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Got the picture?

by Bruce McIntyre

Board #15 S Dir, N/S vul	NORTH: Dummy ♠ AK762 ♥ 82 ♦ K974 ♣ K7
WEST: You ♠ T9 ♥ T963 ♦ Q852 ♣ AT2	3NT by South Lead: TV

The uncontested auction: 1♣-1♠, INT-3♣, 3NT. Partner wins the first trick with the K♥ and returns the 3♦ to the jack, queen and king. Declarer ducks a spade to partner's jack and partner now leads the 4♥, declarer winning the king. Declarer now tests spades, winning the ace and leading the king; he pitches a club on this and so do you. He now leads the 4♦ to his ace, partner playing the ten, and leads the 5♣. You win, the

It's your lead: N-S 5, E-W 3	NORTH: Dummy ♠ 76 ♥ - ♦ 97 ♣ 7
WEST: You ♠ - ♥ 96 ♦ 85 ♣ T	3NT by South (Matchpoints)

king is played from dummy and partner plays the eight, leaving the position above. Your lead. (Answer, page 6)

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My opinions on the STaC situation in this space last time started a debate that spanned two cities; luckily, an agreement was found that both sides can live with, and we now can offer our players two annual District-wide silver point tournaments, the Seattle-run STaC in late March, and our own in early July. Don't like early July? Nor do we. Give us some time, we'll work out something better for next year. This year, however, we're stuck—so please support us!

It looks as though you are reading the penultimate McBruce *Matchpointer*. I expect to step down from my position on the Unit Board at the end of this year, and that leaves the job open. On the other hand, the decision is not final...

My style as editor has always been to cram the *Matchpointer* full of interesting tidbits along with

the necessary data on clubs tournaments and other events. In fact, with so many interesting tidbits from so many people, the primary purpose of the *Matchpointer*—distributing those raw bits of data—has been concealed a little. I felt that if there was enough in the *Matchpointer* that it couldn't be read at one sitting, the essential data would remain with each reader longer. Other nearby Units produce much smaller newsletters, some full of data—but do their players keep these smaller newsletters as long? I doubt it.

The collection and composition of all the written material is a cinch compared to the collection of the raw data. I have worked long and hard to keep the Club News Yellow Pages—a concept I had to fight for when I began editing the *Matchpointer*—current and mostly complete. The next editor may very well scrap it after one or two issues—especially if he or she gets the same level of cooperation from some Unit 430 Club Managers as I have.

This issue is a little behind schedule as we scurried to get details on *Thirteen Hands*, the Arts Club play with social bridge as a background, at the last moment. (See page 3.) I hope it was worth the short wait!

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President's Message

by Jennifer Ballantyne

Lots of news and excitement coming our way!

First, Unit 430 will be hosting its first District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) in July. This means that players will be able to pit their skill and daring against other players throughout District 19 from the safety and comfort of their local clubs. You will be able to play at the time and in the events of your choice and earn the same silver masterpoints that you would at a regular Sectional. Please contact your local club manager for details; we'll be keeping you posted through the *Matchpointer*, as well. [Late note: after our president left for the Dallas NABC, the Unit Board voted to allow Unit 430 clubs to run the District-wide STaC run by the Seattle Unit, during the week of March 24-30. This gives Unit 430 players two chances to win silver points at clubs in 1997. Check your local clubs for their STaC nights!]

Real Bridge Drama!

Thirteen Hands at the Arts Club

Duplicate bridge is headed for a mainstream audience.

The Vancouver Bridge Centre is partnering with the Arts Club Theatre and Mulvaney's Restaurant on Granville Island to present two special bridge promotions in conjunction with the Arts Club production of *Thirteen Hands*, Mar 20-Apr 19.

The play is written by Carol Shields of Winnipeg, winner of both the Governor General's Award and the Pulitzer Prize. It is the story of four ordinary women who recount their lives as they meet for a weekly bridge game. It is based on Shields's recollection of her own childhood, when her mother hosted a bridge foursome each week.

The Arts Club and the VBC are working together to promote the play to the local bridge community and to promote bridge to a wider audience. The promotion will key on two special bridge events hosted by Dr. Nathan Divinsky, well-known for his prowess both as a bridge player and a bridge commentator.

The first event takes place Thursday, March 27th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Arts Club Upper Lobby. Divinsky introductory talk on bridge will be followed by about an hour of Instant Matchpoint hands. Using Instant Matchpoints means participants can play at their own pace and only as much of the session as they wish.

The Arts Club will provide bag lunches at \$5 each and the session will be followed by a 2:00 matinee performance of the play, priced at just \$15/person for bridge players.

The second event will take place Saturday, March 29. In this case, the bridge "demonstration" will take place from 1:30 to 3:30. That leads up to a 4:00 matinee performance of

Second, in memory of the late Leo Steil, there will be a trophy presented annually to the Senior player who earns the most masterpoints in each calendar year playing in Unit 430 Sectionals. This trophy has been made possible through the generosity of Leo's long-time friend and partner, John Kamb, of Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Third, most committee heads have now been appointed to work on the 1999 Spring NABC in Vancouver. They are on the prowl for volunteers and conscripts for each committee. All the clubs and Units in District 19 will be asked to donate some time and effort in order to make this the most memorable North American Bridge Championships ever.

Fourth and finally, it's not too early to be thinking of becoming a Unit 430 Board member. We need help to plan and produce events that our members will enjoy. If you have a little time, interest and energy to spare, contact any of our present Board members. No previous committee or bridge experience necessary!

—Jennifer Ballantyne

the play. The afternoon/evening event concludes with a three-course meal at Mulvaney's Restaurant, all for only \$40/person.

Tickets for either of these events can be obtained through the Arts Club Theatre or the VBC. The VBC also has special adults' and seniors' discount tickets available for other performances should another night be more suitable. As well, the VBC will be conducting bridge trivia contests throughout the run of the play, with such prizes as bridge books, lessons and free plays.

"We're really excited to be part of this promotion," says VBC manager Eugene Chan, "our objective is to raise some interest in the play among bridge players and to raise some interest in local duplicate bridge among theatregoers."

Chan notes the Arts Club and Mulvaney's have shown their support for the promotion by underwriting the cost of a mailout to the Bridge Centre's 2000-name mailing list.

Given the difficulty duplicate bridge has in promoting itself to a wider audience, the VBC's efforts need to be congratulated by the entire local bridge community. Players should show their support by attending one of the special events if possible. And, if you are planning to attend the play, even if it is not for one of the special event performances, get your tickets through the VBC. You will not only get the special bridge players' prices, but will help us show one and all the value of cross-promotion with the bridge community.

Sponsorships and cross promotions are routine in just about every other recreational activities but almost foreign in duplicate bridge. Let's hope this is the first step in taking bridge out of the clubs and in to the people.

—David Schmidt

Four Weekends

by Bruce McIntyre

Someone with exceptional eyesight will observe that somehow your *Matchpointer* editor managed to get some decent out-of-town results in Bellingham and Kent, without apparent help. This is because our policy is to print only the names of Unit 430 members in the *Matchpointer* winners pages, even if they played with someone from outside of the Vancouver area.

Last year in this space I wrote a feature article about on-line bridge, and a few *Matchpointers* later Connie Delisle (known as "Lucy" on OKBridge) asked me whether I'd "made any connections" on OKBridge yet.

I lied. And not very well. Connie, who had already met my most frequent Internet bridge partner at a Regional somewhere, probably saw right through this. In January I finally got a chance to meet "AndreaM" in person, as she was visiting relatives in Seattle (she lives in Los Angeles) and had a free day and a rented car. Since then we've shared three more weekends and played bridge together for two of them. Work made me unable to play at the Winter Sectional, but Andrea played with Kathy Bye and Dan Webster—my biggest mistake was arriving at the site after work Saturday evening and looking for Andrea and Kathy in the room where the consolation was being held! Wrong! There have been some great highlights thus far, including to our great surprise consecutive Flight B wins in Saturday Stratified games. This has to put to rest once and for all the theory that you cannot win if you are at the low end of your strata—Andrea has less than 100 points and I am just over 300, yet we won the 300-1000 two-session Flight B strat twice in two weeks!

In Bellingham on Friday evening I played with Simon Matthews and we got a few partials for placing in Flight B with a near average score. We then played in the Midnight Swiss with a local pair and had chances to place but didn't quite do so. Andrea arrived midway through the penultimate match, driving from Sea-Tac.

Saturday afternoon was our first chance to actually play in person, and I began things by going down in 3NT and then doubling a cold game for a 6% start. Two average rounds followed, including one board where I went for an uncertain 1100 in 5♠, which was less uncertain when we discovered that fifteen tricks were available to the opponents in notrump! Things began to pick up, and towards the end of the session I booted an easy 4♠ contract and although we had taken a top in the first board of the set I was very angry with myself and I left the table in a snit, dropping my convention card and kicking it under the director's table by accident as it fell. When I retrieved it and got out into the hallway I realized that whereas three people saw how badly I had played, several hundred might have seen how I reacted. I walked to the next table, apologized,

and blasted to 6♥ after a few bids and saw this:

Andrea: ♠KJ ♥KJ ♦J953 ♣QJ982

A♦ led

Bruce: ♠A985 ♥AQT62 ♦KT ♣AT

Hopeless—or is it? I won the second diamond and played a heart to the king and then the jack of hearts, which might have been better saved as an entry for later. The queen of clubs was run successfully and the ace of clubs won the next trick, LHO petering. Having already wasted my second trump entry to dummy I was forced to finesse the J♠ to lead another club off dummy and this too was successful, for a miraculous +980.

We finished the session a trifle over average, recorded our matchpoints, and returned for the evening session reasonably happy with our performance thus far. Little did we know that in twelve short deals we would be among the event leaders! This was how it began:

Board #7 S Dir, both vul	AndreaM ♠ 94 ♥ AJ ♦ A9732 ♣ AQ95	6♣ by South Lead: 4♣
WEST ♠ JT2 ♥ Q975 ♦ KQJ86 ♣ 4	McBruce ♠ AKQ85 ♥ KT84 ♦ 5 ♣ J72	EAST ♠ 763 ♥ 632 ♦ T4 ♣ KT863

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

I decided to treat my AKQxx as a six card suit on the third round, and found myself in an impossible slam. However, East misread the opening lead, figuring it to be from ♠J74, and covered dummy's nine with the ten! At trick two I finessed the J♥ and it was all over: five trumps, a heart ruff, three hearts, a diamond, and two clubs. Twelve tricks and twelve matchpoints. We followed with a +800 against a sacrifice for another top—it's nearly a month ago now, and although I see the hand records I cannot figure out where we got seven tricks!

For two rounds there was a slight lull in the action—four averages, then three nice defenses got us 29/36 matchpoints. Then came Board 16. I held:

♠5 ♥QT42 ♦KJ862 ♣A74

Andrea opened 3♣ as dealer. After RHO passed, I considered a tactical bid of 3NT white vs red, but decided against it. I passed and LHO doubled. RHO bid 3♥ and now I decided it

was time to try 3NT. I expected to have to retreat to 4♣ if doubled, but 3NT was passed out!

Andrea: ♠KT6 ♥6 ♦AT5 ♣QJT862

9♥ led vs 3NT

Bruce: ♠5 ♥QT42 ♦KJ862 ♣A74

RHO cashed the two top hearts and led a spade to LHO's ace. When a spade was continued I won in dummy and calmly led a club as Andrea did a double take, seeing me discard! "No spades, partner?" The king of clubs was onside! Plus 400! (I misguessed the Q♣.)

On Board 17 I played in 2♣ doubled and misdefense let us escape with just -100, and on Board 18 Andrea played 4♥ doubled after an auction from another planet, and made it. This, we later found out, gave us 112½ out of 144 after six rounds, 78.1%, and put us at just under 60% for the event thus far.

We took a zero on Board 21, after a signalling error by Andrea and a failure to see the obvious by me:

Board #21 N Dlr, N-S vul	AndreaM ♠ T7 ♥ J53 ♦ 7543 ♣ T973	4♣ by East Lead: 2♦
WEST ♠ AKQJ3 ♥ A2 ♦ QJT ♣ A65	McBruce ♠ 52 ♥ Q764 ♦ AK2 ♣ KJ84	EAST ♠ 9864 ♥ KT98 ♦ 986 ♣ Q2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Double	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	all pass

It wasn't until we'd had a lot of time to look over the records that we concluded that our success had come more from defense than anything else. We had adopted the methods described in Pam and Matt Granovetter's *A Switch in Time*, and although not nearly perfected by either of us, it helped us from leaking tricks in crucial matchpoint situations. On this board, I led the K♦ and Andrea played low. This is an attitude signal which says: I can stand a shift to the obvious shift suit—the obvious shift suit determined on the basis of what cards dummy has, by a dozen or so general rules described in the book. In this case the obvious shift suit is clubs, so I assumed Andrea had the queen of clubs. The shift to clubs gave declarer two club tricks and an overtrick.

