



## Make My Day!

<b>WEST (YOU)</b>	<b>OKBridge IMPs</b> E Dir, both Vul
♠ 2	<b>SOUTH: dummy</b>
♥ K86	
♦ KJT976	♠ KJT987
♣ Q97	♥ A2
6♣* by South	♦ 2
Lead: 7♥	♣ AK42

Playing online IMPs with a new partner, you hold the West hand. Partner opened 2♥, South decided doubling was right, and you raised to 4♥. Not good enough. North bid 4♣ with no net-lag of any kind. But this was just a prelude, as your partner now bid 5♥! Once again with no net delay at all, South bid 6♣! Not to be outdone, partner doubled this! The entire auction took 15 seconds.

Partner led the 7♥, won by dummy's ace. The rest of the trick was your 8 and declarer's...jack? Trumps split 1-0, partner pitching the 3♥ at trick two. At trick three declarer, in dummy, leads...the 2♣! Your play. If you ducked, fetch your partner, who beat declarer's T♣ with his jack, and direct him to page 4. Otherwise, it's your lead (low clubs played to trick 3), go to page 9.

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As sometimes happens, this issue of the *Matchpointer* went over budget time-wise. This time I alone am to blame—most of the obstacles could have been avoided with actions ahead of time. You all have my apologies.

Among the things missing from this issue are the Unit 430 overall winners of the Seattle STaC, and the complete IMP League data, which proves unobtainable at press time. They'll get in the next issue if I can track them down. For the first time in many years the *Matchpointer* has no "Meet The Players" article; but don't fret, this will return next time—David Schmidt just couldn't quite get to his intended victim!

Among the additions to the *Matchpointer* this time are an index of where the club ads are, a slightly larger typeface and other minor readability improvements. I

hope to get the time to help scope out schedules on the Internet to give club managers a better idea of what to promote in future issues.

There's a lot of good things happening in Unit 430 these days. Thony Stiennon did some impressive legwork without much help to get almost every club in the Unit to run a charity game for the Badger children, and his report is inside. The Vancouver Bridge Centre has turned the corner and is increasing its attendance to the point where they are confident enough in the future to renew their lease for another five years: let's do what we can to make that decision a smart one. And as we proudly congratulate the 1997 North American Open Pairs champions (who just happen to be local players), we see a slight upswing in the number of clubs holding qualifying sessions this year, an encouraging sign.

The Big Show, the Spring 1999 Nationals, is now less than two years away. Are we ready? We'll need more help on the volunteer end that has thus far surfaced, but I do think we're a strong Unit poised to enjoy the fruits of our labours (armies of new eager players) once the tables and chairs are packed away.

—Bruce McIntyre

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# President's Message

by Jennifer Ballantyne

This will be my last installment as President of Unit 430. I would like to thank all the board members for their hard work and support during the past year. Outgoing members are: Kathy Adachi, Vice President and Club Liaison; Dot Carnegie, Partnerships and Club Liaison; Sheila Sache, Tournament Chair; and Dave Schmidt, Past President. Kathy has joined the 1999 NABC Committee as Club Liaison. Sheila has graciously volunteered to remain with the Board until her replacement can be trained. Dave is carrying on his responsibilities as DINO Representative.

Those remaining on the Board—Anne-Marie Bullis, Shirley Fitterman, Felipe Hernandez, Dan Webster, Gladys Mackie, Bruce McIntyre, June Pocock, and myself—will be meeting with incoming Board members in early July to decide 1997-98 positions. We will publicize the full complement ASAP.

The Unit 430 Annual General Meeting will take place

on July 6 at 6:30 PM. To facilitate attendance, both MUG sites will be used, linked by speaker phone. Please turn out and participate in your unit's business.

As this edition of the *Matchpointer* goes to press, the National Finals of the Canadian Open Team Championships (CNTC) and Canadian Open Pairs Championships (COPC) are being played at the Surrey Inn, June 9-14. All are invited to come out to kibitz, cheer our unit's participants, and meet the players in the hospitality suite following each evening session.

During the past year your Board has scheduled our sectionals in various locations, including new venues, in an effort to have at least one sectional a year near you. Please let us know your reaction to the changes and the new sites.

Our unit is fortunate to have such fine publication as the *Matchpointer*. It's a handy reference for all club and unit activities. Keep it handy. Keep it with you.

It has been a busy and interesting year. Thank you.

—Jenny Ballantyne

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## "Big D"

by Aidan Ballantyne

In early March Gord McOrmond and I traveled to Dallas, Texas to represent District 19 in the North American Open Pairs Final (Flight A), part of the 40th Spring North American Championships. We went south with high expectations having shown early

speed in winning each preceding stage (club, Unit, and District). In Dallas we kept up the pace and led after the first two qualifying sessions. Then came the final day. We battled gamely in the stretch and, lo and behold, hit the wire in first place by over a length (er, board). Weeks later we are still a bit stunned but very proud to have earned Vancouver only its second unlimited NABC champi-

onship (to my knowledge the only other was by the late, great Jim Donaldson who won the Fall NABC Open Swiss Teams in 1977).

This article provides a few hands from the Dallas NAP presented in quiz format. The deals illustrate that for us, "D" was for defense, not Dallas.

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For convenience you are South in all deals. Your side is playing upside down signals.

**Problem 1**

<b>Problem #1</b> E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	<b>3♥ by South</b> Lead: K♣
	<b>WEST (dummy)</b> ♠ Q4 ♥ K3 ♦ K6543 ♣ K873	<b>EAST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ AKT ♥ T72 ♦ A98 ♣ A642	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	Double
Redouble	1♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

You are on lead against 3♥ after the given auction. You try the K♣ (you lead K from A-K at the 3-level and higher). Dummy plays low, partner contributes the 7 (high = odd number) and declarer the 6. What next?

**Problem 2**

You hold, none vul. as dealer:

♠ — ♥ AQT952 ♦ AJT85 ♣ 52

You open 1♥, doubled by LHO. Partner bids a weak 2♣, and RHO makes a responsive double. Do you bid or pass?

**Problem 3**

<b>Problem #3</b> E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	<b>1NT by East</b> Lead: 3♣
	<b>WEST (dummy)</b> ♠ J652 ♥ T82 ♦ A754 ♣ Q3	<b>EAST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ K873 ♥ AQ ♦ Q62 ♣ 9764	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	all pass

You find yourself on lead after RHO opens a strong notrump, passed out. You lead the 3♣ and discover that, as usual, you have struck one of dummy's long suits.

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Declarer plays low from dummy, pard puts in the ten and declarer wins the ace. Now declarer surprises you by leading the K♥ from hand. You win the ace, partner contributing the three. How do you continue?

**Problem 4**

You hold, both vul.:

♠ T6542 ♥ K862 ♦ A ♣ AJ3

Your partner passes and RHO opens 3♦. Do you bid? Let's say you pass. Everyone else does too. What's your opening lead against 3♦?

**Problem 5**

<b>Problem #5</b> E Dir, E/W vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	<b>4♥ by East</b> Lead: Q♣
	<b>WEST (dummy)</b> ♠ KT9 ♥ 2 ♦ QT9763 ♣ 752	<b>EAST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ A8753 ♥ J64 ♦ K ♣ QJ43	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	1♣
Double	2♣	4♥	all pass

More defense! This time you are defending 4♥ when RHO opens 1♥ and rebids 4♥ after your side competes in spades.

Say you lead the Q♣. Partner plays the 6 (low = encouraging) and declarer wins the ace. Declarer continues with two top hearts, partner playing 9-Q. Now declarer leads a spade. You grab your ace and partner plays the deuce (low = even number). You cash the good heart and partner pitches a spade. You now play the J♣, partner playing the 9 (standard remainder count) and declarer the 10. What next?

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**(From the cover)**

Your partner needs your help; instead of going over the auction and the play, we suggest you let him tell you where he got to before he put you under the gun. After three tricks you are on lead with your J♣.

<b>SOUTH: dummy</b> ♠ KJT987 ♥ A2 ♦ 2 ♣ AK42	<b>OKBridge IMPs</b> E Dir, both vul	Can you beat 6♣? Don't worry, if you don't, you can blame partner, who has already missed his chance! (Answer, page 9)
<b>6♠* by South</b> Lead: 7♥	<b>EAST: you</b> ♠ — ♥ QT9753 ♦ Q854 ♣ J85	

**Problem 6**

You are on defense again, this time against 4♣ doubled in the following scenario:

<b>Problem #6</b> E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	4♣* by South Lead: K♥
	<b>WEST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	<b>EAST (dummy)</b> ♠ QT942 ♥ T985 ♦ K85 ♣ 6
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ 87 ♥ A2 ♦ Q32 ♣ AT9843	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	4♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Your pard leads the K♥, you play the deuce, declarer the 3. Partner continues with the 7♥ and declarer plays the jack under your ace. Do you attack diamonds or go passive and lead a trump (and in the latter case, do you plan to win or duck your club ace if declarer leads dummy's stiff?).

**Problem 7**

None vul; you hold this hand:

♠ K7 ♥ AQT62 ♦ T32 ♣ KQ7

Partner passes in first seat and RHO opens 1♠. You overcall 2♥, LHO bids 2♣, partner contests with 3♥ and RHO goes to 3♣. What's your call?

Say you pass and there is no further bidding. You lead the K♣ and appreciate your narrow escape when you see:

<b>Problem #7</b> N Dir, none vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	3♣ by East Lead: A♥
	<b>WEST (dummy)</b> ♠ JT3 ♥ KJ874 ♦ Q754 ♣ 6	<b>EAST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ K7 ♥ AQT62 ♦ T32 ♣ KQ7	

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

Your K♣ wins the first trick, partner contributing the nine. What next? (Answers on page 6)

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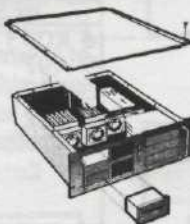
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ANSWERS (Questions on pages 4-5)

<b>Problem #1</b> E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ J7532 ♥ 84 ♦ 72 ♣ QJT5	<b>3♥ by South</b> Lead: K♣
<b>WEST</b> ♠ Q4 ♥ K3 ♦ K6543 ♣ K873	<b>SOUTH (You)</b> ♠ AKT ♥ T72 ♦ A98 ♣ A642	<b>EAST</b> ♠ 986 ♥ AQJ965 ♦ QJT ♣ 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	Double
Redouble	1♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Defending against 3♥, Gord led ♠ top spade and I contributed the seven (high = odd number of spades). After thoughtful analysis he found the only continuation to beat the contract: a low diamond! Declarer won and was fixed. He could not draw trumps else we would cash 5 top tricks when he next led a club up to the king. So he led a club up early. Gord won the ace and gave me a diamond ruff, giving us two spades, one club, one diamond and a trump trick. A highly elegant down one gave us an average plus.

<b>Problem #2</b> S Dir, none vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ T987654 ♥ K84 ♦ Q7 ♣ 8	<b>2♣* by South</b> Lead: 7♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ QJ32 ♥ J3 ♦ K9 ♣ KQT76	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ - ♥ AQT952 ♦ AJT85 ♣ 52	<b>EAST</b> ♠ AK ♥ 76 ♦ 6432 ♣ AJ943

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
Double	2♣(weak)	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

I was South and decided to pass 2♣ doubled thinking my hand was poor in the face of a misfit. When West passed also, Gord, who had intended to raise hearts at his next turn, decided to go for it in spades since he had a surprise or two for the oppo-

nents (a seventh spade and a heart fit). We achieved a cold bottom when we went down one for -100, cold for five hearts!

A big part of our success was being able to shrug off such occasional disasters (though of course it's easier to absorb bad results when you're a front runner).

<b>Problem #3</b> E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ QT4 ♥ 7543 ♦ T3 ♣ KJT2	<b>1NT by East</b> Lead: 3♣
<b>WEST</b> ♠ J652 ♥ T82 ♦ A754 ♣ Q3	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ K873 ♥ AQ ♦ Q62 ♣ 9764	<b>EAST</b> ♠ A9 ♥ KJ96 ♦ KJ98 ♣ A85

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	all pass

I led a low spade against 1NT (15-17 HCP). Declarer played low from dummy and captured Gord's ten with the ace. Then he led the K♥ out of hand and I had to win the ace. On this trick Gord played his lowest heart in anticipation of my problem. It was obvious that I'd be looking to shift since continuing spades could set up a trick for declarer. Gord's low heart was meant as suit preference for clubs, the lower ranking of two logical alternatives. I obliged by playing a club and we quickly set up seven tricks. It's true that declarer was unlikely to make his contract on most defenses but helpful carding such as Gord produced here saves brain power, builds trust, and helps a partnership get through four grueling, pressure packed sessions.

<b>Problem #4</b> N Dir, both vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A87 ♥ JT54 ♦ Q76 ♣ KQ8	<b>3♦ by East</b> Lead: A♣
<b>WEST</b> ♠ KQ93 ♥ A97 ♦ 853 ♣ 652	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ T6542 ♥ K862 ♦ A ♣ AJ3	<b>EAST</b> ♠ J ♥ Q3 ♦ KJT942 ♣ T974

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	3♦	all pass

My pass of 3♦ was somewhat conservative but Gord was a passed hand and it looked dangerous to bid at that vulnerability. Besides, Gord could always balance if he wanted to. On lead against 3♦ I decided to have a look at dummy rather than guess a major so I tried the A♣. Gord

played the eight and I continued with a club to his queen. He now found the key switch to the J♥ while he still had the spades under control. Declarer played the queen and I covered with the king won in dummy with the ace. RHO now did well to lead a diamond to the jack forcing my ace. After cashing our winners we had to put him in dummy (the heart nine set up with my eight outside). Declarer took another successful diamond finesse and got out for -200. Still, our accurate defense netted almost all the matchpoints.

