

Spring Sectional Moved to Victoria Day Weekend

New date allows 4-day sectional; also: Anne-Marie Bullis in Tunis (Part 2)



Screen Test

by Bruce McIntyre

You'll want to read this first before looking inside, because there are no less than thirteen different pages that you might have to jump to so you can answer the next question in this bridge "movie". At the end you'll see the full hand and the results.

It's on-line bridge, matchpoints against a large field (deals on OKBridge are played 52 times before being retired) and both partnerships are playing Standard American Yellow Card, never having played as partners before. On this deal you are South and nobody is vulnerable. RHO passes and you hold this hand:

♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764

Your call. Do you open 1♣ or 1NT?

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If you open 1NT, go to page 11.

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Well, just about everything that can go wrong did go wrong this issue, including a pair of lengthy work trips when I needed to be in town, followed by a sudden hard disk crash which took a week to dig out from under, and a few small problems (such as the hasty preparation for the Seattle STaC when they sent their material to the one Unit Board Member who was out of town) to solve in order to get things out without too many questions left unanswered.

Next up: add more content to the Unit 430 Web Page. After that: finally tackle Zero Tolerance. Throughout: play some bridge. A reliable source tells me it's "cool."

This is going to be an exciting and interesting sectional in May. Four days, Friday to Sunday, with two Bracketed Knockout events, not interfering with either of the

two-session events (pairs on Sunday, teams on the holiday Monday). Not only that, but we'll have four single session open pair side games, a women's pairs Friday afternoon, a senior's pairs Saturday afternoon, and no less than five single session 99er games for newer players! All at the centrally located Bonsor Community Centre near Metrotown, a great area for between-session shopping and dining. (I should know, I live a few hundred meters away.)

We hated to move the dates so late, but the unseen conflict with the Worldwide Pairs, along with the scheduled glut of bridge in June (our sectional, our STaC, and Penticton all in a 17-day period without a single break!) forced our hand. Sandra Hawk, who books tournament space for the Unit Board, did some excellent work in turning a scary prospect into a potential big gain.

Ready to gear up? Rookie-Master game should be on as you see this for the first time. Seattle's STaC and Victoria in April, our big four day sectional in May, and another four day sectional in Seattle a week later, then June: our STaC and then Penticton. And then (touch wood) another *Matchpointer*! —Bruce McIntyre

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Scales of Justice

by your Court Reporter

The highlight of the day at the Law Courts was the trial in absentia of Unit 430 President Felipe Hernandez, represented by his counsel, Mick Bruce.

The Crown began with a stinging opening statement of the charges. Mr. Hernandez was charged with Sectional Scheduling Violations (the Spring Sectional had been scheduled to conflict with the club event known as the Worldwide Pairs), Monthly Unit Game SplitSite-i-cide, Carrying a Concealed STaC, various Confidence Games involving the replenishment of the Unit 430 Executive Board, and other minor charges such as Claiming That Bridge Is "Cool." Crown Counsel delivered with great sarcasm the news that this was the fourth scheduled court appearance since the beginning of the Unit's fiscal year under his presidency, and that in one of the previous three, his counsel, Mick Bruce, had attempted an impersonation! As the Crown ended its opening statement with a strong insinuation that Mr. Hernandez was not available because he had absconded to Reno, Judge Matt Schpointer had to bang on his gavel for quiet.

It seemed like the Unit President could not possibly escape the serious charges leveled. Mr. Bruce rose very slowly and waited for the crowd noise to lull before he began speaking, at first apologetically, then with more conviction. "I come not to impersonate Felipe," he began, "but to represent him!"

"The Crown claims he has deliberately left for Reno so as to avoid this trial. Not so. He is at home, resting weary bones after long hours at the desktop, guiding the bright ship that is Unit 430 to that glorious day a year from now where she shall stand in the bright lights proudly.

"They charge him with scheduling improprieties, when in fact he has led the fight to change the tournament dates to give our city a four day Sectional

where we had but a three day Sectional before. A modern, exciting sectional with two knockout team events, a two-session pairs game, a two-session Swiss Teams, a Senior Pairs, a Ladies Pairs, and no less than five 99er games!

"The Monthly Unit Game may be temporarily single, but Mr. Hernandez continues to help with the search for a new venue in order that we may drink from two MUGs simultaneously.

"Mr. Hernandez made certain that the locally-run STaC was organized well in advance, and when the lines of communication with the Seattle STaC were broken by sheerest coincidence, he made sure that as much could be done to make the best of it despite the problems. For this he is charged with Carrying a Concealed STaC?

"As his media liaison as well as his counsel, I can say that the charge of neglecting the Unit Board replenishment duties is premature. Information has been passed to the media which will ensure a smooth transition between the old Board and the new Board this summer, as it always is this time of year.

"As for Our President's repeated assertions that Bridge is Cool, I am not aware that this break any Laws. If anything, the Board is trying to make bridge more cool under Mr. Hernandez's enlightened leadership, by pursuing policies to reward Active Ethics and Exemplary Courtesy, as well as discourage unacceptable behavior without being overly negative.

"I move that all charges be dropped and that the Crown be reprimanded for this malicious prosecution!"

The court erupted in shouts of applause. Judge Schpointer banged his gavel until the handle broke off. When the crowd noise quelled, Judge Schpointer held up his cell phone, and Mr. Hernandez's voice was heard to say, weakly and through obvious difficulty:

"If he tries to defend me any more, throw him in jail for contempt and toss the key! I'll *never* miss another President's Message!"

