



Among Crazies by Simon Matthews

Here's your hand, and you can have it:

♠ J ♥ Q86432 ♦ 532 ♣ T86

The really bad thing about this hand is not the lack of strength, it is that you know that the other three nuts are go-

ing to bid forever and you'll be left to figure out who actually had what they claimed. And just to ensure that this indeed will take place, nobody's vulnerable.

You pass and LHO opens 2♣. Partner bids 5♦ and RHO doubles. You pass and await the axe. Not this time, 5♣ from LHO, passed by partner, raised

by RHO. Question 1: what do you lead against 6♣?

Hold on! Partner's bidding 7♦! RHO doubles, and LHO...bids 7♣! Now partner doubles. Question 2: do you lead a different suit now that partner has doubled? If so, why, and which one?

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installment of David Schmidt's *Meet The Players* feature, and I miss them already. David assures me that *Meet The Players* will return soon. I have a pair of articles by Greg Morse that I just couldn't find room for, after telling him I would.

Your new Unit Board has quite a novelty, a surplus of people! We have twelve members, a voting past-president, and a fourteenth member (Harry Friedman) who has offered his services even though we cannot guarantee him a vote at every meeting! Luckily, the chances of all thirteen Members being able to attend the same meeting is remote enough that Harry will almost certainly always have a vote.

Things are looking better on the Multi-Level events front in Unit 430. The total number of NAOP Qualifying games was up by one this year, and an unprecedented number of COPC qualifying games are being planned. Already a huge number of people have qualified for the Unit Final of the NAOP, with four qualifying games still to come!

A big *Matchpointer* is a indicator that bridge in our Unit is in good shape. Now that it is nearly done, I wish I could say the same for myself...
—McBruce

Yes, this *Matchpointer* is a bit heavier. Yes, I've cleared this with the treasurer. (She's a National Champion now and would've said "go ahead" to anything.) Thirty-six pages. All of it important, some of it made really small to fit. Sorry about that. Even at this size space is tight.

You will probably have noticed a slightly crisper look to the text and graphics this time. I purchased a laser printer, and without having to go across town to get the *Matchpointer* printed on somebody's laser printer, the *Matchpointer* will look better and the delays should be kept to a minimum—barring future 36 pagers mostly done in unbearable heat.

Maybe I should have bought an air-conditioner instead.

Even at 36 pages several things are missing. This makes two consecutive issues without an

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President's Message

(**yawn**)

How's it going? My name is Felipe Hernandez. Through a sequence of events too bizarre to describe, I find myself playing the role of president of the Unit Board (as in Unit 430—Vancouver. Pay attention.) I say "playing the role" because it's not like I know what I'm doing. It's more like I'm in some movie and have to safely land a jumbo jet or knock out the heavyweight champion of the world or have a meaningful relationship or some other Herculean task. But all is not lost. Because there are two things which make this role worthwhile.

First, this is a cast of thousands. All the people in the Unit and the other Board members will make this job easier. They will advise me when necessary and correct me if things go wrong. Amazingly, things do go wrong. No, really.

Second, bridge is cool. And fun. And tough. But cool. I mean there is nothing like the first time you bid your way to a grand slam that makes. Even better if it takes two hooks and you're playing against, say, Aidan Ballantyne. The first time you execute a perfectly timed double squeeze—after first rectifying the count and then transferring the menace—is also cool. Especially if one of your opponents is, let's see, who would be a good choice here, ah yes...Aidan Ballantyne. It's really cool to blank your king against the opponents slam only to have them misread the position and finesse into you. Especially if the declarer is, you know, Aidan Ballantyne. (If none of these things has happened yet, don't worry. Keep playing. They will happen eventually. Of course it helps to play against Aidan Ballantyne.)

On to more serious matters...sorry Aidan ;-)...

Welcome to Patti Adams, Harry Friedman, Jim Burt, Geoff Fetterley, Sandra Hawk. These people have all volunteered their time to become Board members because they all share a passion for the game and want to see it continue as a viable, social event in our community. On page 29 in this publication you can check out the various roles they have chosen to play for the upcoming year.

Welcome back to June Pocock, Jennifer Ballantyne,

Anne-Marie Bullis, Shirley Fitterman, Gladys Mackie, Simon Matthews, Dan Webster, and Bruce McIntyre. I have worked for a year with all these people and can tell you that we can all rely on them to continue to provide an inordinate amount of commitment to the goal of making our game as enjoyable as it can be.

The STaC recently run in our District was by all measures quite a success. Thank you for supporting it so enthusiastically and thanks to the many clubs who participated. And I would be remiss here not to mention Anne-Marie, who worked extremely hard at organising this event (where does this woman find all that energy?) We are planning to review the timing of the event for next year in an effort to choose the most marketable week available.

Our next Sectional Tournament is scheduled for Sept 12-14 (if that isn't a sign that weak no trump rules I don't know what is!) at the Surrey Inn. All the usual start times, etc. Hope to see you there. (By the way, I just have to mention our outgoing Tournament Chair, Sheila Sache. She was incredible. Never did we have to worry about dates or locations or sanctions or directors or anything. Sheila always had this stuff organised. We will miss you....)

You will have heard by now that a BC team won the Canadian National Team Championships held here in June. We also were well-represented in the Canadian Open Pairs Championship taking second place. At the Canadian Women's Teams Championships, two BC teams (Pocock and McAvoy) fought it out for the title. The Canada Red team (which includes Victoria's Mike Roberts), as of this writing, has qualified 3rd from a field of 18 at the World Junior Championships currently underway in Hamilton. Our other entry, Canada White, finished 7th. The point is, folks, we (as in the West) have done extremely well in Canadian Bridge Federation events this year. Please continue to support the CBF by attending the qualifying games for the CNTC and the COPC coming up in the fall. Ask the director at your local club for dates, etc.

That's it for now. If I missed anyone or anything, well I'm sure someone will tell me. So here goes. On to Act 2. And remember—bridge is cool. —Felipe Hernandez

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Stories from the Tourney Trail

by Cam Doner

Here are two recent deals I found interesting. First from a knockout at the Calgary regional:

♠ KT987 ♥ AQx ♦ A98 ♣ AK

You open 2NT and partner raises to 3NT. A low club looking to be fourth best is led and you feast on this dummy:

♠ Qx ♥ xxx ♦ QTx ♣ J98xx

small club led vs 3NT

♠ KT987 ♥ AQx ♦ A98 ♣ AK

After some time for a little thought, and this is the recommended point in the play to think, you decide not to waste a club spot and play low. This fetches a meaningless low spot on your right and you win the king. A spade to the queen wins and the spade back loses to the jack. Not surprisingly, a second club comes at you; however, RHO discards the heart seven. You need the spade tricks so you put LHO in with the ace of spades and both follow. LHO shifts to the jack of hearts, low from dummy and RHO, and you win the queen. At this point you still only have eight tricks, and there are several danger spots if you try to sneak a diamond to the queen or ten for your ninth, especially if it loses on your right. So, although you will squeeze the dummy you follow Borg's advice (good things happen when you run your long suit) and cash your two remaining spades. Earlier, on the third spade you threw a heart from dummy, on this one LHO throws a club so you can afford one. On the fifth spade LHO throws a diamond—what do you do?

Dummy: ♠ — ♥ x ♦ QTx ♣ J9 (to discard)

Declarer: ♠ — ♥ Ax ♦ A98 ♣ — (13th spade played)

This is a key point in the hand. LHO never even gave any thought to cashing the high club when in with the ace of spades. Why not? Possibly because he knew you had another entry to dummy's clubs—and the only entry possible would be in diamonds, through his king. During all those black cards being played RHO has started to appear to have some discarding trouble. So, armed with this information, and table feel info is important but sometimes risky, what do you do?

Well? Did you throw the ten of diamonds? If so well done—here is your reward. You now play a low diamond to the dummy. If LHO plays low the queen will be your ninth trick, but he hops with the king and here's the position:

Dummy: ♠ — ♥ x ♦ Q ♣ J9

Declarer: ♠ — ♥ Ax ♦ A9 ♣ —

If LHO now cashes the queen of clubs, you throw your A♦ and the Q♦ is the entry to your ninth winner, the jack of clubs. If LHO exits with a diamond without cashing the Q♣ it's easy: win, come to hand with a heart and cash the ace of diamonds. The fun comes when LHO exits a heart *without* cashing the club. Now is when your reward comes from tossing the ten of diamonds earlier.

You win your ace of hearts, lead another heart to RHO, throwing the queen of diamonds from dummy and RHO is endplayed, with Jx of diamonds under your A9! Congratulations if you read the end position early!

The second hand is from the Spingold when we played the Nickell team. It was the second quarter and we were playing against "Meckwell" (Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell) at our table. This hand illustrates why most teams lose in KO's and other extended match play—it is not so much that you are outplayed, as much as that when you give a strong team an opportunity they seldom fail to take advantage of it. On this hand Meckstroth gave me an opportunity to win some IMPs when he doubled our final contract, but I gave him an opportunity to win some IMPs by giving him a chance to beat the game. Unfortunately he pounced on his chance and I let mine escape. At the end of this 16-board quarter my team was down by 66 IMPs, and if we had been up to the challenge and seized the many opportunities they gave we could have actually been in the lead by 5 IMPs. I know it sounds surprising, but yes, even the best in the world give the opponents several chances during a long match! At the end of this one, although I've tried to erase most of the nightmare, I think the final score was about 185-37. I was talking with Bobby Wolf who told me that people will look at the score and think they had an easy time with us, not knowing how close a match it really was. If only

six hands went the other way! Each hand had a swing of about 25 IMPs (a typical slam swing, about 20 for a game swing), 6 x 25 = 150 and the match is *tyed!* It just shows how fast and furiously the IMPs can fly. Anyway, on with the hand:

Spingold Teams N Dir, both vul	NORTH
	♠ JXX
	♥ X
	♦ AKQXXX
	♣ KXX
4♠* by South Lead: T♣	SOUTH (Cam)
	♠ QTXXX
	♥ XXX
	♦ —
	♣ AQXXX

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	2♣	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♣
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

This is an example of illusions at the table, sometimes they are creatively designed by the defenders and sometimes by the declarer; this one is by the auction and lie of the cards. The defense having not led a heart, it looks like you can win the opening lead in dummy and take three quick pitches on

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Squeezes by Arkadiusz Sitek

Squeezes, are they an important part of the game, or not? One thing is sure, squeezes are most enjoyable once we manage to execute one. When I was taking my first steps in bridge, I heard of them, but at that time I thought that deals where we can squeeze opponents never come up.

Seven or eight years ago, when I lived in Warsaw I used to play *Night Bridge*. The *Night Bridge* game started at 9:00pm and lasted till morning; usually it was a series of three games played one by one. I remember once when I came to the club, the cards were already dealt. I played the game and did not notice anything special in the deals, prepared by the director. You may imagine my surprise, when I found out afterwards that all the hands were taken from a book about squeezes. I changed my opinion about squeezes after that. I knew that they come up, but to see them and then to execute them is a totally different story. Now, when I have little bit more bridge knowledge, I manage to 'squeeze' someone roughly once in two weeks, and every time I do that it gives me a lot of satisfaction and pleasure.

Recently I played a hand at the VBC where I pseudo-squeezed one of the opponents. A pseudo-squeeze happens when a defender is not really in a squeezed position, but thinks he is, and 'hopelessly' he resigns possession of the cards he should keep. However, I won't be talking here about pseudo-squeezes, although they are much funnier. I only brought up the topic of pseudo-squeeze because the hand I played at that game was the inspiration to the following problem:

How often after the bidding are you firmly stuck with just 8 tricks in 3NT? Happens very often, I know that. Sometimes players give up too early, and they play for a chance which is not real considering the bidding, or they just play without faith of success.

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the diamonds. Even if the third diamond gets ruffed it could be with a natural trump trick. Also, with the double and auction, it seems trumps may be 4-1. As it happened, the third diamond was ruffed low and a club was continued. I won and attacked trumps, playing low to the Jxx in dummy, losing to the ace on my right. A fourth diamond came through, I ruffed with the queen and was overruffed, and now the ugliness really started, another club (the 13th) ruffed on the right and now yet another diamond for the final uppercut. Yuck! Down 1 for -200 when trumps were 3-2 all the time! Just win the opening lead in hand and play a trump; win the club return and take the pitches. They can no longer get four trump tricks because when they ruff you lead another trump and they all fall. And if they try to cash heart winners we ruff the second round in dummy and lead

Let's look at a hand.

West Dealer East-West vul	NORTH	3NT by South Lead: K♥	
WEST	♠ XXX ♥ XX ♦ AXX ♣ QXXXX	EAST	
♠ Q ♥ KQTxx ♦ Kxxx ♣ Jxx	SOUTH	♠ KJT9x ♥ xxx ♦ JTx ♣ xx	
	♠ Axxx ♥ AJx ♦ Q9x ♣ AKx		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	Pass	1♠	Double
2♦?	Pass	2♥	2NT?
Pass	3NT!	All pass	

There is no chance of taking two diamond tricks because West has the king (he opened; it has to be there, or the game we play is not bridge), so it looks that we have 8 tricks only clubs break, but if not we can forget about 9 tricks.

What can we do? Well, let's follow the play. Oh, one more thing, we are playing against perfect opponents; they don't make mistakes.

The king of hearts is ducked, and West switches to ♣ East overtakes and we duck again. Now East plays a heart and our correct play is to duck again, not only to break communication between defenders, but also to reduce our hand for a possible squeeze. (Actually there are many possible ways of playing this hand: one may try to endplay West in order to get a ninth trick with the jack of hearts. Analysis of all the other continuations I leave to the reader. Once we duck second round of hearts, another is played and on the third round we win the ace of hearts. And now we

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a second trump, losing a heart and two trumps in the end.

This is one example of those big swings I talked about; at the other table, Hamman and Wolf played a spade partial scoring +170. Meckwell were +200 at our table for a 9 IMP win for the Nickell team. If I had made the doubled game however, it would have been -790 for Meckwell and an 11 IMP win for us, a swing of 20 IMPs on one trick! They got by us this year, trying to win their fifth Spingold in a row but their steak was ended a day or two later. They get a chance to start their streak again next year and my team may get the chance to try and stop them again. As big a margin as the final score was, all my teammates know how close it could have been and are willing to try to knock them off again.

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play on clubs watching defenders discards. When clubs split 3-2 we can guess the exact distribution (we expect that West started with five hearts, and that East had five spades or he'd not have overtaken, so East is 5-3-3-2), and playing the last club...

♠ xx ♥ — ♦ Ax ♣ x
 ♠ — ♥ Tx ♦ Kxx ♣ — ♠ KJT ♥ — ♦ JT ♣ —
 ♠ Axx ♥ — ♦ Q9 ♣ —

...we put East in a squeezed position. If he discards a spade we discard the 9♦, and now ducking a spade sets up a second spade trick. If East discards the T♦ we pitch a spade, come to hand with the ace of spades and then lead the Q♦ pinning the J♦ whatever West does, and setting up the nine of diamonds as our ninth trick (losing a spade in the end).

Now what would happen if East continues spades after overtaking at trick two? We duck once more spade, taking the third round of spades and then we start the clubs. Now the end looks like this:

♠ — ♥ x ♦ Axx ♣ x
 ♠ — ♥ KTx ♦ Kx ♣ — ♠ Tx ♥ x ♦ JT ♣ —
 ♠ x ♥ AJ ♦ Qx ♣ —

We play the last club pitching a spade from hand. East cannot discard a diamond safely so he discards a heart. West also cannot safely discard a diamond so he too must discard a heart. Now ace and jack of hearts puts West in to lead away from the king of diamonds!

Is there any way to defeat this contract? I think so, but you think about it.

In the last *Matchpointer* I read the article by Joerg Schneider, "Give Me A Hand". The question was how to take 9 tricks playing 3NT in hand at the top of the next column.

When East wins the ace of spades at trick one we can discard the K♠. Now we get two entries to the dummy for finessing hearts two times. But...I don't think the hand is over at that point; nine tricks are assured, but is it only nine?

<p style="text-align: center;">"An Easy Play Problem" (?)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEST</p> <p>♠ J9863 ♥ T9 ♦ T963 ♣ 85</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH</p> <p>♠ QT7 ♥ 743 ♦ 842 ♣ 7642</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOUTH</p> <p>♠ K52 ♥ AQJ2 ♦ AK7 ♣ AK3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3NT by South Lead: 6♣</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EAST</p> <p>♠ A4 ♥ K865 ♦ QJ5 ♣ QJT9</p>
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East has very nice clubs and a switch to Q♣ at trick two is a very reasonable alternative. But what is going to happen after South ducks Q♣? Suppose East now leads a spade to dummy's ten. South continues by finessing the J♥, and now the key play: South plays the ace of diamonds and East has to unblock. If he doesn't, he will be forced to take the next trick when declarer ducks a diamond, and he will not have a spade to break up the squeeze South is about to execute, which guarantees an overtrick. Where is this squeeze? If East wins and plays a minor suit, South plays out all his remaining minor suit winners:

♠ Q ♥ xx ♦ — ♣ x
 ♠ Jx ♥ x ♦ x ♣ — ♠ — ♥ Kxx ♦ — ♣ J
 ♠ x ♥ AQx ♦ — ♣ —

Now the last spade played from hand puts East in the squeeze. South either takes three heart tricks or two hearts and a club. It turns out that the squeeze can be always done if after taking the first trick, East switches to diamonds. The play for a squeeze does not ruin the chance of clubs breaking 3-3. Of course if East unblocks diamonds, West wins the second or third diamond and plays a spade, breaking up the squeeze. It is very nice hand; it gives lots of possible ways of good playing for both defenders and declarer.