Problem #5 E Dir, E/W vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ QJ62 ♥ Q9 ♦ 542 ♣ K986	4♥ by East Lead: Q♣
<b>WEST</b> ♠ KT9 ♥ 2 ♦ QT9763 ♣ 752	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ A8753 ♥ J64 ♦ K ♣ QJ43	<b>EAST</b> ♠ 4 ♥ AKT8753 ♦ AJ8 ♣ AT

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	1♠
Double	2♠	4♥	all pass

You led the Q♣ against 4♥. Dummy plays low, partner the 6 (low = encouraging) and RHO wins the ace. Declarer now plays off two top hearts, partner playing 9-Q, then leads a spade. You win the ace as partner contributes the 2 (low = even number if count). You cash the good heart, pard pitches a spade. Now the J♠, partner playing the 9 and declarer the 10. What now?

For a change I'm giving a hand from the perspective of our opponents. In practice South continued a third club. Gord, who was declaring for our side, ruffed in hand and had nothing better to do than play off the A♦ hoping for a miracle. Bingo! When the king fell he had 10 tricks and an average plus. The winning defense is to play another spade instead of a third club. This gives declarer a losing option of winning in dummy and taking a losing diamond finesse. Would Gord have smelled the proverbial rat? We felt lucky not to have been tested!

### VBC "IMPromptu" Teams Mondays

July 14 through August 25, seven Monday nights, try the VBC's "IMPromptu" Teams. Players may enter as pairs or individuals. Entrants will be seeded and drawn each week so that teams are roughly equal in strength. Prizes for VP leaders throughout the 7 weeks, but perfect attendance is not required. Vancouver Bridge Centre 255-2564

Problem #6 E Dir, N/S vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ J ♥ KQ764 ♦ AJ64 ♣ J52	4♠* by South Lead: K♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ AK653 ♥ J3 ♦ T97 ♣ KQ7	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ 87 ♥ A2 ♦ Q32 ♣ AT9843	<b>EAST</b> ♠ QT942 ♥ T985 ♦ K85 ♣ 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	4♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

We defended 4♠ doubled when West opened 1♠ in third seat and his partner hung him. Gord led the K♥ after overcalling hearts and I let him hold the trick. He continued with the 7♥. I won and was faced with a problem: should I attack diamonds? There was some risk in that since, in the worst case scenario, declarer could have something like:

♠ AKxxx ♥ Jx ♦ KT9 ♣ QJT

With that layout a diamond shift would give away the contract. Instead I'd have to exit passively with a trump, duck the club lead from dummy (if I rise with the ace, declarer has a ruffing finesse in clubs to get rid of dummy's diamond loser). When faced with this type of problem, look for partner's help. His second heart should have been suit preference since he knows you're going to win the trick and wonder what to do. The 7♥ (a high spot) showed preference for diamonds rather than clubs. I returned a low diamond and we built two diamond winners before declarer could establish clubs. Our +500 was a clear top.

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[McBruce here. With the Convention Centre downtown being inspected for suitability and logistics by the Spring 1999 NABC Committee, we are getting very close to the Big Show. With that in mind,

and wanting to keep something in the *Matchpointer* about the big things to come so as not to let the momentum die, I asked Phil Hernandez to write an article about the first time he went to a North

American Bridge Championship. (I'd have written it myself but this would be rather difficult since I've never been to one.) Thanks, Phil. It sounds like something to look forward to...]

## Going To The Show

by Felipe Hernandez

The Nationals were coming!

I called up my favourite partner.

"The Nationals are coming!"

"I know. I'm going for all ten days."

"Gee, I can only make it for one weekend."

"Why don't we play on the final day. There's a Swiss Teams event that would be fun."

"Can we get teammates?"

"Sure I'll arrange it."

"Great. I'll see you there."

"There" was Seattle, Washington. The year was 1993.

Up to that point, my exposure to a North American Bridge Championship (aka "National") had been reading about it in *The Bulletin*, the ACBL's monthly membership zine. Occasionally a generous soul, upon returning from some distant city, would provide our local club with a set of the

bulletins that are published daily at the tournament by the ACBL staff. I would scour these for interesting tidbits, while reading about the crowning of some team or another as champions of the Vanderbilt, or Spingold, or Reisinger. I had been unable to attend these tournaments but all that was about to change.

I set out early on Sunday morning. I was not going to be late for my first nationally rated event. The drive took the usual three hours and after finding parking, I walked over to the Convention Centre where I was to meet my partner. "Hunt for" turned out to be a more accurate assessment. People were everywhere. I had arrived about 45 minutes before game time and players were milling about, getting entries, discussing system, all the usual stuff you see at the smaller tournaments.

But these weren't the usual collection of players! Over there was Eric Rodwell, talking to Jeff Meckstroth, winners of countless events. Bobby Wolff, at that time the ACBL president, hurried by probably wondering where Bob Hamman was. And here was Ron Anderson

**BIG "D" ANSWERS cont.** (questions on pages 4-5)

<b>Problem #7</b> N Dir, none vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A82 ♥ 53 ♦ 96 ♣ AJ9542	<b>3♣ by East</b> Lead: A♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ JT3 ♥ KJ874 ♦ Q754 ♣ 6	<b>SOUTH (you)</b> ♠ K7 ♥ AQT62 ♦ T32 ♣ KQ7	<b>EAST</b> ♠ Q9654 ♥ 9 ♦ AKJ8 ♣ T83

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	all pass

First of all, the bidding. Did you find the winning 3NT bid over 3♣? I wasn't up to it but at least I didn't bid 4♥!

Against 3♣ I led K♠. Dummy played the singleton, partner the nine and declarer the three. With that stiff in dummy it looked right to lead trumps but I was reluctant to do so from ♠Kx lest I blow a natural trump trick. Could partner have the A♠ on the bid-

ding? It seemed unlikely since he was already marked with the A♠ and RHO had opened. As I sat there stewing it dawned on me that a switch to the K♠ into declarer's A-Q might not cost. Say partner has as little as 9xx. Declarer uses his ace to win my king, then uses dummy's ♠JT to ruff clubs. Now partner's 9 is promoted! After debating myself as to whether I was man or mouse, I put the K♠ on the table. It held! We quickly cleared trumps and scored up +50. This turned out to be an average minus since our opponents had stolen one from us. Still, -140 would have been a bottom and we salvaged some matchpoints. They all add up!

### SUMMARY

There's an old saying that it's defense that wins championships. In Dallas it seemed like we were defending almost all the time! Our signaling (did you note all those contexts for suit preference?) and partnership trust was tested on these and many other deals. I think we performed well considering we hardly ever play together. So how do you rate your own performance?

(McB: This year's NAOP is just beginning with club level qualifying as this *Matchpointer* appears. For details see the article on page 29)



and Sabine Zenkel, the very two who had co-authored the book on preempts I happened to have been reading on the drive down. I still had the book clutched in my hand so I thought "Why not?" and walked up to them and asked them to sign it for me. They were most gracious, chatting with me for a couple of minutes. Soloway, Passell, Goldman, Levin, Kaplan, Kay, Zia. They were all there. It was like being invited to a celebrity party after the Oscars. (Okay, maybe not *quite* that glamorous - but you get the idea.)

"Over here!" my partner yelled above the din. I spotted him and fought my way through the crowd to reach him. He had arranged for us to play in the Victory Point Swiss. He asked me if I had registered. "Registered? What's that?" I asked. He explained that upon arriving at a large tournament, a player "signs in" at the registration desk. It is usually staffed by the local District or Unit so that questions about restaurants or sight-seeing can be answered. It also allows your relatives back home to reach you if the need should arise. There is typically a small gift presented and you walk away feeling that you have been welcomed not only to the tournament but to the area.

As we walked over to get our entry, we passed a number of different booths. There was a partnership desk of course and a large display of books for sale. There were also people selling other bridge paraphernalia: T-shirts, pins, pencils, etc. There was a hospitality desk, and a membership desk, and a directors table, and other tables all with cheerful-looking people behind them dispensing advice or instructions. A large sandwich board announced the guest speakers for the day. Everything seemed quite organized and everyone seemed to be having fun.

Our teammates were waiting for us. When I walked

into the playing area I was again taken aback. The sheer size! Sure I had been in big rooms before, but not when they were filled with what had to be close to 800 tables. It was *huge*. Row after row carefully laid out with table markers, bidding boxes, convention cards, etc. Scattered throughout were section markers that looked like medieval standards with printouts flapping below them. Of course, in a room this size the 26 letters of the alphabet aren't enough. I remember seeing Section UU and YY. I recalled the first time I entered B.C. Place Stadium and how I had been awed by the enormity of it. The feeling this day was the same.

We finished second in our flight in the Swiss. A decent debut. Later that evening, as I drove back to Vancouver with my partner, we were caught in a white out. We pulled over and let the storm pass. Somehow that was fitting. The day had been tumultuous for me. Mother Nature was letting me know that although I had overcome my first hurdle I would face many others along the way; that it was the journey and not the destination that mattered.

Since then I have attended several other Nationals and have found them all to be exciting, challenging, and rewarding. I have met many special people and made many good friends. And I have always felt welcomed by the organizers and volunteers who staff these events. Our city has an opportunity in 1999 to play host to the rest of the ACBL for the Spring North American Bridge Championships. It will also give many players their first experience competing at a national tournament. I envy these players. They are at the beginning of the adventure. My teammates that day were Gary Phelan, Doug Thomas, and Duane Tilden. Thanks, guys. I will cherish the memory of that day always.

OKBridge IMPs E Dir, both vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ AQ6543 ♥ J4 ♦ AT ♣ T63	6♠* by South Lead: 7♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ 2 ♥ K86 ♦ KJT976 ♣ Q97	<b>SOUTH: dummy</b> ♠ KJT987 ♥ A2 ♦ 2 ♣ AK42	<b>EAST</b> ♠ - ♥ QT9753 ♦ Q854 ♣ J85

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♥	4♠	2♥	Double
Pass	Pass	Double	6♣ all pass

[From the cover] Did either you or your partner find the heart lead at trick three to beat the slam? Ducking a club means declarer has the A♠—if he has three to the ace he has an easy twelve tricks, six trumps, two ruffs, and four side suit winners. So he must have only two diamonds to be trying to set up the 4♣. Your only chance is to hope that he is 6-2-2-3 and not 6-1-2-4. West might be deceived, by East's 5♥ bid and failure to lead an honour, into thinking that East started with a seven card suit. If West ducks (chancing that this is not an out-and-out swindle lead toward the J♣), East wins but may well think from the cards played that North has K-J of hearts. Give North credit, most got to this "impossible" slam, but without a heart lead it's cold after clubs split 3-3. With a heart lead, North needs the clever falsecard to have any chance of getting the switch.

# The Defensive Holdup

By Louis Landau

The defensive holdup is a very important part of bridge, and this hand is a good example of what it is all about. It comes straight from Audrey Grant's *ACBL Diamond Series* and as such should be considered quite basic. However, as in all bridge hands, there is always something extra to be discovered!

The bidding is according to Standard American, with the response of 2♥ showing a hand with not even a king, and as South has 26 points and a balanced hand, the rebid of 3NT is almost automatic. Some people will open 3NT on this type of hand, but the final contract and declarer will still be the same. The opening lead of the J♠, top of a sequence, will also be almost automatic for most West players, and South has to look at the hand and make a plan. He has three tricks in spades and two in hearts, so *four more tricks are needed to make the contract*. The obvious place to look for them is diamonds.

While he still has control of all the suits, he should set about driving out the A♦, and so make the necessary four additional tricks. But if East is awake, she should realize the plan and duck the first diamond, awaiting the count of the suit. When West shows out on the second diamond, East can count three diamonds in the declarer's hand, and as there is no apparent entry to

dummy outside diamonds, all she has to do is duck a second time, and dummy's beautiful diamonds are stranded and useless to declarer.

At this stage of the game, declarer has to be the one who is awake. He should also realize when West shows out on the second round, that he is not ever going to make more than two diamond tricks, and therefore still needs two more for his contract. The solution is quickly found: abandon the diamond suit and switch to clubs! It does not matter when the opposition takes their A♣, he is guaranteed two club tricks, and the contract will make. To look at it in a different way, there is normally more than one way to play a hand. When one doesn't work, you can often try the second one.

As a matter of interest, in duplicate bridge, if West is

being kind and takes her A♦ early, she will almost certainly be giving you a top board! Now, when you regain the lead you can also set up the clubs to make three

spades, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs for an excellent score of 460!

All in all, a very simple Audrey Grant "Beginners" hand becomes a very interesting hand at duplicate.