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Tunis Travelogue, Part 2

by Anne-Marie Bullis

(Anne-Marie played on a team in the Transnational Teams Event at the World Bridge Championships in Tunisia last October with several on-line bridge friends: Britt Marie Wiklund (Bibbi) from Falkenburg, Sweden, and two old friends from Jamaica, Muriel Fowles, now living in Scotland, and Felicity Reid (Felix). The adventure began with a car trip from Heehugowaard, Holland, south through the French Alps to Marseilles, then across the Mediterranean by car ferry, and the plan was to visit another online friend, Donald Lupton, in Spain on the return journey. The end of Part One of this article, in the December 1997 *Matchpointer*, concluded just as the bridge was about to begin...)

That day we discovered that there was another playing area as well as the prestigious main playing area. If you lost too many matches and were not in the first 50 teams, you were sent down two flights into the basement playing area. In that area, only the first 15 tables had screens, and the last tables did not. As we went to bed on that third day of the event, we vowed we would get back into the main playing area.

The next morning in the press room sending e-mails, I began to think that it was strange that I was not getting any replies to all my e-mails. They had a most unusual system for them. You sent them out in the normal way, but the replies were all printed and handed to you when you checked a list for your name. And my name was never on that list! After speaking with Jan Svann, he found one reply, from my husband. I was very happy to receive it. Someone also pointed out that I should be deleting my e-mails after sending them, as anyone could read them after I left the computer. I decided that if anyone wanted to read them, they could, as I was more worried that they might not be going through at all. Little did I realize that the return address was different than the sending address, so no one could reply unless they knew the other address. How my husband found this out, I will never know, as he is no computer whiz. Everyone else tried to reply and had no luck.

That night we discovered the Malibu restaurant across from our hotel complex—the place was packed, the food terrific, and the prices most reasonable. It seemed that every Canadian in Tunis ate there, as we saw my friends from Toronto every time we ate there. The proprietor was most pleased to see us all, as October is normally his slow season. In fact, he told me that he planned

to come on a vacation to Canada next summer after meeting us all! Near the restaurant we discovered special telephones for overseas calls. We discovered that it cost only 1 dinar (\$1) a minute to call North America and less for Bibbi to call Sweden, so we phoned some friends to tell them that we were having a wonderful time. That evening we went back to the casino where I met Fred Gittelman, the Canadian national team member who writes bridge software. As we were the only two in the place not gambling, we naturally gravitated to the bar. There he showed me an article about him that was recently published in *People* magazine. Bibbi won again in the casino and wanted to put it all on a

roulette number for double or nothing, but I made her collect her winnings and leave. She told me that I sure wasn't a gambler.

The next day we improved our standings slightly and as the day ended, we moved back into the main playing area, and began to win again. We enjoyed all the teams we met and played against. It was super to meet them and play against systems that ranged from Polish Club to Dutch Acol. Bibbi and I played Swedish Forcing Club, which includes a Multi 2♠ bid, and we met many other teams that played Multi also. It was good to learn

how to defend and bid against it and to have much practice. I saw Voidwood used and misused by other teams, and so learned. We had one poor fellow psyche against us and his partner carried him to slam in the psyche suit, despite several pulls to notrump. We made our share of errors, but as the tournament wore on, they became fewer. Our teammates were most supportive of our foibles, and I hope we were of theirs.

Friday, October 31 was the final day of play for the round robin, matches 17 and 18. We won one and lost one, much like our performance throughout. Only the top four

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♠ A2 ♡ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764.

LHO overcalled 1♦, partner bid 1♠, RHO raised to 2♦, and you decided to double. This kept the opponents silent for the moment, especially when partner now cue-bid 3♦! It seemed like 3♥ was the correct call here, so you made it, and partner now bid 3♠.

So now what?

If you bid 3NT, go to page 23.

If you bid 4♠, go to page 9.

If you bid 4NT, go to page 7.



teams out of the field moved into the finals on Saturday. But as we looked back on the five days of competition, we were not displeased with our showing. We ended up 50th in a very fine field, and, except for Internet bridge, none of us had any practice together as pairs before, nor as a team. We hope to do it all again in another competition, as we feel we have merit as a team. We are compatible and supportive of each other, and that is how a team is built.

Saturday the finals were played and the Victory Banquet was in the evening. Our captain, Felix, managed to get us tickets, and since we had the day free, we decided to take our car and travel to see more of Tunisia. Since Felix had been to see the Sahara desert in her first week's visit, and none of us really wanted to see it, we decided to go to see the Medina of Tunis and to Carthage. We got up early and drove to Tunis and we were glad we had, as Saturday is a very busy time for a medina. Felix knew the way and how to find parking, which was a very good thing, as I would still be looking for it. Many of the streets in Tunis do not seem to go anywhere! Several times I was sure we were in an alley that would dead end, but we eventually ended up at the medina, the old town, founded thirteen centuries ago. Ramparts with gates enclose the town. In the center is a mosque, and the original commercial quarter was built around the mosque in a square, where, like cells in a hive, the traders were gathered, booksellers, perfumers, silk merchants, fez-makers, jewellers, candlemakers, spice makers. The area we were in was crisscrossed by a dense system of roads, lanes and alleys, all with people selling their wares. We spent a few hours just wandering about and looking at this huge market. We came across a man selling small embossed copper plates with impressions of camels, mosques and palm trees. He said he would personalize them with anything we wanted, and I thought it would be nice to bring one back for each of my local partners. I had him tap into the plate "Tunis WBC" for the World Bridge Championships.

We left early enough to drive to Carthage, about 20km away. Here we viewed the Roman ruins and discovered that most of the site is being built over, mostly for housing estates. Throughout the centuries, this extinct city has been pillaged as a source of building materials for Tunis and other Mediterranean towns. Now it is gradually being transformed into an agricultural centre for produce. A large archaeological zone is being set aside now and protected as a national park.