But wait—are there any East hands, which do *not* contain the queen of clubs, which have enough to raise 3♣ to 4♣? Not many. Without the queen of clubs the East hand (from what I can see) is limited to the KJ♥ for high cards. Can our club trick(s) go away? Not at all—East cannot pitch

clubs on good hearts in his hand since I have a stopper. So even though the signal says a switch to clubs will not cost, I should see that it cannot gain and play instead a trump at trick two.

Our game continued along at an average pace until the last round, where the opponents scored 2220 on a squeeze for 11 matchpoints. Was this going to cost us a place or two? Perhaps in Flight A, but our 197 evening session was enough to take Flight B with a total score of 57% for two sessions. What a debut!

In the Sunday Swiss we were joined by Al Young of Seattle and Dan Webster ("a3nt" and "pauser" on OKBridge) and finished in the middle of the pack. The tournament as always was well-run with fine facilities and an excellent between-sessions meal on Sunday: although they still need to work on the details of where to send people to lineup!

The following weekend was the Sweetheart Sectional in Kent on Valentine's Day weekend. We were unable to play Friday as Andrea flew to Seattle following work. The tournament was held in half of a community centre gym, but despite the occasional sound of basketballs bouncing against the divider, the tournament was well-run, with lavish food tables supplied by very hard workers during hospitality breaks.

The highlight of our day was something I've been calling "diametrically opposed coups." The first occurred in the afternoon session. Andrea opened 1♣ as dealer, and we got to a club slam on this uncontested auction: 1♣-1♥, 1♣-5♣(!), 6♣(!) The slam was ice cold, but nobody else bid it, because my left hand opponent held this hand...

♠97 ♥AK975432 ♦965 ♣—

....and was silenced by my 1♥ response!

My hand? ♠Q6 ♥— ♦K843 ♣AKJ9763!

It must be mentioned that the player who held eight hearts and was bamboozled by my psyche was a perfect gentleman about it afterwards. He calmly asked Andrea what she held in hearts, and when she replied "QJ-third" he said simply, "OK—well done," and then proceeded to get the matchpoints back in the companion board!

The opposite coup materialized in the evening session. My LHO opened 1NT, and RHO bid Stayman. LHO rebid 2♦ and RHO bid 3NT. We've all seen this auction before and we know what happens now—everyone at the table picks up their bid-box cards and usually nobody actually places a final green card. This began to happen, and Andrea, who remember has passed twice, now says "hold on, this auction is not over!" Double!

We all pass, and Andrea leads the Q♥. Then the king. Then the ace—and four more!

Two diametrically opposed coups—bid hearts when you don't have any, and when you have seven solid, sit back and wait for the ambush!

We had a decent first session, about 52%. This was good enough for fourth in B at the break,

but it was a bad fourth. The leading pair was over 10% ahead of us. However, we quickly saw from the posted scores that they were only playing one session, so without doing anything we had vaulted from a bad fourth to a good third. Once again we had an incredible start, with over 70% in our first ten boards, although I recall not thinking that these results were anywhere near as good as they turned out to be. For some reason we were both far more pessimistic about this round than any other we had played. I look at the results now and I wonder why we were so down—perhaps it had something to do with being so close to the top at the break, or perhaps it was that Andrea was, despite getting a North-South table for two sessions, experiencing some back pains and was not feeling too well. Anyhow, this negative trend culminated on Board 5.

3♥ led vs 3NT

Dummy: ♠42 ♥Q9765 ♦— ♣AK7542

Bruce: ♠953 ♥K82 ♦JT82 ♣J83

Andrea had opened 1♠ in first seat and RHO had made a Michaels cuebid. LHO jumped to 3NT and that ended it. The lead seemed to indicate a possible four card suit, so I won the king and declarer dropped the jack. What do I return? I chose the J♦. Andrea played the seven (suit-preference) so I immediately knew I was wrong. Declarer won the ace and ran the 10♣. I now played the nine of spades and declarer played the queen and Andrea won the king, and led...a diamond. Declarer took the rest.

Andrea had both major suit aces when she won the third defensive trick. Failing to realize that this was an impossible task for even the most diplomatic person on earth (let alone me) I tried to point this out without malice. I failed. Later on I realized that there was only one possible reason for the diamond switch—she had a trick turned wrong and thought cashing her aces would not beat it—but the damage was done, and not only did we get zero on that board, but we took another on the next as well. The next few rounds were uncomfortable for both of us, and with three rounds to go my only hope was that I had grossly underestimated our scores thus far.

We took a top on Board 13, as my RHO did some sputtering.

Board #13 N Dir, both vul	AndreaM ♠ KQJ86 ♥ 3 ♦ QJT64 ♣ AJ	6NT by South Lead: 9♣
WEST	MCBruce	EAST
♠ T4 ♥ T62 ♦ K83 ♣ 98542	♠ A9 ♥ AJ7 ♦ A52 ♣ KQT76	♠ 7532 ♥ KQ9854 ♦ 97 ♣ 3

say (later) about the sputtering was that if you won't overall 3♥ on that East collection, you haven't got much right to complain when your partner doesn't lead a heart against 6NT.

This board (the last of the event, since we played #16 first—and the hand on this issue's cover) perked me up a bit about our chances:

Board #15 S Dir, N-S vul	AndreaM ♠ AK762 ♥ 82 ♦ K974 ♣ K7	3NT by South Lead: TV
WEST	MCBruce	EAST
♠ T9 ♥ T963 ♦ Q852 ♣ AT2	♠ 43 ♥ AQ7 ♦ AJ6 ♣ J9653	♠ QJ85 ♥ KJ54 ♦ T3 ♣ Q84

After a simple 1♣-1♠, 1NT-3♣, 3NT auction, the opening lead was won by East's king (I ducked smoothly) and he switched to a small diamond. I played the jack and won the king in dummy. I now ducked a spade to East's jack and won the heart return with the queen (West knows I hold the queen since his partner played the king at trick one). I now tested spades but West pitched a club on the third, so I came to my hand with the ace of diamonds and led a club to dummy, West winning the ace, and I played the king from dummy, East contributing the eight! This was the position with the defense needing two more tricks:

Dummy: ♠76 ♥— ♦97 ♣7

♠— ♥96 ♦85 ♣T ♠Q ♥J5 ♦— ♣Q4

McBruce: ♠— ♥A ♦6 ♣J96

From my seat, I can see that the opening lead marks East with four or five hearts along with his four spades (West might lead the ten from KT9xx, but this is an uncomfortable lead) and therefore the diamonds are likely to be four-two, especially with East having switched to the ten at trick two. If a heart is returned I will pitch a spade and finesse the seven of diamonds for nine tricks. If a club is led I must hope for an unlikely miracle.

From West's point of view, his partner may hold the ace of hearts. If so, I will have the queen-jack of clubs to make up enough strength for my opener, and a heart lead will allow him to win his spade and two more. Is this possible? It certainly fits—East led away from his A♥ to clear the suit so that he would still have an entry after the spades were tested and found to be 4-2.

West led a heart. Nine nerve-racking tricks.

I got up to check the scores with one round to go, thinking, hoping, that "maybe this is not as bad as I think it is." "Well, how do you think we did tonight?" I said when I returned.

Dummy Reversals

by Louis Landau

The bidding can't be described as scientific, but with both partners at the maximum end of their range for their initial bids, most pairs should reach game. Even if you don't, you should still try to make as many tricks as you can at duplicate bridge.

Counting losers, declarer should realize that she has four diamond losers in her hand, and, if she draws trumps, she will have nowhere to put them. If you believe in miracles, you might hope that the diamonds will break 3-3 and you will establish your last diamond as a trick, but not even the most optimistic players would really think that would be likely to happen.

There is another solution, and it is called a dummy reversal. Even though you have been told to always ruff your losers with dummy's trumps, every now and then this type of hand comes about. You win the heart lead, and trump a heart with your ace to preserve entries into dummy. Now you play a small trump and win it with dummy's eight. Play another heart and trump it with your queen, and play your 9♥ and overtake it with dummy's ten. Now you play dummy's last heart and trump it with your last trump. You have now got your original four diamonds and three clubs in your hand and dummy has three of each minor and the K♠.

All you now do is play your J♣ and overtake it in dummy, draw the opponent's last trump with dummy's king and discard a diamond from your hand. Your last two clubs are win-



ners and all you lose is the last three diamonds to make ten tricks.

The mechanics of playing a dummy reversal are relatively easy. The problem is to recognize when it can be used. There are 4 essentials to the play. Firstly, you have to have a shortage in *your* hand. Secondly, you have to have sufficient entries into dummy to do all the neces-

sary trumping. Thirdly, dummy's last trumps should be high enough to be able to draw any remaining "enemy" trumps, and finally, those "enemy" trumps should divide as you hope they will, as evenly as possible. The key to dummy reversal is entries. With this hand you created sufficient entries into dummy by ruffing high in your hand to enable you to play low trumps towards dummy's winners.

Board #22 E Dir, E-W vul	NORTH ♠ 632 ♥ J873 ♦ AQT5 ♣ 92	4♣ by East Lead: K♥
WEST ♠ KT8 ♥ A542 ♦ 864 ♣ Q65	SOUTH ♠ 75 ♥ KQT9 ♦ KJ ♣ T8743	EAST ♠ AQJ94 ♥ 6 ♦ 9732 ♣ AKJ

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	all pass		

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"Not too well, thirty-five percent?"

"How about FIFTY-FIVE percent?"

"No way!"

Ten minutes later, our names were announced—again—as winners! On Sunday we teamed up with Kelvin Raywood and Kristin Orians in a unique event, a bracketed round robin. The teams were bracketed based on the average masterpoint holding of each player, and each eight team bracket played seven eight-board matches against each of the other teams in their bracket, scored in Victory Points. There were sixty teams, and the top 48 teams were placed into six brackets, and the remaining twelve played a Victory Point

Swiss, playing teams with similar totals throughout. All involved seemed to enjoy this format, as nobody was ever completely outclassed by the opposition. We began poorly, losing to a rather strong team who eventually won the event, but we climbed back and won five of seven matches to finish just five VPs behind in second.

All in all, we took home about 18 silver points in the last two weekends, and met a number of Seattle and Bellingham (and OKBridge) people along the way. Not bad for a first-time pair—except that we weren't, really.

Lenora & Phil Awram

Calcutta long shots

Billed as a "local fill-in pair who are here to gain experience for future calcuttas," Phil and Lenora Awram of Mission surprised a lot of experts by finishing second in the Flight B Vancouver Calcutta at the beginning of February, the highest placing in the event by Unit 430 players.

So who are these upstarts?

First, they're not upstarts. Both had an early interest in cards and learned bridge as teens, although Lenora freely admits the bridge her family played wasn't "anything anyone would recognize." Phil played a little duplicate in the 70's but primarily played rubber bridge until he and Lenora got together a few years ago. For her part, Lenora played only occasional bridge until she met Phil. "I always enjoyed it but my family stopped playing and so I didn't play much. I wasn't aware there was anything like duplicate out there. It's not well advertised," Lenora recalls.

Her interest in the game rekindled Phil's interest and the two started playing duplicate in local clubs. While not yet superstars, they have generally done well. "We've hardly ever had a bad game, we're almost always above average," Lenora says.

While Lenora plays with quite a few partners, Phil plays almost exclusively with her (and occasionally with Dan Webster). "I like to play basically with her," he says, adding "I'm not so new to change. I just like to stick to the same system. We play the same thing all the time and just make occasional changes so you don't have to learn a lot of new conventions or different styles each time you play."

That's not to say they don't play conventions. They play a 2/1 system with strong first and second seat openings and puppet Stayman over both 1 and 2NT openings.

Both agreed their success in the Calcutta was based on playing a steady, basic game. "We made less mistakes than we usually do," Phil says, "Lenora's concentration was better. Maybe it was because it was for money, maybe it helped having the screens so we didn't have to look at each other."