Board #16 W Dlr, E/W vul
WEST
♠ JT974
♥ Q62
♦ 9
♣ A762

NORTH
♠ 863
♥ 74
♦ QT743
♣ 853

SOUTH
♠ AKQ
♥ AK83
♦ KJ5
♣ KQJ

3NT by South Lead: J♠
EAST
♠ 52
♥ JT95
♦ A862
♣ T94

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

## Jack Webb

1921-1997

John Kilburn (Jack) Webb passed away at home after a courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, May 1, 1997, at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Eleanor, loving father of Richard, David, Bradley who passed away suddenly on May 10, 1997, and Alison, cherished

grandfather of John, Neil, Alison, Veronica, and Matthew, Jack is also survived by two sisters.

Jack will be remembered for his enthusiasm to the game of bridge, which he and his wife Eleanor pursued with dedication. Upon his return from Spokane to the Lower Mainland in 1981, he actively pursued his interest in bridge by playing the game on the computer as well as avid reading and membership in nu-

merous bridge clubs in the area. Highlighting Jack's long history of bridge playing were the times he was able to teach bridge to eager beginners. With the onset of his illness bridge was put aside, but greatly missed.

(We thank Rozemary Webb for this obituary for Jack Webb, and our condolences go to Eleanor and the Webb family with respect to their losses.)

# Give Me A Hand

By Joerg Schneider

First, an easy play problem:

NORTH	
♠	QT7
♥	743
♦	842
♣	7642

SOUTH	
♠	K52
♥	AQJ2
♦	AK7
♣	AK3

The contract is 3NT by South and the opening lead is the 6♣. You play the seven and East wins the ace. How do you plan to make nine tricks? Solution later...

## Grand Slam bidding in Victoria

First, board 3 from the Friday Evening pairs—these were the North-South hands. Our Precision auction went:

NORTH	
♠	75
♥	AJ3
♦	852
♣	AKQJ2

SOUTH	
♠	AK
♥	K52
♦	AKQT3
♣	962

South	North
1♣(1)	2♣(2)
3♦(3)	4NT(4)
5♣(5)	5NT
6♥(6)	7NT

- (1) 16+, artificial
- (2) 8+, 5 or more clubs
- (3) 20+, good diamond suit
- (4) Roman Keycard Blackwood
- (5) Zero or three keycards
- (6) 2 kings (outside trumps)

North can virtually count on nine tricks on the minors because of the known five-card diamond suit. That seems easy enough, but very, very few pairs (none in our section) found the laydown grand! How would you and your favorite partner bid these hands, and would you get there?

Second, from one of the team games:

NORTH	
♠	AJX
♥	AQ
♦	AKXXXX
♣	KX

SOUTH	
♠	KQXXX
♥	XXX
♦	XX
♣	AXX

South	North
Pass	1♠(1)
1♠(2)	2♠(3)
3♦(4)	4♠(5)
4NT(6)	5♦(7)
5♠(8)	7♠(9)

There are hands which are ideal for your system like the above, others can be a nightmare! Playing Precision with trump and suit asking bids, our auction went as shown:

- (1) 16+, artificial
- (2) 8+, but a practical maximum of 10 since this is a passed hand, 5 or more spades
- (3) 20+ and asking for the quality of partner's trumps

WEST	
♠	J9863
♥	T9
♦	T963
♣	85

- (4) 5 spades, 2 of the top 3 honours
- (5) asking for club controls
- (6) first round control, the ace or (unlikely) a void
- (7) asking for diamond controls
- (8) third round control, which must be a doubleton since South cannot have the Q♦ as well as the the K-Q♣ and the A♠
- (9) This will make if diamonds are 3-2, or if they are 4-1 with the K♥ onside.

At the other table North opened 2NT and South transferred and then raised to 4S. Would you visualize the slam opposite a passed hand?

Have you got it yet? Did you jettison the king of spades under the ace? You need to find the king of hearts onside, and if it is Kxx or Kxxx you need two entries to dummy—the queen and ten of spades—to take two finesses. Here's the complete hand:

NORTH	
♠	QT7
♥	743
♦	842
♣	7642

SOUTH	
♠	K52
♥	AQJ2
♦	AK7
♣	AK3

EAST	
♠	A4
♥	K865
♦	QJ5
♣	QJT9

Of course, East's trick one play of the ace, and the Rule of Eleven, mark West with the jack of spades.

# Call for Nominations

## Unit DINO Rep 1998-2000

Unit 430 has two representatives on the District Nineteen Organization (DINO) Board of Directors, currently held by Jennifer Ballantyne and David Schmidt. The DINO Board is responsible for District-wide championship events and Regional tournaments, and will certainly have some input into the NABC here in Vancouver in 1999. The terms are for three years, and David Schmidt's term expires at the end of this year. His replacement or renomination shall

be decided by the Unit 430 Board of Directors at the November or December meeting. The job requires attending most of the District Nineteen Regional Tournaments, as the Board Meetings are held in conjunction with Regionals. David has indicated a desire to run again for the job. Any Unit 430 member may suggest another nominee for the Unit Board to consider. Nominees must, of course, be ACBL members residing in the Unit 430 area, and agree to serve if nominated. Nominations may be sent to any Unit Board Member before the end of October.



# Play by Play

by Bruce McIntyre

The following is a simple observation about experts and beginners from someone who is neither:

Well, welcome to the Stratified Pairs. Today, experts, veterans, novices, and rookies will play against one another in a unique kind of contest where everyone is eligible for the grand prize, but the longshots have secondary prizes of their own. Here's an interesting-looking table, where four veterans have just finished playing the first board of the round, and are starting on the second. We're a little late and didn't get a partner...mind if we sit down and watch? Thanks.

There's a first-seat two spade opener, after the skip bid warning, and now Jack Starr is taking his mandatory ten second pause, which, actually, uh, ended, uh, quite some time ago—oh, now he's doubling. And now they get to 3NT, and we see Jack's problem—he had only three hearts. Hmm, interesting, his partner Ace Jones had only JTx as a stopper and it's a good thing Jack had a spade honour. Well, looks like 430. We've got time before the next round—wonder if the Banks's will ask about the odd bidding.

Ah yes, Mr Banks is calling for the Director. Nothing grumpy like, just a calm call—in fact, Ace is encouraging it, in a friendly sort of way, you know, and, well, here's the Director. Mr Banks tells the whole story, so quietly that nobody nearby can even hear. The Director is looking at Ace's hand, must be wondering why he didn't bid hearts again over the 3NT call. Mrs Banks agrees with Ace that passing 3NT is right, but there *was* that long hitch before the double. Well, the Director is going to look at the hands and make a ruling eventually. Mr Banks is agreeing

with Ace that it's a tough call. Well, at least nobody's got-

ten their nose out of joint over this—the Director will sort it out and figure out what's fair. Off we go for round two.

Well, here are Arnie and Barney, who must be—yes, they've just mentioned it to Mrs Banks as Mr Banks gets the boards—playing their first open game at a tournament. And another skip, and it's another two spade opener: oops, Barney doubled right away without waiting like he's supposed to. Four hearts, just like that. (I hope Barney's got hearts!) Ace of spades is the lead and it holds the trick and *there's* quite a dummy, I make that a, what, an eighteen count? Nope, only seventeen. Mrs Banks is thinking about what to do now, there's the king of spades, and—and Arnie is claiming, ruffing and leading trumps and losing the ace and king. That's not a very strong hand he's showing, especially for a leap to four hearts over the double. Looks like a six count, plus the singleton spade. Pretty light.

Whoops! Nearly fell off my chair there—Mr Banks yelled for the Director so loud I was startled. Arnie and Barney are kind of shook up. Wow, he's not very happy at all, hey, c'mon, not so loud, you're giving away the whole hand to the whole room. Now Mrs Banks is claiming—loudly—she might have gotten a diamond ruff if she hadn't assumed that Arnie had some stuff. My goodness, surely this is next to nothing, at most tables it'll go two spades, double, pass, three hearts, pass, four hearts. Barney has after all a great looking seventeen count. The Director is trying to get the Banks calmed down a bit now, and he's looking at Arnie's convention card—Mrs Banks is nearabouts shouting, some argument about Lebensoh!—Mr Banks is claiming he'd have played a different card at trick one if the bidding had been different. I guess the next North now knows what to play at trick one. Wow. Golly.

OK, the Director's decided to look at this one as well, and wow are the

Banks's ever angry—they seem to think he should make the ruling like it's obvious or something, even without looking at the hands. Barney's picked up the next hand and is sorting it—a 1NT opener, a seventeen count. Oh, maybe not, two small doubletons, hearts and—hearts? He's missorted it, he's got five suits. Hey—he passed this in first seat. Oh dear, now he sees it—he's starting to shake, and resort, and... Oh, now that was uncalled for I think—Mr Banks passed it out and then faced his four count and asked who passed an opener, in a sneering kind of way. And now Barney's left the table. The other three have faced their hands—and now off goes Arnie to figure out what happened.

So tell me: Why were the Banks's reactions to two very similar situations so vastly different? What turned a casual Director call on the first deal into a verbal brawl on the second? Why did the Banks assume that they'd been deliberately done in by the inexperienced pair, yet empathize with the problem that Ace Jones had when his partner committed a tempo break? And why did they trust the Director to get the first one eventually right, yet were outraged at not getting a split-second decision on the second? I don't think this is an exaggeration: I've seen it happen many times, and it's not just the high-end players at fault. Arnie and Barney might go back to their 0-300 game and go berserk against a 0-20 pair who don't explain their conventions clearly.

And tell me this: How long do you think it'll be before Arnie and Barney play in another open game?

Our game is dying slowly. If we don't attract new players, competitive bridge will cease to exist. This doesn't mean you have to go out and teach your neighbor how to play. We have several dozen talented people doing a fine job in that department. But it does mean you—and I—have to wel-

come new developing players with open arms. Their ethical standards are not as finely tuned as yours are, but we have trained Directors to explain to them the rules and the ethical standards. Just as it is not your job to teach the opponents at the table, nor is it your job to explain ethics to them if they should slip up. It's impossible to do so, no matter how fair-minded you are, because you have match-points at stake on the hand and there is a conflict of interest which makes you a very impartial observer.

Call the Director if there is any problem. Do it in such a way that nobody is embarrassed or intimidated. Never assume that you've been deliberately done in: suspecting foul play will get you nowhere and will hurt your game. (Ask the pair who caught Reese and Schapiro using the infamous finger signals in the World Championship how they fared in the tournament.)

There is another, equally disturbing variant to the above story: in it the Banks *don't* call the Director, and instead they just show their disgust at the ethical lapse of Arnie and Barney by body language or even by rude comments. Then at the dinner break they complain loudly about the situation to all of their friends, and they name names, and Arnie and Barney get "the treatment" all through the second session for no apparent, and no good reason. If you see this variant being played out by anyone, ask them why they didn't call the Director. Ask them whether they would like to have their own unintentional ethical lapses punished through the grapevine in this sordid manner.

Trust the Director to make the right call. You need not even agree with the Director—that's why we have appeals processes—but if you argue with facts, you have a better

chance of getting your point across than if you argue with emotion. Our Director above is looking at Ace's hand to see if he had a logical alternative. On the Arnie/Barney thing he's probably looking at the Banks's hands to see which of their emotional arguments ("I'd have played a different card at trick one", "I'd have led differently at trick two", etc) are ignorable claptrap. Directors are trained to handle these situations—let them do so, and rest assured that you will be protected.

A major attraction of our game is that the rawest novice can play against the greatest expert—and win. There has never been an expert so perfect that a hand was never lost to lesser players who played well. True experts realize this. It's the expert wannabes who look around for foul play when they get a poor score against a lesser pair.



# Strawberry Sectional

June 27, 28 & 29

Elks Hall, 2111 Riverside Drive, Mt. Vernon, WA  
\$7.00/session Exit 227 off I-5. Go 2 blocks east.

New-to-Duplicate sessions Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Accommodation: Tulip Valley Inn, 2200 Freeway Drive., 1-800-599-5969

\$49.00 Queen, \$58.00 Queen + Twin, \$62.00 2 Queen

**Friday, 2pm:**

Stratified Pairs, 1 session

**Friday, 8pm:**

Bracketed Knockouts  
Open Pairs, 0-100 Pairs

**Saturday, 1pm:**

Bracketed Knockouts semis  
Stratified Pairs, 1 session

**Saturday, 7pm:**

Bracketed Knockouts finals

Stratified Pairs, 1 session

**Sunday, 10:30am, playthrough:**

Stratified Swiss, \$76.00 per  
team, includes lunch, \$5.00  
per extra person

Strata: 0-299/300-999/1000+

**Tournament Co-ordinator:**

Lynda Cole  
360/299-7078

**Partnerships:**

Marianna Sims  
360/424-1954

# The Centre Page

By Ken Lochang

It has been an extremely stressful month of May for us at the Bridge Centre as we attempt to have our lease renewal signed. We were issued with an eviction notice for various technical violations of the lease agreement!

Happily, at the last hour, we were able to satisfy the landlord with all the technicalities, and we now have a lease agreement for a further five years! One of those technicalities means we can no longer have a smoking room because of city regulations. Smokers will therefore have to go outside and we ask that they be co-operative in keeping the entrance area clean and tidy, using the ash-trays provided, to keep everyone happy.

The reason we wanted to stay is that the site a good central location with reasonable parking. On a square foot basis the rental is very reasonable. We certainly weren't able to find anything comparable elsewhere in the city.