We headed up the coast to La Goulette, a town perched on the cliffs overlooking the sea. As there is no parking in the town itself, you park your car below and walk up. It was a hot and sunny day and we stopped many times en route. I said it was to take pictures, but it really was to catch my

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breath. La Goulette is a lovely town, famed for its colourful doors of all shapes, sizes, colours and designs. Most have arched tops and they look very fine against the soft colours of the stone of the buildings. I took several photos that day of doors and the view of the harbour and the sea. We found an outdoor restaurant, sampled the local cuisine and drank enough to re-hydrate us from our walk uphill in the sun. We left at 4pm, as we wanted to be back in time for the Victory Banquet at 7pm, and the presentation of the awards prior to the banquet.

We arrived back in time to shower and change into our finery. As we waited for the awards presentation, the results of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup were announced and we all cheered the winners. The awards ceremony was marred by the late arrival of the Minister of Tourism and poor sound quality. First we would listen to a speech in French on a very poor microphone, and then the translator would read the translation on an equally poor microphone. It was difficult to hear anything at all, however we all cheered loudly as the winners of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup received their awards and trophies. I have never heard the French National Anthem sung with such fervour as it was that night. The American women's team was equally thrilled to win. Out of curiosity, I looked up the masterpoint awards for the winners of a two week world championship event. The winners of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup each receive 800 MP and 5 placement points, as well as their trophy, and had we won the Transnational Teams, we would get 300 MP.

We all headed in a rush to the banquet, found a table and each received a souvenir menu. The meal was very exotic, with lamb cooked in a pottery jar, served with rice and dried fruits. We had several courses and finished with mint tea. Bibbi and I had our photos taken with Omar Sharif, and he gave all the ladies samples of a new perfume he is marketing. Zia was there and all the winners of awards-a lovely evening. There was even entertainment, Tunisian-style with a very loud band playing very ancient traditional songs. I have never heard a band play so long without a break.

We felt like Cinderella after the ball as we all went back to pack our suitcases. Bibbi and I had to leave early in the morning to find our ship again. We had our final

"Many of the streets in Tunis do not seem to go anywhere..."

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breakfast in the hotel and said goodbye to Kojak (Bill Schoder) and Bud, who ran a fine tournament, in my opinion. I picked up my final emails and Jan gave me the copies of the daily bulletins that I was missing, and we were off.

We arrived at the dock in plenty of time, only to find nary a sign to tell us where our ship was. We eventually found where we were to park and wait, behind a gate. The fellow at the gate told us that we needed yet more papers and sent us to a small government building. Upon entering, we were assailed by sounds of intense arguments about expired tickets, wrong tickets and money. I got concerned that we might not reach the head of the line before the ship left, so Bibbi and I waited in separate lines. Bibbi reached the front first, so I hurried to join her, as this was another French exercise. We were told to bring 10 dinars, but no one ever collected it, so we took it back to the car and got through the gate. Inside, there was a fellow selling very nice camels, but at twice the medina rate and he would not bargain. I was about to leave a very special camel with blue pompons that I had chosen for my friend Olleb when Bibbi pointed out that we had *no* use for dinars once out of Tunisia. So I bought the camel and reserved 2 dinars in case we ever come back—for the driver's licence and the toll booth.

We drove aboard the ship in another mad dash, and Bibbi's car was hit from behind once more. Once aboard, we found our cabin and set out to explore the ship properly before they closed off the first class section. We ended up on the first-class sundeck, found two lovely chaises, and decided to stay. The ship sailed at noon and we waved with the other first-class passengers. Bibbi spent the afternoon working on her tan, and I read and slept. Around supper-time, the sun sank into the sea. We figured it was time to mingle, as it looked suspicious to be on the sundeck in the dark.

We found the bar and each had a drink and watched the floor show. I searched for a café or restaurant, only to discover that all meals are included in first-class, you present your ticket to be served a meal. Well our tickets said Economy all over them. Since it was now after 6pm and we were hungry and needed a place to sleep, we figured we had better find our way back into economy. We searched on all the decks for a way back, but all the gates were locked. Then I remembered that when we came over, our second cabin was near the boiler room and kitchens. We went down to the old cabin and went through the kitchen and reached our section of the ship. We found our new cabin, only to find five people in our cabin. Two women, two teenage girls and another small boy. This time we did not even try to share. There are only two bunk beds in each room, and now we were seven. I went and found the purser and asked him for a new cabin. He gave us one without question and we settled in. Soon the door opened and in

came two men! They said, in French that this was their cabin. I told him that we did not speak any French. He went and got the purser who explained to them that he had given us this room and would get them another. They reluctantly left and we locked the door. We ate supper, which I think was the same meal on the way over, and went to bed early.

The next morning we could see the shores of France in the distance. We were keen to get ashore and clear customs so that we could find the autoroute to Spain. It was remarkably easier to disembark in France than in Tunis. Within a half-hour we were on the autoroute heading to Alicante, Spain. It is further than I thought to Alicante, and the Spanish tollroads are much more expensive than the French ones. It cost around \$20 to cross France in tolls, but to go halfway down Spain's East Coast cost us \$50! Of course, it is not all automated like in France. In Spain they have tollbooths where you must stop and pay, and there are a lot of them. One advantage is that you get very adept with the using piestras as money before you arrive at your destination. The countryside was much different the further we traveled south. It is arid and dry with little vegetation, other than orange groves...miles and miles of oranges. We went through Valencia and Seville, and after seeing so many oranges, we decided to stop and buy some. They were wonderful oranges, but exactly the same as we get here.