The more you learn about squeezes the more frequent squeeze chances materialize. I say to conclude, "Watch out, you never know when IT comes!"

Age No Limit To Bridge

by Ernie Dietrich

A few weeks ago I was directing the Wednesday night game at the Central Richmond Bridge Club when a couple of arrogant young lads (Ralph Purves, 91, and John Berry, 82) sat down and racked up a 72.45% game (156½ on a 108 average). The funny thing about this was they were overheard at the last table, discussing that they could have done this, or should have done that... It seems like they must have

blown an 80% game!

The wonderful thing about it all is that it just proves you can still play bridge and play it well into your later years. Ralph and John are prime examples and my heartiest congratulations to both of you. You are also commended on your mannerisms and pleasantries at the table. Maybe you could teach some of us your formula!

May you both continue to play well and enjoy for many more years. Your partners must be honoured to play with you.

Suit Preference!

by Louis Landau

East opens the bidding with a weak 2♠ bid to try and block the auction, but North/South still manage to get to their correct contract of 4♣, with South as declarer.

West, being a good partner, leads partner's suit by playing her singleton 2♠. East should have no problem reading this as a singleton. It is impossible for West to play the 2♠ if she has a doubleton, as she would play high-low to indicate this. The problem for East is how to tell West what to play next after she has ruffed the diamond return, and this can be quite easily done by the simplest of signals, the suit preference signal.

West will have only two suits to choose from when she makes the return, and only one will be right. There are only two suits as obviously she will have no diamonds, and trumps do not count when you are giving a suit preference signal after a ruff. East tells partner almost as clearly as actually talking to her across the table! If East wishes partner to play the highest of the remaining two suits, hearts, he plays an unnecessarily high diamond, in this case the 10♦. If East wishes partner to play the lowest of the two suits, clubs, he plays a low diamond. In this case he plays 4♠.

On this particular hand, West receives the signal for a club return, and declarer is defeated before he can even get a chance to make the contract. He loses the two aces and two ruffs. If East had held the A♥ instead of the A♣, the contract is still defeated in much the same way, except that here the suit preference signal is a high diamond calling for the higher of the two possible suits. However, only if West returns the

correct suit will the contract be defeated. If West returns a heart in the actual deal, declarer wins the trick, draws the trumps and makes an overtrick.

Another type of suit preference signal is very often used when one knows that partner has to switch, such as when partner leads an ace and there is a singleton in dummy. However, this particular use, when you have to tell your partner how to get back into your hand to give him another ruff, is not so widely recognized, but is every bit as important to good defensive play.



Board 6 E Dir, E-W vul	NORTH	4♣ by South Lead: 2♠
WEST	♠ T853 ♥ Q95 ♦ KJ5 ♣ K95	EAST
♠ J74 ♥ J873 ♦ 2 ♣ J7642	SOUTH	♠ 6 ♥ T42 ♦ AT9874 ♣ AT3
	♠ AKQ92 ♥ AK6 ♦ Q63 ♣ Q8	

(Editor's note: it is possible even to defeat the contract if East's ace is in trumps, but this requires some serious hocus-pocus. If East holds the ace of spades and no other entry, a middling card would be read by an astute defender as "I have no sure re-entry among the side suits with which to give you a

second ruff." If West reads the diamond spot as a middling card and deciphers this message, she may work out that the only possible way for a second ruff is to hope West has the ace of trumps. It may seem very courageous to switch to trumps at this point, but if West reads the message and concludes that there is no entry in the side suits to East's hand, it may cost a trick to lead a side suit. Ergo, try a trump, and if it works, bingo!)

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A Hog-In-Training Claim

by Bruce McIntyre

I walked into the cardroom on a recent Tuesday morning, expecting few if any tables to kibitz for a few moments before an appointment that afternoon. To my surprise there were almost a dozen tables playing rubber bridge. I stopped at one table and watched a player in an ice-cold slam with a ten-card trump fit to the ace-king. He wasted no time ensuring no chance for the overtrick by starting his trump suit by playing low from both hands, losing to a singleton five. As the claim of the rest was being made, I noticed the Hideous Hog-In-Training playing at a table across the room. I approached and sat down behind the Hog and said "you'll never guess what I just witnessed."

The Hog swallowed the rest of his croissant and cut the cards standing up. I followed him to the coffee area and he said "let me try: a first round trump trick won by the five, perhaps?" I looked at him in surprise.

"We are waiting," began the Hog by way of explanation, "for the imminent arrival of the Honourable Duncan Angus McAllister, the former leader of the Ultra-Conservative Party. He is presenting the club with a trophy to be given annually based on the play in the rubber game today, and every first Tuesday in April in future. Apparently his bridge taste is akin to his politics—it has been leaked that he's a great fan of safety plays. Excuse me." The Hog rushed back to his table where cards were waiting for him. Meanwhile, a large lectern with a microphone was being moved to one side of the cardroom, and I helped in this endeavour. When this was done, a procession of people in expensive suits entered the room to a stately march played on a loudspeaker, and I took a seat near the far wall.

The Honourable Mr. McAllister would have been described by Groucho Marx as "well over four feet," and looked to be well into his tenth decade. Certainly he was older than any three of his assistants put together. Eventually the club manager introduced the former political icon, and there was a farce played out as the assistants tried several methods of equalizing the height difference between McAllister and the lowest possible level of the microphone. As this was going on I noticed most of the tables were still playing quietly. Finally four telephone books were found for each of McAllister's legs and we could see his nose and forehead above the lectern.

"Ladies—are there any? Ah, yes, there are, good. Ladies and gentlemen," he began in the familiar brogue of the Highlands that we all remember from the early days of televised Question Periods, "it gives me great pleasure to donate the McAllister Trophy, and preside over the first session of its—excuse me, ladies and gentlemen. I realize I am a little late and that the scheduled session has already begun, but could we perhaps curtail play

for a few moments so that the trophy can be formally presented and the contest rules laid out?"

A slow murmur faded away slowly. Amid the moving of chairs to face the lectern, the last sound clearly heard was the Hog's voice saying "Ace of spades, please."

"Thank you," said McAllister when all the noise had ceased. "The McAllister trophy will be contested annually on the first Tuesday in April, over the course of a four-hour session of rubber bridge for the club's usual stakes. The selection committee, this year consisting of myself as chairman, and the four gentlemen on my right, will accept accounts of unusual plays which guarantee the contract against any potential distribution, often referred to as safety plays. The more outlandish the distribution catered for in the play of the hand, the better the declarer's chance of winning the trophy. It does not matter if the freakish distribution catered for is unlikely in the extreme, what matters is that the contract be made *no matter what*." And as McAllister thanked everyone for the turnout and wished all participants the best of luck, the Hog approached the lectern.

He shook hands with McAllister as the great man descended from his telephonic directorial platform, and we all (including McAllister himself, I suppose) expected that the Hog In Training had been asked to thank him on behalf of the club. HHIT moved the telephone directories away with his foot and took the microphone. "I'd like to thank the Honourable Mr. McAllister on behalf of the club and all the participants for his kind donation of the McAllister Trophy. I graciously accept the trophy in advance, for in all honesty I cannot imagine a play more in keeping with the goal of the contest than the one I have just made." McAllister's head shot up in surprise, and he was not the only one to do so. "If you'd like to walk over to table seven, you'll see the bidding and the play to trick one, and I'll explain the significance of my play from here."

A crowd quickly formed around table seven, where bidding cards were still on the table and two cards had been played to the first trick. This was the layout:

South Dealer East-West vul	NORTH	
	♠ A7542	♥ -
6♣ by South Lead: A♥	♦ 942	♣ K7543
	SOUTH (HHIT)	
	♠ KQJ63	♥ 8
	♦ AK653	♣ AT

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

The Hog's LHO had led the ace of hearts and the Hog-In-Training had ruffed with the ace of spades.

(Continued on page 9)

"It may not be obvious at first that the lead of the ace of hearts puts the contract of six spades in jeopardy. Clearly though, there is a diamond loser. Also, LHO's three heart overcall came just as the lectern was being set up on the stage and shortly after I had returned from a break to refill my coffee cup. Could it be that the heart lead was going to be overruffed?"

There was a tumult of skeptical hooting. A 12-card heart suit nets a mere single jump to the three level? Whatever was in the Hog-In-Training's coffee?

"Observe first that if RHO follows to the heart," continued the Hog as several shouted "but of course he will" loudly, "the contract is not in any greater jeopardy due to my ruffing with the ace. I simply duck a diamond at trick two and there will always be a spade in dummy for the fourth round of diamonds even if I must pull trumps in three rounds. If diamonds are 5-0 and the player void of diamonds ruffs at trick two I must only pull two rounds of trumps maximum and I'll have two diamond ruffs in dummy available. The contract fails if the player with five diamonds wins and gives his partner an immediate ruff, but in that case my play to trick one is irrelevant."

There was apparently a tacit agreement that this was so.

"So, the only remaining danger," continued the Hog, "is that the heart lead may be ruffed. The play of the ace caters to this extremely remote 12-0 heart break and does not endanger the contract. If hearts are 12-0, I continue by playing a spade to the king, and then the ace of diamonds. These two tricks will tell me the suit of the card which accompanies the twelve hearts. If LHO has a trump to go with his hearts, it has been pulled and I can pull the last trump, duck a diamond and claim. If LHO's 13th card is a diamond, I must pull three rounds of trumps but here diamonds are 4-1 and not 5-0, so after ducking I need only one diamond ruff in dummy—still easy. If LHO is 0-12-0-1, this means RHO started with three spades and all five dia-

monds, so I need two diamond ruffs in dummy. Still no problem, I duck a diamond, and await the return. If a trump comes back I win in hand, cash the king of diamonds, ruff a diamond, ace of clubs, another diamond ruff, king of clubs, club ruff back to hand, pull the last trump and claim. If a diamond comes back I win the king, play a high trump, and continue as before: diamond ruff, ace of clubs, another diamond ruff, king of clubs, club ruff, pull the last trump, claim. If a club comes back, I win in dummy, play a trump to my hand, cash the king of diamonds, ruff a diamond, ace of clubs, ruff a diamond, ruff a club, pull the last trump and claim."

This all took a few minutes to verify. The Hog In Training waited patiently. Finally McAllister emerged from the throng of players, walked over to the lectern and handed the trophy to the Hog In Training and shook his hand. A short speech by McAllister effectively ended the inaugural competition and players began to leave. Eventually I was alone with the Hog, who was examining the cards held by the opponents, which up to that point had remained face down and completely unexamined.

"Well, that was quite a triumph," I began.

The Hog In Training motioned for me to sit down in his seat, and took the seat to the right. He chose thirteen cards from the twenty-six held by the opponents and tossed them across the table, the ace of hearts face up atop the pile. "Play the hand," he said. "I promise you, diamonds are not 5-0 and hearts are not 12-0. I invite you to play the

"...I promise you, diamonds are not 5-0 and hearts are not 12-0. I invite you to play the contract, redoubled, at the usual stakes."

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"But then it is cold! You just said so and McAllister agreed." How could I lose? I called for the ace of spades from dummy and the Hog in Training played a small heart.

"That McAllister's bridge is as near-sighted as his politics," said HHIT as I played a diamond to his queen. I ducked and the Hog in Training turned over a small diamond from the other hand. "He concentrates so much on crazy 'safety plays' that he doesn't really know what surprises bridge can give." The Hog In Training now led the three of hearts and I ruffed in hand with the three of spades. He let go a great peal of laughter as he turned over the eight of spades from the other hand! I looked and discovered that the opening leader, who had made the jump overcall in hearts in the original layout, had in this replay 3-1-4-5 distribution! The "impossible" upercut ensured an incredible down one!

"For example," said the Hog in Training, as I paid him the monetary equivalent of 200 points (thank goodness I wasn't vulnerable!), "I don't think McAllister would expect a psyche if his wallet depended on it. Hah!"

(Give Me A Hand answer from page 10)

Play the Q♠ at trick two—if they win the king you have four spades, four diamonds, two hearts and two clubs, so they must duck. Now play the J♥—if they win the queen you have two spades, four hearts, four diamonds and two clubs, so again they must duck. Now with nine tricks in the bag (two spades, three hearts and four diamonds) you can play clubs from the top to establish your T♣ as the twelfth trick!

6NT by South Lead: x♦
N: dummy
♠ JT964
♥ T9642
♦ Q64
♣ —
S: declarer
♠ AQ
♥ AKJ
♦ AKJT
♣ AKJT

NABC Report

by Doug Cowan

Plans are now in high gear. Committees are finalized and we are meeting monthly. We have a slogan, "Bridge Under the Sails", an appealing logo (thank you, Judy Murphy and Judy Goodwin!), and a new banner for display at other tournaments leading up to 1999. We are considering other ways to give our NABC as much publicity as possible so please provide your input. We will be producing buttons for everyone to wear, especially at out of town tournaments.

I recently returned from the summer NABC in Albuquerque. It had about 11,000 tables which is close to what we expect here so it gave a good comparison. It was also held in a Convention Centre with some events in an adjacent hotel. The facilities were excellent but they were not extravagant with hospitality. In the high cost atmosphere of Vancouver's downtown hotels, our committees will have big decisions to make as to how much we wish to spend on hospitality and what form it should take.

A key to our tournament's hoped for success will be getting everybody involved locally in promoting it and otherwise helping out. Jennifer Ballantyne is our Volunteer Coordinator and she is recruiting now, both for things that need to be done prior to the tournament as well as at the tournament itself. Give her a

call at 438-3095 and volunteer before she conscripts you!

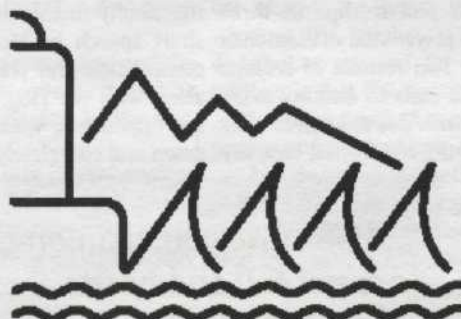
If you have children, grandchildren or friends of caddying age (ideally 11-16), you might bear in mind that we will need about 25 caddies. More information to follow.

[From Aidan Ballantyne]:

Perhaps it would be appropriate to list who we have in place so far: Doug Cowan, Chairman; Phil Wood, (a sort of Honorary Chairman who works awfully hard!); Aidan Ballantyne, Deputy Chairman and Information; Steve Beaton, Secretary, Rose Miller, Treasurer; Joan Richards, Hospitality; Jennifer Ballantyne, Volunteers; Patti Adams, Partnerships; Diane Dean, Intermediate and Novice Events; Aban Gerrie, Caddies; Kathy Adachi, Club Liaison; and Kathy Appleby, Restaurant Guide. Of course, many others have already contributed!

We also have plans to start up a Web Page on the internet describing our city, the venue (keying on our slogan) and the program (when it becomes known). The page will explore other themes of interest. For example, 1999 will mark the 25th anniversary since the 1974 Spring NABC, the last time we had the NABC in town. We'll be looking back at 1974 and doing a "where are they now?" type piece. We intend to let our city sell the tournament too. The Web

Page will have links to some of Vancouver's attractions so prospective visitors can scout out what we have to offer.



BRIDGE UNDER THE SAILS

Give Me a Hand

by Joerg Schneider

When there is a lead out of turn, we know that declarer has all kinds of options. However, a sage piece of advice is to let the lead stand on the theory (very sound!) that if they don't know who's lead it is, they surely will not know *what* to lead.

A good example of this happened a few weeks back at Louis Landau's game in West Vancouver. I held one of my usual hands:

♠ xxxx ♥ QTxx ♦ x ♣ Jxxx

The auction: 1NT on my left, double by partner Angela Fenton—alerted and explained as a one-suited hand—3NT on my right, all pass. Now I knew of course what my partner's suit was, so I led my stiff diamond...

"Director!"—amazing how the voice carries in a situation like this—it was not my turn to lead, I was informed!

Declarer was read her rights and barred a diamond lead (holding Jxxx), whereupon Angela led the ace

of hearts. Dummy came down with, among other goodies (quite a few of them), the AKQT of diamonds and a singleton heart! Six heart tricks later—with some "clever" unblocking on my part, declarer (who had a doubleton) was left to contemplate the sad fact that, had she followed the aforementioned advice she would have run the first twelve tricks!

Here is a play problem for you, from Paul Lucas. In 6NT with a diamond lead, how do you take twelve tricks against *any* distribution.

North: JT964/T9642/Q64/--

South: AQ/AKJ/AKJT/AKJT

It is not good enough to play A-Q of spades; they will hold off then spade king and when you clear the hearts (you need them to make 12 tricks), they cash the king of spades.

(Answer, page 9)

6NT by South
Lead: x♦

N: dummy

♠ JT964
♥ T9642
♦ Q64
♣ -

S: declarer

♠ AQ
♥ AKJ
♦ AKJT
♣ AKJT

Movers and Shakers

Halfway Standings

Most of you will know by now that the Mini-McKenney tracks masterpoints won in all ACBL events, while the Ace of Clubs tracks only points won at clubs. Both of these lists are dated July 6, which of course means that included here is all points

received in Memphis by that date. As to what exactly had been received to that point, I know nothing. Call the ACBL Membership Assistance Department at 1-800/467-2623.