Lenora tells a similar story, "we just played our game. I tried to concentrate more and I managed to keep it up for two whole days." She believes the key is their defense. "We have a good defensive rapport. We take advantage of opportunities defensively. If people make their contracts its because they were good or because

"they were there." Lenora also credits Phil's declarer play, something he is quite nonchalant about, saying simply "I was always good at cards."

It didn't hurt that the event was scored at IMPs. "I just told Lenora to play this like Swiss teams. We like the team events, they're more fun," Phil says, Lenora adding "teams is an easier game to play than matchpoints. All you have to do is worry about making the contract."

IMP play obviously agrees with them. Not only did they do well at the Calcutta, but they have done well in the IMP League, winning Flight C two years ago and reaching the Flight B final last year. This year, with one match to play, they are assured of a playoff berth and still have an outside chance at first place. Maintaining their streak of reaching the finals every time they've been in the IMP League is still a distinct possibility.

Although they are both intensely competitive, the Awrams recognize they are among few spousal pairs who enjoy consistent success at the table. They both say it is because they have developed a good sense of priorities. Any problems they might encounter at bridge stay at the table. "A long time ago we decided bridge is important but not as important as our relationship. It's just a game."



Movers & Shakers

1996 Mini-McKenney/Ace of Clubs

Here are the final 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 ACBL Membership Assistance Department, via their toll-free number, 1-800/467-2623.

Gray McMullin and Bob Kiggins's Mini-McKenny totals were high enough to place them fourth in the entire ACBL. Cam Doner was fourth in the Rich-

mond trophy race (masterpoints won by Canadians). Aidan Ballantyne was 21st. Cam's total of 578.65 masterpoints placed him 187th in the ACBL for 1997.

One question I can answer here which has come up is that the categories are based on masterpoint holdings on January 1, 1996. Many of the people on these lists have long since moved into higher ranks, but the rule is that for the 1996 race you compete in the category you started in.

The final list did not include Bill Goldstone's total, so the Bronze LM race is yet to be decided.

The Unit Board will present the certificates and medals for these awards at the May Sectional. Winners will be contacted.

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Mini-McKenney 1996 Final Standings

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Richard Werlin, Richmond.....35.95
2. Walter Rae Fee, Delta32.07
3. James Brown, Galiano.....26.06

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Van49.87
2. Norma Saltzberg, Vancouver ...25.64
3. Peggy Ross, Vancouver24.39

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Christa Mead, Vancouver81.85
2. Kristin Orians, Vancouver.....80.48
3. Arek Sitek, Vancouver78.23

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amiral Alibhai, North Van128.84
2. Dan Webster, Mission107.58
3. Amad Rafii, Vancouver104.89

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Gray McMullin, Vanc, (4)269.90
2. Shirley Fitterman, Vanc.134.70
3. Jeannette Greenhut, Vanc.....125.27

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby (4)313.05
2. John Lien, Surrey.....156.64
3. Michael Neagu, Coquitlam.....97.30

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Don Sharp, Vancouver186.55
2. Felipe Hernandez, Coquitlam 162.03
3. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver141.45

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

- ? Larry Chow, Abbotsford262.43
- ? Bill Goldstone, Bellingham ...? ? ?
3. Insa Fricker, Richmond.....153.35

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Gerry McCully, Burnaby.....223.77
2. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....253.94
3. Anne-Marie Bullis, N.Wesm. ...172.64

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Dan Jacob, Burnaby325.46
2. Mary Lou Bert, Ferndale313.93
3. Kathy Adachi, Delta.....249.45

Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Cam Doner, Richmond578.65
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver .385.04
3. Laurence Betts, Burnaby50.85

Ace Of Clubs

Final 1996 Standings

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Richard Werlin, Richmond.....24.59
2. Scott Hickey, Gibsons19.70
3. Kenny T.K. Chan, Vancouver...15.53

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Van35.71
2. Anneliese Rohde, West Van.....15.60
3. Norma Saltzberg, Vancouver ...12.35

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Arek Sitek, Vancouver50.32
2. Sharon Hughes, North Van.....45.23
3. Bill Henning, Coquitlam.....36.68

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver98.14
2. Amiral Alibhai, North Van77.95
3. Dan Webster, Mission57.12

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Nomi Kaplan, Vancouver63.27
2. Pat Lester, W. Vancouver.....62.81
3. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver..57.79

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Harry Friedman, Richmond.....65.64
2. John Lien, Surrey64.08
3. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby.....61.97

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Maria Dabrowski, North Van..102.97
2. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver99.73
3. Adam Dabrowski, North Van....94.53

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Daisy Neilson, Langley.....90.24
2. Tai Eng, Richmond.....74.40
3. John Horne, Surrey74.01

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....188.18
2. Pat Landau, N. Vancouver131.93
3. Anne-Marie Bullis, New West ...94.63

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Mary Lou Bert, Ferndale142.23
2. Kathy Adachi, Delta.....110.34
3. Wilf May, New Westminster...105.86

Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver ...34.62
2. Laurence Betts, Burnaby32.34
3. Cam Doner, Richmond.....7.35

Sharing The Load

by Kel Raywood

One of the benefits of the forcing 1NT response to a major suit opening is that there are two ways to make a single raise with only three card support. The usual agreement is that a direct single raise is constructive, showing about eight to a bad ten points. With a weaker raise the responder first bids 1NT (forcing) and follows with a preference to two of opener's major. Without this agreement, opener has an impossible problem with a hand such as

opener: ♠AQ873 ♥5 ♦KJ4 ♣A962

following a 1♠ opening and a 2♠ response. The three level would be too high if responder has a hand such as

responder (a): ♠J52 ♥QT832 ♦76 ♣K75,

but a good game would be missed if opener passes and responder puts down

responder (b): ♠KT5 ♥T8743 ♦A7 ♣Q74.

Playing constructive raises, opener would know that hand (a) is impossible, so could make a game try expecting 3S to have a play; even opposite a misfitting minimum such as

responder (c): ♠K94 ♥KJ73 ♦865 ♣Q85.

The key point is that responder can have a wide range of hands that are suitable for raising to the two-level. A method for removing some of the load from the direct single-raise makes further bidding easier and more accurate. This idea can be extended to many other situations where you wish to raise partner to the two-level. However, in auctions that are or may become competitive, it is desirable to raise to the limit of the hands as quickly as possible. This makes things more difficult for the opponents. Therefore, the direct single raise will usually be the weaker obstructive raise with the constructive raise going via some more devious route. Several situations will be examined.

Over a Takeout Double: When an opponent makes a takeout double of partner's 1♥ or 1♠ opening, a 1NT response is no longer forcing so you need some other way to distinguish between the weak raise and the constructive raise. It is particularly important in this situation as respon-

der would like to be able to raise obstructively on some hands that wouldn't be worth a response in an uncontested auction. Mike Lawrence calls this the "cream-puff raise" and gives the following example of a mandatory raise to 2♠ after partner's 1♠ opening is doubled for takeout:

♠K93 ♥843 ♦83 ♣J8532

To take some of the load off the single raise, there are several schemes for showing a constructive raise over a takeout double. A popular method is to use an artificial 2♣ as a forcing raise with three-card support; essentially a constructive raise or better. This gives up the natural meaning of 2♣ but it seems a small price to pay. At first glance it may seem as though the 2♣ has been overloaded by giving it no upper limit. Opener, however, will assume a normal constructive raise and responder can show extra values later. This also removes some of the load from the redouble which will now only contain three card support in a very defensive hand.

Passed Hand Raises: A 1NT response by a passed hand can no longer be forcing so the direct single-raise should be the weak raise. If your partnership allows tactical light openings in third seat then you probably use a 2♣ response as the Drury convention. This allows responder to show limit raise values without going beyond the two-level. Most authorities state that you should have a minimum of a good ten points to use Drury but it surely makes more sense to lower the limit somewhat to about a good eight; a constructive raise or better! Now the single raise will be limited and there is still plenty of room to sort out the partnership's combined strength after the Drury raise; especially playing Reverse Drury where a 2♦ continuation indicates a real opener.

Raising an Overcall: When partner overcalls in a major suit and your right-hand opponent passes, you have two ways to force the bidding to two of partner's major. You can raise directly or you can cue-bid. e.g. (1♠)-1♥-(P)-2♣ forces only to 2♥ so can be a constructive raise or better. There is no need to repeat the arguments. This works better when the cue-bid is limited to three-card support. With four-card support, you can force the bidding to the three-level via a jump cue-bid or by using an artificial 2NT as a four-card limit raise or better. These share the load even more.

Give Me A Hand!

by Joerg Schneider

First, a double dummy problem. You are on lead and need seven of the last eight tricks: solution at the end of the article.

The Pairs Game, A Crap Shoot?

You pick up, sitting North, none vul:

♠ xxx ♥ — ♦ Jxx ♣ JTxxxxx

Not surprisingly, East opens 2♣. 2♣ by partner, 4NT by West. You??

South to play N-S 3, E-W 2	DUMMY	Contract: 4♣ by South
WEST	♠ AKJ82 ♥ T6 ♦ — ♣ 5	EAST
♠ QT96 ♥ — ♦ 6 ♣ QJ9	DECLARER	♠ 7543 ♥ J8 ♦ T3 ♣ —
	♠ — ♥ Q9 ♦ Q2 ♣ 8764	

When Partner Balances: When partner bids 1♥ or 1♠ in the balancing seat the situation is very similar to the Drury situation. Partner may have a full strength opener (though not too much more) but may also have balanced with a fairly weak hand. You can't afford to force to the three level with a three-card limit raise type hand. Even with a balanced fourteen count you can't be sure that the three level is safe. Also, consider the following auction:

Opponent	You	Opponent	Partner
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		

If you are good enough to bid a suit naturally at the two level, what suit is it likely to be? Obviously, the only suit in which you could not make a natural one-level overcall. Clubs! Thus 2♣ should be natural here. So how do you show a good raise without going past 2♣? You bid something that you can't have. A bid of 2♦ or 2♥ cannot be natural and for the sake of keeping the bidding a step lower my partners and I use 2♦ as the constructive raise or better. For reasons you will see shortly, we call it the extended raise in this situation and it starts at about eleven points or so (the usual rule of partner being a King lighter for balancing actions). The direct single raise will be about nine or ten and there is no need to bid with any less. When an opponent opens 1♦ or 1♥ and partner balances with one of a major we

use 2♣ as the extended raise. The logic that "if you weren't good enough for a 2♣ overall then you can't be good enough for a natural 2♣ now" is not quite as strong here. You might have a weak hand with long clubs and want a natural 2♣ to rescue the situation. However, for simplicity (and for the sake of the acronym) we prefer using the unbid minor as the extended raise following a balancing action. We call it BUMMER for "Balancing then Unbid Minor Means Extended Raise". O.K., O.K. ... it's a little clumsy, but we like writing BUMMER on our convention card!

Other Load-Sharing Situations: There are many other situations where it is important to share the load, especially when the opponents have taken away useful space by preempting. For example, partner opens 1♠ and your right-hand opponent makes a weak jump-overcall of 3♦. Now your 3♠ bid, which partner may pass, has to include the good constructive raise type hands so you should force game yourself with normal limit raise values. Otherwise, partner would have too many insoluble problems if 3♠ could be bid on any anything from

♠KJ4 ♥JT76 ♦82 ♣A943
to
♠Q972 ♥AQ64 ♦962 ♣K7.

With the first hand bid 3♠ but with the second, bid 4♦ which shows a spade fit and high card values but does not promise a diamond control.

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If you passed, East would bid 5♥, 6♥ by West, which cannot be touched, the full deal being:

This is where the crap shoot comes in, East's answer "happens" to be 5♥ and serendipitously the contract is played from the right side. However: North had worked out that if they are cold for 6♥, down four would show a profit and bid 5♠(!) cooking the opponent's goose. Pass by East and South, 6♥ by West, down one on a spade lead. If they double 5♠ they gain one matchpoint as at one table North-South were allowed to play in 4♠ doubled!

At another table the auction went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	1♠
Neg Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	all pass		

Here North had no excuse for ever bidding: +980 to East-West. Yet another auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2♣	2♠
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	6NT	Double
all pass			

South to play N-S 3, E-W 2	DUMMY ♠ XXX ♥ - ♦ JXX ♣ JTXXXXX	Contract 4♠ by South
WEST ♠ XX ♥ AQJTXXXXX ♦ X ♣ -	DECLARER ♠ AQXXXX ♥ XX ♦ XXX ♣ QX	EAST ♠ KX ♥ K ♦ AKQXXX ♣ AKXX

Plus 1230!
Does East have a 2♣ opener? He has neither

nine tricks nor 22 balanced HCP, but only a purist would argue about East's choice. I think at our table West did not have a 4NT bid with two quick losers in the opponents suit: surely 2♣-(2♠)-3♥-3NT-6♥-6NT would be a better sequence.