We arrived in Alicante later than anticipated and the sun was setting. I took the wrong freeway exit and soon had us very lost in the city. It was rush hour and not a good time to be lost. After work, people only want to go home. They do not want to stop and give you directions. We eventually found a policeman, but he spoke only Spanish. We were to meet Donald and Sheila here in a very nice hotel. They had driven up from Málaga to meet us and spend a few days visiting. Bibbi had the brilliant idea of calling Donald on his cellular phone. After many tries using her cell phone and speaking with several phone operators in every language we had between us, we eventually reached Donald on his phone. We were by the hospital (for the third time) and he was able to give us very good instructions to the hotel. We

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This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you opened 1NT and partner transferred to spades then bid 4NT, which you apparently thought was ace-asking. Seems silly to me—wouldn't 4♣ be ace-asking: can't partner have a slam invite with only five spades?—but sometimes you get a chance to correct your mistake (or partner's maybe?), and this is one of those times, because partner now bids 6♠! **What now?**

If you pass 6♠, go to page 9.

If you correct to 6NT, go to page 20.

arrived about forty minutes later and Donald and Sheila had gone out into the street to try and spot our car. We were so happy to see them! It was my first time to meet Donald, although we had been playing online for half a year. They already had met Bibbi before, as he and Sheila had travelled to Sweden twice to visit them. They showed us our lovely rooms, with beautiful baths, it was heaven. We bathed and met them in the lobby. They took us to dinner at a *tapas* place and we really enjoyed it.

The next morning after a very nice breakfast we set out to find our townhouse by the sea in the countryside. It was not far away, and along the way we saw flamingos in huge mud flats. More orange trees and pomegranate trees lined our roadway. The house was set on the hillside, overlooking the sea and we spent a few glorious days relaxing in the sun and visiting the area. In a nearby town we stumbled on market day where an entire section of the town becomes a giant flea market. The streets are all closed to vehicles, so we wandered about looking in market stalls that had everything from fresh fish to silk ties. On the way home, we stopped and picked oranges and pomegranates right from the trees.

All too quickly the time to leave came. Donald and Sheila drove home to Málaga and the next day we set out for Holland. We needed to overnigh somewhere, and we allowed a day and half to get back. Probably not the wisest thing we had ever done, as we had to be back in time to play in a tournament in Holland. The trip started out uneventfully and we made good progress all through Spain. It started to rain in the mountains when we crossed into France. We had heard on the news of the trucker's strike in France and how they were blocking the routes to the ports and to Paris. Since we were not going to either of those areas, we thought we would have no problems. As we approached Lyon, night fell. We listened to the radio for news of the strike, but could not find an English station, and I had trouble translating the news I heard. Then the auto signs began reading *Autoroute coupé à Lyon*. I thought *couper* meant "to cut", so the signs did not seem to make a lot of sense. Soon I noticed that cars and vans were leaving the freeway and heading off on the side roads. As I did not know the countryside, I did not want to leave the freeway. Soon we were the only ones left travelling on the freeway and as we turned a corner, I saw why. Blocking the entire autoroute were huge trucks, using the freeway like a giant parking lot. A police car blocked the route and yelled something at us and pointed at a small white car with a blue light on top. I gathered we were to follow him, as he set off towards the shoulder and down the embankment to where a gap had been made in the freeway fencing. We drove after him, only to meet another wall of trucks blocking the freeway entrance. He drove along in the ditch between the trucks and the freeway, and we followed. Eventually the

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space for a car to pass grew too narrow. He turned on his siren and got out of his car and yelled and gestured for the trucks to clear a passage for us all to cross the freeway entrance road. Reluctantly the trucks backed up a bit and we, and those cars following us, were able to get across the road. Down into the ditch on the other side he went, then up across a field. The rain was pouring down now, and Bibbi and I wondered what we were doing in a field in France in the middle of the night! We bounced along and reached another road and we followed the little white car with the blue light to an interchange. Mercifully there were no trucks here, but the little car turned off his light and sped off in the opposite direction from where we wanted to go. So now I got out the maps and tried to map out an alternate route around Lyon that would not take us near the blocked routes to the city. Eventually I found one and we set off. Now I read every sign very carefully and was so happy to see the signs for Dijon. By now it was nearly midnight and we were exhausted. We had missed supper so looked for a restaurant on the freeway that would still be open. We found one and as we exited, I noted a sign that said "Automated Motel-59 Francs". After supper, we followed the sign to a rather large new-looking one-storey building. The front door was locked, but there was a booth, much like a bank machine booth. We went in to be met by a computer terminal. It asked us to insert our credit card and it promptly ate it. Now we were committed to staying here and I knew if I was able to decipher the French, that we would soon get a room and I would get my Visa card back. It asked us many questions about length of stay, number of rooms, did we want breakfast, etc, and I was able to successfully answer them all. It was cold and windy and I tried to go as fast as I could. Eventually it gave us a number code to memorize and told us that number would open the door of the hotel and our room. It told us we would be in Orange section, room 221 and gave me back my credit card. We tried the number and it worked, and we happily went to our rooms. The rooms had a king size bed below and a double bed in a bunk above, a television and a sink. The shower was down the hall and we also needed the code to open that door. It was all very new and very clean and nice and warm and dry. We slept in the morning, and when we awoke, everyone was gone but us. We posed for pictures by a television tower, as we were missing the Eiffel tower this trip. We stopped in Dijon and had breakfast, and I was

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tempted to buy a huge jar of mustard, until I thought about bringing it home. I had already hauled two hats with large brims for the entire trip, and figured I could get mustard at home.