For the first time in a while no computer glitch has placed a player from Colorado or Manitoba on the list, although I note with interest that Allan Graves is now listed as a member of Unit 430. Welcome back, Allan—where have you been?! ☺

1997 MINI-McKENNEY STANDINGS

AS OF JULY 6, 1997

(points from all sources)

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Andrew Lee, Burnaby	19.77
2. Dorin Costin, New West	11.88
3. Simona Costin, New West	10.48

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Greg Morse, Richmond	17.21
2. Ewa Wroblewicz, Vancouver	12.50
3. Jeremy Crowhurst, Vancouver ...	10.42

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Marylou Varga, Coquitlam	23.95
2. Ron Sodmont, White Rock	22.79
3. Adele Mackay, Coquitlam	21.63

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Sharon Hughes, N. Vancouver ...	37.02
2. Amad Rafii, Vancouver	36.88
3. Barbara Green, N. Vancouver	35.19

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Bernard Grant, Chilliwack	39.58
2. Dan Webster, Mission	36.98
3. Maxine Sodmont, White Rock ...	34.72

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver	64.39
2. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver	50.07
3. Jeannette Greenhut, Vancouver ..	45.47

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Bev Kanee, Richmond	55.76
2. Claire Burns, W. Vancouver	54.07
3. John Lien, Surrey	51.32

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Don Sharp, Salt Spring Island	70.54
2. Felipe Hernandez, Coquitlam	49.80
3. Toyo Nunoda, Vancouver	47.91

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam	116.77
2. Joerg Schneider, Vancouver	70.28
3. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	62.57

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Gord McOrmond, Delta	95.59
2. Peter Herold, Surrey	91.68
3. June Pocock, Coquitlam	80.55

Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	161.34
2. Cam Doner, Richmond	152.43
3. Allan Graves, Vancouver	85.95

(Unit 430 has no Grand Life Masters with more than 10,000 masterpoints. We're working on it. Check back in a few years...)

1997 ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

AS OF JULY 6, 1997

(points from clubs only)

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Dorin Costin, New West	11.14
2. Simona Costin, New West	10.48
3. Andrew Lee, Burnaby	9.06

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Ewa Wroblewicz, Vancouver	8.09
2. Mark Rojewski, Burnaby	7.11
3. Andrew Zorawski, Vancouver	6.30

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Ron Sodmont, White Rock	17.72
2. Ann Andres, Vancouver	16.49
3. Wink Andres, Vancouver	13.39

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver	31.78
2. Barbara Green, N. Vancouver	22.79
3. Zreen Marzban, W. Vancouver ...	18.52

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Maxine Sodmont, White Rock	29.65
2. Bernard Grant, Chilliwack	27.12
3. Dan Webster, Mission	24.34

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Pat Lester, W. Vancouver	35.25
2. Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver	28.22
3. Harry Friedman, Richmond	28.05

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Bev Kanee, Richmond	23.75
2. Nancy Yoshida, Vancouver	23.13
3. John Lien, Surrey	21.45

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Daisy Neilson, Langley	29.31
2. Joan Richards, W. Vancouver	28.11
3. Joni Johnston, White Rock	26.90

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	55.02
2. Pat Landau, N. Vancouver	49.53
3. Olive Perdue, Vancouver	36.19

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Stella Alliston, N. Vancouver	43.80
2. Mary Fines, N. Vancouver	41.39
3. Kathy Adachi, Delta	39.43

Diamond LM (5000-10,000 MP)

1. Laurence Betts, Burnaby	18.70
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	3.89
3. Allan Graves, Vancouver	1.27

(One thing I should mention: you are placed into the category that you were in at the start of 1997.)



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Zero Tolerance

by Bruce McIntyre

To the newcomer to a bridge club, the competitive nature of duplicate bridge is a two-edged sword. Whenever I describe duplicate bridge to a friend who has played bridge but never in a club, they are intrigued by the fact that you get a "score" which is unrelated to the strength of the cards you were dealt. But when I go into detail about the advanced (to them) bidding conventions developed by and large by duplicate players for competitive play, they are also concerned that the competition makes the game's learning curve far steeper. And on the rare occasion when I accompany someone who has never before played duplicate to a club or tournament, they are almost always dismayed at the transformation of a social game into a cutthroat competitive sport. Even in the most relaxed of settings you will see players questioning their partner's bids and plays, along with a general tone of negativity that bridge players tend to adopt

whenever the result is not perfect. The rough, tough image that duplicate bridge presents to a new player is a serious, serious problem. Even more of a problem is the accepted "sink-or-swim" attitude among players toward newcomers. I explain that my partner is playing duplicate for the first time, and the opponents are kind and supportive and jovial—until one drops the other in a splinter, or an alert is forgotten, or an explanation has to be expanded because "transfer" is not sufficient to the new player. Often players will, without realizing it, act kindly to the new player at the beginning and the end of the round but turn the competition knob so high during the play of the boards that their behavior shift is quite disturbing.

To help repair duplicate bridge's image problem to first-time players, and to stop the increasing trend of rather ugly incidents at the table, several ACBL Districts, Units, and clubs have adopted a "Zero Tolerance" policy. (Unit 430 and District 19 have not yet considered Zero Tolerance.) The ACBL Board of Directors is now considering adopting the policy. This is what the policy says:

To assure a social climate that promotes enjoyable bridge, management has adopted and will enforce a policy of Zero Tolerance for unpleasant or rude behavior. Your cooperation is needed. Please report to us ANY CONDUCT whether outstanding and refreshing OR offensive and disagreeable.

COMMENDABLE: ANYTHING that makes bridge more enjoyable for others, including:

- ☺ Greeting others in a friendly manner
- ☺ Praising the play or defense of opponents (Praise of partner should occur only when opponents are NOT at the table!)
- ☺ Making your convention card readily available to opponents
- ☺ Just doing everything possible to make bridge the incredibly enjoyable game we know it can be
- ☺ Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table

UNACCEPTABLE: ANYTHING that makes bridge less enjoyable for others, including:

- ☹ Disputing a Director's ruling during the game
- ☹ Objecting to a call for the Director
- ☹ Publicly criticizing partner or others
- ☹ Discussing hands after a round is called
- ☹ Gloating over good results
- ☹ Negative comments concerning anyone's play including partner
- ☹ Poor personal hygiene, grooming, or dress
- ☹ Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats, or violence

IF YOU EXPERIENCE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR DURING YOUR SESSION, CALL THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY!

If behavior is deemed inappropriate a procedural penalty will be assigned against the offending pair OR pairs equal to 1/4 board. Second offense: OUT OF THE GAME!!

We understand that there is a natural reluctance to complain about fellow players. Should it become necessary to call the Director you may simply state: "This player is interfering with my enjoyment of the game." (Such conduct is SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED by Law 74A1 in the "Laws of Duplicate Bridge".)

Courteous behavior brings out the best in all of us. Starting each round by introducing yourselves and/or saying "Hi!" will also increase the odds of a pleasant atmosphere.

Management will GREATLY appreciate your participation in this new program. With your cooperation WE ALL WIN!

It's worth noting that the "unacceptable" side is more relevant than the "commendable" side. You won't be given a bonus for being a good "host" or "guest", nothing on the commendable side is mandatory. But since you can be tossed from the game for two violations of the "unacceptables", let's look at them in greater detail, since we can all recall violations of every item.

Disputing a Director's ruling during the game. If a Director makes a ruling that you do not agree with, telling him so—politely—is all right. Explaining—politely—that there are pertinent facts which were not considered (don't let this happen; insist on being heard: poor decisions by Directors are often due to not having all the facts) is borderline all right, as long as that is indeed the case. Arguing the ruling is

wrong. Use a hospitality break or complete a round early and try to make your case. Don't delay the game and upset the room by loudly arguing after the ruling is made. Trust me, Directors do make mistakes sometimes, but if you want the ruling corrected, an aggressive attitude will not help you. Better to forget it for a few hands and then discuss it calmly with the Director.

Objecting to a call for the Director. Some players feel that a Director call is an accusation. No. A Director call is a request for assistance because something has happened or may have happened which requires an arbiter. No accusation is made by the call itself. Sometimes you overhear a table where something has happened and there is a debate over whether the Director should be called. Shouldn't happen. There is no situation where a Director "might" be needed. Call with any excuse. Even if you're the dummy. Even if the Director's on the phone. And if you object to a call for the Director, expect trouble.

Publicly criticizing partner or others. Can we just stop doing this, please? Almost every time I hear (or give, I'm not perfect either) criticism, the mistake is perfectly obvious to the player who made it. Try focusing instead on why partner dropped the ball. Look at the situation from his perspective. Often you'll find that you might have bid or played slightly differently to prevent partner's mistake.

Discussing hands after a round is called. Sure, discuss. But when the round is over, move. If you are held up by the pair ahead, vacate the table anyhow so your opponents don't get behind.

Gloating over good results. I disagree with the admonition against praising partner on the "commendable" side. I think that, if done properly, praising partner can be taken by all at the table as a genuine, honest comment. "Nicely done, pard, it appears that other declarers didn't find that endplay." Fair enough, no disrespect to the opponents here. However: "Nice double pard—I figured they were going for a huge number." This—and anything beyond this—is gloating. Don't do it.

Negative comments concerning anyone's play including partner. We covered this three items ago. It's not a nice thing to do no matter how it's worded.

Poor personal hygiene, grooming, or dress. Since I have yet to be kicked out of a game for this reason ☺, it's apparent that the standards are rather low here, but that does not mean there aren't any. Of special importance is the fact that everyone in the room will be handling the cards. If you've eaten at KFC, wash your hands. If you have a cold...need I go further?

Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence. All so obviously unwelcome that I hardly need to discuss them, except for the one buried in the middle: insinuations. Whether or not Zero Tolerance is in effect, it is

a **punishable offense** under ACBL guidelines to suggest or insinuate that a player's actions are ethically improper, except in the presence of a Tournament Official or Director. The most common form is the "hitch excuse": "Sorry, partner, I went down one because I finessed after he hitched." Unacceptable—this is an insinuation of impropriety. Better to say: "My table feel gave the impression that the finesse would work."

Slightly worse is the "for your information" comment: "It had nothing to do with the result," says the opponent politely, "but I don't think it was proper for you to ask the question about the auction when you did." Usually the polite opponent is quite right, and is genuinely concerned that the opponent is unaware that his action was wrong. So what's the problem here? The problem is that there is a chance that the opponent will misread the good intentions and be offended. Far safer and better to call the Director and explain the problem: "It doesn't affect the result, but I think my right-hand opponent is unaware that the timing of his question was improper." Many of us (me included) think we can educate newer players and help them out. It's fine to say "I think two spades was a better bid there." It's difficult, and potentially volatile, to say, without malice, "four hearts after the hesitation was improper." If you are truly concerned that

no ill-will be transmitted by your comment, explain the situation with the Director present.

The worst type of insinuation (short of actually accusing an opponent of deliberate wrongdoing,

which, without an apology or retraction will always get you a suspension or worse) is the "I could call the Director but I won't" insinuation. In this, a player has an obvious problem with an opponent's actions, but decides that calling the Director is not as satisfying as humiliating the opponent at the table. "He played the king of spades after a hitch, so I thought he had another one. If I'd guessed right we'd have a top. I could call the Director but we won't worry about it." Totally unacceptable. The opponent should call the Director and report the conversation. Whether or not there was a hitch before the king of spades is now secondary to the far more serious offense of insinuating wrongdoing without a Director present. You can be suspended for this. Don't do it.

Can Zero Tolerance work? It seems clear that without the cooperation of Directors, it cannot. If Directors are not as diligent as players in punishing problem behavior (sometimes at the cost of losing players who disagree that their behavior was unacceptable) then Zero Tolerance will not work. Of special concern is the warning-expulsion nature of the policy. We know from long established tradition in other sports that even if the rules call for expulsion from the game, this will be avoided by the officials at all costs: Even Dennis Rodman doesn't get his sec-

"...you can be suspended for this. Don't do it."

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ond technical until he does something *really* outlandish. A soccer player can receive a yellow card for an offense yet the same offense repeated *might not be enough to get the red card*. In bridge, expulsion of a pair in mid-game is far more detrimental to the game since this means sit-outs and factored scores unless a substitute is available. Directors in bridge are going to have an *incredibly difficult time* in arbitrating problem behavior since unlike other sports they rely on eyewitness testimony in most cases, instead of actually watching at all times. A great many cases of unacceptable behavior are going to be missed because the facts are in dispute, and personal conflicts may be magnifying the severity of the complaint—in this atmosphere, no Director will merely assume the worst if it means penalties or expulsion.

However, with the promotion of Zero Tolerance making players aware of what is unacceptable, the *obvious* cases of unacceptable behavior will be caught right away. Several players in today's bridge scene are habitually abusive towards some of their partners, and loud enough to be heard several tables away. Good luck to them! They'll be hit with a quarter-board penalty before the first round is over. And if they continue the charade, they'll be out the door very quickly after that!

Do we need Zero Tolerance? All of the items listed on the unacceptable side of the ledger are listed in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, along with suggested penalties (most of them greatly dependent upon the severity of the offense). What Zero Tolerance does is to make clear the types of behavior that are unacceptable (because not many players have access to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations), and to stipulate a game-level penalty for first and second offenses. *These penalties do not limit in any way the potential of an ACBL Disciplinary Committee to levy suspensions or reprimands*. There is no penalty within the Zero Tolerance policy that could not be imposed by a Director already under the Laws; the policy simply suggests a guide to penalizing unacceptable behavior within the game.

There was to be with this article a sidebar describing the

policies in place in this Unit for discipline. In the past we have received conflicting information from ACBL sources on exactly what to do when a complaint is received, and even who a complaint should be made to, and this has made necessary a detailed review of procedures. A subcommittee of Garry Skoropada, the Unit's chairman of the Conduct Department and Ethics Committee, and experienced Board members Jennifer Ballantyne and June Pocock was unable to meet before press time to complete this job. Their work will be discussed in the October issue.

A good portion of Zero Tolerance is dedicated to commendable behavior. Bad behavior tends to happen less when players concentrate on making the game enjoyable for all. Commendable behavior includes all of the items on the Zero Tolerance policy paper, plus "Active Ethics," which is mostly concerned with making sure your opponents are not damaged by unauthorized information inadvertently leaked by your side. It's just as important to recognize acts of goodwill at the table as it is to punish unacceptable behavior. Because of this, the Unit Board decided at its August meeting to accept the suggestion made by Stan Bodlak in the March 1996 *Matchpointer*:

"It's time to recognize players who exhibit a combination of high-level Active Ethics, exemplary courtesy to partners and opponents, and the kind of general deportment which enhances everyone's enjoyment of bridge. I'd suggest that the trophy be named after Don Fraser, who I believe exemplified the qualities mentioned above. It shouldn't be difficult for a committee to work out the criteria and mechanics for an annual presentation."

The Unit Board decided that a plaque would be more appropriate since a Don Fraser Trophy already exists, purchased by Marianne Scott and awarded to the winner of the Hastings Bridge Club's September Club Championship. The Don Fraser Active Ethics Award will be presented for the first time at the Round-Up Sectional in late October. Until then, *written nominations for the award may be sent to any Unit Board member before the October 6th meeting*.

The "X" Factor

by Doug Cowan

In its ongoing desire to make everyone a Gold Life Master before their playing days are over, the ACBL have created a new strata, *Flight X!*

In Albuquerque I played in a Flight A Victory Point Swiss with a partner I met at the Partnership Desk, and Allan Ferguson and Debbie Hargreaves from Vancouver Is-

land as teammates. We got off to a good start and were actually leading the event at half-time. However, the second half wasn't so good. We were 2-2 and were blitzed in our last match which dropped us down to about 15th overall, worth very few masterpoints.

But now the X Factor takes over! Flight X is the second strata of a Flight A event, open to teams with no player having more than 3000 MPs! We easily qualified for this strata and finished third in it winning over 15 MPs.

Now, I don't intend to decline the masterpoints but the idea that someone with over 2000 points needs protection strikes me as being absurd. Stratification at lower levels is one of the best ideas the ACBL ever devised but surely players with over 2000 points can hold their own in any company.

Despite these feelings, I want to thank the ACBL for making my trip to Albuquerque relatively successful as I did not shine in any other events.

News from Suburbia

by Thony Stiennon

The July STaC is already only a memory even if a few of our players have achieved some very nice scores. Congratulations to each one of them. But yes, for that kind of game, your local club has to charge a bit more than the usual table fee. For the Unit, there is an administrative cost to be covered and the members of the Unit Board volunteer their time and efforts. No matter what way we look at it, only the players are the winners. And the same goes for every special game, be it NAOP, COPC, ACBL-wide International Fund game, Charity games of any kind, etc., etc. Sometimes we are required to pay \$4.00 per table, sometimes \$6.00 and sometimes \$9.00. This extra cost must be passed on to the players. The Club Directors and owners don't like it any

more than the players, but the players are the real winners. Without NAOP, COPC, and others, the international recognition of the game would greatly suffer and so would the whole bridge organization. I have claimed very often that without the Clubs the ACBL would cease to exist, but—by the same token—without the ACBL the clubs would also disappear. Yes, once in a while, we ask you to pay a bit more to participate in a game, but when we do, YOU are the winners.

A few weeks ago, Eugene Chan of the Vancouver Bridge Centre called me to confirm that their Charity Game for the Rachel & Melissa Badger Camping fund had collected a total of \$132.00 and he asked me to whom to write the cheque. At this time, I have not been able to get confirmation that the payment has been issued (Eugene is out of town). But this brings the total raised to \$2,200.40. To each one of you a thousand "thank you"s for your generosity.

SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
Thony Stiennon (non-playing director) 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC
Regular Games:	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
Club Championships:	September 16	September 18	September 19
NAOP Club Qualifying:		August 28	
Swiss Teams:		October 16	September 26
Membership Game:	October 21	October 23	October 24
Club Closed:		September 4	

The Centre Page

By Ken Lochang

First, I want to apologize to all concerned about the delay in receiving masterpoints for April and May. Due to circumstances (see Eugene's letter elsewhere in this issue) the month-end reports for April and May were only sent in together with the June report. Let me ensure everyone that no masterpoints are ever lost with the use of the ACBLScore computer program. Even if the computer were to break down and

data lost, recap summaries and traveling scores are retained for each game and game results can be regenerated. As you all know, the ACBL now sends masterpoint reports bi-monthly, so you should be receiving the missing masterpoints with the September issue of the Bulletin. It is frustrating to receive an eagerly awaited Bulletin only to be disappointed that expected masterpoints are missing. I want to pledge that this will not happen again.

I want to clarify that all regular club games at the Bridge Centre are ACBL sanctioned and masterpoints awarded.

In addition, the Bridge Centre runs most ACBL and Canadian Bridge Federation special events which award masterpoints in even greater quantities than regular club games. However, the Bridge Centre runs occasional CASH events which are not ACBL or CBF sanctioned. No masterpoints are awarded from these events since the winners are naturally more interested in "Green Points." In previous years the VBC has run a summer IMP League; deliberately non-sanctioned because the

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Letter to the Editor

from Eugene Chan

Much concern has been raised about the omission of VBC masterpoints from everyone's July masterpoint report. First let me make clear that the submission of game reports to the ACBL for the issuance of masterpoints has always been my responsibility and no one else's. If any delays or omissions result, then I shoulder and accept full responsibility.

In order for masterpoints to appear on your masterpoint report, Memphis must have received and processed game reports by the 15th of the previous month. Tardy reports are subject to a late fee penalty of \$US 25.00. With current exchange rates, that is strong incentive to submit game files in timely manner. If a club fails to report over time or ceases operations, the League may cancel the club's sanction.

The bridge world is very much like the business world, in that some clubs (businesses) are more financially stable than

other clubs (businesses). The Bridge Centre has always struggled financially, losing money in each of the preceding five years. Indeed, some early prognosticators thought we would be closed within three months of startup. That we have endured this long is testament to the hard work and financial support of many people. It has not been easy to keep the creditors at bay these past five years.

By the spring of 1996, our attendance, having peaked in 1994, had declined to Haida Club levels. Needless to say our present overhead is much higher than the costs at the former location. In fact VBC game directors took a pay cut to ease the financial burden. Other than fees paid to game directors, which are now the lowest of any club in Unit 430, the Bridge Centre is not financially healthy enough to pay anyone else. There was no thought of renewing the lease, just a question of surviving to the end of the lease.

In the June 1996 *Matchpointer*, my letter to the editor asked all local players for help—fresh ideas, new blood, and an occasional word of encouragement. It has been quite a

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format did not conform to ACBL regulations. This year, to enable masterpoints, our Summer IMP League was revised to a series of weekly Swiss Teams. The players in our Summer IMPromptu Teams during July will see their masterpoint winnings included with their September Bulletin (assuming that League Headquarters was able to process our July report by the cut-off date of August 15th.)

And now the good news! I am very happy to report that this past July was the VBC's best July on record! And that's *not* counting the carpet fundraiser we held on July 5th, which drew 33 tables, and at least a dozen others who came for the barbecue and participated in the auctions but did not stay for the game. I have been totally overwhelmed by the success of the "Magic Carpet Campaign." I cannot express my appreciation enough for this show of generosity and support. It's an unprecedented vote of confidence in the Bridge Centre. It's a tremendous boost of morale to start off our second five-year lease. Of course, such a successful

campaign would not be possible without the fine work done by all the committee members. And I do wish to say a special thank you to them all. Their tireless energy, enthusiasm and imagination were contagious. They were the key element for a successful campaign.

By all accounts, the birthday bash on July 5th was a very memorable one; the morning thunderstorm passed and the sun came out in time for the barbecue. A party mood soon set in and by the time of the live auction laughter and high spirits were in full swing. The silent and live auctions raised a total of \$4200.00! Together with the 50/50 tickets (which raised \$1100), private donations, and the birthday bash itself, the total amount raised was just over \$8300.00! The money is held in trust by the Magic Carpet Campaign Committee and will be spent on a new carpet and floor tiles.

As I write the club has been repainted and the carpet is due soon. The Committee had great fun selecting the carpet and tiles, aided by input from a professional interior decorator. As a result of the new carpet, inquiries are

already coming in about rental of the available space. Come the fall a more concerted effort will be made to book non-bridge events such as meetings, receptions, classrooms, banquets, etc. So if you or anybody you know requires rental space, do contact us. The rental rates will be extremely affordable!

Future plans for the club will be an expansion of our kitchen facility, to enable us to serve the bridge community better, and to enhance the desirability of our space for outside rentals. Long range plans include the creation of a new lounge area.

Again, I wish to remind smokers to keep the VBC entrance area clean (please use the container for cigarette butts and *not* the parking lot or planted areas) and not to block access to the front door. Our plans for Bridge Centre expansion rely a great deal on presenting a good image to potential renters (and to new bridge players!). And if the front entrance is a mess...

I thank everyone for their support over the past five years. We are certainly very excited about the next five years!

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year since:

- ♠ two 37 table Rookie-Master games
- ♥ the joint promotion of the Arts Club's play *Thirteen Hands*
- ◇ over a hundred new players have played in our new Wednesday morning New-plicate game
- ♣ Monday night (0-200 MPs) attendance up from 3-4 tables to 9-10 tables
- ♠ The new Friday afternoon game is showing signs of viability

The increased attendance and the enthusiasm of our newer players provided encouragement to renew the lease and a look at some alternative sites convinced us that renewing the lease was the best thing to do. However there were big obstacles to overcome. The landlord wanted to evict us, citing non-compliance of City bylaws, with respect to smoking and licensing. \$1,950 later, paid to the landlord's consultant, all necessary approvals were in place. In the end, our cash flow suffered and it was impossible to

send the masterpoint reports by mid-June, the deadline for inclusion in the July Bulletin masterpoint reports. A recent \$3,500.00 cash injection will see us through to the Fall, as August and September are traditionally the slowest months of the year.

Meanwhile, our players continue to amaze us with unprecedented support, both attendance and otherwise, with the Magic Carpet Committee's incredible fund-raising effort, culminating in the extraordinary Barbecue Bash. As Ken has written, the July attendance at the VBC was the best on record! Over the past eighteen months, we have gone from a position where renewing the lease looked impossible, to the difficult and obstacle-ridden decision to renew. Finally the future looks brighter for the VBC.

We believe the VBC is the nicest club in Canada, and so do all of our visitors. Our next goal is not only to be the nicest bridge club but also the bridge club with the nicest players.
—Eugene Chan

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- North American 49er Pairs. Separate Section, no surcharge, top our region and win ACBL Scrip! Five sessions: play as many times as you wish.
- Wed Sept 10 (10:45), Mon Sept 15 (7:30), Sat Sept. 20 (1:00), Sat Sept 27 (1:00), Mon Sept 29 (7:30).
- COPC Club Qualifying. \$1.50 extra surcharge (subsidized by club) will be refunded whenever attendance exceeds 12 tables! Qualify directly to National Final! Thu Oct 9 (7:30), Wed Oct 29 (7:30), Tue Nov 4 (10:45).
- CNTC Club Qualifying (\$8/session) Mon Oct 6 & 13 (7:30), Sat Nov 9 (1:00, 1 session): Master/Non-Master teams only, Sat Jan 10 (1:00/TBA).
- NAOP Qualifying Games: Aug 26 (7:30), Aug 30 (1:00)
- Monthly Madness Saturdays once a month, 99er Pairs at 1:00, open IMP Pairs at 7:30. Sept 6, Oct 11, Nov 8.
- Sept 16: Sectional Winners Free Play Night (closed Sept 12-14)
- Sept 17: ACBL Gold Point Game
- Sept 21-26: Club Championship Week
- Sept 26-27: Goofy Pairs Calcutta, auction Friday evening following game, Goofy Pairs game Saturday evening (pre-registration necessary)
- Oct 1: District Wide Charity Game (open)
- Oct 4-5: Future Stars Sectional (regular games cancelled, except for MUG)
- Oct 18: NAOP Unit Final
- Oct 21: CBF Olympiad Fund Game
- Oct 27: CBF Fall Rookie Master Game
- Winners: Badger Benefit Game: Ron Christensen/Sheila Dickie, Can-Am Pairs: John & Selena Swanson, Birthday Bash Game: (A) Charles & Nicole Bourassa, (B) Julien Levesque/Harry Greenhut; International Fund Game: Dan Watson/Geroge Bell. 3rd Annual NFL Pool Coming Soon!

REGULAR GAMES

- (special events never pre-empt regular games)
- Monday 7:30 PM *Intermediate 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 + bidding contest
 - Saturday Watch for *Monthly Madness*
otherwise weekly Aft and Eve Rubber Bridge
 - Sunday 6:30 PM *Early Bird IMP Stratified*
scores count for quarterly ChIMPs championships



VBC is now a smoke-free club



Effective air-conditioning: dress warmly!

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: August 16, 1997. Not including invitation-only clubs)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Last Reported Club Champions
Mon	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open	25 Aug	Maria & Adam Dabrowski
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	8 Sept	Cliff & Pat Glen
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open, STR:1st	20 Oct	Joyce Rhodes/Rita Hasselbach
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	15 Sept	Danny Sopkow/Joe Lesch
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	1st: HCP, 3rd: Trophy Race	Game	(reopens Sept 8 after summer break)
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	information seldom received—can anyone help?	
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-200, stratified	22 Sept	Ryan Park/Del Haylock
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	B. Russell	stratified	23 Sept	Marylou Bert/Lune Pocock
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open	16 Sept	Bernice Selander/Joni Johnston
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebingner	open	22nd annual Charity Swiss Teams, Sun. 28 Sept, 11:30/TBA	
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	23 Sept	Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	23 Sept	Marylou Bert/Steve Clements
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open, special STR: 17 Sept	1 Oct	Stella Alliston/Joyce Peters
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	24 Sept (Don Fraser Trophy Game)	
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-20 MP	24 Sept	Lori Chong/Diana Marr
	7:15 pm	WRK	A.M. Bullis	open, STR: last, Teams:3 Sep	20 Aug,22 Oct	Dot Carnegie/Rekha Shah
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	3 Sept	Hoshang & Rani Shroff
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	17 Sept	Bev Kanee/Toyo Nunoda
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	27 Aug	Gilles St. Pierre/Denis Lefebvre
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, stratified	24 Sept	Pat Jones/Diane Ayukawa
Thu	10:30 am	DTA	P. Stapff	open: <i>new time & place</i>	4 Sept	Ernie Dietrich/Harry Friedman
	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	25 Sept	Pat Pope/Nadia Kaplan
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open, Teams: 16 Oct X:4 Sep	18 Sept	Wifl May/John McDonald
	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 Sept	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	25 Sept	Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
	Fri	1:00 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	26 Sept
7:30 pm		ABB	B. Percher	open	26 Sept	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: 26 Sept	19 Sept	Nando Masini/Ken Danielsen
7:30 pm		VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	26 Sept	Dorin Costin/Michael Neagu
Sat	1/7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	rubber bridge (always); day before MUG: 99ers Pairs (1:00), Open IMP Pairs (7:30)		
Sun	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: tournaments	31 Aug	Eleanor Kaufmann/Harvey Sawyer
	6:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	IMP Prs-STR, X:1st (MUG)	21 Sept	Chester Michno/Ken Lochang

GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game

STR=stratified game

LP=limited masterpoint game

IP=IMP Pairs scoring

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

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

Games limited to club members and guests and unsanctioned games are not listed here. Most (not all) clubs hold four quarterly club championships for each 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

August 20-October 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

20 Aug 7:15	WRK	Club Championship
21 Aug 7:30	MIS	Club Championship
25 Aug 10:00	VCR	Club Championship
25 Aug 7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
25 Aug 7:30	VBC	IMPromptu Teams Finale
26 Aug 7:30	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying Game
27 Aug 7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
27 Aug 7:15	VCR	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying Game

Date Time Club What's Happening

27 Aug 7:30	M-R	Club Championship
28 Aug 7:15	F.V	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying Game
29 Aug 7:30	VBC	TGIF+bidding contest
30 Aug 1:00	VBC	North American Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying Game
31 Aug 1:00	RMD	Club Championship
1 Sep 10:00	VCR	Labour Day Charity Pairs
1 Sep 7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
3 Sep 7:15	WRK	Swiss Teams
3 Sep 7:15	VCR	Club Championship
4 Sep 10:00	DTA	Club Championship
4 Sep —	F.V	No game (this date only)
6 Sep 1:00	VBC	Monthly Sat. aft. 0-100 game
6 Sep 7:30	VBC	Monthly Sat. night IMP pairs
7 Sep		Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
8 Sep 10:45	BBY	Club Championship
8 Sep 7:30	TSW	Canadian Open Pairs Club Qualifying Game
8 Sep 7:30	SQU	Handicap Game (reopening after summer break)
10 Sep 7:30	VBC	North American 49ers Pairs Qualifier (in separate section)
12-14 Sep		Evergreen Sectional at Surrey Inn, most clubs closed Fri-Sun.
15 Sep 7:30	CWK	Club Championship
15 Sep 7:30	VBC	North American 49ers Pairs Qualifier (in separate section)
16 Sep 11:00	S-W	Club Championship
16 Sep 7:30	VBC	Sectional Winners Free Play Night
17 Sep 10:00	VCR	Stratified Game by Expertise (0, 1, 2 Life Masters)
17 Sep 7:30	VBC	ACBL Gold Point Game (Instant Matchpoints, hand records)
17 Sep 7:30	C.R	Club Championship
18 Sep 7:15	F.V	Club Championship
19 Sep 7:30	S-D	Club Championship
20 Sep 1:00	VBC	North American 49ers Pairs Qualifier (in separate section)
21-26 Sep	VBC	Club Championship Week
21 Sep 7:30	VBC	IMP Pairs Club Championship
22 Sep 7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
22 Sep 7:30	VBC	0-200 Club Championship
23 Sep 10:45	VBC	Club Championship
23 Sep 7:30	BBY	Club Championship
23 Sep 7:30	VBC	Club Championship
24 Sep 10:30	HAS	Don Fraser Trophy Club Champ.

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Club Abbreviations and Contacts

Abbr.	Club Name	Club Contact	Phone No.	Ad.page
ABB	Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252	21
BBY	Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445	22
C.R	Central Richmond BC	Albert Yalouz	321-1891	21
CWK	Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
DTA	Delta BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794	22
F.V	Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	15
HAS	Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932	21
JCC	Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196	22
MIS	Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
M-R	Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289	21
RMD	East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298	20
S-D	Sur-Del BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	15
S-W	South-West DBC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	15
SRY	South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	574-0299	22
SQU	Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702	21
SUN	Sunshine Coast BC	Rudy Notzl	885-5552	22
TSW	Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025	22
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone: 255-2564		17
VCR	Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	7
WRK	White Rock BC	Kay Lyons	536-0486	20

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
24 Sep	10:45	VBC	0-20 Club Championship
24 Sep	7:30	VBC	0-750 Club Championship
24 Sep	7:30	WRK	Stratified Game
25 Sep	11:00	JCC	Club Championship
25 Sep	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
26 Sep	7:30	ABB	Club Championship
26 Sep	7:30	VBC	<i>TGIF Club Championship and Goofy Pairs Calcutta Auction</i>
27 Sep	7:30	VBC	<i>Goofy Pairs Calcutta Game (preregistration required)</i>
28 Sep	11:30	NSW	<i>22nd Annual Charity Swiss Teams (two sessions)</i>
28 Sep	1:00	RMD	Charity Game
29 Sep	7:15	SRY	<i>Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Club Qualifying Game</i>
29 Sep	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
29 Sep	7:30	VBC	<i>North American 49ers Pairs Qualifier (in separate section)</i>
1 Oct	7:30	C.R	<i>District-wide Charity Game</i>
1 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>District-wide Charity Game</i>
4-5 Oct		VBC	Future Stars 0-100 Sectional
5 Oct			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
6 Oct	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
6 Oct	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
6 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>CNTC Qualifying Game (1st of 2, concludes Oct 13)</i>
8 Oct	10:30	HAS	Membership Game
9 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game (open)</i>
11 Oct	1:00	VBC	Monthly Sat. aft. 99ers Game
11 Oct	7:30	VBC	Monthly Sat. night IMP Pairs
13 Oct	10:00	VCR	Thanksgiving Day Lion's Gate Handicap Pairs
13 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>CNTC Qualifying Game (2nd of 2, began Oct 6)</i>

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
14 Oct	7:30	BBY	Membership Game
16 Oct	7:15	F.V	Swiss Teams
18 Oct	noon	VBC	North American Open Pairs Unit Final (2 sessions)
20 Oct	7:15	SRY	Club Championship
20 Oct	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
21 Oct	11:00	S-W	Membership Game
21 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>CBF Olympiad Fund Game</i>
22 Oct	7:15	WRK	Swiss Teams Club Championship
23 Oct	7:15	F.V	Membership Game
24 Oct	7:30	S-D	Membership Game
26 Oct	11:30	ABB	<i>2-session Charity Swiss Teams Club Championship</i>
27 Oct	7:15	SRY	CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game
27 Oct	7:30	VBC	CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game
27 Oct	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
29 Oct	7:30	VBC	<i>Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game (open)</i>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
4 Nov	10:45	VBC	<i>Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game</i>
5 Nov	7:15	WRK	Annual Club Charity Game
9 Nov	1:00	VBC	<i>1-session CNTC qualifying (Master/Non-Master teams only)</i>
9 Nov			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
17 Nov	7:15	SRY	Membership Game
18 Nov	7:30	VBC	<i>Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game</i>
24 Nov	7:15	SRY	Charity Game
30 Nov	6:00	MUG	Christmas Party, Bonsor C.C.