The problem at the Centre is that we simply have too *much* space; or, to put it another way, the space is under-utilized. What we need to do is to be creative in finding more ways for our vacant time slots and spaces: we must turn the space into a multi-use centre. It's clear

that at present bridge activities alone are not enough to make full use of the facility. We must rent the space out to other functions such as meetings or receptions. The extra revenues will go a long way to allow us to continue with our ongoing program of expanding the bridge player base. The continuing influx of new people into the game is our source of hope, strength and determination to carry on.

As a first step towards this goal we are in dire need of a new carpet. A "Magic Carpet Committee" has been formed to organize the raising of funds for this project. Their first major effort is an expansion of the traditional VBC Birthday Bash on Saturday, July 5. A 50/50 draw will be held that evening and many have contributed items which will be auctioned off, some in a live auction, others in a silent auction just following the barbecue dinner.

Norma Saltzberg has graciously accepted the role of chairperson of the Magic Carpet Committee. She's inviting all interested to help out, either by working with the Committee or by passing along suggestions. Join us at our 5th Anniversary bash and if you have any interesting items or services you can donate, let us know and we'll add them to the list. If you are interested in any of the items to be auctioned but cannot attend the auction on July 5, write or phone us and we'll accept your bids.

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## A Home For the Game We Love by Sheila Dickie

A little more than five years ago, a quiet, unassuming fellow; then little known to ACBL Unit 430 members due to his work schedule, brought to fruition his dream of creating a home for bridge in the Greater Vancouver area. Ken Lochang, with the help of several loyal friends, found a 4,000+ square foot space in a location central to the entire Lower Mainland and, while shouldering a staggering financial commitment, fashioned a home for bridge in our area...a home not just for us, but for bridge players from all over the world who visit our fair city. It is fitting that a city the size and reknown of Greater Vancouver have a place where visitors, newcomers and league members can participate in their favorite pastime any day of the week and where players of any skill level can attend, confident that they will find an equally avid partner. Ken is not a philanthropist but he thought it so important for us to have this "home" for bridge that he undertook to get it for us. Over the past five years, the Vancouver Bridge Centre has provided lessons and novice games for dozens of beginners who developed a love for the game, became members of the ACBL and who now confidently play in open games run by the Centre as well as many of the weekly open games run by other Unit

members in areas closer to home for them. At the other end of the scale, the Centre actively supports the Unit 430 qualifying events for NAOP, COPC, CNTC, CWTC and other special events which come up from time to time, like the World Wide Pairs. They have "opened their house" to the Unit's IMP League and have made it possible for all games to be held there, with directing staff in attendance, rather than people having to hold the games in their homes as we did a few years ago. They continue to run novice games and lessons, intermediate games as well as a full schedule of open games. Recently they added a Classic Card game to their schedule for those of us who prefer to "keep it simple". All games are computer scored within ten minutes of completion of play and individual pair records are provided upon request. Each game has a new and interesting variety of free snacks, from fresh fruit to cookies and other sinful delights! I've probably missed something important, but the point is that Ken is doing everything we could possibly ask of a man, and he's doing it all for us.

Someday (probably not in my lifetime!) there may be some money to be made in bridge but not now. Now it's

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## Magic Carpets

by Norma Saltzberg

I am very honoured to be asked to chair the committee to raise funds for a new carpet at the VBC. I feel the objective of refurbishing the Bridge Centre to generate new revenues and players is an important and worthwhile project. I am sure I can speak for the other committee members as well in saying that we *need* the Bridge Centre. Not only is it a fine facility that we can all be proud of, but its owners and Directors have done a tremendous job in developing new players, essential for the health of the game in this area. It's time for the bridge community to show the support the management needs.

Our committee members are Nomi Kaplan, Maureen Crompton, Shirley Fitterman, Marylou Varga, Jessie & Ted Vesak, Ruby Jackson,

Sandra Hawk, Marguerite Miller, Anne-Marie Bullis, Priscilla Brown, Shirely Bowers, and Ken Robertson. Watch also for our ticket sellers: Diane Ayukawa, Harry Greenhut, Roberta Richards and Don Keith, who will help make the 50/50 draw quite lucrative to someone! The grand prize is expected to be around \$1000. Tickets are 3 for \$5.

We are in need of more help, both in terms of time, energy, and ideas. Please contact us if you can help out.

Our first project is the VBC Birthday Bash, beginning at 5pm on Saturday July 5th. There will be lots of food, a cash bar, door prizes, and the highlight will be the silent and live auctions for donated items (see list below). The evening will culminate with some fun bridge, possibly a

team game, after the auction.

We have already solicited a number of interesting items for the auction, which you'll read about in Sheila Dickie's article. New items are still being added to the list, and you can add some too. For donations to the auction, please contact Marylou Varga (951-2691), or Ted Vesak (943-6548).

Please join us on July 5. A good time for

all is guaranteed. Advance tickets are now available, as we need to know how much food will be necessary. You can also make direct donations to the carpet fund. Progress is being charted on a large blueprint of the Bridge Centre premises, with the to-be-carpeted areas marked off into squares. Buy a carpet "square" in your name, in the name of your long-suffering partner (!), or anonymously.

**"...the objective of refurbishing the Bridge Centre to generate new revenues and players is an important and worthwhile project"**

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a labour of love!

The whole point of this preamble is to give you a little food for thought as I now ask each one of you to take the time to consider whether or not you are able to give your personal assistance to Ken in his next undertaking. Just as things wear out around your own home, so do they at the Centre. Those of you who've been to the Centre recently may have noticed that the carpet is beginning to look a little shabby. With a newly signed lease in hand, Ken feels confident about investing in a replacement floor covering and this is where you come in!

In the first place, already several unit members have been generous enough to donate to the "Carpet Fund" and many thanks to them. Secondly, over the next few months, the Centre will be running special fund-raising events and other programs to augment the "Carpet Fund". Please watch for news of them. You can help here by attending these events...any or all...and by participating in the special programs. The first of these is a

*Fifty-Fifty Draw* for which tickets are being sold, three for \$5. The draw will take place at the Centre's *5th Annual Birthday Bash*, Saturday, July 5th with half the proceeds going to the winner and half to the "Carpet Fund". A second special event will take place at the Birthday Bash in the form of an *Auction* of donated goods and/or services. Already they've received donations of some incredible items like yacht cruises, dinner evenings and fine art pieces. Thirdly, if any of you have connections to a company that might provide quality floor covering product and/or services at minimum markup, please let Ken know and do what you can to facilitate contact.

Ken wishes to thank each one of you who has given him your support over the past five years. It's been a learning process to feel the pulse of the bridge playing public and to endeavour to meet their needs...and some of their whims! He continues to need your support and especially with this new undertaking. Will you please take a few minutes to think about what you can do to help? Thanks a million!

# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: June 9, 1997. Not including invitation-only clubs)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Last Reported Club Champions
<i>Mon</i>	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open	25 Aug	Maria & Adam Dabrowski
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	TBA	Cliff & Pat Glen
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open, novice—STR:1st	16 Jun	Daisy Neilson/Judy Acheson
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	15 Sep	Danny Sopkow/Joel Lesch
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	call Lorraine Hurren (898-2702) for latest information		
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	information seldom received—can anyone help?	
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-200, stratified	22 Sep	Ryan Park/Del Haylock
<i>Tue</i>	10:45 am	VBC	B. Russell	stratified	23 Sep	Marylou Bert/June Pocock
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open	5 Aug	Kathy Adachi/Ina Andersen
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebinger	open	unscheduled	none yet held (?)
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	TBA	Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	23 Sep	Marylou Bert/Steve Clements
<i>Wed</i>	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 30 Jul	16 Jul	Marny Van Camp/Mary Sutherland
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	25 Jun	Heinz & Martin Henneberger
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-20 MP	24 Sep	Lori Chong/Diana Marr
	7:15 pm	WRK	F. Schultz	open, STR: last	11 Jul	Dot Carnegie/Rekha Shah
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	3 Sept	Mona Taylor/Laureen Holley
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	16 Jul	Robert Jess/James Balcom
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	25 Jun, 27 Aug	Walter Schmid/George Wood
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, STR	24 Sep	Pat Jones/Diane Ayukawa
<i>Thu</i>	10:30 am	DTA	P. Stapff	open: <i>new time &amp; place</i>	4 Sep	Ernie Dietrich/Harry Friedman
	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	7 Aug	Nomi & Nadia Kaplan
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	Teams: 19 Jun, 14 Aug	7 Aug	Marylou Bert/Bill Goldstone
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	21 Aug	(25 May 2-session teams) Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff, Beryl Hamilton, Ray Morrison
	7:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	0-20	25 Sep	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	25 Sep	Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
<i>Fri</i>	1:00 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	26 Sep	Nicole Bourassa/Maureen Crompton
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	26 Sep	Murray Clements/Walter Schmid
	7:30 pm	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams—first	Friday of each month only	
	7:30 pm	S-D	T. Stiennon	open, Teams: 18 Jul	8 Aug	Aase Haines/Daisy Neilson
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	26 Sep	Dorin Costin/Michael Neagu
<i>Sat</i>	1:00 pm	VBC	E. Chan	Monthly Special Events, otherwise afternoon and evening Rubber Bridge		
<i>Sun</i>	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: tournaments	31 Aug	Eleanor Kaufmann/Harvey Sawyer
	6:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	IP-STR, X:1st (MUG)	21 Sep	Chester Michno/Ken Lochang

### GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game

LP=limited masterpoint game

X:n=game not held on nth week of each month

1st, 2nd, last, etc=only on the first, second last (or whatever) week of each month (unless noted, all clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks)

STR=stratified game

IP=IMP Pairs scoring

Games limited to club members and guests are not listed here. Some clubs hold four quarterly club 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

June 16—August 31, 1997

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

### Date Time Club What's Happening

16 Jun	7:15	SRV	Club Championship
19 Jun	7:15	F-V	Swiss Teams
20 Jun	7:30	VBC	Badger children Charity game
23 Jun	7:15	SRV	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
23 Jun	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Club Qualifying game (Flight C only, 0-500 non-LM)
23 Jun	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
25 Jun	10:30	HAS	Club Championship
25 Jun	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
25 Jun	7:30	M-R	Club Championship
26 Jun	10:30	DTA	No game (this date only)

### Date Time Club What's Happening

26 Jun	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
27 Jun	7:30	VBC	TGIF (+ post game panel show)
29 Jun	6:00		Hands Across the Border: dinner and bridge at the Arbutus Club, preregistration (Anne Nagy 271-0720) is required, complete details on page 24
30 Jun	1:00	VBC	Canadian-American Farewell Pairs, a friendly game marking the end of the Hands Across the Border tour
1 Jul	11:00	VCR	Annual 2-session Charity Swiss Teams (second session TBA)
1 Jul	7:15	SRV	Stratified Game
2 Jul	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game (Flights B/C only: 0-1500 MP)
3 Jul	10:30	DTA	Charity Game
5 Jul	1:00	VBC	5th anniversary Birthday BBQ Bash and Carpet Fund auction

**6 Jul Monthly Unit Game and 1997 Unit 430 Annual General Meeting, held at both sites with phone link (6:30 VBC, S-W)**  
**7-18 Jul Unit 430 District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)**

All regular games held at clubs participating in the STaC will award silver points to all winners, and there will be overall awards each session for District-wide high scores. At press time, all Unit 430 clubs were confirmed except for JCC, NSW, SQU, SUN, and TSW. All three VCR sessions will be part of the STaC. All VBC sessions except for Wednesday morning will be part of the STaC, and the VBC will run an extra Saturday afternoon and a Saturday evening open STaC game on July 11. An estimated 100 clubs in District 19 will participate in the first Unit 430-run STaC.