I was relieved to cross the border into Luxembourg and leave all worries of the truck strike behind us. As we reached Belgium, we suddenly noticed that we were almost out of gas. It seems that you can never find a gas station when you really need one. We drove on and hoped, until Bibbi said that she figured we had 5km more to go before we ran out of gas. We exited the autoroute and found a huge Science Centre. They did not have gasoline, but suggested we travel to the next town. It was Sunday and I was worried that none would be open. The first town we came to had a large central square surrounded by stone houses with a statue in honour of the war dead from World War I. All the shops were closed and there was no one about but a man on a tractor, parked in the square. I went and asked him the closest place to get gasoline and he explained the route to the next town. Directions given in French always confuse me, so it was inevitable that we should take a wrong turn. As we stopped by the side of the road, along came the tractor. The man asked us to follow him and he would lead us there. So we followed a very slow tractor to the next town, about a kilometer away. I really felt like I had stepped back in time, as we moved along at that pace through the countryside. We came to a fair-sized town and soon found the only gas station in the town. A woman came out and I was quite surprised to see her dressed in native costume. She wore a white bonnet and a striped dress, and it was obviously a traditional dress. Bibbi jumped out of the car and began filling the gas tank. The woman said she was the owner and we chatted in French. When Bibbi was done, we went and I paid for the gas with my credit card. As we drove off, I asked Bibbi why she was in such a rush to fill the gas tank. She said that when she saw the owner, she realized that we had no Belgian francs and was afraid that she might not take Visa, and we had to have gas to go on. We laughed about it and were much more careful about the gas after that.

We arrived in Heerhugowaard in early evening, but since we entered the town from the opposite side, I could not seem to find my way to Ko and Elly's house. We eventually phoned them and they came and got us: a most ignoble ending to my navigation skills! We were ever so happy to be back and spent the evening telling them all about our adventures.

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In the morning, Hans Sampiemon arrived from Utrecht. We had played a lot on the Internet together and we had made arrangements to play in a local tournament, much like our sectionals. Bibbi played with Ko and I was pleased to be able to play. Hans and I were third overall, but Ko and Bibbi were second. I was annoyed with myself as Hans played very well and I kept playing my IMP game and we were playing match-points. When we arrived home, Elly had supper prepared for us all and we spent the evening playing more

bridge, until Hans had to go home. A most enjoyable day!

The next day, Ko took me to his local nursery so I could buy the bulbs that I wanted for my garden. I spent a happy hour looking at all the varieties and bulbs that we do not get here and dreaming of flowers in my garden. I would like to have been able to buy them, to feel like I brought a bit of Holland home with me. I went to the bank and it was a special day at the bank. The lady gave me a calendar and a small leather datebook, just for coming in and changing my money. We did some shopping and I bought a bottle of blackberry liqueur that I had tried at Ko's home and really liked. I got a classical music tape for Bill and Dutch chocolates for George. I also picked up a few household items I had seen in use in Ko and Elly's home that I had not seen before. They had towel clips with elastic loops to attach your dishtowels to hooks in the kitchen so they would never fall on the floor, and special holders for your bathroom that held four rolls of spare toilet paper. I got one for every bathroom and have found them most useful.

I was quite excited the following day, as we were to play in the pub tournament in Sehagen. It is a very popular tournament in Holland and Ko had registered us and bought our entry months ahead. I was keen to see how it was organized and run as well. Machiel de Heer from Lei-

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you opened 1♣ in second seat on this hand:

♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764.

LHO overcalled 1♦, partner bid 1♠, RHO raised to 2♦, and you decided to rebid 2♥. This kept the opponents silent for the moment, especially when partner now jumped to 3♠!

So now what?

If you bid 3NT, go to page 23.

If you bid 4♣, go to page 9.

If you bid 4NT, go to page 7.

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you're playing in either 4♠ or 6♠. (Let's assume that if partner is playing the hand he is immediately called away for an emergency and you have to play it.)

DUMMY: ♠ KQJT763 ♥ Q8 ♦ A94 ♣ 8

YOU: ♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764

You duck the 8♦ lead to East's queen and the 7♦ comes back, to West's ten and dummy's ace. You ruff the third diamond low and both follow with low cards. You have seven trumps in dummy, three side suit aces, and a diamond ruff in hand, so you need to look for that twelfth trick. A heart or club finesse would do it—or get you a

quick down one. Maybe the K♣ can be ruffed out in three rounds. (If either defender has four clubs to the king you need two heart entries to get to the established club, but if the heart finesse works you don't need the established club.) Then there's the old standby, hit them with an avalanche of trumps and hope something good happens.

What is your plan?

If you finesse in hearts, go to page 27.

If you finesse in clubs, go to page 5.

If you hope the K♣ drops in three rounds, otherwise try the heart finesse, go to page 10.

If you run all the trumps in an attempt to squeeze one or both defenders, go to page 12.

den and Gertjan Blommetje from Rotterdam arrived early at the house, as they were to play in it too. We all travelled by train to the town where the tournament was and then walked to the area where it was held. Twelve pubs participated, all in a central square with a large church in the middle. There was a director in each pub, and each was a volunteer. I found out that most of their tournaments are run like this, with the directors volunteering their time. The chief director with the computer is paid, and if an appeals committee is needed, they are paid for their time. We were to play six hands in nine of the pubs, and it was run much like a Swiss teams event, except that you could not choose your teammates. They were assigned, at the first pub randomly by computer, but after that, it was based on your current ranking in the tournament. There were 212 pairs in the tournament, so I knew it would be an interesting day. I felt confident, as I was at least familiar with the cards now. Each pub was different, some very small so it was hard to fit in enough tables, and others quite roomy. The lighting varied from excellent to atrocious but the atmosphere was terrific. Everyone appeared to be having an excellent time, at least by the amount of beer consumed. At the second pub, I drew out my cards to find them different from the ones we had been using: more unfamiliar letters on the face cards and aces, and not the same as the Dutch ones. I looked around at the table and no one appeared to notice but me, so they must be used to these cards also. Again I started lifting out cards and looking at the ornate faces. Ko soon noticed me struggling and started to laugh again. He ex-

plained that these were German cards and wrote down the new letters and who they were. Halfway through the day we broke for lunch, and each pub laid on a very nice spread for the participants. I enjoyed the tournament and the day very much and would love to attend it again. The people I met were most hospitable and curious about bridge online and how we had met. Ko is writing an article for his bridge publication on how to get connected, so I expect more Dutch players to be joining the Internet gaming zone. At the end of the tournament, we all met in the largest pub where they had a prize-giving ceremony. We ended up twelfth overall and I won another bottle of the blackberry liqueur, which pleased me no end. Elly and Gertjan won bridge books for their placing of 22nd. There were all sorts of prizes, from cheese and chocolates to books and clocks. The first prize overall was a weekend ski vacation in Austria. If I had won that, I certainly would have returned for it!