White Rock Bridge Club

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

Anne-Marie Bullis 525-5669

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Stratified games last Wed. each month

Aug 20: Club Championship

Sept 3: Swiss Teams

Oct 22: Swiss Teams Club Champ.

Nov 5: Annual Club Charity Game

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

Aug 31: Club Championship

Sept 14: Closed for Sectional

Sept 28: Charity Game

STaC Winners:

Sefton & Ben Levine (A)

Barry Wade & Brian Engler

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
Aug 11: ACBL Charity Game
Sep 15: Club Championship
STaC Winners: Anne
Knowlan/Andrew Faulkner
NAOP-Q: Roselle MacRae &
Dennis Huber/Ken

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
Complex: 11940 224th St.
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Aug 27: Club Championship
STaC Winners: John Ri-
choux/Walter Schmid (A,B);
Simon Matthews/Dan
Webster (C)
Brian Lee (A,B),
Cowherd (C)

Mission

Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave.
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Aug 21: Club Championship
STaC Winners: Joan Olson/
Jessie Blake (A,B), Connie &
Walter Schmid (C)

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road
Fridays at 7:30 pm
Sept. 26: Club Championship
Oct 26: Charity Swiss
Teams Club Championship
Charity Game winners: Ken
Cowherd/Dan Webster
STaC: Dennis Huber/Joan
Olsen (A,B), Gilles St.
Pierre/Denis Lefebvre (C)

DONT MISS THE Annual
Abbotsford Charity Swiss
Teams, Oct 26, 11:30/TBA

Central Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)
Albert Yallouz 321-1891
coffee & goodies computer scoring
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

RECENT WINNERS

STaC Winners: (N-S) Harry Friedman/Hall
Rodd, (E-W) Pirtpal Gill/Les Baldys
Club Champ.: Bev Kanee/Toyo Nunoda

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17: Club Championship
Oct 1: District-wide Charity game

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
22nd annual Charity Swiss Teams
Sept 28, 11:30 and TBA

Squamish Bridge Club

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

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

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver
sandwiches Marianne Scott Wednesdays
cookies, tea/coffee 298-3932 at 10:30 am sharp
September 24: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME (DON FRASER TROPHY)
Oct 8: Membership Game

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 AM
(new time, don't be late!)
Sept 4: Club Championship

**Sunshine Coast
Bridge Club**

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

Monday Wednesday Thursday
7:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm
teams open open

Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars

Among Crazies cont.
You needed to lead a heart
against 7♠. Don't ask me why.

♠ —
♥ AJ9
♦ KQJT98764
♣ 4

♠ AKQT7432 ♠ 9865
♥ 7 ♥ KT5
♦ — ♦ A
♠ AQJ9 ♠ K7532

♠ J
♥ Q86432
♦ 532
♣ T86

Do you have a clear agreement with your partner about doubles of slams? Do they mean "lead my suit"? "Don't lead my suit?" "Lead your longest suit, I can ruff something?" If you had an agreement, and remembered that I said the diamond bidder was your partner, you avoided going minus 1770. (Perhaps your agreement requires partner *not* to double. Fine. The key point is to have an agreement.) If not, you needed to guess right. Will you guess right next time?

(Hand supplied by Simon Matthews, who bid 7♠ and was allowed to play it doubled! Some guys have all the luck...)

**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 each month Computer scoring
Novice Sections every game
Partners Guaranteed*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 22: Upgraded Club Championship
Sept 29: COPC Club Qualifying
Oct 27: CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game
(Partnerships:Dot Carnegie 535-8286)
Nov 17: Membership game

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

Sept 8 Club Championship Sept 23

Annual Membership Game Oct 14

Charity Game Winners, Aug 12:

Grace Wakabayashi and Martin Henneberger

Isawassen Bridge Club

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

Finn Schultz 534-5025 Mondays 7:30 pm

Sept 8: COPC Qualifying Game

Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club

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

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

FUTURE STARS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

FOR PLAYERS WITH UNDER 100 MASTER POINTS

OCTOBER 4-5, 1997



SATURDAY

- 12:30 pm** **Mini Lesson**
"The Joys of Bridge"
by Anne-Marie Bullis
- 1:00 pm** **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session 0-20; 20-50; 50-100
- 7:00 pm** **Mini Lesson**
"Bridge Tactics"
by Aidan Ballantyne
- 7:30 pm** **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session 0-20; 20-50; 50-100

SUNDAY

- 11:00 am** **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session 0-20, 20-50, 50-100
- 4:00 pm** **Mini-Lesson**
"Swiss Team Strategy"
by Kevin Raywood
- 5:00 pm** **Open Swiss Teams**
Single Session

PARTNERSHIP DESK

NO PARTNER? COME ANYWAY!

We'll fix you up at the
Partnership Desk.

Mini-lessons

Prizes

Coffee and Goodies

Friendly people

Wheelchair access

**Hospitality Breaks provided
for smokers**

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NAOP Qualifiers (so far)

Unit Final October 18 at VBC

Below is a list of all players who, at press time, had qualified for the North American Open Pairs Unit Final, showing which flights they have qualified for. Flight A is unlimited and open to all. Flight B is open to all players with less than 1500 masterpoints on June 1. Flight C is open to all non-Life Masters except those few who had more than 500 total points on June 1. If you are eligible to play in any lower flight than any you have qualified for, you may play in the lower flight at the Unit Final with any other qualified player. For example, a non-Life Master eligible for Flight C who qualifies with a superstar will be listed below as qualified for Flight A only, because that's what the partnership did; but the non-Life Master may dump the superstar, find another eligible player and play in Flight B or Flight C!

The Unit Final will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Saturday October 18, two sessions beginning at noon. The early starting time will make it possible for qualifying players from all areas of Unit 430 to play, as the event will be over by about 9 PM. Flight A will be a separate section. Flight B and C may be combined and stratified if attendance does not warrant running three simultaneous

events. About one-half of the players in each flight will qualify for the District Final, which will be held at the Tacoma Sectional, starting at noon on December 6. Depending on attendance, the event may be as many as four sessions long, through to Sunday. Any qualifying player may play with any other qualifying player in the District Final.

The list below includes qualifiers from the following games: June 23 (VBC-Flight C only), June 23 (SRY), June 26 (VBC), July 2 (VBC-Flights B/C only), July 14 (CWK), July 15 (VBC), July 22 (VBC), July 30 (WRK), August 6 (VBC-Flights B/C only), and August 14 (VBC). *There are still four more chances to qualify:* August 26 (VBC, 7:30 pm), August 27 (VCR, 7:15 pm), August 28 (F.V, 7:15 pm), and August 30 (VBC, 1:00 pm). The Unit Board thanks all the Club Managers who ran NAOP qualifiers this year, especially Bob Percher and Anne-Marie Bullis, who ran games where there were none last year. A final list of all qualified players will be sent to Club Managers with the minutes of the September Unit Board Meeting for display.

I could not help noticing that our defending National Champions in the event, topped the room in their club qualifying session. Typing up the results so far revealed that Dee Kerr has qualified more often than anyone else: four times so far!

Ruth Ableman	AB-	Tony Dare	AB-	Terry Gould	AB-	Sidney Kilbey	-BC	Hushang Mohtadi	-C	Dick Simpson	-BC
Kathy Adachi	A-	Gord Davis	-B-	Harry Greenhut	ABC	Anne Knowlan	ABC	Helen Montgomery	A-	Dawn Smith	-C
Patti Adams	AB-	Joan Dear	-C	Jeannette Greenhut	AB-	Andrew Lee	-C	Greg Morse	ABC	Kenneth John Smith	AB-
Amir Alibhai	-BC	Leo Dear	-C	Frances Gunn	AB-	Brian Lee	AB-	Michael Neagu	AB-	Danny Sopkow	-C
Ina Anderson	A-	Ted Deeder	AB-	Mike Haggerty	ABC	Joe Lesch	-C	Erna Nelson	-C	Ken Stanger	ABC
Greg Arbour	A-	Gordon Devlin	-C	Aase Haines	-B-	Julien Levesque	ABC	Anna Ochnio	-C	Donna Steinson	-C
Jim Ash	ABC	James Dickie	A-	Carol Hames	AB-	Elaine Levins	AB-	Jan Ochnio	-C	Stella Steves	ABC
Lenora Awram	ABC	Brad Digby	-BC	Annerita Hasselbach	AB-	John Lien	AB-	Joan Olson	AB-	Thony Stennon	AB-
Gus Axen	ABC	Caroll Diwell	-C	Ian Hayter	ABC	Ken Lochang	AB-	Kristin Orians	ABC	Liz Stoneman	AB-
Steve Badger	-C	Darrel Diwell	-C	Andy Hellqvist	ABC	Kay Lyons	-B-	Prashant Pandit	-C	Moyra Storey	ABC
Aidan Ballantyne	A-	Cam Doner	A-	Martin Henneberger	-BC	Adele MacKay	-BC	Ryan Park	ABC	Hazel Stowards	A-
John Berry	AB-	Richard Dunn	-B-	Bill Henning	-B-	Roselle MacRae	AB-	Louise Percher	AB-	Ric Sumner	ABC
Marylou Bert	A-	Lotte Elias	AB-	Catriona Henning	-B-	Grace Madsen	-C	Anicet Pinto	-B-	Bryan Sutton	ABC
Kristina Bohdanowicz	-C	Tai Eng	AB-	Felipe Hernandez	AB-	Valerie Mair	ABC	June Pocock	A-	Delphine Tablotney	A-
Matt Bohdanowicz	-C	Don Evers	ABC	Peter Herold	A-	Bryan Maksymetz	A-	Larry Pocock	A-	Dave Thom	ABC
Joan Brooks	ABC	Andrew Faulkner	ABC	Larry Hicks	A-	Al Marcotte	ABC	Kelvin Raywood	ABC	Pat Thom	ABC
Fred Brown	ABC	Len Feeny	AB-	Hing Kong Ho	-B-	Wilf May	A-	John Reay	AB-	Maarten Tjebbes	AB-
Dot Carnegie	AB-	Gerald Ferguson	ABC	Avril Hodson	ABC	Christopher Maylin	-C	Tony Remedios	A-	Joyce Tokarek	-BC
Pat Carruthers	AB-	Geoff Fetterley	ABC	Betsy Horne	AB-	Ron McConnell	AB-	Joyce Rhodes	AB-	Norm Treleaven	AB-
Eugene Chan	AB-	Shirley Fitterman	AB-	John Horne	AB-	Brian McCool	A-	Chris Robbins	-C	Linda Tuningley	-C
Kenny T.K. Chan	-B-	Esther Freeman	AB-	Dennis Huber	ABC	Gerald McCully	A-	Sandra Robson	AB-	Terry Val Jean	AB-
Nicci Charleson	A-	Al Freeze	AB-	Aftab Husain	-BC	Bruce McIntyre	-B-	Gerald Rockandef	ABC	Marylou Varga	AB-
Isabel Chernoff	AB-	Donna Freeze	AB-	Mariann Hutton	AB-	Gray McMullin	AB-	Andrew Ross	AB-	Dan Webster	ABC
Ginger Chiew	-C	Insa Fricker	AB-	Dianne Isfeld	AB-	Doreen McOrmond	AB-	Kaz Rumian	ABC	Sky Williamson	-BC
Steve Clements	AB-	Dorothy Gavigan	ABC	Ruby Jackson	ABC	Gord McOrmond	A-	Jim Sache	AB-	Tony Wischer	-C
Colin Collin	AB-	Aban Gerrie	AB-	Dan Jacob	A-	Don Meyer	-C	Norma Saltzberg	-C	Roman Woroch	AB-
Ken Cowherd	ABC	Bob Gerrie	AB-	Waldemar Jez	-BC	Karl Meyer	-C	Stan Sangdahl	ABC	Pat Wotherspoon	AB-
Willem Cramer	AB-	Lu Gesford	-B-	Pat Jones	ABC	Larry Meyer	-BC	Connie Schmid	AB-	Ewa Wroblewicz	-C
Bud Czeelman	-C	Faye Gilraine	-BC	Nomi Kaplan	-BC	Andy Mezel	ABC	Walter Schmid	AB-	Andrew Zorawski	-C
Maureen Crompton	-B-	Gary Gilraine	-BC	Jack Karpinski	ABC	Don Mill	ABC	Rekha Shah	AB-	A total of 187 players	
		Bill Goldstone	A-	Don Keith	-B-	Etna Mill	ABC	Hoshang Shroff	-BC	have qualified for the	
		Frances Gould	AB-	Dee Kerr	AB-	Pearl Minkoff	AB-	Rani Shroff	-BC	Unit Final—so far.	

Special Events

A 1996-97 wrap-up

NAOP The highlight of the year (although there are four women recently back from Winnipeg who may object) in Special Events was in the *North American Open Pairs*. In early March at the Spring NABC in Dallas, the Flight A ACBL Championship was won by **Aidan Ballantyne** and **Gord McOrmond**. In the Flight B event, **Felipe Hernandez** and **Michael Neagu** were 8th in the National Final.

97-98 NAOP Qualifying at the Club level has begun, but there are still a handful of game left. The District Final will be Saturday, Oct 18, at the VBC noon and TBA. A partial qualified list of players and a list of final club qualifying games is on page 24.

COPC/CNTC Unit 430 hosted the National Finals of the *Canadian Open Pairs Championships* and the *Canadian National Teams Championships* in June. A complete report by Aidan Ballantyne is below.

97-98 COPC/CNTC There are no less than seven COPC Club Qualifying games scheduled! These are: Sept. 8 (TSW, 7:30), Sept. 29 (SRV, 7:15), Oct. 9 (VBC, 7:30), Oct. 29 (VBC, 7:30), Nov. 4 (VBC, 10:45), Nov. 18 (VBC, 7:30), and Nov. 29 (VBC, 1:00). There are no Unit or Zone Finals this year; if you qualify at the club level you may attend the National Final in Montreal in July 1998, and the highest scoring pair in Unit 430 will receive a subsidy to help defray costs. Three CNTC qualifying games have been scheduled, all of them at the VBC, Oct. 6 and 13 (7:30), Nov. 9 (1:00), and Jan. 10 (1:00/TBA). The game on Nov. 9 is a one session Master/Non-Master Qualifying game, all teams must have Master/Non-Master (0-200 MP) partnerships at both tables.

CWTC The National Final of the *Canadian Women's Teams Championships* was played in Winnipeg in early August, with four B.C. teams participating in a 13-team field. The winners, and new national champions, were **June Pocock, Marylou Bert, Kathy Adachi** and **Leslie Gold**.

97-98 CWTC No word yet, check this space next issue.

GNT For the first time in several years, Unit 430 had no successes at the District Final of the *Grand National Teams*.

97-98 GNT Details are not yet available about the 1997-98 contest.

Other Special Events The North American 49er Pairs runs throughout September. The highest score in each region (most encompassing 1-3 ACBL Districts) wins prizes in ACBL scrip. The VBC has scheduled five NA49ers games: Sept. 10 (10:45), Sept. 15 (7:30), Sept. 20 (1:00), Sept. 27 (1:00), and Sept. 29 (7:30).

The Unit Board has broken down the Special Events portfolio so that one person is coordinating each of the events, and all the coordinators report to Special Events "Overseer" Felipe Hernandez. Details on who covers what can be lifted from the Unit Roster list which is on page 29.

A Rousing Success Story

CBF National Final Report

In early June the National Finals of the CNTC and COPC were held concurrently at the Surrey Inn. Home field advantage proved beneficial as a mostly B.C. team comprising Michael Hargreaves and Allan Graves of Victoria, Gord McOrmond of Delta and Joey Silver of Montreal won the team title. Michael Neagu and Phil Hernandez were runners-up in the pairs (won by Maritimers Randy Bennett and Mike Betts).

The organizing committee led by June Pocock did a marvelous job! On behalf of the CBF I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the tournament a success, in particular the following:

- ♣ June Pocock, who besides organizing the whole thing and fighting fires during the event somehow also managed to pitch in with board duplication.
- ♥ Jennifer Ballantyne and Leslie Gold who led the hospitality that included registration packages, daily morning coffee/muffins and nightly entertainment. Others who helped out with hospitality or making boards included: Kathy Adachi, Dianne Isfeld, Gladys Mackie, Marylou Bert, Jean Groome, Anne-

Marie Bullis, Dan Webster, Garry Skoropada, and Lenora Awram. Gary and Dan also helped with logistics (e.g. table and screen set-up).

- ◇ Jude Goodwin did a terrific job on the souvenir scoring booklet (included in the registration package).
- ♣ Others who contributed were Connie Deslisle and Anne Nagy (helped record hands during the playoffs along with many others already listed) and Ev Hodge and Mary Fines (sandwiches).
- ♣ Dave Schmidt was instrumental in securing the playing site and doing initial logistics.
- ♥ Larry Chow and Linda Cole of PDI supplied boards, screens and other equipment at a reasonable price.
- ◇ Our Tournament Directors, Steve Bates and Brian Russell, were outstanding.
- ♣ Finally, thanks to Hans and the gang at Surrey Inn for putting up with a bunch of crazed bridge players for a whole week and taking such good care of us!

Everyone I talked to enjoyed themselves and had nothing but good things to say about the venue and the organization. So thanks again for making it all work.

—Aidan Ballantyne
CBF Director for British Columbia

STaC Results

A first-time success!

The Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs, held from July 7-13 was a success. Despite being forced into a somewhat undesirable date, the total turnout was 905 tables, roughly half of this year's Seattle-sponsored STaC, but still a *very* encouraging turnout for a first-time event which was put together very quickly.