Jul 14	7:30	CWK	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Jul 14	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams Week 1—a weekly random-draw team game thru Aug. 25. Players may enter as pairs or individuals and need not attend each week
Jul 15	10:45	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Jul 16	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
Jul 16	7:30	C.R	Club Championship

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## Club Abbreviations and Contacts

ABB—Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
ARB—Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252
BBY—Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445
C.R—Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891
CWK—Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
DTA—Delta BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794
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
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
SRV—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

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Jul 18	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
Jul 21	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams continues
Jul 22	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Jul 25	7:30	S-D	International Fund Game
Jul 25	7:30	VBC	International Fund Game and TGIF (+ post game panel show)
Jul 28	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
Jul 28	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams continues
Jul 30	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
Jul 30	7:30	WRK	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Aug 2	1:00	VBC	Summer Madness (\$3/player!): 1:00pm: 0-100 Pairs Game 7:30pm: Open IMP Pairs
<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>		
Aug 4	10:00	VCR	B.C. Day Charity Pairs
Aug 4	7:30	SRY	Stratified Game
Aug 4	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams continues
Aug 5	7:30	S-W	Club Championship
Aug 6	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game (Flights B/C only: 0-1500MP)
Aug 7	11:00	JCC	Club Championship
Aug 7	7:15	F-V	Club Championship
Aug 8	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
Aug 11	7:30	CWK	ACBL Charity Game
Aug 11	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams continues
Aug 12	7:30	BBY	Charity Game

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
Aug 14	7:15	F-V	Swiss Teams
Aug 14	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Aug 18	10:00	VCR	Seeberg Trophy Charity Game
Aug 18	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams continues
Aug 21	7:30	MIS	Club Championship
Aug 25	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
Aug 25	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
Aug 25	7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams Finale
Aug 26	7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Aug 27	7:30	M-R	Club Championship
Aug 27	7:30	WRK	Stratified Game
Aug 29	7:30	VBC	TGIF (+ post game panel show)
Aug 30	1:00	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying game
Aug 31	1:00	RMD	Club Championship

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
Sep 1	10:00	VCR	Labour Day Charity Pairs
Sep 3	7:15	VCR	Club Championship
<b>Sep 7</b>	<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>		
Sep 17	10:00	VCR	Stratified Game
Sep 17	7:30	VBC	ABCL Instant Matchpoint Pairs
Sep 20	TBA	VBC	Goofy Pairs (tentative)
<b>Sep 21-27</b>	<b>VBC Club Championship Week</b>		
Sep 26	7:30	ABB	Club Championship

## 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  
July 7: STaC Game  
July 14 NAOP Qualifier  
Aug 11: ACBL Charity Game  
Sep 15: Club Championship  
Monster Game: Louise Percher/Roselle McRae, 72%

### Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors  
Complex: 11940 224th St.  
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm  
Jun 25: Club Championship  
July 9: STaC Game  
Aug 27: Club Championship  
ACBL Charity  
Game Winners:  
Flora Tereposky &  
Laurie Cowan

### Mission

Leisure Centre  
7621 Taulbut Ave.  
Thursdays at 7:30 pm  
July 10: STaC Game  
Aug 21: Club Championship  
15th Annual Mission Charity  
Swiss Teams Championship  
Winners (21 teams!): Joerg  
Schneider, Pat Stapff, Beryl  
Hamilton, Ray Morrison

### Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre  
2478 McCallum Road  
Fridays at 7:30 pm  
July 11: STaC Game  
September 26: Club  
Championship  
Club Championship  
Winners:  
Murray Clements &  
Walter Schmid

## Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver

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

June 25: Club Championship July 9: STaC Game

RECENT WINNERS:

March 26 STaC Game: Harold Hanson/Norm Gangnes

April 23 Charity Game: Cliff & Pat Glen

## 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

July 13: STaC (Silver Points!)

Aug 31: Club Championship

STaC Winners: Ralph Purves/  
Insa Fricker. Charity Game:

Barry Wade/John Schulmann

## White Rock Bridge Club

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

**Kay Lyons 536-0486**

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm  
Stratified games last Wednesday  
of each month

July 9: STaC Game

July 30: NAOP Qualifying

Swiss Teams Winners:

Randy Jordan, J. Friesen, Grace  
Jeklin, Marcia Christie

## Delta Bridge Club

formerly Cloverdale Bridge Club

Our **NEW** location:

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church  
11601 82nd Ave., Delta

**Pat Stapff 588-6794**

Coffee and snacks included

Thursdays at 10:30 PM  
(new time, don't be late!)

July 10: StaC game

Sept 4: Club Championship

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## 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**

## ARBUTUS VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre  
2b-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

BY INVITATION ONLY

**Shirley Bowers 732-3252**

coffee, tea, cookies

Thursdays at 7:30 pm sharp

<b>SUBURBIA clubs</b>	<b>South-West Duplicate Bridge Club</b>	<b>Fraser Valley Bridge Club</b>	<b>Sur-Del Bridge Club</b>
<b>Thony Stiennon (non-playing director)</b> 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC
<b>Regular Games:</b>	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
<b>Club Championships:</b>	August 5	August 7	August 8
<b>STaC Games:</b>	July 8	July 10	July 11
<b>Swiss Teams:</b>		June 19, August 14	July 18
<b>International Fund Games:</b>			July 25
<b>Badger Children Charity Game Winners:</b>	Maggie Warren & Daisy Neilson	Dorin & Simona Costin	Ken Holland & Ron McConnell

### Squamish Bridge Club

Masonic Hall, Elliott Building  
38140 Cleveland Ave., Squamish  
Mondays at 7:30 PM  
monthly handicap and trophy race games  
closed during summer; please call for details  
Lorraine Hurren 898-2702

## 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

June 23: NAOP Club Qualifying

July 7: STaC Game (SILVER points)

### RECENT BIG GAME

Dot Carnegie/Randy Jordan 69.9%

Thank you to South Surrey players for donating \$105 to the Badger children fund.

## 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

Tuesday, July 1st, 11am and TBA:

Annual 2-session Charity Swiss Teams

July 7 and 9 (am and pm): District-wide

Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Win

SILVER points at the club!

**Club Championships:** Mon Aug 25,

Wed July 16 (am), Wed Sept 13 (pm)

Wed July 30 (am): Handicap Game

Mon Aug 4: B.C. Day Charity Pairs

Mon Aug 18: Seeberg

Trophy Charity Game

Mon Sept 1: Labour Day Charity Pairs

Wed Sept 17(am): Stratified Game

**Players of the Month:** Daytime: Amir

Alibhai (February), Shirley McKinney/

Julie Smith (March), Maria Dabrowski

(April). Evening: February: A: Marina

Page, Terry Scott, B: Claire Burns, Peter

Morse, C: Sid Robinson. March: A: Pat

Landau, B: Amir Alibhai, C: Sharon

Hughes, Joan Sobieniak. April: A:

Laureen Holley, Mona Taylor, B: Sharon

Hughes, Joan Sobieniak, C: Hooshang

Vessal, Shapour Darabi.

### RECENT WINNERS

**ACBL Wide Seniors Game:** Barbara

Green/Win Gilbreath. **Easter Fun**

**Pairs:** Myra Morgan/Daisy Neilson

# Rachel & Melissa...

By Thony Stiennon

When, a few weeks ago, I called all of the bridge Directors in the Unit, asking them to set up a special game to allow these two young girls to go to summer camp, the response was always a very enthusiastic YES. The result of this campaign is wonderful: here are the details:

Of this total, \$1310.00 will be paid to the bank account of "Rachel & Melissa Badger—In Trust" and the remainder of \$758.40 will go to the Lower Mainland Christmas & Camping Bureau.

Eugene Chan of the Vancouver Bridge Centre told me that it is unfortunate that they had to postpone their Charity Game until mid-June, but that it will be held on June 20, 1997. Proceeds of that game will be paid into the Rachel & Melissa Badger account, and will be acknowledged in the next *Matchpointer*.

It gives me a wonderful feeling to see—as we all already knew—that bridge players are compassionate people who can rise to the occasion. To all of you, my

Tsawassen Bridge Club	Monday evening	\$ 25.00
Central Richmond Bridge Club	Wednesday evening	\$ 77.00
East Richmond Bridge Club	Sunday afternoon	\$ 120.00
Vancouver Bridge Club	Wednesday morning	\$ 64.00
Delta Bridge Club	Thursday morning	\$ 50.00
Abbotsford Bridge Club	Friday evening	
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday evening	
Maple Ridge Bridge Club	Wednesday evening	
Mission Bridge Club	Thursday evening	\$ 242.40
Hastings Bridge Club	Wednesday morning	\$ 50.00
South-West Bridge Club	Tuesday morning	\$ 1054.00
Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Thursday evening	\$ 72.00
Sur-Del Bridge Club	Friday evening	\$ 59.00
South Surrey Bridge Club	Monday evening	\$ 105.00
Arbutus Village Bridge Club	Thursday evening	\$ 40.00
Additional private donations		\$ 110.00
Total		\$ 2,068.40

sincere THANK YOU, and special thanks to the Directors whose efforts have made this fund raising campaign a success. Following is a letter from the Badger parents to all bridge players:

When Rachel and Melissa were diagnosed in the Spring of 1991, Steve and I were devastated when we were told that we were going to lose two of our three daughters. I cannot describe in words the pain and the suffering we experienced at that time. So unprepared were we for the years yet to come. For those of you who have parented, you will understand the natural instinct to nurture your children and help them when they are sick. It is an indescribable sense of helplessness when there is no cure for their sickness and you have to stand by and watch them get progressively weaker.

In the past years, Steve and I have done all we can to research their disorder in the hopes of slowing the progression. Having succumbed to the realization of not being able to help them, we have tried to give them all we possibly can. With the help of many charities and compassionate people, we have taken them to Disneyland and Disney World and they have received many gifts. Their days are spent having as much fun as their health will permit, and the highlight of every summer in a week at Camp Squamish.

When Government assisted programs end, it then becomes the family's responsibility to pay for nurses and attendants to help care for these children. It is extremely stressful caring for not one but two severely handicapped children on a 24 hour basis. As we have sadly read in the newspapers recently, some people just haven't been able to cope. It is one of the hardest responsibilities I have ever been faced with and one that never ends. It is so important for the parents to get respite away from these duties and makes the break easier for everyone if the children can have fun at the same time.

I want to thank you all for understanding our needs and being in support of our request. It is very difficult for Steve and I to publicly seek funding assistance, but we do it for Rachel and Melissa, and for the dedicated nurses and attendants who have been so loyal to our family over the years, and who on many occasions work for far less than they deserve.

Please pass along our sincerest thanks to all bridge players involved in your fund raising efforts.

With deepest gratitude,

Jeanette & Steve Badger

## Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

July 7 Sectional Tournament at Clubs July 8

Charity Game August 12

Club Championship dates to be announced

Cliff &

Club Championship

Toyo Nunoda &

Pat Glen

Winners

Yuko Fujieda

## Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

5653 Wharf Road,

Suite 202, Sechelt

Rudy Notel 885-5552

Partners Guaranteed

Monday Wednesday Thursday

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

teams open open

Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars

## Kerrisdale Duplicate Bridge Club

closed at the end of May. Club Manager Ted Trerise  
thanks all players who attended the games.

## Isawassen Bridge Club

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

Finn Schultz 534-5025 Mondays 7:30 pm

## Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club

Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver

All players welcome! Connie Delisle (263-9196),

## Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8

Ph. 255-2564 Lessons, books, seminars

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20: Badger children charity game

June 27: TGIF and postgame panel show

June 30 (1:00 pm): Canadian-American Farewell Open Pairs: finale of the Hands Across The Border tour. Come and meet this group of travelling bridge players as their tour winds up at the VBC!

July 5: VBC's 5th anniversary Birthday BBQ Bash and Carpet Fund Auction. Come and help us celebrate five years and help us raise money for a new carpet!

July 7-13: Unit 430 District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs.

All regular VBC games during the week will be a part of the STaC, except for Wednesday morning's 0-20 game. In addition, there will be two extra chances at silver—Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm and Saturday evening at 7:30 pm.

July 14: IMPromptu Teams begins. Players may enter as pairs or individuals each Monday night. Each week's entrants will be seeded and teams will be drawn so no team has an abundance of seeded players. Players carry their VP scores from week to week, thru August 25, with the best totals vying for the IMPromptu Championship!

July 25: International Fund Game + TGIF + panel show

Aug 2: Summer Madness (\$3/player/session!)

1pm: 99er pairs 7:30pm: Open IMP Pairs

Watch for our newsletter, [vanbridge.com](http://vanbridge.com), coming soon!

### REGULAR GAMES

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

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

Tuesday 10:45 AM Stratified Open Game

Lunch Available!

Tuesday 7:30 PM Stratified Open Game

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

Includes Mini-Lesson and Lunch

Wednesday 7:30 PM Advanced Intermediate Game

Stratified (0-750 MP)

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

Includes Mini-Lesson

Thursday 7:30 PM Stratified Open Game

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's championships



VBC is now a smoke-free club



Effective air-conditioning: dress warmly!

# Meyer Repeats in B!

## A: Johnston vs Doner or Lochang

As this issue of the *Matchpointer* went to press, the IMP League Commissioner was out of town and the A-League vital stats had long since been taken off the VBCs IMP League Wall, but we were able to get the final standings without the gory details:

Team	Seed	VPs
1. Doner	8	252
2. Lindsay	5	251
3. Davis	1	247
4. Johnson	10	229
5. Pocock	6	219
6. Bullis	9	214
7. Lochang	11	211
8. Hernandez	3	200
9. Foster	2	189
10. Dickie	7	187
11. Thomas	4	184
12. Fetterley	14	148
13. Laudan	12	121
14. Cowan	13	76

The predictor had a more difficult time this year, but still finished with a respectable score of +42.41% on the correlation co-efficient scale. With several new teams in the league, this is a respectable score, far better than the Hog-In-Training's City B-League picks, where he'd have been better off to reverse the order.

Flight A playoffs are underway as this is written and the upsets have continued! #7 LOCHANG defeated #2 LINDSAY, and #4 JOHNSON, picked as a longshot to

even make the playoffs, eliminated perennial contender #5 POCOCK. But the biggest upset had to be the top seed DAVIS team, who were pre-season favorites and came just a few VPs from winning the regular season pennant, going out to #6 BULLIS in the first round! The BULLIS squad then faced #4 JOHNSON in one semi-final (a battle of two teams predicted to be on the outside looking in come playoff time) but could not produce a second upset. These are the surviving teams at press time:

**Martin JOHNSON, Eugene Chan, Brian Russell, Sarlo Camas**

...to play the winner of this semi final:

**Ken LOCHANG, John Bryden, Anne Nagy, Ken Robertson, Ed Ashenhurst**  
vs. **Cam DONER, Nicci Charleson, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert, Tom Devine**

Flight B's playoffs were just beginning in the City and Valley Leagues as the March *Matchpointer* appeared. The Hog-In-Training had apologized in his relentless needling of the champion Meyer squad and had predicted them to sail through the city playoffs but perhaps have trouble in the final against the Valley winner. Meyer got past Ayukawa and Dressler as predicted.