The following day I was to go home, so was up late packing, trying to fit all my purchases into my now full suitcases. Ko and Elly kindly drove me to the airport and I began my voyage home. It would prove to be a very long day indeed, as I had to return the way I came, through New York, and I had a five-hour layover there. The Schiphol airport is a treasure trove for shoppers, and I ended up buying a huge wheel of old Gouda cheese, a Delft cheese slicer, more chocolates and some Drum tobacco for Murray, my sister's husband.

Thus ended my great adventure. What I would do differently next trip is to get better glasses and not bring any more hats. Other than that, it was perfect! I am planning on going to Martinique in May to the CAC (Caribbean and Central American) championships, and perhaps Bibbi will meet me there. It is my favorite tournament, as I get to see all my friends from Jamaica and the Caribbean.

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Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

NORTH: ♠ A65 ♥ AQ872 ♦ Q87 ♣ QJ
SOUTH: ♠ KJ9872 ♥ K ♦ A92 ♣ 743

How would you play this layout in 4♣? The lead of the 8♣ (East having bid the suit) goes to East's king. He continues the ace, and then a small club which is ruffed by West's T♣.

(solution later)

"Club-Hopping" in Greater Vancouver

1. Bridge, a game of skill? Monday morning at Hazel's game, LHO opens 1♦, passed around to me. Holding this hand...

♠ xx ♥ Qxx ♦ KJxx ♣ AJxx

...I passed, since any action on my part may give them a chance to find their spade fit. They made 1♦ for +70 and a top—why? Well, during the play LHO "discovered" a fifth spade. Everybody who "found" that card before the bidding played in 2♣ down one, sometimes down two!

A few boards later, Nemesis struck again, but this time hit the opponents:

♥ xxx ♠ Kx ♦ AJx ♣ Kx ♥ Qxx

I opened this balanced (sorted this way it looked balanced to me) hand with a 12-14 INT. 2♥ by LHO, pass from partner, 2♣ by RHO, pass by me, 3♥ by LHO...all pass! By this time I had in fact noticed that the suits to the extreme left and right looked very much alike. The more skilled card sorters opened 1♥ and played in 2♥ on the foul 6-0 trump break down two. 2♥ by the opponents fared just as well at our table, except that the opponents had to cope with a 6-1 break. At least I had the decency not to double!

At Pat Stapff's game on Thursday I picked up this gem as West with none vulnerable, on the last board:

♠ — ♥ AKQJT62 ♦ A ♣ AKQ95

South opened 4♣, I overcalled 7♥, North raised to 7♣. I doubled this and we collected five tricks and 1100. The full deal:

None vul South Dealer	NORTH	What were you in?
WEST	♠ A53 ♥ 985 ♦ 843 ♣ T742	EAST
♠ — ♥ AKQJT62 ♦ A ♣ AKQ95	SOUTH	♠ 974 ♥ 74 ♦ KQJT97 ♣ J6
	♠ KQJT862 ♥ 3 ♦ 652 ♣ 83	

I collected the following auctions from five other tables:

- 1♣ - 7♥ - all pass. (+1510)
- 3♣ - 6♥ - all pass. (+1010)
- 3♣ - Dbl - Pass - 5♦
Pass - 5♥! - all pass. (+510)
- 3♣ - 4NT - 5♣ - 6♦
Pass - 6♥ - Pass - Pass
6♣?? - Pass! - Pass - 7♥!!
all pass. (+1510)
- 3♣ - 7♥ - all pass. (+1510)

The most remarkable sequence was at the fourth table, where South should kick herself very hard for bidding again after a preempt—and so should West for passing. East certainly does not have a 7♥ bid!

2. Interesting hands from the Sectional

Friday Afternoon, Board 3, South dealer, E-W vulnerable:

NORTH: ♠ AKJ542 ♥ — ♦ KQJ952 ♣ 7
SOUTH: ♠ QT765 ♥ KQ532 ♦ — ♣ AT9

How do you bid it?

At one table it went 1♣ - 7♣. A more scientific approach could be:

South	North
1♣	2NT (forcing raise)
3♦ (short)	3♥ (1st rd control)
4♣ (1st rd control)	4♥ (2nd rd control)
5♦ (void)	7♣

North is virtually certain that the diamonds can be ruffed out.

Unfortunately, at our table we did not get the job done because of my poor choice of response. Pat Landau opened 1♣ and I splintered to 4♥, which wastes a lot of bidding space and turns Pat's hand to pulp! She rebid 4♣ and I used RKC, then bid 5♥. Pat then bid 6♦ and I thought this showed the A♦, so I signed off in 6♣ expecting a club loser.

Saturday evening, Board 4:

Both vul West Dealer	NORTH	Winter Sectional Sat eve, Bd 4
WEST	♠ AQ986532 ♥ 32 ♦ 5 ♣ QJ	EAST
♠ KJ ♥ AJ98 ♦ AQ9 ♣ 9543	SOUTH	♠ — ♥ QT4 ♦ KJ8764 ♣ AT72
	♠ T74 ♥ K765 ♦ T32 ♣ K86	

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, well done: you scored twelve tricks. Go to page 14 to see how good this is.

Gordie Davis wound up in 3NT and went +720 when North led a low spade! I think the J♣ would make more sense than a low spade!