The credit goes to Unit STaC coordinator Anne-Marie Bullis, and Director-In-Chief Sandy McCreery, as well as to all the players who participated and all of the club Directors who ran the game and made sure the results reached Vancouver in time. Next year's Vancouver STaC is tentatively scheduled for the week before the Penticton Regional, June 8-14, 1998, so for players planning to play in Penticton it's possible, pragmatic and potentially productive to practice playing the week preceding.

The lists below show the District-wide overalls only, and from them you can see the level of involvement from Washington, the rest of B.C. and even Alaska! The points listed here—all 100% silver points—will replace the points shown beside your name on the initial results sheet produced the night of the game. If you didn't make the overalls but scored points in your local club's game, you will still receive those awards in silver points. Sorry for the fine print—space is tight...

A	B	C	Points	Score	Monday Afternoon Stratified 153/125/68 Pairs
1	1		12.84	66.47%	Esther Smith/Barry Laurence; Women's University Club
2			9.63	65.86%	Edith De Shaw, Newcastle WA; Yayoi French, Kirkland WA
3			7.22	63.46%	John Ashwell/Stella Alliston; Vancouver Bridge Club
4			5.42	61.99%	Patsy Esfeld/Maurice Blustein, Bellevue WA
5	2		6.74	61.64%	Graham Callender/Stephen Ritchie, Port Alberni BC
6	3		5.05	61.11%	Tillie Aitken/Marion Millhouse; Women's University Club
7	4	1	4.40	60.76%	Ree Jebson/Edna Morse; Vancouver Bridge Club
8/9			1.85	60.74%	Joerg Schneider/Keith Miller; Vancouver Bridge Club
8/9	5	2	3.30	60.74%	Kathleen Boothroyd/Lorraine Hurren; Vanc. Bridge Club
6			2.13	60.10%	Charles Bourassa/Nicole Bourassa; Vanc. Bridge Club
7			2.50	59.98%	Duncan Tonningsen, Mercer Isl. WA; Ralph Welch, Seattle
3			2.48	57.50%	Ann Lutz, Redmond WA; Gil Brigham, Issaquah WA
4			1.86	56.42%	Bobby Wood/Brenda Cameron; Vancouver Bridge Club
5			1.39	56.15%	Nancy Hanna/Mary Holcomb; Women's University Club
6			1.04	54.66%	Margaret Hughes/Dorothy Branch, Courtenay BC

A	B	C	Points	Score	Monday Evening Stratified 242/199/123 Pairs
1			15.19	70.99%	Pirpal Gill/Shirley Goldman; Vanc. Lawn/Tennis Club
2			11.39	68.59%	Bernard Jenner/Lee Morton; Richland DBC
3			8.54	67.99%	Debbie Mineault/Duncan Smith; Victoria DBC
4			6.41	66.99%	Dudley Brown/Dorothy Simmons; Lower Valley DBC
5	1		10.48	64.09%	Helen Parkyn/Audrey Weeks; Kamloops DBC
6			3.60	63.89%	Jay Brandt/John Moffat; Bellingham DBC
7	2	1	7.86	63.54%	Morgan Collins/Connie Collins; Yakima Duplicate Club
8	3	2	5.90	62.55%	Anne Knowlan/Andrew Faulkner; Chilliwack DBC
9	4		4.42	62.50%	John Lien/Liz Stoneman; South Surrey DBC
10	5		3.32	61.80%	Joni Johnston/Kenneth Holland; Tsawwassen DBC
11			1.92	61.70%	Jim Aitken, Bellevue WA; Joe Jabon, Seattle WA
12	6		2.49	61.36%	Sheila Macdougall/Jean Scott; Victoria DBC
13	7		1.87	60.98%	Suzanne Kilfoyle/Hal McKenzie; Victoria DBC
14	8		1.40	60.74%	Jiang Chen/Qingfan Wang
9			1.28	60.71%	David Harrison, Mesa AZ; Jeanette Barnett, Apache Junction AZ
10			1.42	60.42%	Otis Leathers, Tenino WA; Hamlet Hilpert, Centralia WA
3			4.02	59.26%	Pat Quayle/Elizabeth Hopkins; Tsawwassen DBC
4			3.01	58.45%	Stuart Iedema/Zemmie Iedema; Richland DBC
5			2.26	58.33%	Nancy Strom/Van Strom, Carnation WA
6			1.69	58.10%	Maureen Chaney/Jacqueline Phillips; Tsawwassen DBC
7			2.08	57.69%	Gabriella Lieblich/Bernard Hoeschen; Vancouver Lawn/Tennis Club

A	B	C	Points	Score	Monday Evening 0-300 22 Pairs
1			2.10	63.10%	Joan Dear/Leo Dear; Vancouver Bridge Centre
2			1.58	62.50%	Jerry Malcolm/Carne Beavington; Vanc. Bridge Centre
3			1.18	59.52%	Rocky Rockandel/Ryan Park; Vancouver Bridge Centre
4			0.89	59.23%	Theresa Kong/Dominique Baker; Vanc. Bridge Centre
5/6			0.58	57.74%	Kristina Bohdanowicz/Matt Bohdanowicz; VBC
5/6			0.58	57.74%	Robert Walsh/Ian Hayter; Vancouver Bridge Centre

A	B	C	Points	Score	Tuesday Afternoon Stratified 123/94/56 Pairs
1			11.90	68.52%	Ernie Dietrich/Harry Friedman; Southwest DBC
2	1		8.93	67.36%	Annerita Hasselbach/Ioni Johnston; Southwest DBC
3	2		6.69	63.70%	Jean Bishop/Robert Clark Jr; Community DBC
4			5.02	63.53%	Dee Berry/Mary Ruth Blustein; Eastside Bridge Club
5/6			3.30	62.96%	Roger Putnam/Hal Keller; Eastside Bridge Club

A	B	C	Points	Score	Tuesday Afternoon Stratified (Cont.)
5/6			3.30	62.96%	Hoshang Shroff/Gregory Arbour; Vanc. Bridge Centre
7			2.67	61.96%	Elaine Brockman/David Perkins; Eastside Bridge Club
3			4.01	60.98%	Mimi Pierce/Melba Weeks; Seattle Tennis Club
4/5	1/2		3.33	60.55%	Don Ozarem/Olga Rieger; Eastside Bridge Club
4/5	1/2		3.33	60.55%	Yoko Barnett/Ai Raudenbush; Eastside Bridge Club
6			1.69	60.23%	Nancy Florer/Laurette Flanders; Seattle Tennis Club
3			2.14	59.23%	Ralph Welch/Alan Lune; Eastside Bridge Club
4			1.60	54.17%	Ryan Park/Martin Henneberger; Vanc. Bridge Centre
5			1.20	53.40%	Alverda Lien/Art Lien; Eastside Bridge Club
6			0.90	53.33%	Richard Klein/Ila Zeek; Community DBC

A	B	C	Points	Score	Tuesday Evening Stratified 158/113/57 Pairs
1			12.96	68.43%	Rod Caldwell/Ray Miller; Eastside Bridge Club
2			9.72	67.95%	Henry Lortz/Ole Jabon; Eastside Bridge Club
3			7.29	67.65%	June Pocock/Marylou Bert; Vancouver Bridge Centre
4			5.47	65.22%	Flora Tereposky/Evelyn Hodge; Burnaby DBC
5	1		8.38	63.33%	James Lenobel/William Osten; Burnaby DBC
6			3.08	63.33%	Louis Landau/Patricia Landau; North Shore Winter Club
7	2		6.29	61.38%	Bill King/Wende Short; Eastside Bridge Club
8	3		4.71	61.22%	Keryl Zettler/Glenn Stanley; Eastside Bridge Club
4			3.54	61.11%	Tony Hartman/Wimmy Hutchinson; Parksv./Qual. DBC
5			2.65	59.96%	Rose Wizinsky/David Sharp; Parksville/Qualicum DBC
6			1.99	59.78%	David Balkingham/Stan Bodlak; Burnaby DBC
1			3.90	57.70%	Andrew Lee/Prashant Pandit; Vancouver Bridge Centre
2			2.93	57.50%	Robert Bird/Henry Kuntze; Prince George DBC
3			2.19	55.79%	Fred Downs/Elizabeth Downs; Parksville/Qualicum DBC
4			1.67	55.50%	Conhor H. Hunt/Cassy Cherniwech; Salt Spring Isl BC
5			1.23	54.77%	Merilyn Hicks/Victoria St. Mars; North Shore Winter Club
6/7	1/1		1.01	54.40%	William Buckler/Stella Bruce, Ganges BC
6/7	1/1		1.01	54.40%	Ima & Wim Krayenhoff; Salt Spring Isl BC

A	B	C	Points	Score	Wednesday Afternoon Strat. 166/127/58 Pairs
1			13.17	68.11%	Margo & Roger Putnam; Eastside Bridge Club
2	1		9.88	67.31%	Glenys Bowes/Margaret Green; Victoria DBC
3	2		7.41	66.51%	Dick Schwartz/Jean McCullough; Kitsap DBC
4	3	1	5.56	65.74%	Kathleen Boothroyd/Lorraine Hurren; Vanc. Bridge Club
5			4.17	63.61%	Stella Alliston/Joey Peters; Vancouver Bridge Club
6			3.13	63.30%	Duncan Smith/Matt Smith; Victoria DBC
7			2.34	62.80%	Betty Barnard/Douglas Scott; Victoria DBC
8			1.76	62.73%	Sharon Fitzsimmons/Ruth Ann Larson; Apple Valley DBC
9			1.46	62.66%	Heather Baker/Tom Pelton; Victoria DBC
4/5			3.34	62.50%	Gladys Mackie, Coquitlam BC; Beverley Cullen, Bby BC
4/5			3.34	62.50%	Betty Allen/Richard Hasbrouck; Apple Valley DBC
6			2.25	62.18%	Suzanne Berg/Suzanne Richardson; Kitsap DBC
7			1.61	61.38%	D Isabel Morrison/Sheila Macdougall; Victoria DBC
2			2.93	61.11%	Al Loggie/Gil Calhoun, Hastings DBC
3			2.19	59.72%	Joan Ball/Ieris Hayden; Apple Valley DBC
4			1.65	57.46%	Lois McGregor/Lynn Finlay; Kitsap DBC
5			1.23	57.27%	Amad Rafii/Amir Alibhai; Vancouver Bridge Club
6			0.93	56.02%	Suzette Bahar/Perry Lewis; Vancouver Bridge Club

A	B	C	Points	Score	Wednesday Evening Stratified 245/181/117 Pairs
1	1	1	14.88	66.07%	Beryl Lassen/Susan Oliver, Kodiak AK
2	2	2	11.16	65.15%	Bob Tubman/Bruce McLaughlin; Victoria DBC
3			8.37	64.78%	Evelyn Hodge/Stella Alliston; Vancouver Bridge Club

A	B	C	Points	Score	Wednesday Evening Stratified Cont.	A	B	C	Points	Score	Friday Afternoon Stratified Cont.
4			6.28	64.42%	Will May/Jina Andersen; White Rock DBC	5			0.79	50.93%	Delma Murray/Louise McKay; Victoria DBC
5	3		5.73	64.29%	J. Shanks/Nonni Kristjansson; Juneau DBC	6			0.75	50.87%	Yasue Yoshiike/Bernard Vincken; Eastside Bridge Club
6			3.53	62.96%	Diane Christianson/Helen Pfliger; Kelowna BC	A <th>B</th> <th>C</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Friday Evening Stratified 178/130/66 Pairs</th>	B	C	Points	Score	Friday Evening Stratified 178/130/66 Pairs
7	4		4.29	62.04%	Ronald Gagnon/David Dekezel; Cariboo DBC	1	1		13.47	71.88%	J. Shanks/Nonni Kristjansson; Juneau DBC
8			1.99	62.02%	Derek Ward/Loyce Peters; Vancouver Bridge Club	2	2		10.10	68.79%	Regina Hettick/Robert De Maris; Skyline DBC
9			2.17	61.70%	Leonard Feeny/Larry Pocock; White Rock DBC	3	3		7.58	68.45%	Eugene Runyan/Gloria Runyan; Sequim WA
10	5	3	3.88	61.57%	Elaine Ingram/Henny Hady; Cariboo DBC	4			5.68	67.36%	Ilse Matzelos/Frieda Scott; Skyline DBC
11	6	4	2.91	61.55%	Lou Villeneuve/Melody Villeneuve; Victoria DBC	5			4.26	66.82%	Christel Quist/Frances Hilliard; Skyline DBC
12	7		1.92	61.06%	Pirtpal Gill/Leszek Baldys; Central Richmond DBC	6/7	4/5	1/2	3.77	66.29%	Olga Rieger, Seattle WA; Mitsuko Russell, Mercer Isl. WA
13	8		1.52	60.90%	John Horne/John Linto; White Rock DBC	6/7	4/5	1/2	3.77	66.29%	Geoffrey Hamada/Bill Anthis, Seattle WA
	9		1.33	60.83%	Joe Wong/Glenn Ponto; Prince George DBC	8			1.80	65.74%	Marylou Bert/Michael Neagu; Vancouver Bridge Centre
	10		1.58	60.12%	Sandra Hawk/Ruby Jackson; Vancouver Bridge Centre	9			1.92	63.94%	Jim Aitken/John Jabon; Eastside Bridge Club
		5	2.18	59.09%	Jim Dickson/Delma Murray; Victoria DBC	6			2.15	61.61%	Albert Cook/John Morris; Skyline DBC
		6/7	1.44	58.93%	Peggy Winter/Nicki Croom; Vancouver Bridge Centre	7			1.67	61.34%	Janis Parker/Nick Parker; Sur-Del DBC
		6/7	1.44	58.93%	Colleen Newman/Charles Barber; Kodiak AK		3		2.42	58.93%	Gilles St Pierre/Denis Lefebvre; Abbotsford DBC
A	B	C	Points	Score	Thursday Afternoon Stratified 151/120/75 Pairs	A	B	C	Points	Score	Saturday Afternoon Stratified 72/54/32 Pairs
1			12.79	67.15%	Mark McCallum/Joan Pichena; Seattle Golf Club	1			7.67	66.29%	Ruth Ann Larson/Ellen Miskey; Nob Hill DBC
2			9.59	65.38%	Steve Bruno/Janice Pandles; Eastside Bridge Club	5			5.75	65.35%	Jim Aitken/John Jabon; Eastside Bridge Club
3			7.19	64.58%	Marian Porter/Rita Isinghaus; I's Aces & Deuces	3			4.31	63.89%	Sharon Miller/Steve Mansfield; Eastside Bridge Club
4			5.40	63.78%	Ginger Augustawo/Cindy Holloway; Seattle Golf Club	4	1	1	4.63	63.30%	Jim Abercrombie/Mike Makin; Prince George DBC
5	1	1	8.75	63.33%	Marvella M. Grady/Margaret Linehan; Thursday DBC	5			3.18	63.18%	Andy Sherrill/Yayo French; Eastside Bridge Club
6			3.04	62.96%	Paul Schwaighart/Catherine Collinson; Island DBC	6	2	2	3.47	61.86%	Singh Malik/Gerald Abhold; Eastside Bridge Club
7			2.28	62.82%	Joe Jabon/Harry Steiner; Eastside Bridge Club	3	3	3	2.60	60.83%	Jiang Greenhut/Julien Levesque; Vanc. Bridge Centre
8	2		6.56	62.50%	Lee Kueckelhan/Tom Williams; Winslow DBC	4			1.95	58.59%	Hary Chen/Qinglin Wang; Eastside Bridge Club
3			4.92	62.04%	Tom Loveday/Suzanne Berg; Winslow DBC	5			1.47	58.15%	Laurence Guiller/Robert Lansing; Nob Hill DBC
4			3.69	61.98%	Candace Wright/Lena Roth; I's Aces & Deuces	6	4	1	1.10	58.13%	Duncan Ferris/Larry Willis; Prince George DBC
5			2.77	61.22%	Mary Shenfield/Dot Storer; Seattle Golf Club	5			1.28	56.67%	Phil Bazuk/Mickie Barteaux; Victoria DBC
6	2		3.60	60.98%	Jacque Beauchamp/Gerry Snel; Fairwinds DBC	6			1.19	56.09%	Nancy Strom/Van Strom; Eastside Bridge Club
7	3		2.70	60.81%	Lorna Kirker/Elezena Mackey; Fairwinds DBC	A	B	C	Points	Score	Saturday Evening Stratified 22/19/13 Pairs
	4		2.03	59.82%	Alvin Brown/Wilma Bonnell; Fairwinds DBC	1			3.50	64.44%	Anne-Marie Bullis/Waldemar Janc; Vanc. Bridge Centre
	5		1.67	59.46%	Nina Eng/Don Mahaffey; Island DBC	2			2.63	57.50%	Loreta Burden/Glenn Ponto; Prince George DBC
	6		1.14	56.95%	James Canfield/Bernard R. Thunem; Winslow DBC	3	1		2.50	57.00%	David Dekezel/Ron Gagnon; Prince George DBC
A	B	C	Points	Score	Thursday Evening Stratified 94/62/39 Pairs	4	2	1	1.88	56.50%	Evelyn Jeck/Lee Stevens; Prince George DBC
1	1		11.17	67.31%	Glenn Ponto/Gerry Coole; Prince George DBC	5			1.28	55.19%	Joan Richards/Dianne Isfeld; Vancouver Bridge Centre
2			8.38	64.93%	Evelyn Hodger/Mark Rojewski; Fraser Valley DBC	6	3	2	1.41	55.00%	Robert Coole/Anne Kendall; Prince George DBC
3	2		6.28	62.92%	Joan Olson/Jessie Blake; Mission DBC	4			1.25	54.07%	Ric Sumner/Pat Jones; Vancouver Bridge Centre
4	3		4.71	61.54%	Alayne Mctelridge/Helen Kochel; Prince George DBC	5	3		0.96	52.96%	Tom Prediger/Ian Hayter; Vancouver Bridge Centre
5	4		3.53	61.50%	Bianche Dahl/Linda Shallit; Prime Time DBC	6/7	4/5		0.63	51.48%	Mark Rojewski/Arkadiusz Sitek; Vancouver Bridge Centre
6	5	1	3.00	61.25%	Connie Schmid/Walter Schmid; Mission DBC	6/7	4/5		0.63	51.48%	Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz; Vancouver Bridge Centre
	6		1.22	60.83%	Roselle Mcrae/Brian Lee; Mission DBC	A	B	C	Points	Score	Sunday Afternoon Stratified 40/28/12 Pairs
	2		2.25	60.42%	Denis Lefebvre/Gilles St Pierre; Mission DBC	1			5.00	62.73%	Setton Levine/Ben Levine; East Richmond DBC
	3		1.69	59.29%	Robert Coole/Anne Kendall; Prince George DBC	2			3.75	62.50%	Bonnie Anderson/Ida Goodlad; East Richmond DBC
	4		1.27	56.25%	Larry Chequis/Lenora Awram; Mission DBC	3			2.81	59.72%	Steve Clements/Judy Strebinger; East Richmond DBC
	5		1.06	55.36%	Charlotte Belre/Tumwater WA; Anita Woods,Olympia WA	4	1	1	3.00	59.03%	Barry Wade/Brian Engler; East Richmond DBC
	6		0.94	53.57%	Debesich Dascaloff/Stam Forrester; Longview DBC	5	2	2	2.25	58.56%	Phil Awram/Dan Webster; East Richmond DBC
A	B	C	Points	Score	Thursday Eve 0-100 Stratified 20/14/6 Pairs	6	3		1.69	57.64%	Amy Graham/Gypsy Sturrock; East Richmond DBC
1	1		1.67	69.94%	Liz Feldman/Stan Pietrewicz; Eastside Bridge Club	4			1.27	56.94%	Beverly Kaneel/Toyo Nunoda; East Richmond DBC
2			1.25	62.20%	Betty Wolfe/Marian Garrett; Eastside Bridge Club	5			1.17	56.25%	Daisy Neilson/Myra Morgan; East Richmond DBC
3			0.94	60.71%	Gerald Abhold/Muhunithan Sivapragasam; Eastside BC	6/7			0.84	55.79%	Barbara Stachoski/Mariann Scott; East Richmond DBC
4	2		0.96	57.74%	Wendy Ebling/Eric Frieden; Eastside Bridge Club	6/7			1.17	55.79%	Shirley Bowers/Pirtpal Gill; East Richmond DBC
5			0.53	57.14%	Loren Loesell/Galen Hesson; Eastside Bridge Club	3	0		0.90	51.39%	Nomi Kaplan/Priscilla Brown; East Richmond DBC
6			0.40	52.98%	Daphne King/Cynthia Larsen; Eastside Bridge Club	4			0.68	49.77%	William Stevenson/Jon Campbell; East Richmond DBC
	3		0.72	51.19%	Elaine Vona/Paul Fava; Eastside Bridge Club	A	B	C	Points	Score	Sunday Evening Stratified 43/19/9 Pairs
	4/5	1/2	0.76	50.60%	Bill Baxter/Pat Baxter; Eastside Bridge Club	1	1	1	5.33	64.74%	Arthur Ma/Amir Alibhai; Vancouver Bridge Centre
	4/5	1/2	0.76	50.60%	Archie Reid/Winn Smith; Eastside Bridge Club	2			4.00	61.80%	Barbara Mcharg/Thomas Land; Marathon DBC
A	B	C	Points	Score	Friday Afternoon Stratified 81/58/26 Pairs	3			3.00	60.52%	John Berry/Ken Lochang; Vancouver Bridge Centre
1			8.50	68.29%	Tom Pelton/Marni Patterson; Victoria DBC	4			2.25	60.12%	Sharon Colson/Neil Ballard; Eastside Bridge Club
2			6.38	66.00%	Lee Drew/Richard Mills; Oak Harbor DBC	5/6			1.48	58.33%	Leland Nee/Paul Morgan; Daffodil DBC
3			4.78	63.57%	Lamay Chandler/Len Unger; Community DBC	5/6			1.48	58.33%	Ruth Fulton/Virginia Thomason; Daffodil DBC
4	1		4.88	61.47%	Edie Hulfman/Bobbie Damon; Eastside Bridge Club	2			1.88	55.55%	Sue Crist/Dan Crist; Marathon DBC
5			2.69	60.42%	B. J. La Coste/Pete Wollmer; Victoria DBC	3			1.41	54.82%	Bruce McIntyre/Simon Matthews; Vanc. Bridge Centre
6	2		3.66	60.37%	Bonnie Gilyeart/Chie Nakata; Eastside Bridge Club	4	2		1.13	54.15%	James Burt/Arkadiusz Sitek; Vancouver Bridge Centre
	3		2.75	59.58%	Jean McCallough/Carole Quattlebaum; Community DBC	5	3		0.84	53.70%	Hoshang Shroff/Rani Shroff; Vancouver Bridge Centre
	4		2.06	58.89%	William Lucke/Phil Templeton; Oak Harbor DBC	6/7			0.69	51.19%	Albert Cook/K. Lanz; Daffodil DBC
	5		1.54	58.45%	Mary Amo/Clare Christiansen; Oak Harbor DBC	6/7			0.69	51.19%	Judith Hyde/Suzanne Boruta; Daffodil DBC
	6		1.16	57.81%	Julie Nierenberg/Bob Metzger; Eastside Bridge Club	4			0.66	50.70%	Eiva Lafferty/Aleck Lafferty; Marathon DBC
	1		2.30	54.90%	Leo Peden/Gil Brigham; Eastside Bridge Club						
	2		1.73	53.93%	Carol Cassidy/Dorene Nordgaarden; Community DBC						
	3		1.29	53.46%	Linda Mc Gonagle/Tami Mc Gonagle; Eastside BC						
	4		0.97	51.41%	Margaret Carl/Diane Britton; Oak Harbor DBC						