Now for the problem: You have six tricks: Q♦, ruff a diamond high, cash A-K♠, heart hook; but no chance for seven. In this situation a squeeze is often the answer but the timing has to be right, since a trick has to be conceded: Q♦, ruffed (!) with the 10♥, finesse hearts and pull the last trump, pitching a spade. West is now down to ♠QT96 ♣Q and when you lead a diamond to East, forcing a spade return around to dummy's tenace, West must discard before dummy. If he keeps four spades you keep three spades and a now-good club. If he pitches a spade, you keep four spades and his queen will fall!

Storylines

Hands from various sources

No licence or permit or special expertise is required to tell a bridge story. No degree in creative writing is required, but if you don't think you write very well your editor will touch it up. In fact, we encourage *all* local players to send along their stories to that we can collect them here for the entertainment of *Matchpointer* readers.

From Greg Morse:

At the recent Winter Sectional there was a hand that involved declarer playing 6♦...with a singleton trump. As a sidelight, it happens that with the usual lead against 6♦ it can be made, but with the actual lead against 5♦ it goes down! In other words, 6♦ is makeable—but 5♦ isn't!

Swiss teams West dealer	Greg M. ♠ J ♥ K98x ♦ JTx ♣ Jxxxx	Greg's table: 9♣ led vs 5♦
Dummy ♠ K ♥ AJX ♦ AKxxxxx ♣ Kx	Andy H. ♠ 9xxxx ♥ Qxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx	Declarer ♠ AQTxxx ♥ xxx ♦ Q ♣ Qxx
		other table: A♣ led vs 6♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦/Pass	all pass		

Against 6♦ many Souths chose to lead the A♣. If declarer plans the play at trick one, he unblocks the king in dummy. He then wins the next trick, and there are enough entries to both hands for an easy twelve tricks.

At our table West passed the 5♦ bid and Andy found the lead of the 9♣. Declarer could no longer make 5♦ as he had use his A♥ to finish drawing trumps, (or suffer a spade ruff by North). To get back to hand to cash his spades, declarer had to let Andy in with the A♣ and two heart tricks set the contract!

So 6♦ with a singleton trump, makes on the common lead of the A♣...but 5♦ goes down one!

from the Hideous Hog (In Training)

This oddball took the Wednesday night VBC crowd for a loop and a half a few weeks ago:

DUMMY: ♠AJxx ♥J9x ♦xx ♣Axx

DECLARER: ♠K ♥ATxxx ♦AKQxxx ♣K

Most declarers played in hearts, several in

slam. Only one declarer, playing director Brian Russell found the rather unusual but unique route to twelve tricks: overtake *both* black kings to create enough entries to dummy to finesse hearts twice! When the opening leader turned up with only one heart honour and the diamonds split, the slam was home: four hearts, six diamonds, and two black suit tricks consisting of an ace overtaking a king!

However, it must be stated that one other declarer "found" this line. Your *Matchpointer* editor, McBruce, won the diamond opening lead and immediately led the K♣ to the table, overtook with the ace and led the jack of hearts—then remembered that, as usual when there is any sort of misfit about, he was in 3NT! (He regularly slanders me by saying that I taught him this "trick" of bidding 3NT when slam is cold in either of two suits.) Of course, you cannot afford to lose *any* heart tricks in 3NT after killing both your club stoppers in one trick, so he played the A♥, ran the diamonds, played the K♣ and then led a heart. As so often happens in this game, he lucked out when the opponent who won the heart was forced to lead a spade. Eleven fortunate tricks in notrump beat all of the people in 4♥ who didn't find the double overtake. Appalling.

from Judy Murphy:

This deal occurred in the Winter Sectional Sunday Swiss. The excitement generated at the table when dummy came down was not about *what* happened, but that it happened at all:

Board 28 W Dir, N-S vul	Judy Murphy ♠ Q92 ♥ AT432 ♦ QT7 ♣ 98	Winter Sectional Swiss Teams
Brian Engler ♠ - ♥ KQJ8 ♦ AJ652 ♣ AQT2	Adi wadia ♠ K5 ♥ 9765 ♦ K9843 ♣ K4	Barry Wade ♠ AJT87643 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ J7653

Thirteen black cards! 7♣ is there with the club hook East-West at the other table bid 4♣. A good board for Wad and Engler, who got to 6♣.

and another from Greg Morse:

Pre-Empting the Pre-Emptor's Partner's Pre-Empt!

At the Bellingham Sectional, sitting North I picked up:

♣ - ♥KQJx ♦Q743 ♠AKJ42

Drool. I'm already trying to figure out what the right opening bid should be. 2♣? 1♣ and then reverse into hearts? While these pleasant thoughts are dancing through my head I see my partner, Andy Hellqvist, open 1♦!

Double Drool. Slam for sure. Lets see now, we're playing Two-Over-One so what should I do? Splinter in spades showing diamond support? But I don't know for su

that I want diamonds as a trump suit—Andy might only have three. I can force with 2♣, but that might miss our heart fit. Suddenly I'm feeling like Calvin in Math Class! I still haven't figured it out when RHO pulls out a stack from the bidding box. 3♠!

Now what? I still don't know where our fit is. I can double, but Andy with a good four card holding in spades might pass that for penalties, and we could miss slam. I can bid my clubs now but would that be forcing? I'm not sure. Finally I bid 4♠. That ought to convey the message although it's going to take a lot of trust for Andy to bid 5♥ on four, if he has them.

LHO tanks for several moments and then passes. Andy bids 5♣. RHO passes. Well, I know that Andy is at least 4-4 in the minors so we have a double fit. Here goes: 6♣. Pass pass pass.

Looks like Andy was a little light on his opening. He

Matchpoints South dealer	Greg M. ♠ — ♥ KQJ6 ♦ Q743 ♣ AKJ42	Bellingham Sectional
WEST ♠ K9876532 ♥ T ♦ T8 ♣ 93	Andy H. ♠ A ♥ A83 ♦ K9652 ♣ T865	EAST ♠ QJT4 ♥ 97542 ♦ AJ ♣ Q7

played it well, however, and with the diamonds and clubs breaking we make six, for 10½ matchpoints on a 12 top.

Look at East's hand. She really wanted to bid 4♠, and would have over any double or overcall I might have made. In effect my cuebid pre-empted her from any further pre-empting!

Special Events

Ballantyne/McOrmond win NAOP!



North American Open Pairs champions Gord McOrmond (left) and Aidan Ballantyne.

[from the March 7, 1997 Dallas NABC Daily Bulletin] Two British Columbia residents, representing District 19, led throughout the North American Open Pairs Flight A and won their first North American Bridge Championship by more than a board. **Gordon McOrmond**, a computer consultant, and **Aidan Ballantyne**, an environmental consultant, scored 432.18 to 417.50 for runners-up JoAnna and Lew Stansby, District 21 representatives. McOrmond and Ballantyne—who formed a partnership “just for this event,” said McOrmond—led all the way from the club, Unit and District level to the National Final.

“Our defense was really steady,” said Ballantyne, “but we got a bit lucky in the bidding.”

Play in Flight A of the NAOP—a grassroots event that began last summer at the local club level—began Wednesday. Qualifiers at the club level advanced to Unit competition and those qualifiers advanced to District Finals. At least two pairs from each district qualified for the North American final. First and second place finishers from each District Final won return airfare and hotel accommodations to play in the National Finals in Dallas.

The winners will have their names inscribed on the Baldwin Memorial Trophy. The trophy is presented in memory of Col. Russell J. Baldwin (1889-1969), U.S. Army officer and expert on tournament procedure who was ACBL Honorary Member of the Year in 1943. One of the leading American bridge personalities, he was active as an organizer from the earliest days of contract bridge and became a

director and treasurer of the American Bridge League shortly after its foundation in 1927.

The Club Qualifying level for the 1998 NAOP begins in June and runs from June thru August.

The *Canadian Open Pairs Championship* and *Canadian National Teams Championship* National Finals will be held at the Surrey Inn, June 9-14. Qualifying pairs from the COPC Unit Final held February 15 at the VBC are listed on page 26. The B.C. Zone Final in the CNTC will be held on April 5-6 at the VBC. Both events at the National Final may very well require extra teams or pairs to fill out the field to a workable number, so those who did not quite qualify may still be invited to play in the National Final.

The B.C. Zone Final for the *Canadian Women's Teams Championship* will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on March 22, two sessions beginning at noon. Any women's team may participate in this event; there is no pre-qualification required. The top teams from the Zone Final will be eligible to play in the National Final in Winnipeg, August 6-10.

Qualifying is over for the *Grand National Teams*, and if you were on a qualifying team at one of the two qualifying games held at the VBC, you are eligible to play in the District Final in Bellevue and Redmond, April 18-20. Normally the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon session, held at the Bellevue Masonic Temple, pares the field to eight teams in each flight, and play continues through quarter-finals, semis and finals, with the Sunday play being contested at the Eastside Bridge Centre in Redmond.

More info: Felipe Hernandez, 931-5336.

The Centre Page

by Ken Lochang

This July marks the fifth anniversary of the VBC at its present location. I am not ashamed to admit that there is a lot of pride and satisfaction in the realization that it has survived. It was a precarious existence at the best of times, with many more dark clouds than moments of sunshine. And I must emphasize that the VBC is not out of the woods by any stretch of the imagination.

However we are still here, and to kill all rumours once and for all, we will be around in one form or another for a while yet. Currently we are negotiating with our landlord for a new lease and we are fairly confident that it will be successful.

One reason the VBC has survived is that we stuck to our long term view that the pool of duplicate bridge players must be substantially enlarged. This will not come about overnight, and there was no historically successful formula to follow, though we knew there were many "potential" bridge players out there. So with our limited resources, it has been a struggle to first attract, and then develop "new" players. We believe that only now are we beginning to see the fruits of our effort, that we finally have a program in place that will enable us to develop new players at an ongoing rate. The results were shown clearly at last fall's Canada-wide Rookie-Master game, where the Bridge Centre had a 37 table game, *the biggest in Canada!* We are pretty confident that we will have a similar table count for the upcoming Helen Shields Rookie-Master game on Thursday, April 3.

These efforts have also resulted in the successful launching of a daytime "New-plicate" game on Wednesday mornings. Currently it draws about eight tables each week. Also we think there is a sufficient pool of new players to launch an evening "New-plicate" game which will start in April. On many occasions when we were feeling frustrated and despondent about the state of bridge in Vancouver, it has been the phone calls and inquiries from people interested in taking up bridge that have sustained us and given us renewed energy.

Of course when it is all said and done, it is still the existing players who contribute the most to the survival of the club. Without your continuing support, we will not be able to maintain the current program. By necessity, the program is subsidized by the "regular" games. It's only recently that "Newplicate" players are contributing positively to the overall revenue.

And speaking of revenues, we realize that the space at the Bridge Centre is too large at present to be totally supported by bridge. So we are putting greater effort into renting out the space for other activities. Ideally if the "front" room can be leased out to a suitable tenant on a permanent basis it will go a long way toward reducing our overheads.

Meanwhile, attempts must be made to rent the space on a day to day basis. Currently we have the BC Chess Federation using the space for their tournaments and on weekends. We also have the "Inside Edge" ski club using the facility for their bridge social group about twice a month. Contacts are also being made with several Community Centre bridge groups regarding the use of our facility. Getting our game exposure to other potentially interested groups—perhaps this is what is meant by the ACBL's recently launched "Bridge America" program?

In order for us to be successful in renting out the spaces for other events, one high priority is a *new carpet*. If we are not successful in negotiating with the landlord in this regard, we will need to have a "carpet event" to raise funds for this project.

One final note of importance: It has always been my belief that we must take bridge to the public, so to speak. We have to make bridge a mainstream activity instead of it's present "fringe group" image. We now have just such an opportunity. The Arts Club Theatre is staging a play called *Thirteen Hands*. It's a play about relationships with "social bridge" as a backdrop. They have asked us for a joint promotion. Basically in return for some group bookings for the play (they have given us their lowest rates!) they are willing to provide their facility for some "public demonstrations" of bridge. This will be a great opportunity to show the general public what bridge is all about! We have two dates. The Thursday, March 27 matinee show is at 2:00 pm. Between 11:30 and 1:30 there will be a seminar/demonstration for the public organized by the VBC, hosted by Dr. Nathan Divinsky. A \$5.00 bag lunch will also be available.

