmed).

The Unit Board continues to look into the possibility of holding a Unit-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs in place of the 1997 Summer Sectional. In addition, Unit 430 has donated to the Vancouver Bridge Centre two sectional sanctions for Future Masters Games, which they will use during their mini-Sectional (which includes open games) scheduled for Mar 15-16.



# WINTER SECTIONAL

**JANUARY 24-26, 1997**

Free Coffee all weekend  
Free Goodies Sunday Morning

0-100 STRATIFIED GAMES

**UNIT 430 TROPHY PRESENTATIONS**  
Between Sessions Sunday

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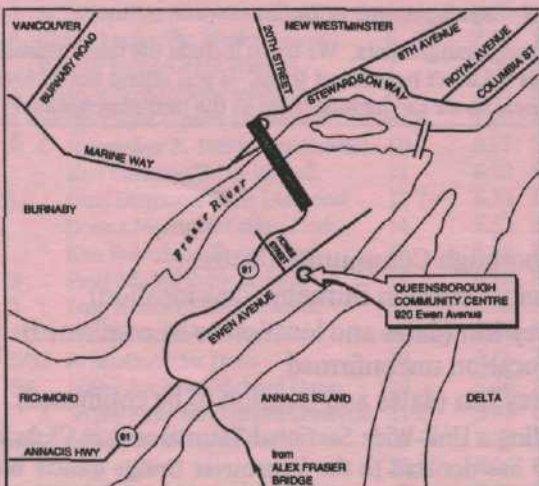
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

STRATIFIED PAIRS 1:00  
0-200, 200-750, 750+

STRATIFIED WOMEN'S PAIRS 1:00  
0-200, 200-750, 750+

**JEAN TURNBULL CHAMPIONSHIP MIXED PAIRS TROPHY** 7:30  
**OPEN PAIRS SIDE GAME** 7:30

STRATIFIED FUTURE STARS 7:30  
0-20, 20-50, 50-100  
WELCOME TO BRIDGE GAME 7:30  
0-5 masterpoints, Entry Free!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

**ADRIAN AND JUNE BUDD HICKS OPEN PAIRS TROPHY**  
Qualifying Session 1:00  
Finals & Consolation 7:30  
*New Entries accepted in Consolation*

STRATIFIED FUTURE STARS  
0-20, 20-50, 50-100  
*Single Sessions* 1:00 & 7:30

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

10:30 AM and 4:00 PM

**WILLY WEINSTEIN FLIGHT A TEAMS TROPHY**  
Flight A Unlimited Victory Points

**ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL TROPHY**  
Flight B 0-1000 Win/Loss Swiss

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Advance Notice: '97 Spring Sectional, May 9-11, Bonsor Community Centre, Burnaby