Pat Stapf and I did rather well on this board, sitting N-S. After West opened 1NT I bid 2♣, a wimpy bid: 3♣ is right on loser count. East now bid a forcing 3♦ (in their system), which West decided to pass, her hand having shrunk to a sub minimum 11 points by my overcall. I kept things alive by bidding 3♣. This is defensive bidding at its worst! If I was prepared to go to the three level anyway, I should have made that bid the first time. Now they have another shot. East bid 4♣ and luckily for us, the auction ended there. -150 was a near top for us.

Bernice French and Aidan Ballantyne were one of only two pairs to get to 6♦, via...

[Editor's note: We interrupt *Give Me A Hand* to bring you Aidan's account of this deal:]

As one of the auctioned "famous local names" in last summer's VBC Carpet Fund, I played with Bernice French in the most recent Sectional Open Pairs (Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy). After barely qualifying for the final session we had the biggest E-W game in the evening to finish third overall behind Ken Scholes/Sandy Jenkins and Gord Davis/Nathan Divinsky. About midway through the second session we had the proverbial TSN turning point.

Bernice opened 1♣ in the West seat, North overcalled 3♣ and I had an awkward bid. I elected to bid 4♦. South passed, Bernice raised to 5♦ and I went on to six on the basis of my club fit and also because I felt my 4♦ bid could well have taken us beyond our best matchpoint game, 3NT by West.

South led a spade, jack, queen, ruff. It looked like we had two inescapable club losers even if the K♥ was onside. But look what happened. I played the A-K of diamonds, discovering the 3-1 break. Leaving a high trump in dummy I played the A♣ and my hopes rose when North played the jack. I finessed in hearts taking four rounds of that suit, pitching a club from hand. North ditched spades (it does not help North to throw away the Q♣). I ruffed dummy's last spade and exited a club. The opponents had no good

play. If South takes the K♣ smothering North's Q♣ my clubs are good for one loser. If South plays low North wins the queen and is endplayed into a ruff-sluff (I pitch my last club from hand and ruff in dummy, claiming). On checking other scores, I discovered that Doug Thomas (playing with Gary Phelan) had achieved an equal result playing along the same lines.

I think we would have won except that in the second last round I played this hand against my Seattle nemesis, Sharon Colson.

None vul South Dealer	NORTH	Winter Sectional Sat eve, Bd 25
WEST	♠ A8764 ♥ Q74 ♦ J864 ♣ 9	EAST
♠ J3 ♥ KT865 ♦ Q7 ♣ K872	SOUTH	♠ KQ ♥ AJ92 ♦ AT9 ♣ QT54
	♠ T952 ♥ 3 ♦ K532 ♣ AJ63	

We got to 4♥ like everyone else. Sharon, South, led the T♠. North won the ace and returned a spade. I won and played off two top hearts getting the bad news. I was mad at myself having thought about leading a heart to the king and finessing on the way back (if South started with Qx she is endplayed into leading a minor, possibly to declarer's advantage). After hearts broke 3-1 there was little else to do but put North in with the Q♥ and force him to open up the minors. Back came a middling diamond. I ducked, Sharon won the king and returned a diamond. Since nothing good had happened so far I decided to try to get some matchpoints back by going against the field in clubs. I led a low club from dummy to my queen (if that had held I was going to duck on the way back playing North for Ax and South for Jxx). Of course, my nemesis won the ace and returned a club. Having noted North's 9 on the first round, I went up with the king trying to drop the jack. North showed out! An embarrassing down two vulnerable for a virtual bottom.

Of course, unlike her partner, Bernice played great all day!

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This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you opened 1NT in second seat on this hand:

♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764.

Partner bids 2♥, a transfer. When you bid 2♣ partner now rebids 4NT. Is this ace-asking or quantitative? Good luck! **What do you bid now?**

If you pass 4NT, go to page 23.

If you bid 6NT, go to page 20.

If you bid 5♣, go to page 6.

If you bid 6♣, go to page 9.



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1998-99 Unit Board Elections

The Annual General Meeting of the Unit Board is still far off (likely to be held during the Monthly Unit Game in July) but some information needs to be announced now.

Twelve people (plus, on occasion, the past president as a thirteenth, if not a member of the current Board), make up the Unit Board of Directors, which meets monthly to discuss and direct Unit business. At the end of June, some current Board Members' two-year terms will expire, and others will decide to leave the board in mid-term. I know of no early decisions that have been made as to who will serve next year, and who will not. At the same time as these decisions are being made, there is a nomination procedure published in the *Matchpointer*, and in the past few years, nominations and outgoing members have been at a happy equilibrium, and thus no elections have been needed. Just in case we have more nominees than vacancies this year, this is the procedure as set out in the Unit By-Laws.

Sixty days (or more) before the Annual General Meeting, the Unit Board Selects a nominating committee of at least three active members, a majority of whom are not Unit Board Members. The Committee's function is to collect from the membership written nominations (with consent of the nominee *in writing*) before June 1st. Any paid-up member of the ACBL residing within Unit 430 is eligible to be nominated. If the number of nominees exceeds the number

of vacancies, the Committee prepares a slate of nominees to be made available to the membership at least three weeks before the AGM. Votes in the ensuing election must be received by June 30.

The Board at its monthly meeting on April 6 will appoint a Nominating Committee. The deadline for nominations will likely be the same as the deadline for the June *Matchpointer*, June 1. Almost certainly there will be no need for an election again this year, but if so the *Matchpointer* will run statements from candidates and details on how and when to vote.

Who would make a good nominee? If you've read this far, *you* would! Common sense is far more important than card sense; you need not be a good player to volunteer your services. Board Members spend one evening each month discussing Unit business, and a few hours of free time doing the various jobs that keep our Unit's bridge activities functioning smoothly. With the exception of the *Matchpointer* editor (who is kidding...) the duties assigned to members are kept to that which they can handle.