On Saturday, March 29th, the bridge demonstration will be between 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Show time will be 4 pm. Afterwards there will be dinner at Mulvaney's Restaurant, which has also agreed to a joint promotion. (They are paying for about 40% of the mailing cost of promotional materials.)

For this to be successful we will need everybody's help, either by signing up for the play on one of those dates or by coming down to Granville Island to help with the demonstration. Show the public that bridge and bridge players are not from the fringe element!

There will also be a draw for prizes from a "bridge contest" for the patrons of the play, for which the VBC will be donating free lesson series', free plays, books, etc. If you have any suitable prizes that you wish to donate, please contact the Bridge Centre. [The Unit Board has donated two Sectional Free Plays per performance, in hopes that some of the random winners may wish to check us out.] In particular I want to appeal to other club operators to feel free to participate in this worthwhile project.

Once again thank you for your support for the past five years. Let's work together for the next five to put bridge on the map for the benefit of all!

Help us out please!

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Applications Requested!

The *Matchpointer* is looking for a new editor beginning with the August 1996 issue. The editor receives an honorarium from the Unit Board and must be prepared to serve as a Board Member. Previous desktop publishing experience is a major asset. Interested candidates: call Bruce McIntyre (438-9735).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Mar 22: CWTC B.C. Zone Final (no pre-qualification required)

Mar 24-30: Sectional Tournament at Clubs: win silver points

Apr 3: CBF Helen Shields Canada-wide Rookie-Master game

Apr 5-6: CNTC B.C. Zone Final

Apr 7-13: "Bring A Friend Week" Half price if you play with someone playing at the Bridge Centre for the first time in 1997!

May 5-11: Club Championship Week: all games

May 14: CBF International Fund Game

June 6-7: World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs (formerly Epson)

RECENT BIG GAMES: Tue Dec 31(am)-79.00% (David Zack/Ken Lochang); Tue

Jan 28(am)-72.22% (Sarlo Camas/Sefton Levine); Thu Feb 27-71.50%

(Chester Michino/Gord Davis); Wed Jan 8(am)-70.56% (Marilyn Martin/Dianne

Marr); Mon Feb 24-69.17% (Julien Levesque/Peter Hanlan); Wed Feb

5(am)-69.07% (Barbara Eckman, Joan Stekl).

1996 Club Championship Week #4 winners: Bernice & Al French (Sun.), Gaby

Uranyi/Carole Harris (Mon.), Ghodsi Amahdi/Ken Robertson (Tue. am), Lesley

Laudan/Andrew Ross (Tue. pm), Diane Marr/Marilyn Martin (Wed. am), Christa

Mead/Don Keith (Wed pm), Nomi Kaplan/Priscilla Brown (Thu), Mary Lou

Bert/Bill Goldstone (Fri).

CNTC Qualifying Dec 7: Dan Jacob/Ron Borg/Larry Hicks/Aidna Ballantyne/Gord

Davis. Jan 4: Felipe Hernandez/Peter Herold/Mike Strebinger/Aidan Ballantyne.

REGULAR GAMES

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday 7:30 PM *Interm. Stratified (0-200)*

Tuesday 10:45 AM *Stratified Open Game*

Lunch Available!

Tuesday 7:30 PM *Stratified Open Game*

Wednesday 10:45 AM *New Novice Game (0-20)*

Includes Mini-Lesson and Lunch

Wednesday 7:30 PM *Strat. Adv. Interm. (0-750)*

Thursday 7:30 PM *Newcomers (0-20)*

No Games during fall lessons, resumes Jan. '97

Thursday 7:30 PM *Stratified Open Game*

Friday 9:30 AM *Easy Bridge Drop-In*

Friday 1:00 PM *Classic Card Game*

Friday 7:30 PM *Open Lucky # Game*

last Friday each month: TGIF+post-game panel show!

Saturday 1:00 PM *Monthly Special Events*

otherwise weekly Aft and Eve Rubber Bridge

Sunday 6:30 PM *Early Bird IMP Stratified*

scores count for quarterly ChIMPs championships

Membership Game Dec. 26: John Berry/George Bell. GNT Qualifying, Jan 13:
James Burt/Arek Sitek/Kristin Orians/Kelvin Raywood.

1996 4th Quarter Ch.IMP's winner: Ken Lochang.

Top VBC Masterpoint Winner in 1996: Ken Lochang

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: March 11, 1997. 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: 12 May	7 Apr	Geraldine LaCroix/Joan Richards
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	24 Mar (STaC?)	Albert Yallouz/Pirpal Gill
	7:15 pm	SRV	A. Browning	open, novice—STR:1st	unscheduled	Judy Acheson/Daisy Neilson
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	9 Jun	Ken Cowherd/Brian Lee
	7:30 pm	KER	T. Trerise	open	TBA	Rene Dale/Audrey Hodgson
	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	5 May	Jon Schulman/Barry Wade
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	A.M. Bullis	stratified	6 May	(tie) Nicole Bourassa/Diane Dean Mona Miller-Tait/Toyo Nunoda
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open, Swiss: 21 Mar	20 May	Ernie Dietrich/ Harry Friedman
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebinger	open, 2 session Swiss: 4 May	unsupplied	unsupplied
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	date TBA	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	6 May	Sid Segal/Howard Rubin
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 2 Apr	28 May	Ann Ecclestone/Gerladone LaCroix
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-20 MP	7 May	Beverly Mann/Joan Stekl
	7:15 pm	WRK	F. Schultz	open, STR: last	19 Mar	Ron McConnell/Ray Morrisson
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	12 Mar	Barry Kirkham/Jim leNoble
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	14 May	Olive Perdue/jeanne Bentley
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	19 Mar	Connie Schmid/Gordon Ireland
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, STR	7 May	H.K. Ho/Kenny T.K. Chan
Thu	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	24 Apr	Nomi & Nadia Kaplan
	11:00 am	CLO	P. Stappf	open: <i>moving 17 Apr</i>	unscheduled	Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open	22 May	Herby Lum/Frank Thompson
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	25 May (Sun.)	Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	0-20	8 May	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	8 May	Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
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	9 May	<i>new game</i> —none yet held
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	25 Apr	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	7:30 pm	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams—first Friday of each month only		
	7:30 pm	S-D	T. Stiennon	Teams: 21 Mar	23 May	Joni Jonston/Frank Kelley
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	9 May	Pat Jones/Ric Sumner
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	11 May	Rhoda Tafler/Pearl Minkoff
	6:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	IP-STR, X:1st (MUG)	11 May	Marguerite Chiarenza/Judy McGowan

GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game

STR=stratified game

LP=limited masterpoint game

IP=IMP Pairs scoring

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)

Games limited to club members and guests are not listed here. Some clubs hold four quarterly club championships 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 table fee: but please contact the director in advance for fees and availability.

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Special Events at Clubs

March 15-June 8, 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

15-16 Mar	VBC	Spring Mini-Sectional
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)
17 Mar 7:15	SRY	Membership Game
17 Mar 7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
19 Mar 7:15	WRK	Club Championship
19 Mar 7:30	M-R	Club Championship
20 Mar	<i>"Thirteen Hands" begins at Arts Club Theatre, Granville Island, runs thru April 19</i>	

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

ABB—Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
ARB—Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252
BBY—Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445
C.R.—Central Richmond BC	Albert Yalouz	321-1891
CLO—Cloverdale BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794
CWK—Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
F.V.—Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stienon	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—North Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289
RMD—East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298
S-D—Sur-Del BC	Thony Stienon	951-7560
S-W—South-West DBC	Thony Stienon	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 number: 255-2564	
VCR—Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309
WRK—White Rock BC	Kay Lyons	536-0486

Date Time Club What's Happening

20 Mar 7:30	F.V	Canadian Olympiad Fund Game
21 Mar 7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
22 Mar noon	VBC	CWTC B.C. Zone Final 2 sessions, noon/TBA, no previous qualification necessary
24-30 Mar	Sectional Tournament at Clubs	
At press time, these clubs were planning to hold the District-wide STaC on their regularly scheduled days: C.R, JCC, RMD, SRY, VBC, VCR. Other clubs are as yet unconfirmed: please check with your local club.		
24 Mar 10:45	BBY	Club Championship (may be rescheduled in order to hold a STaC game instead)
26 Mar 7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
27 Mar 11:30	<i>"Thirteen Hands" pre-matinee bridge demonstration, Arts Club Theatre</i>	
28 Mar 7:30	VBC	TGIF (+ post game panel show)
29 Mar 1:30	<i>"Thirteen Hands" pre-matinee bridge demonstration, Arts Club Theatre, with dinner at Mulvaney's following performance (contact VBC for tickets/details)</i>	
31 Mar 10:00	VCR	Easter Fun Pairs
2 Apr 10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
3 Apr 7:30	VBC	1997 Helen Shields CBF Rookie-Master Game
4 Apr 7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
5-6 Apr noon	VBC	CNTC B.C. Zone Final 4 sessions, contact Felipe Hernandez (931-5336) for complete details
6 Apr	Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)	
7-13 Apr	VBC	<i>"Bring-A-Friend" week. Play for half-price if you bring someone who has not yet played at the Bridge Centre in 1997!</i>
7 Apr 10:00	VCR	Club Championship
7 Apr 7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
7 Apr 7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
16 Apr 7:30	M-R	Charity Game
17 Apr 11:00	CLO	New Location starting today: St Cuthbert Anglican Church 11601 82nd Ave., Delta
19 Apr	<i>"Thirteen Hands" ends at Arts Club Theatre</i>	
20 Apr 1:00	RMD	Charity game
21 Apr 7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
23 Apr 7:15	WRK	Stratified Game

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening	Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
24 Apr	11:00	JCC	Club Championship	20 May	11:00	S-W	Club Championship (Dorothy Gavigan Trophy Game)
25 Apr	7:30	ABB	Club Championship	22 May	7:15	F.V	Club Championship
25 Apr	7:30	VBC	TGIF (+ post game panel show)	23 May	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
1 May	11:00	CLO	Charity Game	23 May	7:30	VBC	TGIF (+ post game panel show)
2 May	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game	25 May	11:30	MIS	15th Annual Meals on Wheels Charity Swiss (2-sessions)
4 May			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)	28 May	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
5-11 May			VBC Club Championship Week #2	28 May	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
5 May	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game	30 May-1 Jun			Spring Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre, Burnaby most clubs closed
5 May	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game	2 Jun	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
5 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200)	6 Jun	7:30	VBC	World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs (formerly Epsom)
6 May	10:45	VBC	Club Championship	7 Jun	1:00	VBC	World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs (formerly Epsom)
6 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship	8 Jun	1:00	RMD	Club Championship
7 May	10:45	VBC	Club Championship (0-20)	8 Jun			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
7 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-750)				
8 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-20)				
8 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship				
9 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship				
11 May	1:00	RMD	Club Championship				
11 May	6:30	VBC	Club Championship (IMPs)				
12 May	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game				
14 May	7:15	VCR	International Fund Game				
14 May	7:30	VBF	CBF International Fund Game				
16 May	7:30	ABB	Charity Game				
19 May	10:00	VCR	Victoria Day Fun Pairs				
19 May	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game				

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date Time Club What's Happening

9 Jun	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
25 Jun	7:30	M-R	Club Championship

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

Next round of Club Championships and March STaC participation was still to be determined at press time: please call for details.

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

Mar 26: Sectional Tournament at Clubs

May 14: Club Championship

Feb 12 Club Championship Winners:

Olive Perdue & Jeanne Bentley

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 792-4389
partners always guaranteed!

Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre
9400 College Street
Mondays at 7:30 pm
Stratified Games last
Monday each month
Jun 9: Club Championship
December Club
Championship winners:
Joan Olson/Pat Carruthers

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
Complex: 11940 224th St.
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Apr 16: ACBL Charity Game
Jun 25: Club Championship

Mission

Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave.
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
DON'T MISS THIS!

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road
Fridays at 7:30 pm
Apr 25: Club Championship
May 16: ACBL Charity Game

15th annual Mission Meals on Wheels Charity Swiss Teams
Sunday, May 25: 2 sessions starting at 11:30am—dinner included
Plan now to attend this popular annual event!

East Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie at River Road
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)
Ernie Dietrich 936-2298
\$5.00 entry, includes lunch

Sundays at 1:00 PM

COMING ATTRACTIONS
Mar 30: STaC (Silver Points!)
June 1: Closed for Sectional
June 8: Club Championship
BIG GAME—71.15%:
Laurence Betts/Zreen Marzban

Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

5653 Wharf Road,
Suite 202, Sechelt
Rudy Notz 885-5552
Partners Guaranteed

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 pm	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
teams	open	open
Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars		

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver

sandwiches Marianne Scott Wednesdays
cookies, tea/coffee 298-3932 at 10:30 am sharp

North Shore Winter Club Bridge

1325 E. Keith Rd., N. Vancouver
Tuesdays at 7:30, Monthly Team Games:
7:30, first Friday each month
Bernice Mulock 987-8289
Mike Strebinger 942-6441

Volunteers Wanted!

Unit 430 wants you! Nominations are now being accepted for the 1997-98 Unit Board of Directors. Please consider helping make bridge in this area a continued success. To volunteer or nominate someone you think might be interested, call Felipe Hernandez (931-5336) or Sheila Sache (591-6762).

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Featuring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Three different bracketed knockout team events ◆ Seniors' events Tuesday to Sunday ◆ Under 100 Tournament Games Tuesday to Sunday ◆ Monday Night Reception and Charity Pairs ◆ Friday Night Party at the Crystal Gardens ◆ Free games on Tuesday for New Players (0-5) ◆ Door prizes every day ... and much more! 		Future Master Stratified Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 99er games Tue-Sat, Stratified 0-20, 20-50, 50-100 ◆ Two-session championship 99er games Wednesday and Friday (single session entries accepted) ◆ Sunday: Future Master Swiss Teams ◆ Tuesday: Special Newcomer FREE game ◆ (0-5 MP), two single sessions ◆ Fri-Sat: Special Novice Side Game (0-20 MP), special awards for overall winners! 	
Main Events (1pm, 7:30pm) (all main events stratified unless noted) Tue: Open, Women's, Senior Pairs Wed: Open, Senior Swiss, Open Pairs Thu: StratiFlighted Open Pairs Fri: Open and Senior Pairs Sat: Senior Pairs, Flighted Open Pairs Sun: StratiFlighted and Senior Swiss (10am, 3pm)	Two Continuous Pairs Tuesday-Saturday Afternoon: 1 pm Evening: 7:30 pm Overall awards based on your best two scores SEE OUR FLYER FOR COMPLETE TOURNAMENT DETAILS	Bracketed Knockouts Bracketed KO's: Mon 8pm, Tue 8:45am, 1pm, 7:30pm Totem Bracketed KO's: Wed thru Sat, 8:45am Senior Bracketed KO's (55+): Thu-Fri, 1pm, 7:30pm 30-hour KO's: Fri 8:45am, 1pm, 7:30pm, Sat 8:45am	

Call for Nominations

Volunteer for '97-'98 Unit Board!

More than at any time since I joined the Unit Board, we are in dire need of new people for next year. An unprecedented number of Unit Board members now serving on the Board have indicated that they will not serve on the Board next year. We are thus trying to find volunteers to serve on the Board, as many as we can get.

The Unit Board meets one night each month and discusses Unit business. It is not a requirement to be able to attend every single meeting, but prospective volunteers should make these meetings a priority. Most Board Members spend several hours a month doing the various jobs that keep Unit 430 operating smoothly. Some jobs are more time-consuming than others, but newcomers to the Board are

given jobs that they can handle. During your first year as a Unit Board member you will be bombarded with a plethora of mysterious initials such as COPC, DINO, CBF, and more. It's almost like your first bridge post-mortem: "he hooked the jack and squeezed his RHO into endplaying his partner into a triple trump ruffing coup"—I still haven't worked some of those out. Soon you will feel comfortable with the various abbreviations and you'll be making a major contribution to bridge in this Unit.

Anyone who is a member of the ACBL is eligible to serve on the Board. It doesn't matter whether you have 8 or 8,000 masterpoints, it doesn't matter whether you've been playing for 30 days or 30 years. The Unit needs you regardless—your opinions are important. If you are interested in serving, or finding out more, contact Felipe Hernandez (931-5336, or email to felipe@dowco.com) or Shiela Sache (591-6762). Please consider it. We need your help.

Recording Secretary Needed!

Unit 430 has an immediate opening for the position of Recording Secretary. The position involves preparing and distributing the minutes of Unit Board Meetings, and maintaining correspondence with other Units and with the ACBL. Interested parties please call June Pocock (939-0711).

VBC "Bring A Friend" Week Apr.7-13

During the week of April 7th thru 13th, all partnerships consisting of at least one player who has not played at the Vancouver Bridge Centre yet in 1997 will play for **half price!** If you haven't played at the Bridge Centre in a while, what better time to return: you may find yourself in sudden demand! Vancouver Bridge Centre 255-2564

Cowan for the Defense

By Doug Cowan

Recently, my wife Julie and I had a 65% game at the regular Wednesday night game at St. David's Church in West Vancouver. Rare though this may be, it is not so unusual that it is reason for an article about it.

Rather it is how this score was obtained that is unusual. As there was a half table we only played 24 boards, and one was a passed out. Of the remaining 23, we only declared five!

Granted, those five helped significantly, as three were tops, one on a thin slam that no one else bid, one on a hand where the opposition inexplicably stopped bidding, allowing us to make a part score when they were cold for game, and one where we made 2NT against less than perfect defense. The other two were average and average-plus for bidding routine games.

But of course, the oddity of this game was that we were able to score well while defending 75% of the time. Of the eighteen hands we defended, ten times the contract was made, but we scored an average of six matchpoints out of twelve on these. On the eight hands where we defeated the contracts, our average score was nine out of twelve, so this was the most important element in our good game.

I point this out because I so frequently hear comments like "weren't those hands boring? We defended all night." In

fact a couple made comments like that at the end of this game. Of course it's no fun defending cold games all destined to make the same number of tricks, but then it should be equally boring to declare these hands, which are usually claimed early anyway.

So the next time you want to complain about not getting cards, be thankful you are not playing rubber bridge, and concentrate on holding declarer to the minimum number of tricks, even if you cannot defeat the contract. You will be amazed at the number of times this will result in a good result.

(McB: Reading this I had to look again at my hand records after Bellingham and Kent—see the "Four Week-ends" article for details—and I come up with the following statistics: We declared 50 hands for an average of 6.97 matchpoints on a 12 top. Opponents declared 52 hands and we got an average of 6.67 matchpoints. They made their contract 27 times but our average on those boards was a respectable 4.29 matchpoints. They went down 25 times and our average was 9.24 matchpoints! We had 20 boards out of 102 where we scored less than three matchpoints: eight while declaring, eleven while allowing the opponents to make their contract, and only one while defeating the opponents. Moral: The hidden flip side of getting the most out of the breaks presented to you when you declare, is giving the least when you defend.)

South Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street (Semiahmoo
Fish & Game Club), South Surrey

Director/Manager:

Arlene Browning—574-0299

Mondays at 7:15pm

*Stratified Games first Monday of
each month * Computer scoring*

Novice Sections every game

Partners Guaranteed

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mar 17: Membership Game

Mar 24: STaC Game (SILVER points)

June 23: NAOB Club Qualifying

RECENT WINNERS

Swiss Teams Feb 17:

Thony Sliennon, Insa Fricker,

Roman Woroch, Ron McConnell

Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church, NW corner of
Taylor Way and Highway 1, West
Vancouver

Louis Landau - 984-8309

All games non-smoking

Monday 10:00 AM open

Wednesday 10:00 AM open

Wednesday 7:15 PM stratified

A separate 49er game will be run

Wednesday evening whenever

attendance allows

Computer Scoring Bid-boxes

Both Wed. games are jackpot games.

All holiday Mondays are PARTY

DAYS, with door prizes, goodies etc.

UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES

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Mon 12 May: Handicap Game
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Mon 19 May: Victoria Day Fun Pairs
Wed 28 May (am): Club Championship

RECENT WINNERS

Daytime Players of the Month:

Stella Alliston (December)

Maria Dabrowski (January)

Daytime 1996 Club Champion: Pat Landau

Evening Players of the Month:

Amir Alibhai (December)

Bernice Mulock (January)

Evening 1996 Club Champion: Anne Scott

1996 Daytime Player of the Year:

Maria Dabrowski

John Reeve Individual

Championship, Jan 1: Marina Page

1430 Bah Humbug!

By Gordon Keel

"1430" was designed to make minor-suit slams easier to bid. Does it?

Diamonds first: 1430 vs Keycard:

You agree diamonds—you have two keycards and bid 4NT. Partner has one keycard. Keycarders bid 5♦ (1 or 4), and you sign off in 5♦. The 1430 guys bid 5♣ (1 or 4) and you pass. No advantage in either method.

Still with diamonds agreed, this time you have three keycards. Partner has none. 1430ers bid 5♦ (0 or 3), and you sign off in 5♦. Keycarders bid 5♣ (0 or 3) and you pass. Both methods keep you out of slam. No advantage again.

Should we then play 1430 just for clubs? Sounds reasonable. Is it?

Clubs agreed. You bid 4NT with 2 keycards. Partner has one. Keycarders bid 5♦ and are in trouble. 1430ers bid 5♣

and are safe. Chalk one up for 1430. Definitely superior. Wait a minute.

Same hand, clubs agreed, but this time you have three keycards. You bid 4NT and partner has none. Now the Keycarders are safe and the 1430ers are in trouble!

1430 is no better, no worse. So why bother with a method that requires you to remember 1430 for clubs alone (maybe diamonds) and Keycard for majors, when there is no superiority?

[McB: This article may not cover the full argument, but having never really gotten a clear answer as to why 1430 is better, I invite response from the 1430ers out there. What exactly is superior about 1430? Is it worth it to toss away the usual and logical "clubs equals zero (or three, in Keycard), diamonds equals one (or four, in Keycard)" rule that we all learned in our Blackwood infancy? Responses next time will be printed, but I warn you I am not a 1430 fan and your arguments better be good!]

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

Standings as of March 9, 1997.

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	Mptr Seed	Avg Sw. per bd.	Probability of 1st place	Probability of playoffs
J. Pocock	7-1-0	161	20.13	+21.38	6	4.29	0.213	0.997
C. Lindsay	7-3-0	200	20.00	+23.30	5	4.48	0.305	0.998
G. Davis	7-2-0	175	19.44	+18.11	1	4.58	0.311	>0.999
C. Doner	9-1-0	190	19.00	+9.70	8	4.60	0.063	0.997
R. Foster	5-2-0	130	18.57	+15.29	2	4.54	0.106	0.980
K. Lochang	4-4-0	131	16.38	+10.50	11	4.70	<0.001	0.410
F. Hernandez	5-3-0	130	16.25	+3.00	3	4.29	<0.001	0.446
A. M. Bullis	3-5-0	120	15.00	+3.89	9	4.55	<0.001	0.547
M. Johnson	3-3-0	87	14.50	-2.33	10	4.65	<0.001	0.341
J. Dickie	2-5-0	99	14.14	+4.14	7	4.60	<0.001	0.255
D. Thomas	2-4-0	65	10.83	-18.83	4	4.30	<0.001	0.020
G. Fetterley	2-8-0	107	10.70	-16.60	14	4.49	<0.001	0.004
D. Cowan	1-7-0	58	7.25	-37.37	13	4.52	<0.001	<0.001
L. Laudan	0-9-0	57	6.33	-38.56	12	4.43	<0.001	<0.001

The teams in the standings table are listed in order of VPs per match. Seven teams make the playoffs in Flight A and the league leader receives a first-round bye. It now appears that there are no significant differences between teams in Average Swing, all teams hovering close to the average of 4.4 IMPS per board—although swings in Flight B (City Division) are nearly half an IMP higher. 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 (as the season progresses, preseason predictions are used less and less, and actual results thus far become more important) 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. From this we see a three way battle for first place (although Foster and Doner have outside chances at the pennant) and five teams (plus possibly defending champions Thomas, and 249-1 shots Fetterley) fighting for the last two playoff positions. It looks like a very close finish at several levels!