Unit 430 1996-97 Financial Statements

Our Unit had a good year financially. We had a surplus of \$721.32, compared to a loss of \$1,850.57 in 1995-96. We changed several sectional venues resulting in lower hall costs and increased attendance. We reduced our administration costs dramatically. This included cancelling a separate Unit liability policy because we now feel we're adequately covered by existing ACBL policies. As a result we were able to make some significant contributions towards bridge promotion. We sponsored the 1997 CNTC/COPC National Finals providing excellent hospitality for players from across Canada. We also supported Junior Bridge with a \$500.00 contribution. The bottom line is that your Unit now has adequate reserves (\$15,000.00) to enable us to continue to promote bridge in our local communities. Anyone wanting the detailed financial statement may call me at 939-0711.

—June Pocock, Unit 430 Treasurer

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1997 (unaudited)		
ASSETS	1997	1996
Current		
Petty Cash	50.00	56.00
Term Deposits	0.00	10,298.68
Canadian Bank Accounts	13,340.12	0.00
U.S. Bank Accounts (in \$CDN)	3,095.85	2,270.83
Accounts Receivable	1,100.00	1,077.25
Prepaid Expenses	481.79	2,100.00
Total	18,067.76	15,802.76
Supplies on hand total	73.66	414.46
Equipment value		
Bid-boxes	78.25	547.33
Duplicate Boards	349.20	524.16
Playing Cards	0.00	0.00
Total	427.45	1,071.49
ASSETS TOTAL	18,568.87	17,288.71

LIABILITIES	1997	1996
Current		
Cheques in excess of deposit	0.00	966.68
Accounts payable	1,029.61	401.76
Mary Clarke Trophy Fund	34.44	34.44
GST payable	499.68	(9.13)
TOTAL	1,563.73	1,393.75
Subsidy Funds		
Previous event years	1,095.37	639.55
Next event year	1,411.19	1,478.15
TOTAL	2,506.56	2,117.70
Total Liabilities	4,070.29	3,511.45
MEMBERS EQUITY		
Balance at beginning of year	13,777.26	15,627.83
Excess of revenue over expense	721.32	(1,850.57)
Balance at end of year	14,498.58	13,777.26
Total Liabilities and Members Equity	18,568.87	17,288.71

REVENUES (net of GST), with comparative figures for the year ended June 30, 1996.				
Event	96-97 Gross Revenue	96-97 Costs	96-97 Profit (Loss)	95-96 Profit (Loss)
July 1996 Summer Sectional	7,052.02	6,535.67	516.35	1,256.06
Sept. 1996 Evergreen Sectional	6,593.85	7,219.17	(625.52)	(110.53)
Oct. 1996 Future Stars Sectional	1,162.00	1,876.03	(714.03)	(147.73)
Nov. 1996 Round-Up Sectional	9,316.95	8,012.87	1,304.08	(497.25)
Jan. 1997 Winter Sectional	8,556.58	7,667.40	889.18	542.86
May 1997 Spring Sectional	9,452.81	7,580.79	1,872.02	(107.49)
CNTC, COPC, NAOP, CWTC	2,953.28	2,442.37	510.91	338.63
Monthly Unit Games	4,949.00	4,823.16	125.84	(197.23)
Unit Christmas Party	1,539.32	1,872.50	(333.18)	(107.63)
1996-97 IMP League	754.02	450.53	303.49	272.10
EVENTS sub-total	52,329.83	48,480.49	3,849.34	1,241.79
OTHER REVENUES				
ACBL Membership			4,079.32	4,080.00
Interest Earned			111.60	420.23
Other			0.00	(1.75)
OTHER REVENUES sub-total			4,190.92	4,498.48
TOTAL REVENUES			8,040.26	5,740.27

Available Subsidy Account Balances		
CNTC	COPC	CWTC
\$754.67	\$528.02	\$426.99
GNT	NAOP	Total
\$396.98	\$399.90	\$2,506.56

Expenses (net of GST) with comparative figures for the year ended June 30, 1996.		
	1997	1996
<i>Matchpointer</i> (net)	3,423.17	3,118.53
Administration	384.86	2,127.12
Unit Board Dinner	495.25	365.83
Unit Board Free Plays	334.50	255.14
Contributions to Events	940.00	176.17
Allocated to Subsidy Fund	814.40	610.73
Depreciation	644.04	823.73
Other Expenses	178.43	113.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,504.54	7,590.84
THE BOTTOM LINE:		
TOTAL REVENUE	8,040.26	5,740.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,504.54	7,590.84
PROFIT (LOSS)	721.32	(1,850.57)



Who Ya Gonna Call?

1997-98 Unit 430 Board of Directors

Board Member	Job Descriptions (elected positions in boldface)	Address	Voice Phone	Fax e-mail address
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Other members of Unit 430 who will assist the Board:

- ♣ **Harry Friedman** (#68-5531 Cornwall Dr., Richmond BC, V7C 5N7, 276-9993 home), who will serve on the Board as an alternate (which means only that as the fourteenth member he cannot vote on motions in the unlikely event that all thirteen other members are present at a meeting). He'll help out with the Club Liason duties (and in fact, already has!)
- ♥ **Sheila Sache** (11726 Chateau Wynd, Delta BC, V4E 3E1, 591-6762 home), Assistant Tournament Chair.
- ◇ **Aidan Ballantyne** (same address as Jennifer Ballantyne above), CBF Director, Assistant to C, D, & E Committe Chair.
- ♣ **David Schmidt** (Box 358, Chilliwack BC, V2P 6J4, 858-9193 home/office, 858-7043 fax, schmaz@uniserve.com), DINO Director.
- ♣ **Ev Hodge** (7460 Kraft Crescent, Burnaby BC, V5A 1Z5, 420-3197 home), Unit 430 Recorder
- ♣ **Garry Skoropada** (25110 100th Ave., Maple Ridge BC, V2W 1S3, 462-7320 home), Conduct, Department and Ethics Committe Chair (with assistance from Aidan Ballantyne).
- ◇ **Phil Wood** (retired), **Sandy McCreery**, **Thony Stiennon**, **Brian Russell**, and **Liz Hicks**, ACBL Tournament Directors.
- ♣ **Louis Landau** and **Thony Stiennon**, Monthly Unit Game Directors.
- ♣ **Audrey Loy**, Unit 430 Caddy Master.
- ♣ **Doug Cowan**, Chair, 1999 Vancouver NABC Committee.

The IMP Finale

Doner defeats Johnston in A

Your *Matchpointer* editor, finding himself coincidentally at the VBC on the night when the Doner/Lochang Flight A semi-final was taking place, decided to go into reportorial mode at the first smoke break. Approaching Unit 430's first Grand Life Master (OK, so I'm jumping the gun by a few years here), just back in town from the tournament trail, I effected a paparazzi-like tone. "Mr Doner, could you tell the readers of the *Matchpointer* your reaction at arriving back in town to discover that to win the Flight A IMP League you'd have to get past the Tuna's team first, and then the Chanstar's?"

Cam smiled. "No comment," he said at first. Then he amended this to "It indicates that the VBC guys are finally playing sound bridge—or were." It became clear from that comment and the raised voices outside who was leading, and who would be victorious.

A few weeks later, the Doner team of Cam Doner, Nicci Charleson, Bill Goldstone, Marylou Bert, and Tom Devine defeated the Johnson team (Martin Johnson, Eugene Chan, Brian Russell, Sarlo Camas) in the final. We asked for a post-season comment from the champions, and Nicci responded via e-mail:

Well, Cam and I have wracked our brains and nothing about the final seems that memorable.

I do remember Marylou and I went for 1100 on the first board, against Eugene and Martin Johnson. Eugene sat in the weeds with a great hand and doubled us off in 3NT. I could have held it to 800 on the placement of the cards. At the other table the East player valued his hand differently and their auction ended in 2NT undoubled. Meanwhile on

another early deal, Cam and Bill misdefended 3NT after Cam didn't return Bill's opening lead. This time however, 3NT was played from the other side at our table and we too made the contract for a push. However, both of our pairs thought they were in a hole after the opening boards, but everyone knew they were in for a long match and continued to play unflustered.

We rebounded to be up by 2 IMPs at the half.

In the second half both teams bid several very thin games, our team a couple more than theirs, as all eight players seemed to be very aware of each others aggressive bidding styles. As a result we pulled further ahead by the end of the match.

What do we want to say to the prognosticators? Not much. It was an enjoyable season as two male egos clashed at one table and two women thoroughly enjoyed each others' company at the other. Also we need to mention Tom Devine who played several matches as the fifth on our team. He always played well and kept the team on an even keel.

Cam adds that he believes that Marylou and Tom, and Marylou and Nicci were the pairs that saved many matches when he thought that he and Bill had come out on the wrong side of the cards. Therefore, Marylou seems to be the consistent, steady player on the team (as well as a most delightful player, I must add).

I want to add that I'm glad I got to play with Marylou as obviously that was not the original lineup when the team was first formed.

Well, we've all agreed to do it again next year, so we'll let the prognosticators worry about that—certainly not us—we worry about nothing!

We'd all like to thank Shirley Fitterman for organizing the IMP league. We'll see everyone next season.

Player Data

Up to date, I hope

The current ACBL policy is to send this information quarterly, but I suspect I may have missed a report since the last time this column appeared in the March 1997 *Matchpointer*. If so, we'll try to repair the damage next issue.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to:

Jeannette Greenhut

Don Keith

Dee Kerr

New Bronze Life Masters:

(500 MP):

Adam Dabrowski

Dee Kerr

John Lien

Gray McMullin

New Silver Life Masters

(1000 MP):

Eugene Chan

Joe Dolynski

Liz Hicks

Gladys Mackie

Welcome to our new members:

Rosa Brown, Pearl Challenger, Ruth Erickson, Denny L. Gibson, Daniel Goldsmith, Shirley Hackett, Beverley M.

Hall, Martin Henneberger, Marnie V. Hueston, Hendrix Laauw, Jeanne MacDonald, Edite Phillpotts, Connie Schmid, Jon Schulman, Don W. Smith.

Welcome to Unit 430 (from):

Michael J. Mackinnon (Manitoba), Ellen E. Melloy (Ontario), Ron & Maxine Sodmont (Mesa AZ), Beety J. Solsvik (Mesa AZ), Marion Tuttle (Calgary), Carl J. Yaskowich (N. Alberta).

Farewell to:

Rosamunde P. Brennan (New Brunswick), Robert D. Fisher (Kelowna), Alan Harrop (Australia), Scott D. Hickey (Las Vegas), Paul Johansen (Victoria), J. Mayer (Kaleden).

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IMP League 97-98

Sign up at the Evergreen

It's that time again. The IMP League is about to start. The IMP League helps to raise funds for subsidies and provides Unit 430 with its most prestigious competition outside of tournament play. There will be four separate competitions:

Flight A	unlimited	\$30/team
Flight B (City)	0-1500	\$30/team
Flight B (Valley)	0-1500	\$30/team
Flight C	0-300	\$15/team

The deadline for entries in Flight A and B is September 14. Entries will be accepted at the Evergreen Sectional. For Flight C the deadline for entries will be the Future Stars Sectional in October.

The City/Valley split in Flight B will be the same as last year: teams entering the Valley League should expect to have to play several matches as far east as Abbotsford, and very far as far west as New Westminster or Surrey. The Flight B Final will feature the City champion vs. the Valley champion.