In the Valley League, the #4 seed Webster, having narrowly lost their final two matches of the season after setting a blistering 5-0 pace, found their form, defeating first the pennant winner Schmidt, and then knocking off the second place Skoropada team.

We have a full report on the exciting City vs Valley Final from relieved winning captain Larry Meyer:

## B League Repeat!

by Larry Meyer

The Flight "B" IMP League Final; VALLEY VICTORS versus CITY CHAMPS, by your Special Correspondent.

[Note that "B" is for Basketball and the result was closer than most games involving the Vancouver Grizzlies].

TEAM MEYER (The Cosy Nostra, so self-styled for reasons of which the *Matchpointer* editor will be aware), the City champs, defended their "B" league title on Wednesday, April 16 at the VBC, against TEAM WEBSTER, the survivors of a cutthroat playoff series upriver. The match was a ding-dong battle, MEYER dinging WEBSTER in the first half, only to be severely donged in the second.

This was *not* purist bridge and it was perhaps just as

well that the teams had declined numerous requests from would-be kibitzers on the grounds that there was no time to erect bleachers. Of the 28 hands played, only *two* were evaluated, bid and played so as to result in a push!

TEAM MEYER fielded "Vito" Meyer and "Vinny" MacKenzie (East-West at Table 2), "Muscles" Simpson and "Bugsy" Coote (North-South at Table 1). TEAM WEBSTER had Phil and Lenora Awram sitting East-West at Table 1, Dan Webster and Larry Chow North-South at Table 2.

FIRST HALF (results shown from City's point of view; and why not?)

MEYER got off to a fine start when Table 1 bid a wholly indefensible and, as it happens, completely unbeatable 6♣ on Board 1; many East's might bid 3♦ over

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North's 1♠ opener with ♦ KQxxxx and out, which would have made it quite impossible to get to slam; Table 2 made a slam try and properly stopped in 5S. 11 to City.

WEBSTER were set twice on #3. 19-nil.

Valley missed game at Table 1 on #4, while at Table 2 they showed the red card to an easy ten tricks. 31-zilch!

Valley again missed game, non-vulnerable this time, on #5. 37 unanswered City IMPs!

On #6 City were set at 4♠, while their teammates at Table 2 made 3♥. City 40—Valley no score!

At Table 1, City N/S stopped in 2♠ (making three) on #7, while Valley at Table 2 went on to make a *very* pushy 4♠. 40-10 City. #9 saw Valley off two in an impossible 6♥, while South at Table 1 was happy to make eleven tricks in NT. 51-10 City. On #10 WEBSTER at Table 1 missed a 3NT game, making at Table 2. 61-10! #11 was a one-trick set at both tables against Valley. 64-10! On #13 South at both tables was in a misfitting 4♥; both failed but WEBSTER came two tricks closer. 64-17! On the final board before the tea-break, MEYER at Table 1 took the push to 3♥ and failed by one trick; their teammates at Table 2 took a rather different view of the hand, going down 4 at 3NT. 6 IMPs to Valley!

At the halfway point City was in a strong position with a 41 IMP lead. However, during the break the fifth member of the team, "Machine-Gun" Takishita, fresh from the airport and suffering from jet-lag, dropped into

the dressing-room to put the hex on by expressing his complete confidence (or else!). This may have had some effect as the second stanza unfolded...

**SECOND HALF:** A couple of small exchanges were followed by City at Table 2 missing a fine slam, while at Table 1 an overtrick in 6♥ had the Valley wondering how they might have reached the grand! 67-38 City.

#5 had City's declarer at Table 1 struggle in 4♠ with 21 HCP against a *bad* split. He worried that Table 2 would stop below game for a plus, but of course Valley were too far behind to consider such a move and the defence was solid for down two. 70-38.

#6 was an easy 4♠ for Valley, good for 11 tricks and making 12 at Table 1 when the defenders gambled; at Table 2 4♠ was shown the red card, making with an extra. I don't think the double of a freely bid contract at IMPs is a winning strategy (see #4 in the first half, but then again see #11 below! 77-38.

#7 saw City's North at Table 1 go down four in a Moysian 2♠ (both vulnerable) with a combined 16 HCP; it was clear E/W were good for 4♥. Would City bid it at the other table? They did! 83-38.

At the board exchange City had picked up another four IMPs for a 45 IMP edge (although we couldn't know it, of course). At Table 2 the City players felt that, apart from the missed slam at #14, that things were still under control. At Table 1 City were less confident; Valley's East-West pair had got their act together and were hitting their stride. We started the second half with boards 8-14

## 7th Annual "Hands Across The Border"

*This special event welcoming touring bridge players to Vancouver takes place at the Arbutus Club on Sunday June 29th. Dinner at 6:00pm, then a locals-teamed-with-tourists Swiss Teams begins at 7:30. Also, a special Monday afternoon game will be held at the VBC on Monday, June 30th at 1:00, as we bid farewell to our visitors. Please pre-register at the VBC or by calling Anne Nagy at 271-0720.*

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on our table and Valley were singing a different tune than in the first stanza. With nothing to lose and, no doubt, some plain words at the break, they were now making a real battle of it. Had the VBC been able to stage a vugraph set-up, the audience—if they stayed—would have seen one of the most exciting comebacks in many years!

#8: A push; the first since #2 in the first half!

#9: City at Table 1 went down three in 2NT; Valley made eight tricks at Table 2, for a swing of 7 IMPS. 83-45.

#10: A weak 2♣ was reopened with 2NT and passed out. Down one. At the other table, Valley tried for a swing but 3NT went down three tricks. 5 IMPS to City. 88-45.

#11: 2NT was set one trick by City at Table 1; at Table 2 a Kaplan-Sheinwold-MacKenzie-Precision bid which sometimes works didn't this time and the result was 2♣ down four doubled for a 13 IMP swing! 88-58.

#12: Nine tricks are available to E/W and both tables made them; but only Valley was in the NT strain. Seven more IMPS to Valley. 88-65.

#13: A good 4♥ game was missed by City at Table 2! Ten more to Valley. 88-75 with one to go!

#14: An interesting hand. North holds:

♠Jx ♥KQxxxxx ♦— ♣KQxx

Partner opens 1NT in second seat and RHO overcalls 2♠. I made the Texas Transfer bid of 4♦ and partner converted to 4♥. With the two spade losers I wanted to

make sure of a plus, so I passed, and LHO bid 4♠, passed around to me. I thought of bidding 5♣ to see if it would excite partner, but still wanting a plus, I decided to simply bid 5♥, which made. At Table 2 North-South bid without transfers to the non-vulnerable 6♥—and made it. The swing: 11 IMPS to Valley.

Final Score: City 88, Valley 86!

As the Iron Duke said after Waterloo, it was "a damned close-run thing." (He is also reported to have said he was far more afraid of his own troops than of the enemy, but I'm not at all sure that it is either proper, tactful or safe to invoke that quote here!) At IMPs one must always remember that the other table is going to have to play the same hands; boards #4 and #11 of the second half are simply the exception that proves the rule that your friends at the other table will play them as well as the enemy at yours. (If you can't depend on that, apply to join the enemy!)

That was a great IMP League season and the final was a strenuous cliffhanger. MEYER would like to pay tribute to all the teams they played throughout the regular season and the playoffs. Everyone greeted us with a friendly demeanour and ethical behaviour throughout; we hope we were able to match their standards.

Cosy Nostra are considering, in light of the strain of playing the entire "B" IMP League season, moving up to "A" next year for a rest!

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## Local Winners

### March Madness Mini-Sectional VBC, March 15-16

Saturday Afternoon Future Stars Stratified

- AB1. Jeanette & Roland Chew  
 AB2C1. Bud Creelman/Linda Bell  
 AB3C2. Ture & Lynn Erickson  
 A4. Greg Lam/Martin Henneberger  
 A5B4. Jessie & Ted Vesak  
 A6C3. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter  
 C4. Julien Levesque/Carole Harris

Saturday Evening Expertise-Stratified Pairs

- ABC1. Arkadiusz Sitek/Mark Rojewski  
 ABC2. Jeanette Chew/Roland Chew  
 A3/ABC3. Adele Mackay/Marylou Varga  
 A3/4. Tai Eng/Insa Fricker  
 A5. Bill Henning/Catriona Brown  
 B4. Patti Adams/Laura Lambert  
 B5C4. Nomi Kaplan/Priscilla Brown

Sunday Afternoon Future Stars Stratified IMP Pairs

- AB1. Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez  
 A2. Jessie Vesak/Ted Vesak  
 A3. Noorali Dhanani/Amir Mitha  
 A4/5. Greg Lam/Julien Levesque  
 A4/5. Bruce Jackson/Andrew Lee  
 B2. Carole Harris/Marie Cahill

Sunday Evening Stratified IMP Pairs

- ABC1. Ruby Jackson/Sandra Hawk  
 A2. Insa Fricker/Tai Eng  
 A3B2. Bruce McIntyre/Hushang Mohtadi  
 A4. Lesley Laudan/Diane Dean  
 A5/6. Doug Cowan/Stephen Beaton  
 A5/6B3. Beverly Kanee/Nancy Davies  
 B4. Dan Webster/Eugene Chan  
 B5C2. Lynn & Ture Erickson  
 C3. Waldemar Jez/Ewa Wroblewicz

### CWTC BC Zone Final VBC, March 22

1. Marge Neate, Delphine Tablotney, Stella Aliston, Donna Morrison  
 2. June Pocock, Marylou Bert, Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold

(The National Final of the Canadian Women's Teams Championship will be

held in Winnipeg, August 6-10, 1997. It was not known at press time how many teams from the B.C. Zone Final would be eligible to compete—your editor's best guess is at least these two, if not more.)

### 1997 CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game VBC, April 3

1. Claire Burns/Anita Morse  
 2. Pauline Lee/Andrew Lee  
 3. Ken Robertson/Julien Levesque  
 4. Les Fouks/Peggy Winter  
 5. Marge Neate/Ewa Wroblewicz  
 6. Harry Greenhut/Irwin Vinegar
- (The October 30, 1996 Fall CBF Rookie-Master Game at the VBC drew 74 pairs, a Canada-wide top! Results from the April game have not been tabulated yet, but the VBC matched it's October attendance with another 37-table blockbuster! If this is again a Canada-wide top, the Bridge Centre will be pulling out all the stops to score the hat trick on Monday, October 27, the date of the next CBF Rookie Master Game.)

### CNTC B.C. Zone Final April 5-6, VBC

1. Jim McAvoy, Peter Herold, Duncan Smith, Ken Scholes  
 2. Mike Hargreaves, Gord McOrmond, Allan Graves, Joe Silver, Mike Dorn Wiss  
 3. Larry Pocock, Derek Ward, Wilf May, Don Sache  
 4. Dick Grant, Jacques Ribeyre, Ken Bibby, Jim Dunn  
 5. Iym Galand, Peter Maclean, Glen Thornborough, Al Chapelle, Steve Vincent
- (These teams won overall awards in the Zone Final. More than five teams may represent B.C. in the National Final, held as the Matchpointer goes to press, to round out the field to an even number.)