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	-9:11	16 Mar	+30:23	+17:9	2 Feb	+13:20	16 Feb	+51:26	+51:26	+15:20
R. Foster	+27:7	///	20 Apr	19 Jan	30 Mar	-2:13	+8:19	+65:27	16 Mar	16 Feb	+6:18	2 Mar	+28:23	+29:23
F. Hernandez	30 Mar	20 Apr	///	-12:10	16 Mar	-8:11	+3:18	-20:9	2 Mar	2 Feb	+13:20	+12:20	+25:22	+11:20
D. Thomas	20 Apr	19 Jan	+12:20	///	-17:9	30 Mar	2 Feb	-37:6	+51:4	+25:8	16 Mar	+5:18	16 Feb	2 Mar
C. Lindsay	+9:19	30 Mar	16 Mar	+17:21	///	+29:23	20 Apr	-2:13	+25:22	-4:12	-7:11	+51:26	+43:25	+72:28
J. Pocock	16 Mar	+2:17	+8:19	30 Mar	-29:7	///	+12:20	20 Apr	+36:24	+45:25	2 Mar	+85:29	2 Feb	+12:20
J. Dickie	-30:7	-8:11	-3:12	2 Feb	20 Apr	-12:10	///	16 Feb	30 Mar	2 Mar	+48:25	16 Mar	+50:25	-16:9
C. Doner	+17:21	-65:3	+20:21	+37:24	+2:17	20 Apr	16 Feb	///	+19:21	+36:24	30 Mar	+3:18	+16:21	+12:20
A.M. Bullis	-2:13	16 Mar	2 Mar	+51:26	-25:8	-36:6	30 Mar	-19:9	///	5 Jan	-24:8	+42:25	20 Apr	+44:25
M. Johnson	-13:10	16 Feb	2 Feb	+25:22	+4:18	-45:5	2 Mar	-36:6	5 Jan	///	20 Apr	+51:26	16 Mar	30 Mar
K. Lochang	16 Feb	-6:12	-13:10	16 Mar	+7:19	2 Mar	-48:5	30 Mar	+24:22	20 Apr	///	+47:25	+99:30	-26:8
L. Laudan	-51:4	2 Mar	-12:10	-5:12	-51:4	-85:1	16 Mar	-3:12	-42:5	-51:4	-47:5	///	30 Mar	20 Apr
D. Cowan	-51:4	-28:7	-25:8	16 Feb	-43:5	2 Feb	-50:5	-16:9	20 Apr	16 Mar	-99:0	30 Mar	///	+13:20
G. Fetterley	-15:10	-29:7	-11:10	2 Mar	-72:2	-12:10	+16:21	-12:10	-44:5	30 Mar	+26:22	20 Apr	-13:10	///

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1996-97 Unit 430 IMP League, Flt. B (0-1500 MP)

City Division Final Standings

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	Mptr Seed	Avg Sw. per bd.
L. Meyer	6-1-0	147	21.00	+25.29	4	4.62
H. Dressler	5-2-0	137	19.57	+22.29	5	4.34
R. Jackson	6-1-0	133	19.00	+12.14	7	4.77
D. Ayukawa	4-3-0	126	18.00	+16.14	1	4.85
K. Raywood	2-4-0	68	11.33	-18.00	2	4.85
T. Eng	1-5-0	60	10.00	-16.50	3	5.27
E. Marchuk	1-5-0	55	9.17	-26.50	8	4.61
D. Sharp	1-5-0	54	9.00	-27.50	6	5.63

#1 Meyer

#4 Ayukawa

(quarter finals)

#2 Dressler

#3 Jackson

Flight B City Playoffs

Semi-final winner meets Valley semi-final winner.

Two matches may or may not be played in the City B League, they make little difference to the final standings.

I've been rough on the Meyer squad all season, predicting them to finish in the middle of the pack as defending champions, and calling them inconsistent. Not a single team came in where I predicted them to, and my correlation score is -21.4%. I'd have done better to pick the exact opposite of what I did predict. I therefore must eat humble pie and make a final prediction that the Meyer boys will defeat my #1 seed in the quarter-final, and dispatch the survivor of the Dressler-Jackson match in the semi-final. They may, however, encounter trouble in the final, against the Valley champion....

Flight B Results (City Division)	vs Ayukawa	vs Raywood	vs Eng	vs Meyer	vs Dressler	vs Sharp	vs Jackson	vs Marchuk
D. Ayukawa		+33:23	+54:26	-3:12	+47:25	+18:21	-5:12	-31:7
K. Raywood	-33:7		+55:26	-52:4	-72:2	unplayed	-18:9	+12:20
T. Eng	-54:4	-55:4		-27:7	-23:8	+78:28	-18:9	unplayed
L. Meyer	+3:18	+52:26	+27:23		-19:9	+30:23	+17:21	+67:27
H. Dressler	-47:5	+72:28	+23:22	+19:21		+58:26	-8:11	+39:24
D. Sharp	-18:9	unplayed	-78:2	-30:7	-58:4		-22:8	+41:24
R. Jackson	+5:18	+18:21	+18:21	-17:9	+8:19	+22:22		+31:23
E. Marchuk	+31:23	-12:10	unplayed	-67:3	-39:6	-41:6	-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

♣ Anne-Marie BULLIS, Les Fouks, Robert Sauve, Jean Groome

♥ Doug COWAN, Pat Landau, Steve Beaton, Mary Fines

♦ Gord DAVIS, Don Brazeau, Nathan Divinsky, Aidan Ballantyne, Dan Jacob, Michael Strebinger

♣ Jim DICKIE, John Anthony, David Sokolow, Carolyn Levi, Brian Maksymetz, Bill Osten

♣ Cam DONER, Nicci Charleson, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert, Tom Devine

♥ Geoff FETTERLEY, Fred Brown, Pauline McCafferty, Patti Adams

♦ Rhonda FOSTER, Gord McOrmond, Greg Arbour, Gerry McCully, Lynn Fleming

♣ Felipe HERNANDEZ, Mike Wilson, Mike Neagu, Lawrence Betts

♣ Martin JOHNSON, Eugene Chan, Brian Russell, Bill Gamble, Sarlo Camas
♥ Lesley LAUDAN, Roger Allen, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins

♦ Cam LINDSAY, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Don Brander, Dave Waterman, Steve Vincent

♣ Ken LOCHANG, Paul Sontag, Anne Nagy, Ken Robertson, Ed Ashenhurst

♣ Doug THOMAS, Gary Phelan, Peter Walton, Jim Marshall, Dan Watson, Ted Hicks

♥ June POCOCK, Larry Pocock, Wilf May, Derek Ward, Kathy Adachi, Don Sache

(Seven of the fourteen teams in Flight A will make the playoffs)

1996-97 Unit 430 IMP League, Flt. B (0-1500 MP)

Final Valley Division Standings

Team Captain	Record (W-L-T)	Total VPs	VPs per match	Mptr Seed
D. Schmidt	7-0-0	161	23.00	3
G. Skoropada	5-2-0	151	21.57	2
J. Olson	5-2-0	134	19.14	1
D. Webster	5-2-0	130	18.57	4
D. Huber	3-4-0	95	13.57	6
A. Faulkner	2-5-0	80	11.43	7
E. Van Pelt	0-6-0	42	7.00	5
S. Reider	0-6-0	17	2.83	8

One match having no bearing on the playoff teams standing was unplayed in the Valley league. Of the 5-2 teams, Skoropada beat Olson, Olson beat Webster, Webster beat Skoropada!

Jimmy-The-Turk set a new standard for prognosticators with a +83.3% score on the correlation scale. Most of his success was due to identifying all of the playoff-bound teams. However, the one playoff result we have so far: Webster (5-2) over Schmidt (7-0!) is an upset both by the Turk's predictions and by the final standings. We now await the clash between the Turk's #1 and #2 seeds in the other semi! Since they too finished in reverse order from what was expected, the outcome here seems to be anyone's guess!

#1 Schmidt		Flight B Valley Playoffs	
#4 Webster	(quarter finals)	#4 Webster	
#2 Skoropada			Semi-final winner meets
#3 Olson			City semi-final winner.

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	W: 21 VP	W: 27 VP	W: 24 VP	W: 23 VP	W: 23 VP
G. Skoropada	W: 28 VP		L: 11 VP	L: 12 VP	W: 25 VP	W: 20 VP	W: 25 VP	W: 30 VP
D. Schmidt	W: 28 VP	w: 19 VP		w: 20 VP	W: 22 VP	W: 27 VP	W: 28 VP	W: 25 VP
D. Webster	L: 9 VP	W: 18 VP	L: 10 VP		W: 22 VP	W: 21 VP	W: 22 VP	W: 28 VP
E. Van Pelt	L: 3 VP	L: 5 VP	L: 8 VP	L: 8 VP		L: 12 VP	L: 6 VP	unplayed
D. Huber	L: 6 VP	L: 10 VP	L: 3 VP	L: 9 VP	W: 18 VP		W: 21 VP	W: 28 VP
A. Faulkner	L: 7 VP	L: 5 VP	L: 2 VP	L: 8 VP	W: 37 VP	L: 9 VP		W: 25 VP
S. Reider	L: 7 VP	L: 0 VP	L: 5 VP	L: 2 VP	unplayed	L: 2 VP	L: 5 VP	

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)



Local Winners

Vancouver Winter Sectional Queensborough, January 24-26

Friday Afternoon

Stratified Open Pairs

28 tables

- A1. Cam Doner/Bill Goldstone
 A2. Larry Chow/Lynda Cole
 A3. Marcia Christie/Doreen McOrmond
 A4BC1. Joyce Tokarek/Ghods Ahmad
 A5. Sheila Dickie/Ken Christensen
 A6. Aidan Ballantyne/Mary Lou Bert
 B2. Ram Hira/Barry Kirkham
 B3. Peter Morse/Claire Burns
 B4. Amad Rafii/Sohrab Radmard
 B5C2. Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak
 B6. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
 C3. Mark Eddy/Lynn Leavens
 C4. Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan
 C5. Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse

Stratified Women's Pairs

15 tables

- A1. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
 A2. Patricia Wotherspoon/Elaine Levins
 A3. Mariann Hutton/Dot Carnegie
 A4B1. Gail Watson/Rangie Sylvestre
 A5. Kathy Adachi/Ina Andersen
 A6. Anne Marie Bullis/Donna Morrison
 B2. Connie Schmid/Lenora Awram
 B3. Peggy Wellman/Amy Graham
 B4. Tomie Yamanouchi/Lorraine Hardy
 B5. Daisy Neilson/Corrine Tapley

C1. Gail Watson/Rangie Sylvestre

C2. Petee Malone/Frances Gunn

Friday Evening

Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs

23 tables

1. Bob & Aban Gerrie
 2. Sheila Dickie/Ron Christensen
 3. Sefton Levine/Margaret Kidder
 4. Shirley Fitterman/Ken Robertson
 5. Christina & Dan Jacob
 6. Al & Bernice French

Side Game

20 tables

1. Marlene Shankland/Diane McNames
 2. Anne Marie Bullis/Donna Morrison
 3. Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue

Fri Evening Side Game continued

4. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
 5. Don Sharp/James Brown
 6. Tom Cotton/John Sokolowski

Future Master Stratified

Friday Evening

7 tables

- AB1. Anna Ochnio/Jan Ochnio
 A2. Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
 A3. Patricia Lamb/Douglas Hovan
 A4. Wendy Webber/Marti Oppenheimer
 A5. Judith Wilson/Anita Morse

B2. Ewa Wroblewicz/George Ambrozewicz

Friday Evening Newcomers

3 tables

1. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter
 2. Gaby Uranyi/Carole Harris

Saturday Afternoon

11 tables

- A1. Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse
 A2. Frances Gunn/Valerie Mair
 A3. Anne Knowlan/Andrew Faulkner
 A4. Lorna Terman/Marylou Varga
 A5BC1. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter
 A6. Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak
 B2C2. Flora So/Peter Hanlan
 B3. Anneliese Rohde/Parvin Grigg
 B4. Bob Blake/Roy Bishop
 C3. Donald Evers/Gerald Ferguson

Saturday Evening

10 tables

- A1. Anne Knowlan/Andrew Faulkner
 A2BC1. Don Evers/Gerry Ferguson
 A3. Gypsy Sturrock/Petee Malone
 A4BC2. Ewa Wroblewicz/George Ambrozewicz
 A5/7BC3/4. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter
 A5/7BC3/4. Nat Raman/Rajam Raman
 A5/7. Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse

Saturday 2-session

Adrian & June Budd

Hicks Open Pairs

38, 20 tables

1. Gary Phelan/Doug Thomas
 2. Shirley Bowers/Pirtpal Gill
 3. Douglas Baldwin/Gerald McCully
 4. Les Fouks/Wilf May
 5. John McDonald/Doug Hansford
 6. William Gamble/Anthony Remedios
 7. Amad Rafii/Allen Coulter