IMP League play involves teams of four, five or six players. Matches take place about 2-3 times per month and are 28 boards in Flights A and B and 26 boards in Flight C. Team captains are given a schedule and a deadline for each match, and the venue and starting time is decided by the team captains at their convenience. Matches may be played at bridge clubs or at homes using Unit-supplied boards and bid-boxes available for a small deposit.

The Conditions of Contest for the IMP League have been extensively rewritten this year to avoid several problems which came up last year. The most important changes are:

- ♣ The final in all flights will be a 48 board match, and each semi-final will be a 32 board match. Teams may play these extended matches over the course of two sessions at their convenience
- ♥ Strict limitations on the use of "emergency players" will prevent teams from ever using more than one

such player in a match, and no such emergency players will be allowed in the playoffs

- ◇ Teams which use emergency players more than twice in the season will be subject to heavy penalties the third time, both within the match and within the league standings
- ♣ No players may play in the playoffs unless they have played at least half the boards in at least 40% of their team's matches
- ♠ If a match is not played before the deadline and neither captain has notified the Commissioner that there is a scheduling problem, there will be an automatic penalty of 3 VPs to each team, plus 3 more VPs for each week that the problem is unreported
- ♥ The maximum number of teams in any division of the IMP League will be thirteen (twelve matches). If more than 13 entries are received, the teams will be split into two or more divisions of equal strength based upon seeding and the schedule may not be a complete round-robin

All of the divisions of the IMP League will have at least two officials to whom match results and schedule difficulties can be reported. The Commissioner of the IMP League is Shirley Fitterman (731-7077), with assistance from Bruce McIntyre (438-9735). By the time entries are sold at the Evergreen Sectional an assistant will be in place for the Valley League. There will be an increased effort to make sure that matches are played (or planned to be eventually played) on time.

Players or pairs interested in playing may call either of the numbers above and an attempt will be made to put people together on teams. The "boys" (and girls...) at the VBC are claiming that any Flight C team who wants one can have a non-playing captain/coach. Since it's the captains name that goes on the standings this means there's no chance at humiliation!

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This might be a good time to mention that ACBL reports (which includes data taken from tournament gamefiles) often call people by names they'd never refer to themselves as, except perhaps while accepting the Nobel prize in Excruciating Formality. If you are unhappy with the name the *Matchpointer*

refers to you as, you have two options. The first is to get to know your *Matchpointer* editor until he realizes that nobody in his right mind would ever call you the name that the ACBL knows you as. The other option is to call or write the ACBL and get your name changed in their computer—this way, *eventually* the reports will get your name

right. Joining the ACBL is not like applying for a credit card or filling out your tax return: the Mr./Mrs./Miss/Dr. check box is optional, and there's no need to write the formal name "Feriadnu" (for example) if you prefer to be called "Fred".

Membership data below.

Unit Statistics	Total Members	Rookie (0-5)	Junior (5)	Club (20)	Sectional (50)	Regional (100)	NABC (200)	LM (300+)
July 9, 1997	1111 down 1.2%	92 8.3%	87 7.8%	115 10.4%	115 10.4%	122 11.0%	78 7.0%	502 45.1%
July 1, 1996	1124	88	87	133	119	124	90	483
July 4, 1995	1156	111	91	133	145	118	90	468



Local Winners

Canadian Open Pairs Championship National Final, June 9-14, Surrey

2. Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
5. Peter Herold

Canadian National Teams Cham- pionship National Final, June 9- 14, Surrey

1. Gord McOrmond, Allan Graves
5/8. Peter Herold

Unit 430-sponsored District-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)

Complete overall results of the recent STaC are on page 26-27.

Out-of Town Winners

Canadian Women's Teams Championship National Final August 6-10, Winnipeg MB

1. June Pocock, Marylou Bert,
Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold

(Congratulations to our new National Champions! Three other local teams competed in Winnipeg: the final match of the round robin saw Ev HODGE (Mary Fines, Monica Angus, Flora Tereposky) face Marge NEATE (Stella Alliston, Donna Morrison, Delphine Tablotney). HODGE needed, it turned out, anything better than a 3-IMP loss to make it to fourth and the semi-finals. But NEATE won the match by 29 IMPs and the teams finished 5th and 6th. Dianne ISFELD (Joan Richards, Bonnie Anderson, Pat Lester) were 10th out of a 13 team field.)

Calgary White Hat Regional July 14-20, Calgary AB

Monday

Charity Stratified Pairs

- A1. Trudy & John Hurdle
A5B3C1. Rani & Hoshang Shroff

Tuesday

Stratified Swiss Teams

- A1. Cam Doner
A2/3. Allan Graves
A9/10B2. Jeannette Greenhut, Shirley Fitterman
Afternoon Continuous Pairs
B6/7C5/6. Hoshang & Rani Shroff
Evening Continuous Pairs
AB6. Bob Kiggins

Wednesday

- Afternoon Continuous Pairs
C4. Rani & Hoshang Shroff
Evening Continuous Pairs
A3. Don Brazeau/Elliott Netto
Afternoon Future Masters
AB3. Ted & Jessie Vesak

Thursday

- Stratified Open Pairs
A4. Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
A7. Jean Groome
Stratified Senior Pairs
A2. Phyllis Gerber/Helen Montgomery
Evening Continuous Pairs
A4B3C1. Tom McKenna
Afternoon Future Masters
AB2. Ted & Jessie Vesak
Knockout Teams, Mon-Fri
A3/4. Cam Doner, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully; Don Brazeau

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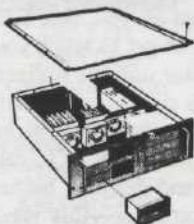
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Monthly Unit Games

Qui est Jean Serien?

"How are you enjoying the heat?" said our Suburbia MUG Director, Thony Stiennon, welcoming me into his apartment on my mission to pick up the latest game results. I mumbled something and we went into his inner sanctum, where he gave me a computer disk. "Uh, we had a small problem," he continued. Apparently at game time for the August game, there was an empty half-table and only one person to fill two chairs. The game would have to have a sitout, and it appeared that the player, Paul Radnai, would have to be sent home, since Directors are not allowed to play by Unit edict.

"So," I asked, "what did you do?"

The room was bathed in shadows, curtains drawn, to give the appearance of coolness, even if the temperature was in the thirties (or nineties for those of you unaccustomed to our metric ways). The single light source in the room was a reading lamp shining in M. Stiennon's face. The seconds grew long as I awaited an answer. Finally he broke down.

"All right, I admit it," Thony gulped. "I played. I couldn't send Paul Radnai home and live with myself later. But I used an alias." The alias: Jean Serien, roughly translatable as John Tisnothing.

Well, perhaps it truly is nothing. There are going to occasionally be times when the game itself would suffer

unless the Director fills in. We hope to be able to provide a standby player for the Monthly Unit Games, but distances are farther at the newer site, and the Unit Board is willing to bend a little for the sake of its far-flung members in the suburbs. On the other hand, "Jean Serien" and Paul Radnai won, so perhaps it isn't "nothing!"

One major error to correct, in the "Matchpointer editor apparently cannot read his own notes" department. The Unit Christmas Party and Dinner will cost \$25/pair, not \$22 as mentioned here last time. Still, \$12.50 is a great deal for a bridge game which normally costs \$6.00, with a dinner thrown in. The date is November 30, 6:00pm at the Bonsor Community Centre. Soon the ticket sellers will be rolling into action, so clear that date on your calendar—it promises to be a fun event.

The Monthly Unit Games are normally the first Sunday of the month, but occasionally get bumped for various reasons. The November game would suffer drastically if we tried to go against our own Sectional, so we've moved the November game back to the 9th. The October game will go ahead on the 5th despite the simultaneous presence of our eager 0-100 players at the Bridge Centre for the Future Stars Sectional.

Seven people have not missed a MUG in 1997: Colin Collin, Tai Eng, Joni Johnston, Pat Landau, John Lien, Mark Rojewski, and Liz Stoneman. Let's continue to build these games! First Sunday each month: see you there!

A B June 8, 1997 (White Rock)

- 1 Mary Lou Bert/Tom Devine
- 2 John McDonald/Doug Hansford
- 3 Frank Kelley/Colin Collin
- 4 Gladys Mackie/Hazel Stowards
- 5 Joni & Brian Johnston
- 1 Roman Woroch/Nando Masini
- 2 John Lien/Liz Stoneman
- 3 Al & Donna Freeze
- 4 Lotte Elias/Tai Eng

(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)

A B C June 8, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1 1 1 Heinz & Martin Henneberger
- 2 2 Laureen 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

A B July 6, 1997 (White Rock)

- 1 1 Carol Thompson/Aase Haines
- 2 2 Elaine Levins/Kenneth Holland
- 3 Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone
- 4 3 Roman Woroch/Tai Eng
- 5 Leonard Feeny/David Schmidt
- 4 Eleanor Webb/William Kennedy

A B C July 6, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1/2 1 Arek Sitek/Mark Rojewski
- 1/2 Steve Clements/Judy Strebinger
- 3 Larry & June Pocock
- 4 Anne Nagy/Pearl Minkoff
- 5 2 2 Martin & Heinz Henneberger
- 6 Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
- 3 Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
- 4 Bruce McIntyre/Bob Kiggins

A B August 3, 1997 (White Rock)

- 1 1 Paul Radnai/Thony ("Jean Serien") Stiennon
- 2 2 Michael Moffatt/Kenneth Holland
- 3 Frances & Terry Gould
- 4 3 Aase Haines/Carol Thompson

A B C August 3, 1997 (Vancouver)

- 1 Sheila Dickie/Leonard Feeny
- 2 Donna Morrison/Monica Angus
- 3 Bill & Catriona Henning
- 4 1 Laureen Holley/Linda Sims
- 5 2 Pat Jones/Ric Sumner
- 6 Gordon Davis/Derek Ward
- 3 John Lien/Liz Stoneman
- 4 Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
- 1 Arek Sitek/Mark Rojewski
- 2 Amad Rafii/Barry Wade

1997 MUG Standings thru August

A	B	C	Points
1		Patricia Landau	8.65
2	1	1 Mark Rojewski	7.78
3	2	Ken Lochang	7.14
4		Doug Cowan	6.98
5	3	2 Arkadiusz Sitek	6.75
6	4	Len Feeny	6.74
7	5	3 Frances Gould	6.38
7	5	Terry Gould	6.38
9		Colin Collin	6.12
10	7	John Lien	5.86
10	7	Liz Stoneman	5.86
9	4	Kristin Orians	5.80
9	4	Kelvin Raywood	5.80
6		Aase Haines	4.99
7		Martin Henneberger	4.21
8		Shirley Fitterman	3.97
9		Bill Henning	3.42
10		Pat Jones	2.72

A total of 361.04 masterpoints have been won by 156 people (a further 68 people have played but have not won any) in Monthly Unit Games in 1997.

Knockout Teams, Mon-Fri (cont.)

- A5/8. Bryan Maksymetz, Allan Graves
 B2. Shirley Fitterman/Jeannette Greenhut
Friday
StratiFlighted Pairs Flight A
 1. Allan Graves/Bryan Maksymetz
 6. Don Brazeau/lean Groome
StratiFlighted Pairs Flights B/C
 B2. Grace Jeklin/Lenora Awram
Afternoon Continuous Pairs
 A1. Catriona & Bill Henning
 A5/6. Vicki Croome/Brian Badger

Saturday

- Flight A Open Pairs**
 5. Don Brazeau/Rhonda Foster
Flight B Open Pairs
 1. Shirley Miller
Morning Speedball Swiss Teams
 4/7. Judy Murphy, Nando Masini; Cam Doner
Evening Continuous Pairs
 B4/5C1. Rani & Hoshang Shroff
Bracketed Knockouts
Bracket 1
 3/4. Al & Bernice French, Larry Chow

30 hour Knockouts

- Bracket 2**
 2. Nando Masini, Judy Murphy
Bracket 3
 3/4. Tom McKenna

(Sunday results were unavailable for the usual reason—even Nick and Judy Gartaganis can't produce a Daily Bulletin before people pack up and leave. Thanks to Joerg Schneider for providing a complete set of Calgary Daily Bulletins.)

Masterpoint Race Standings After Spring Sectional Phil Wood Trophy

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Dan Jacob..... | 37.34 |
| 2. Cam Doner..... | 35.40 |
| 3. Gary Phelan..... | 34.83 |
| 4. Bill Goldstone..... | 33.15 |

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 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. Tony Remedios..... | 21.83 |
| 11. Peter Herold..... | 21.42 |
| 12. Don Sache..... | 19.67 |
| 13. Marylou Bert..... | 19.60 |
| 14. Gord McOrmond..... | 18.32 |
| 15. Larry Hicks..... | 18.17 |

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 16. Pirtpal Gill..... | 17.65 |
| 17. Gerald McCully..... | 17.30 |
| 18. Peter Morse..... | 17.04 |
| 18. Claire Burns..... | 17.04 |
| 20. Les Fouks..... | 17.03 |
| 21. Allan Graves..... | 16.97 |
| 22. Jim Sache..... | 16.08 |
| 23. June Pocock..... | 15.78 |
| 24. Ron Borg..... | 15.75 |
| 25. Gay Parrish..... | 15.57 |
| 25. Jay Brandt..... | 15.57 |

Edith Bonnell Trophy

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|------------------------|-------|
| 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. Ghodsi Ahmadi..... | 8.03 |
| 4. 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 |

Leo Steil Trophy

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Gary Phelan..... | 34.83 |
| 2. Ernie Dietrich..... | 25.04 |
| 3. Peter Herold..... | 21.42 |
| 4. Don Sache..... | 19.67 |
| 5. Marylou Bert..... | 19.60 |
| 6. Pirtpal Gill..... | 17.65 |
| 7. Ron Borg..... | 15.75 |
| 8. Michael Hargreaves..... | 15.18 |
| 9. Kathy Adachi..... | 15.06 |
| 10. Al French..... | 14.10 |

New Awards

Leo Steil, Don Fraser honoured

Unit 430 has approved the addition of two new awards to be given out annually. The **Leo Steil Trophy** will be given to the senior player (55 or over as the year begins) who wins the most masterpoints at Unit 430 sectionals in any calendar year. The **Don Fraser Active Ethics Plaque** recognizes players who exhibit a combination of high-level active ethics, exemplary courtesy to partners and opponents, and the kind of general deportment which enhances everyone's enjoyment of bridge.

We owe thanks to one of Leo's frequent partners, John Kamb of Washington, whose generous donation helped the Unit find a fitting way to honour our all-time leading masterpoint winner. We also owe thanks to Stan Bodlak, whose suggestion in the March 1996 *Matchpointer* led to the establishment of the Don Fraser Plaque, which honours the man

known to many during his lifetime as Burnaby's "Gentleman of Bridge."

The Don Fraser Active Ethics Plaque will be awarded at the Round-Up Sectional. At the October 6th meeting of the Unit Board the 1997 winner will be chosen based on written nominations. You may nominate anyone in Unit 430 for this award, and all written nominations will be considered. The Leo Steil Trophy will be awarded at the January Sectional with the winners of the Phil Wood and Edith Bonnell trophies.

Note: the addition of the Leo Steil Trophy to the trophy race charts introduces a complication for your masterpoint race tabulator—I must find a way of figuring out who is eligible. In the past I have, by honest mistake, placed Life Masters in the under 200 race and men in the Edie Bonnell race! If someone who is ineligible (for the 1997 race anyone born before 1942 is eligible) is included on the Leo Steil Trophy list by mistake, I can only hope I'll be forgiven!

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

September 7 October 5

November 9, not 2 (Sectional)

November 30 (Christmas Party)

(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

Further Info: Gladys Mackie 526-0687

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Tournaments & Dates

August 19-October 31

AUGUST

22-24 Nanaimo, Renton Sectionals

29-1 Olympia, Spokane Sectionals

SEPTEMBER

2-7 *Vernon Seniors Regional (with open events)*

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

12-14 **Evergreen Sectional at Surrey Inn**
(see ad on back cover)

19-24 Prince George Sectional

OCTOBER

1 **Matchpointer** deadline (October issue covers events from October 17-December 25)

1-5 Anchorage Sectional

3-5 Bremerton, Victoria, Walla Walla Sectional

4-5 **Future Stars 0-100 Sectional at Vancouver Bridge Centre** (ad, page 23)

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

10-13 Kelowna Sectional

17 **October Matchpointer** hits the streets

17-19 Renton Sectional

18 **NAOP Unit Final at VBC (noon/TBA)**

24-26 Courtenay Sectional

24-27 Ketchikan Sectional

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

1997 Evergreen Sectional

September 5-7, 1997 at the Surrey Inn.

1997 Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional

October 4-5 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

1997 Round-Up Sectional

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

1998 Winter Sectional

January 23-25, 1998, at the Engineer's Hall in Burnaby.

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1998 Spring Sectional

May 29-31, 1997, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

1998 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs

Silver Points at your local club, June 8-14, 1998 (dates tentative)

1998 Unit 430 Annual General Meeting

July 6, 1998, at both Unit Game sites



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BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS	<i>Round One</i> 7:30
FUTURE STARS PAIRS (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)	7:30
Open Pairs Side Game	7:30

SATURDAY

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS	<i>Round Two</i> 1:00
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (0-300, 300-1200, 1200+)	<i>Single Session</i> 1:00
FUTURE STARS PAIRS (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)	<i>Single Session</i> 1:00
BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS	<i>Final Round</i> 7:30
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (0-300, 300-1200, 1200+)	<i>Single Session</i> 7:30
FUTURE STARS PAIRS (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)	<i>Single Session</i> 7:30

SUNDAY

OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>Two sessions</i>	10:30 AM & TBA
NON LIFE MASTER TEAMS <i>Two sessions</i>	10:30 AM & TBA
<i>Both team events Win/loss scoring</i>	

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