### Vancouver Spring Sectional Burnaby, May 30-June 1, 1997

Friday Afternoon

- Stratified Open Pairs *30 tables*
- A1. Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda  
 A2. Tony Remedios/Rick Gorman  
 A3. Derek Ward/Don Sache  
 A4. Aidan Ballantyne/Ken Danielsen  
 A5. Michael Yuen/Cam Doner  
 A6BC1. Marylou Varga/Adele Mackay  
 B2. Larry Snelling/Eleanor Kaufmann  
 B3. Don & Gail Sharp  
 B4. Sky Williamson/Amirali Aibhai  
 B5. Peter Morse/Claire Burns  
 B6C2. Barry Kirkham/Mike Hurley  
 C3. Walter Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar  
 C4. Van Buchanan/Bob Bosley  
 C5. Lina & Simon Cheng  
 C6. Keith & Nora Siddall

Stratified Women's Pairs

*13 tables*

- AB1. Aase Haines/Daisy Neilson  
 A2. Marge Neate/Stella Aliston  
 A3. Donna Morrison/Anne-Marie Bullis  
 A4. Sheila Giroto/Joyce Peters  
 A5B2C1. Lenora Awram/Connie Schmid  
 A6. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney  
 B3. Kay Lyons/Maree Logan  
 B4. Barbara Green/Dianne Kerr  
 B5C2. Betty Harold/Jean Katz  
 C3. Delma Murray/Mary McKay
- Friday Evening

Stratified IMP Pairs

*32½ tables*

- A1. Ernie Dietrich/Don Sache  
 A2B1. Pat Jones/Ric Sumner  
 A3. Changiz Khodabandeh/Steve Clements  
 A4. Christina & Dan Jacob  
 A5/6. Larry & June Pocock  
 A5/6. Cam Doner/Michael Yuen  
 A7B2. Ted Lai/Ram Hira  
 B3. Mike Moffatt/Tom Cotton  
 B4. Larry Snelling/Eleanor Kaufmann  
 B5. Barbara Green/Dee Kerr  
 B6. Janis Parker/Nick Parker  
 C1. Walter Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar  
 C2. Jerome Loepky/Roy Trask  
 C3. Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak  
 C4. Mark Rojewski/Arek Sitek  
 C5. Jan Shulman/Barry Wade

Matchpoint Pairs

*18 tables*

- A1B1. Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst  
 A2. Sandi White/Stan Bodlak  
 A3. Maureen Crompton/Andrew Ross  
 A4. Don Brazeau/Judy Strebinger  
 A5B2C1. Barry Kirkham/Mike Hurley  
 A6B3. Tai Eng/Insa Fricker  
 B4C2. Tom McKenna/Lynn Radcliffe  
 B5C3. Adele Mackay/Marylou Varga  
 B6. Pat Lester/Toyo Nunoda  
 C4. Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai
- Future Master Stratified

Friday Evening

*10 tables*

- A1B1. Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez  
 A2. Malcolm & Jeanne McDonald  
 A3B2C1. Kazimierz Karwowski/Aleksander Lemanowicz  
 A4B3C2. Ruth Winkler/Dawn Smith  
 A5/6B4/5C3/4. Jerzy Mazur/Jan Laczny  
 A5/6B4/5C3/4. Victor Muniak/Andrew Zorawski
- Saturday Afternoon *7 tables*
- A1. Noorali Dhanani/Amir Mitha  
 A2B1. Jane Fyfe/Norma Saltzberg  
 A3B2C1. Jan Laczny/Jerzy Mazur  
 A4B3C2. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter  
 A5. Mary Kidd/Doreen Jensen  
 B4C3. Keith & Nora Siddall  
 C4. Myra Johnston/Adelina Wong-Chor

Saturday Evening

- A1B1. Norma Saltzberg/Jane Fyle  
 A2. Mary Kidd/Doreen Jensen  
 A3B2C1. Rosa Brown/Jeanne McDonald  
 A4B3C2. Victor Muniak/Andrew Zorawski  
 A5B4C3. Kazimierz Rumian/Jacek Karpinski  
 B5/6C4/5. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter  
 B5/6C4/5. Klim Trebuniak/Zdzislaw Karpietz  
 Saturday 2-session

Stratified Pairs *50%, 48 tables*

- A1. Gary Phelan/Grace Jeklin  
 A2. Peter Herold/Dan Jacob  
 A3B1. Lenora Awram/Jim Sache  
 A4. Martin Johnson/Tony Remedios  
 A5. Bill Goldstone/Marylou Bert  
 A6B2. Ruth Ableman/Dee Kerr  
 A7. Cam Doner/Mike Wilson  
 A8. Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster  
 B3. Leszek Baldys/Don Sharp  
 B4. Don Keith/H.K. Ho  
 B5C1. Clare Way/Malcolm McDonald  
 B6C2. Martin Henneberger/Andrew Lee  
 C3. Keith Bolton/Dave Johnston  
 C4. Edward Worsfold/Brynjolf Brynjolfsson  
 C5. Amad Rafii/Sohrab Radmard  
 C6. Dan Webster/Kelvin Raywood  
 Sunday Swiss

Flight A VP Swiss *16 teams*

1. Mike Wilson, Michael Yuen, Bill Goldstone, Cam Doner  
 2. Allan Graves, Gord McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Bryan Maksymetz  
 3. June Pocock, Leslie Gold, Marylou Bert, Kathy Adachi  
 4. Jim Sache, Randy Jordan, Gary Phelan, Grace Jeklin  
 5. Rhonda Foster, Tony Remedios, Gerry McCully, Changiz Khodabandeh  
 6. Ev Hodge, Monica Angus, Roger Allen, Mary Fines

Andy Nagy Stratified B/C Swiss *40 teams*

- B1. Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld  
 B2. Al & Bernice French, Pirtpal Gill, John Demeulemeester  
 B3. Sandi White, Stan Bodlak, Gay Parrish, Jay Brandt  
 B4. Ted Lai, Sheila Shoring, Barry Kirkham, Ram Hira  
 B5/6. John Home, Christopher Maylin, Terry Val Jean, Audrey Dorais; Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Prashant Pandit, Andrew Lee  
 B7/8. Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson, Hing Kong Ho, Semiral Tuncer; Jane Craig, Bonnie Scott, Maureen Crompton, Nicole Bourassa  
 C1. Sky Williamson, Dawn Kingsland, Arthur Ma, Amir Alibhai  
 C2/3. Patricia Feltham, Dorothy Macleod, Joan Campbell, Peggy Ross; Ted & Jessie Vesak, Jane Fyfe, Rosa Brown

*7 1/2 tables* Sunday Flight B/C Swiss Cont.

- C4. Joyce Tokarek, Ghodsi Ahmadi, Rae Fee, Bachan Buttar

**Out-of-Town Winners**

**Vancouver Island Regional  
 Victoria, April 7-13**

Monday

Charity Stratified Pairs

- A2. Doug Thomas/Gary Phelan  
 A4. Aidan & Jenny Ballantyne  
 99er Charity Stratified Pairs  
 AB2. Anita Morse/Gordon Burns  
 Welcome to Victoria Bracketed KOs  
*Bracket 2*  
 2. Al & Bernice French  
*Bracket 3*  
 1. Claire Buirns, Peter Morse  
 3/4. John Whittlesey, Bachan Buttar  
*Bracket 4*  
 1. Don Keith, H.K. Ho, Shirley Fitterman, Jeanette Greenhut  
 3/4. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Joyce Rhodes  
*Bracket 5*  
 1. Gail Sharp  
 3/4. Kathleen Orr  
*Bracket 6*  
 1. Christa Mead, Priscilla Brown, Marylou Varga, Adele MacKay  
 3/4. Sharon Hughes, Joan Sobieniak, Maureen Schwartz, Ed Marchuk

Tuesday

Stratified Open Pairs

- A2. Gary Phelan/Doug Thomas  
 A3B1. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld  
 A6B3. Ram Hira/Barry Kirkham  
 A7. Cam Doner  
 A9B4. Kathy Bye/Amir Alibhai  
 B5. Marina Page/Barbara Green

Stratified Senior Pairs

- A5/6B2. Beatrice Sadgrove/Gypsy Sturrock  
 C3. Roy Trask

Stratified Women's Pairs

- A1. June Pocock/Kathy Adachi  
 A3/4. Shirley Bowers/Pearl Minkoff; Marge Neate/Stella Alliston  
 B1. Beverley Cullen/Mary Courbould  
 B2. Anne Scott/Angela Fenton  
 Continuous Pairs—Tuesday Afternoon  
 A2B2. Sue Bradford/Jamie Brown  
 Tuesday Afternoon Stratified 99er Pairs  
 B5. Anita Morse/Gordon Burns  
 Continuous Pairs—Tuesday Evening  
 A1. Don & Sheila Sache  
 A6B3. Annerita Hasselbach/Joan Ashenhurst  
 B6. Toyo Nunoda/Bev Kanee  
 C4. Ruby Jackson

Tuesday Evening Newcomer Pairs

5. Sheryl McMillan/Jeanne McDonald

Wednesday

Stratified Swiss Teams

- A1/2. Peter Herold, Dan Jacob  
 A12/16B1/4. Lesley Laudan, Linda Morgan, Frances Gould  
 A12/16. Kathy Adachi, Wilf May, Les Fouks, June Pocock  
 B5/7. Don Sharp, Peter Jaquest, John Lien, Liz Stoneman

Stratified Senior Swiss

- A6/8. Maggie Warren  
 Stratified Open Pairs  
 A2. Doug Thomas/Gary Phelan  
 B5. Roy Trask

Thursday

StratiFlighted Pairs

- A1. Allan Graves/Bryan Maksymetz  
 A6. Mary Fines/Donna Morrison  
 C3. Joan Brooks/Isabel Chernoff  
 Continuous Pairs—Thursday Afternoon  
 A5B3. Anne Scott/Jane Craig  
 Continuous Pairs—Thursday Evening  
 A2B1C1. Wendy Webber/Anne Paris  
 B5. Ruby Jackson  
 B6. Avril Hodson/Elaine Levins  
 C6. Nancy Davies/Ruby Vanziffle

Thursday Afternoon Stratified 99er Pairs

- A1. Morrison Smeltzer  
 Thursday Evening Stratified 99er Pairs  
 A1. Andy Hellqvist/Greg Morse  
 Friday

Stratified Open Pairs

- A2B1. Jim Kerr/Maartin Tjebbes  
 A4. Gord McOrmond/Allan Graves  
 A11. Judy Strebinger/Don Brazeau  
 B5. Eugene Chan/Ken Lochang  
 C1. Dan Webster/Lenora Awram  
 C4. Nomi Kaplan/Priscilla Brown

Stratified Senior Pairs

- A1. Pat Carruthers/Dianne Isfeld  
 B4. Victor & Angeline Bennington  
 B6. Stan Bodlak  
 C2. Shirley Laidlaw/Gypsy Sturrock

Continuous Pairs—Friday Afternoon

- C3/4. Gunter & Jessica Allmann  
 Continuous Pairs—Friday Evening  
 A2. Pearl Minkoff/Delphine Tablotney  
 A5. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapf  
 B2. Jane Craig  
 B5. Lotte Elias/Norm Treleaven

Friday Evening Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

- A2. Tai Eng  
 A3/6. Lauren Holley/Maggie Warren  
 Friday 2-session Stratified 99ers Championship  
 A1. Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist  
 Friday Afternoon Stratified 99ers  
 A6. Richard Werlin/Morrison Smeltzer  
 Friday Evening Stratified 99ers  
 A1. Richard Werlin



Vancouver Island Regional Results cont.  
Totem Bracketed KOs

*Bracket 1*

2. Cam Doner

*Bracket 2*

- 3/4. John Whittlesey

*Bracket 3*

- 3/4. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Jeanette Greenhut, Shirley Fitterman

*Bracket 4*

2. Sharon Hughes, Joan Sobianiak, Ed Marchuk, Maureen Schwartz

Senior Bracketed KOs

*Bracket 1*

1. Tom Cross  
3/4. Maggie Warren; Delphine Tablotney, Phyllis Gerber, Pearl Minkoff, Helen Montgomery

*Bracket 4*

- 3/4. Rangie Sylvestre, Bobby Wood  
30 Hour KOs

*Bracket 1*

2. Bryan Maksymetz

*Bracket 2*

2. John Lien, Liz Stoneman, Lesley Laudan, Frances Gould

*Bracket 3*

- 3/4. Annerita Hasselbach, Isabel Chernoff, Joan Brooks, Gary Scollon; Nancy Davies, Ruby Vanziffle

Saturday

Open Pairs Flight A

- A1. Peter Herold  
A2. Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster  
A7. Les Fouks/June Pocock  
A10. Dan Jacob

Open Pairs Flight B

- B3. James & Judith Anderson  
B4. Kelvin Raywood/Kristin Orians  
B6/7. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

Open Pairs Flight C

- C3. Judy Murphy/Gail Watson  
C4. Joan Brooks/Isabel Chernoff  
C5. Joyce Tokarek/Ghods Ahmadi

Stratified Senior Pairs

- A1. Gary Post/Dee Kerr  
A2. Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue  
A5. Monica Angus/Marge Neate  
A6. Stella Alliston/Helen Montgomery  
A7/8B1/2. Bev Kanee/Toyo Nunoda  
B4. Hazel Dressler/Eleanor Kaufmann  
C2. Walter Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar

Saturday Morning GNT Fund Stratified Swiss Teams

- A1. June Pocock, Les Fouks  
B2/6. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Joyce Rhodes

Continuous Pairs—Saturday Afternoon

- A4BC1. Don Keith/Christa Mead  
C4. Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist

Continuous Pairs—Saturday Evening

- A3B1. Don Keith/Christa Mead

[Sunday results were unavailable. Thanks to Kathy Adachi for providing the Victoria Daily Bulletins. Seattle's District-wide STaC overall winners were also unavailable and will appear next issue.]