Consolation Pairs

19 tables

1. Gordon McOrmond/Aidan Ballantyne
 2. Santokh Sian/Bob Kiggins
 3. Jack Hopwood/Hal Rodd
 4. Geoffrey Fetterley/Fred Brown
 5. Barry Kirkham/Jim Lenobel
 6. Stephen Beaton/Doug Cowan

Sunday Swiss

Flight A VP Swiss

18 teams

1. Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Ron Borg, Larry Hicks
 2. Michael Neagu, Mike Wilson, Michael Strebing, Felipe Hernandez
 3. Alex Knox, Robert Sauve, Frank Ayer, Les Fouks

Flight A VP Swiss continued

4. Peter Herold, Ray Miller, Balusu Rao, Ken Scholes
 5. Sandy Mclwain, Michael Newcombe, Laurence Betts, James Dickie
 6. Al & Bernice French, Haiderali Nazak, Nurdin Kassam
 7. Gordon & Doreen McOrmond, Michael & Debbie Hargreaves

Flight B W-L Swiss

35 teams

- 1/2. Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish, Judy Acheson, John Lien; tied with Jim McKenzie, Larry Meyer, Dick Simpson, Rod Coote
 3. Don Keith, Hing Kong Ho, Jeanette Greenhut, Shirley Fitterman
 4/7. Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Marion Crowhurst, Joan Richards; Richard Sumner, Pat Jones, Phil & Lenora Awram; Barry Kirkham, Mike Hurley, Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld; Adi Wadia, Judy Murphy, Gloria Prescott, Gail Watson

COPC Unit Final, January 18

1. Cam Doner/Mike Wilson
 2. Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
 3. Aidan Ballantyne/Dan Jacob
 4. Don Brazeau/Rhonda Foster
 5. Bill Goldstone/Ken Robertson
 6. Gerry McCully/Mike Strebing
 7. Greg Armour/Mary Lou Bert
 8. Ken Lochang/Andrew Ross

(The National Final takes place June 9-14 at the Surrey Inn. The eight pairs above have qualified for the National Final; some of the other eight pairs may be asked to fill in to make the field size as convenient as possible.)

CNTC Unit Final, March 1

1. Larry Pocock, Wilf May, Derek Ward, Don Sache
 2. Ken Robertson, Andrew Ross, Roger Allen, Ken Lochang, Elliott Netto
 3. Michael Neagu, Felipe Hernandez, Mike Wilson, Mike Strebing
 4. Martin Johnson, Eugene Chan, Sarto Camas, William Gamble
 5. Gerry McCully, Don Brazeau, Bill Goldstone, Cam Doner
 6. Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Aidan Ballantyne, Ron Borg, Gord Davis
 7. Gord McOrmond, Mike Hargreaves, Allan Graves, Joe Silver, Mike Roberts

(The B.C. Zone Final takes place April 5-6 at the Bridge Centre. There will be a minimum of five spots for Unit 430 Teams, more if less than a full quota of teams arrive from Vancouver Island and the Okanagan. However...my copy of the gamefile lists McCully team in 5th, despite that the Jacob team in 6th is tied in VPs and has one more win. So which team will get the fifth spot? The Co-Ordinator for this event is Felipe Hernandez, 931-5336. Ask him.)

Out-of Town Winners

Hawaii Regional Honolulu HI, January 20-26

- Monday Stratified Charity Pairs
- B5. Chris & Gina Diamond
Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs
- A2. Larry Pocock/Don Sache
- A4/5. Ron & Jean Groome
- A6. June Pocock/Sheila Sache
Tuesday Stratified Women's Pairs
- A3/4B1/2. Angela Fenton/Anne Scott
Wednesday Stratified Open Swiss
- A5/10. Larry & June Pocock, Don & Sheila Sache
Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs
- A6B3. Lotte Elias/Norman Treleven
Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs
- A2. Sheila Sache/June Pocock
Friday Continuous Pairs
- A2. Gary Post
- A4. Marge Neate
Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs
- A4. Larry Pocock/Terry Scott
Saturday Stratified Open Pairs
- A6. Jean & Ron Groome
- A7. Gary Post

Hawaii Regional Cont.

Weekend Knockout Teams

Bracket 1

- 3/4. Larry & June Pocock, Sheila & Don Sache
Evening Continuous Pairs (Overalls)
3. Marge Neate
5. June Pocock
7. Sheila Sache
Sunday Flight A Swiss
4. Angela Fenton, Marge Neate
Sunday Flight B Swiss
7. Pat Carruthers, Dianne Isfeld, Ron Groome

Bellingham Sectional

Bellingham, WA, February 7-9

- Saturday Stratified Pairs
- B1. Bruce McIntyre
Sunday Stratified Swiss
- BC1. Simon Matthews, Adele MacKay, Bruce Jackson, Andrew Lee
- B3/5C2/4. Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, James Burt, Arek Sitek

Sweetheart Sectional

Kent WA, February 14-16

- Saturday Stratified Pairs
- B1. Bruce McIntyre



Kent Sectional continued

Sunday Bracketed R/R Teams

Bracket 6

2. Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Bruce McIntyre

1997 SPRING NABC

Dallas, TX, Mar 6-16

North American Open Pairs Flight A

National Final

1. Aidan Ballantyne/Gord McOrmond
(details with Special Events article on page 13)

Sectional Masterpoint Races

Standings in trophy races after 1997 Winter Sectional

PHIL WOOD TROPHY	EDITH BONNELL TROPHY	PHIL WOOD UNDER 200 TROPHY
1. Aidan Ballantyne.....20.99	1. Shirley Bowers 9.63	1. Doreen McOrmond 7.77
2. Dan Jacob.....19.71	2. Shirley Fitterman 7.81	2. Joyce Tokarek.....6.23
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Pat Landau played in all twelve sessions in 1996; Doug Cowan and Frank Kelley played in eleven out of twelve. We thank everyone who played for their support and hope you will continue to play in Unit Games in 1996.

The Spring Sectional concludes on the first Sunday of June, forcing the Unit Game to move to the second Sunday, June 8.

Plans are underway to make the 1997 Christmas Party better than ever. Until then, we hope to see as many of you as possible at the Monthly Unit Games, held the first Sunday of each month. Partners are guaranteed at both sites to players who arrive early.

1996 MUG Christmas Game, December 15, Engineer's Hall			
A	B	C	Pts.
1	Bill Goldstone/Mary Lou Bert		24 9
2	Larry & June Pocock		26 10
3	1 Tai Eng/Betty Fawcett		26
4	2 Dwayne Dicks/Diane Isfeld		28
5	Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff		29 11 4
6	Sefton Levine/Bev Oldham		30
3	Pauline Lee/Hazel Dressler		12
4	Walter & Connie Schmid		13 5
5	Patti Adams/Angela Fenton		14 6
6	John Mullen/John Reay		8
1	James Burt/Arek Sitek		9
2	Marti Oppenheimer/Gunter Allman		10
3	Waldemar Jez/Mark Rojewski		11

MUG 1996 Final Standings (cont.)			
A	B	C	Pts.
24	9	5.23	John Mullen
26	10	5.00	Roman Woroch
26		5.00	Phyllis Barrington
28		4.94	Wilf May
29	11 4	4.90	Jeanette Greenhut
30		4.82	Larry Pocock
12		4.74	Chester Michno
13	5	4.66	James Burt
14	6	4.63	Rani & Hoshang Shroff
8		4.57	Pat Jones
9		4.37	Arkadiusz Sitek
10	4.04		Shirley Fitterman
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13	3.60		Dan Webster
14	3.56		Amad Rafii
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2			11.30 Bill Goldstone
3	1		10.72 <i>Tai Eng</i>
4	2		9.75 Liz Stoneman
4	2	1	9.75 <i>John Lien</i>
6	4	2	8.91 Insa Fricker
7			8.73 Terry Gould
7	5	3	8.73 Frances Gould
9			8.07 Sefton Levine
10	6		7.96 Patti Adams
11			7.94 Donna Morrison
12			7.41 June Pocock
13	7		6.74 Joni & Brian Johnston
15			6.53 Doug Hansford
16			6.48 Donald Sache
17			6.47 Kathy Adachi
18			6.20 Angela Fenton
19			6.11 Dorothy Carnegie
20			6.02 Evelyn Hodge
21			5.98 Sheila Sache
22			5.88 Dianne Isfeld
23	8		5.54 Leonard Feeny
24			5.23 Patricia Landau

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1997 Results

A B January 12, 1997 (White Rock)			
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1	1		Brian Johnston/Joni Johnston
2			Frances Gould/Terry Gould
3	2		John Horne/Leszek Baldys
4/5	3		John Lien/Liz Stoneman
4/5			Colin Collin/Frank Kelley
(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)			
A B C January 12, 1997 (Vancouver)			
1	1		Ruby Jackson/Ken Lochang
2			Leonard Feeny/David Schmidt
3			Catriona Brown/Bill Henning
4	2	1	Phillip Awram/Lenora Awram
5	3		John Whittlesey/Lesley Laudan
4	2		James Burt/Arkadiusz Sitek
5	3		Dan Webster/Geoffrey Fetterley
4			Adele Mackay/Marylou Varga
A B February 2, 1997 (White Rock)			
1	1		Robert Beattie/Thelma Hofstede
2			Frances Gould/Terry Gould

A B February 2, 1997 (W. Rock) cont.			
A	B	C	Pts.
3			Colin Collin/Roman Woroch
4			Esther Freeman/Dorothy Carnegie
5			Gladys Mackie/Hazel Stowards
6	2		Lotte Elias/Norman Treleaven
3			John Lien/Liz Stoneman
4			Insa Fricker/Tai Eng

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2			Mary Fines/Evelyn Hodge
3			Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
4			Pearl Minkoff/Shirley Fitterman
5	1		Ric Sumner/Pat Jones
2	1		Mark Rojewski/Andrei Zorawski
3	2		Hoshang Shroff/Rani Shroff
4			Lesley Laudan/John Whittlesey
5			Patti Adams/Sandra Robson

A B March 2, 1997 (White Rock)

1			Colin Collin/Frank Kelley
2			Ken Danielsen/Doug Hansford
3	1		Ron McConnell/Gail Moffatt
4	2		John Lien/Liz Stoneman
5	3		Roman Woroch/Paul Radnai
6	4		Gladys Mackie/Bernice Selander
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A B C March 2, 1997 (Vancouver)

1			Steve Clements/Judy Strebinger
2	1	1	Kristin Orians/Kelvin Raywood
3	2		Anthony Remedios/Tove Chen
4/5/3			Pauline McClafferty/Geoff Fetterley
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(Standings in the 1997 Monthly Unit Game masterpoint races are on page 29)

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

April 6 May 4

June 8 (Spring Sectional conflict)

July 6 August 3

(normally the first Sunday of each month)

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)

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Tournaments & Dates

March 15-June 15

MARCH

21-23 Everett Sectional

22 CWTC Zone Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre

22-23 Vernon non-LM Sectional

24-30 District wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs
sponsored by Seattle Unit

APRIL

3 CBF Helen Shields Canada-wide Rookie-Master Game

5-6 CNTC Zone Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre

6 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

7 Victoria Regional

18-20 GNT District Final, Bellevue/Renton

25-27 Juneau, Kimberley, Tacoma Sectionals

MAY

2-4 Qualicum, Richland, Vernon Sectionals

4 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

13-18 Anchorage Regional

23 Matchpointer deadline (June issue covers events from June 9-August 22)

23-26 Renton Sectional

30-1 Spring Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre, near Metrotown, Burnaby (schedule, back cover)

JUNE

6,7 World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs

8 Monthly Unit Game (two sites) postponed from June 1 to avoid conflict with Sectional

9 June Matchpointer hits the streets

9-14 CNTC/COPC National Finals at Surrey Inn

9-15 Spokane Regional

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Evergreen Sectional, September 5-7, 1997 at the Surrey Inn.

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

Round-Up Sectional, October 31-November 2, 1997, at the Surrey Inn.

Winter Sectional, January 23-25, 1998, at the Engineer's Hall.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1997

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1997

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS	
First session	10:30 AM
Second session	TBA
FLT A: Unlimited, Play Separately (Victory Points)	
FLT B: Stratified B: 0-300, C: 300-1500 (Win/Loss)	
STRAT B ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL TROPHY	

Masterpoint Ranges for Stratified Events
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