## Sectional Masterpoint Races

### Standings in trophy races after 1997 Spring Sectional

#### PHIL WOOD TROPHY

1. Dan Jacob	37.34
2. Cam Doner	35.40
3. Gary Phelan	34.83
4. Bill Goldstone	33.15
5. Mike Wilson	31.41
6. Aidan Ballantyne	27.82
7. Ernie Dietrich	25.04
8. Michael Yuen	22.57
9. Grace Jeklin	22.54
10. Anthony Remedios	21.83

#### EDITH BONNELL TROPHY

1. Grace Jeklin	22.54
2. Marylou Bert	19.60
3. Claire Burns	17.04
4. June Pocock	15.78
5. Gay Parrish	15.57
6. Kathy Adachi	15.06
7. Lenora Awram	14.22
8. Bernice French	13.40
9. Shirley Isfeld	12.56
10. Pat Jones	12.46

#### PHIL WOOD UNDER 200 TROPHY

1. Barry Kirkham	14.71
2. Lenora Awram	14.22
3. Doreen McOrmond	8.67
4. Ghods Ahmadi	8.03
5. Joyce Tokarek	8.03
6. Marylou Varga	7.94
7. Amiral Alibhai	7.53
8. Gail Watson	5.87
9. Andrew Lee	5.62
10. Adele Mackay	5.55

#### TOP TEN AT SPRING SECTIONAL

1. Cam Doner	25.67
2. Ernie Dietrich	23.44
3. Gary Phelan	23.33
4. Bill Goldstone	22.85
5. Michael Yuen	22.57
6. Grace Jeklin	22.54
7. Don Sache	19.67
8. Mike Wilson	19.60
9. Tony Remedios	19.10
10. Dan Jacob	17.63

#### VBC "Bargoon" STaC Passes: \$3

Silver seekers will want to get themselves a VBC STaC Pass—for only \$3, you can play all ten STaC sessions at the VBC for regular card fees. If you play 3 times during the week of July 7-13 (not including the Wednesday morning game) you'll save money. A potential \$15 value for a loonie and a toonie! Vancouver Bridge Centre 255-2564

# The NAOP Explained

## Qualifying is underway!

The North American Open Pairs (NAOP) Club Level Qualifying period has begun. The NAOP is a four-stage event which starts with masterpoint-rich club games, and leads up to the national finals at the Spring NABCs. There are three flights: Flight C is for non-Life Masters (to a maximum of 500 points), Flight B is for players under 1500 masterpoints, and Flight A is unlimited.

### Stage One: Club Qualifying Games

The event begins at the club level. Club qualifying games are held during June, July, and August. They are usually open to all flights and stratified, although there are several games limited to the lower two flights and occasionally for Flight C only. All of these games have large overall awards for the winners, about three times the awards of a regular club game. The sanction fee is a little higher for NAOP games than for regular games, so expect to pay a bit more on qualifying nights for the chance at those extra masterpoints.

At least half of the pairs in each flight will qualify for the next stage. You qualify by being ahead of more pairs than you are behind (in any strat you are eligible for), or by scoring 50% or greater (anyone breaking average gets an automatic qualification to the Unit Final). If you get a "Q" for Flight A you are qualified for Flights B and/or C, if you are eligible. Similarly, a Flight B "Q" is a free pass to Flight C, if applicable.

If you don't qualify, just keep trying! You only need to qualify once to get to the next level.

### Stage Two: Unit Finals

The Unit Final will be held in September or October and will be a two-session game, with approximately half of the field in each flight qualifying for the next level. Depending upon attendance, Flights B and C may be combined and stratified. Having qualified at the Club Level, you may play with any other eligible player at the Unit Level.

## Sectional Fees Rising NABC Surcharge in September

In order to ensure a healthy budget for the 1999 Spring North American Bridge Championships, Units in District 19 are being asked to add a small surcharge onto their

### Stage Three: District Finals

The District Finals are scheduled for the Tacoma Sectional December 5-7. (Note: this information is from a very old and therefore extreme long-range schedule.) Depending on attendance, the event may be as long as four sessions in each flight. Any qualifying player may play with any other qualifying player in the District Final.

### Stage Four: National Finals

The top two pairs in each flight of the District Finals receive a trip to the National Finals at the 1998 Spring NABCs in Reno.

Seems like a longshot, does it? Well, over the past ten years at least a dozen Unit 430 pairs have won trips to the nationals. In fact, the reigning champions in Flight A are Aidan Bal-

lantyne and Gord McOrmond! This year could be your year. Don't miss out!

**So, where do I go to qualify?** The following is a list of scheduled club qualifying games reported to the *Matchpointer* before press time:

Mon., June 23, 7:15, South Surrey Bridge Club
Mon., June 23, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre, Flt C only
Thu., June 26, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Wed., July 2, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre, Flt B/C only
Mon., July 14, 7:30, Chilliwack Bridge Club
Tue., July 15, 10:45, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Tue., July 22, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Wed., July 30, 7:15, White Rock Bridge Club
Wed., Aug. 6, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre, Flt B/C only
Thu., August 14, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Tue., August 26, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Sat., August 30, 1:00, Vancouver Bridge Centre

*Club managers: it is not too late to schedule an NAOP Club Level game. Doing so may appear to cost your club more in sanction fees, but this is easily recovered by a slightly increased table count that the event will draw.* For assistance in how to run a club qualifying game, contact Felipe Hernandez, Special Events Coordinator for Unit 430, at 931-5336.

sectional table fees. Unit 430 is adding a surcharge of one dollar per pair per session, starting in September. This makes the table fees for local sectionals \$8 Canadian per person per session, still a very good deal compared with neighbouring areas, after the exchange rate is taken into account.

# Monthly Unit Games

## AGM and Big Xmas Party Planned!

Big things are coming to the Monthly Unit Games! On July 6, the Monthly Unit Games will follow the Annual General Meeting of Unit 430, at 6:30. And how, you may well ask, will we hold an AGM at two sites simultaneously? It's a good question, and the answer relies heavily on a speaker phone! AGMs in the past have been interesting affairs where players meet the new Unit Board, hears reports on what the Board has done and hopes to do in the coming year, and takes questions from the membership. This alone may be worth seeing! The Unit Game itself will start at 7:00 or so, but of course players are encouraged to attend the meeting at 6:30, especially since the working of the speaker phones promises to be, shall we say, interesting!

But the biggest news for Monthly Unit Games concerns the 1997 Christmas Party, which has been finalized as a catered dinner at the site of the successful Spring Sectional: Bonsor Community Centre. This site was a

great hit with all who attended the Spring Sectional, and the excellent price of \$22/pair includes dinner and bridge! So for a mere five more dollars than you'd pay for a Unit Game you get a fine dinner thrown in! Who can refuse this deal?!

Of course, in the coming months we'll be selling entries in advance to ensure that the caterer knows the size of the crowd. Mark down the date on your calendars now: Sunday, November 30th, 6:00 pm. A little early for a Christmas Party but this way the various Club Christmas Parties and other holiday visits will be less likely to conflict. It promises to be a fun evening of dinner, bridge, and other entertainment.

In Monthly Unit Game news, the games survived the small bump of moving to the *second* Sunday in June to avoid conflict with the Sectional. And we have some new faces in the trophy race standings this year. With 3-4 points available each month, though, it's not too late to start playing for the 1997 prizes. We still need to attract more new players to the games, especially Flight C Pairs in White Rock, so that overall awards may be given out. First Sunday each month—let's see you there!

### A B April 6, 1997 (White Rock)

- 1 1 Lotte Elias/Norman Treleaven
- 2 2 Roland Perron/Leszek Baldys
- 3 3 Carol Thompson/Aase Haines
- 4 4 Gail & Mike Moffatt
- 5 Ronald Groome/Elaine Levins
- 6 Maggie Warren/Liz Lee
- 5 Len Feeny/Eileen Van Pelt

(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)

### A B C April 6, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1 1 1 Kristin Orians/Kelvin Raywood
- 2 2 Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
- 3 Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
- 4 Hoshang Shroff/Andrew Ross
- 5 Anne-Marie Bullis/Ken Lochang
- 6 3 John Mullen/Sandra Robson
- 4 2 Martin & Heinz Henneberger
- 5 Rick Gorman/George Bell
- 6 3 Arek Sitek/Mark Rojewski
- 4 Ewa Wroblewicz/Andrew Zorawski

### A B May 4, 1997 (White Rock)

- 1 Arlene Browning/Dorothy Carnegie
- 2 Elaine Levins/Ronald Groome
- 3 Frances & Terry Gould
- 4 1 Joni Johnston/Paul Radnai
- 5 Sheila Sache/John Horne
- 2 Liz Stoneman/John Lien
- 3 Insa Fricker/Tai Eng
- 4 Esther Freeman/Isabel Chernoff

(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)

### A B C May 4, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1 Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
- 2 Larry & June Pocock
- 3 Garry Skoropada/Ken Lochang
- 4 1 1 Arkadiusz Sitek/Mark Rojewski
- 5 Dan Webster/Larry Chow
- 6 Steve Clements/Judy Strebinger
- 2 Lauren Holley/Linda Sims
- 3 2 Kristin Orians/Kelvin Raywood
- 4 John Mullen/Sandra Robson
- 5 Christa Mead/Bob Kiggins
- 3 Simona & Dorin Costin
- 4/5 Hoshang & Rani Shroff
- 4/5 Ewa Wroblewicz/Andrew Zorawski

### A B C June 8, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1 1 1 Heinz & Martin Henneberger
  - 2 2 Lauren Holley/Linda Sims
  - 3 3 Ken Lochang/Bruce McIntyre
  - 4 4 Richard Dunn/Diane Ayukawa
  - 5 5 Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez
  - 6 Mary Fines/Patricia Landau
  - 2 Waldemar Jez/James Burt
- (the June Suburbia game was not available at press time. The June City game was not included in the standings below.)

### 1997 MUG Standings after May games

- | A | B | C | Pts  |                |
|---|---|---|------|----------------|
| 1 |   |   | 7.44 | Pat Landau     |
| 2 |   |   | 6.39 | Doug Cowan     |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 5.80 | Kelvin Raywood |

- |    |      |      |                   |                  |
|----|------|------|-------------------|------------------|
| 3  | 1    | 1    | 5.80              | Kristin Orians   |
| 5  | 3    |      | 5.66              | Ken Lochang      |
| 6  | 4    | 3    | 5.25              | Frances Gould    |
| 6  |      |      | 5.25              | Terry Gould      |
| 8  |      |      | 4.85              | Colin Collin     |
| 9  | 5    | 4    | 4.16              | Mark Rojewski    |
| 10 | 6    |      | 3.96              | John Lien        |
| 10 | 6    |      | 3.96              | Liz Stoneman     |
| 12 | 7    |      | 3.87              | Lesz Baldys      |
| 13 | 8    |      | 3.82              | Joni Johnston    |
| 13 | 8    |      | 3.82              | Lotte Elias      |
| 13 | 8    |      | 3.82              | Norman Treleaven |
| 11 |      |      | 3.59              | Judy Strebinger  |
| 12 |      |      | 3.44              | Frank Kelley     |
| 13 |      |      | 3.40              | Len Feeny        |
| 14 | 5    | 3.34 | Shirley Fitterman |                  |
| 15 | 6    | 3.13 | Arek Sitek        |                  |
| 7  | 3.00 |      | Ruby Jackson      |                  |
| 8  | 2.58 |      | Andrei Zorawski   |                  |
| 9  | 2.47 |      | Hoshang Shroff    |                  |
| 10 | 2.38 |      | Jerry Loeppky     |                  |
| 11 | 2.06 |      | Jeanette Greenhut |                  |
| 12 | 1.94 |      | Bill Henning      |                  |
| 13 | 1.90 |      | Aase Haines       |                  |
| 14 | 1.75 |      | Geoff Fetterley   |                  |
| 15 | 1.73 |      | Dan Webster       |                  |

A total of 240.22 masterpoints have been won by 128 people (a further 58 people have played but have not won any) thru May Monthly Unit Games in 1997.

## Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

July 6 (game to follow Unit 430 Annual General Meeting with sites linked by telephone) 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)

**"Suburbia"**: 7:00 pm, at White Rock Elks Club, 1469 George St., White Rock (note 6:30 start time July 6)

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

♠ \$6 per player ♡ sectional rating ♦ goodies ♣ free coffee ♠  
♠ trophy race ♡ bid-boxes ♦ non-smoking ♣ two sites ♠

## Tournaments & Dates

### June 13-August 22

#### JUNE

9-14 *COPC/CNTC National Finals at Surrey Inn*

27-29 Mt. Vernon Sectional (see ad, page 13)

28-29 Tacoma 99er Sectional

#### JULY

4-6 Powell River, Wenatchee Sectionals

6 Monthly Unit Game and Unit 430 Annual General Meeting (two sites)

7-13 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs (most Unit 430 clubs)

24-3 SUMMER NABC in Albuquerque NM

#### AUGUST

1 *Matchpointer* deadline (August issue covers events from August 15—October 24)

1-3 Ocean Shores Sectional

3 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

5-14 *World Junior Championships, Hamilton ON*

15 August *Matchpointer* hits the streets

14-17 Farthest North Sectional (Fairbanks AK)

15-17 Ellensburg, Rossland Sectionals

22-24 Nanaimo, Renton Sectionals

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

## Unit 430 Sectionals

### A One-Year Planner

Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs, July 7-13 at your local club.

Evergreen Sectional, September 12-14, 1997 at the Surrey Inn (dates now confirmed)

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 in Burnaby.

Spring Sectional, May 28-30, 1998, at Bonsor Community Centre near Metrotown in Burnaby

The 1998 Vancouver STaC is tentatively scheduled for the June weekend preceding the Penticton Regional. Since the Unit is not holding a Summer Sectional this year (instead launching a new District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs), the Unit 430 Annual General Meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 6, at the two Monthly Unit Game sites, linked by telephone in order that members may ask questions and votes may be conducted.

# Sectional Tournament at Clubs

Coming to your  
local club July 7-13

—Win *SILVER POINTS*  
*at your local club!*

—All *STaC* games  
*Sectionally rated*  
*for larger than normal*  
*masterpoint awards*

—*District-wide overalls*  
*for highest scores*  
*each session*  
*(more Silver Points!)*

Most Unit 430 clubs will be holding the Sectional Tournament at Clubs during the week of July 7-13. Complete list, page 17 inside.

Advance notice: Evergreen Sectional, September 12-14 at the Surrey Inn