Another possibility at the Annual General Meeting would be an attempt to amend the By-Laws of the Unit. A proposed amendment must be submitted to the Unit Secretary at least sixty days before the AGM, in the form of a petition containing the signatures of at least 50 Unit members or seven Unit Board Members. Such a proposal would then be publicized in the *Matchpointer*, and voted on at the AGM, where a two-thirds majority would be required.

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[Editor's note: a quick jaunt through ACBLScore shows that making 5 would vault Ballantyne/French past Colson/Scholes, making 4 would not quite be enough to catch them. However—and I hate to mention this with IMP League playoffs coming up—had Aidan made 4♥ on this deal, the event would have been won by Davis/Divinsky!

We now return you to Joerg Schneider's *Give Me A Hand...*]

Solution to the play problem:

None vul South Dealer	NORTH ♠ A53 ♥ 985 ♦ 843 ♣ T742	What were you in?
WEST ♠ - ♥ AKQJT62 ♦ A ♣ AKQ95	SOUTH ♠ KQJT862 ♥ 3 ♦ 652 ♣ 83	EAST ♠ 974 ♥ 74 ♦ KQJT97 ♣ J6

Did you overruff? Then the hand cannot be made, the full layout being:

Since the A♠ is your only entry to the AQ♥, you must pitch a diamond. West continues with a heart to the king, and now the K♠ reveals the bad trump break, but when you continue with the J♠ you make the rest whether West covers or not!

What if West doesn't ruff the third club? You ruff small, play a heart to the king, and run the J♠. If West covers he can only make one trump trick. If the J♠ loses to the singleton queen with East, you win the diamond return with the ace, play a spade to dummy's ace, pitch two diamonds on the AQ♥, ruff a diamond, pull West's last trump—he has only three now, remember?—and claim! This deal stumped most declarers: +620 was a near top.

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you scored eleven tricks, so I hope you were in four! Go to page 14 to see how good this is.

Brad Bart New kid on the block?

He has only been in Vancouver a few months, but already has a visible presence in the Vancouver bridge community, especially if you're on the Internet. He is Brad Bart, one of Canada's, and now Vancouver's, up and coming junior players.

Bart started playing bridge in high school in Hamilton after he and his buddies tired of such lesser card games as euchre and hearts, although Bart is the only one to have carried on after becoming "hooked" on duplicate. From high school, he took his act to the University of Waterloo where he resuscitated a college duplicate club which was dying after well-known Canadian junior Eric Sutherland left. "That's one of the big problems with junior bridge," Bart says, "one person may do a lot but when that person leaves a college, there's usually no one to carry on. The Waterloo club has gone through a series of highs and lows because of that."

Bart has now moved to Simon Fraser University where he is working on a master's degree in computer science. Although he would like to build up bridge on local campuses, he recognizes it is a difficult challenge. "There is not a big active contingent of bridge players, or even card players, at UBC and SFU," he notes. "At Waterloo, a lot of people were already playing some type of cards so it was easier to convert them." He believes one reason is the West Coast itself. "It's hard to advertise a club involved only in playing cards when there's so much else to do in Vancouver."

One way to create interest is to start in the high schools and that requires an enthusiastic teacher. "A few years ago, only about 100 junior players were registered with the ACBL. The next year there were 300 because of Ed O'Reilly in Kingston. He was a high school teacher who taught his students bridge, got them enthusiastic about it and enrolled them in the ACBL junior program. What we need are more teachers like that."

Since Bart is a computer science student, it is no surprise one of his first projects with local bridge is to put the Vancouver Bridge Centre on the Internet. He calls his Web site (www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/main.html) a "work in

progress," and hopes to develop it into a shining example of what club Web sites could and should be.

"A Web site should have all the nice homey things, like special games, winners, bridge hands and so on. Wouldn't it be nice

if you could go home right after a club game, get onto the Internet the next day and see how you placed? That's what my goal is and with ACBLScore it should not be that difficult."

Although the web is currently filled with a lot of "garbage," Bart says the real future of the Internet is in the dissemination of information. "The more information rather than links or advertising which a site provides, the better. There are some good information sites out there. A site providing a compilation of basic systems is a good use of the web (rgb.anu.edu.au/Bridge/Bidding/Systems). The ACBL club listings is also good (www.acbl.org/clubs/clubs.htm). Before I go on vacation, I look up the area's clubs and if I can fit it into my schedule, I take in a game."

Although he likes to play weak no trumps with regular partners, and was starting to learn a strong club canape system before he left Ontario, he has mostly stuck to Standard American in Vancouver. "I prefer it with unfamiliar partners. 2/1 requires a lot of agreements and I find that very difficult when feeling out new partners." He has still to form a regular partnership in Vancouver but admits to some potential partners.

"I have been playing with Phil Hernandez and we seem to hit it off. I really enjoyed playing with Brian Russell at the Calcutta, Mike Neagu, even though I only played with him once, is fabulous and I like the spirit of Martin Henneberger."

Despite his love for bridge and his love of computers, Bart does not play a lot of computer bridge. "It's too addicting. I have work to do."



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♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764.

LHO overcalls 1♦, partner bids 1♠, and RHO raises to 2♦. **What now?**

If you rebid 2♥, go to page 8.

If you double now, go to page 4.

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Screen Test Cover Hand—the Scoring

This is part of a bridge movie which begins on the front cover. Here are the various scores from the 52 times played on OKBridge:

N-S	Frequency	You'd score this
+1010	1	99.0%
+990	1	97.1%
+980	10	86.5%
+800	2	75.0%
+480	15	58.7%
+460	9	35.6%
+450	6	21.1%
-50	8	7.6%

There is no way (at least, no way I can see) against competent defense to make 6NT (and therefore running all your spades is just not going to work even in spades), but of course somebody did, and someone else made all the tricks on a "speculative" lead. The best line in spades is to play ace and another club, ruffing in hand, followed by a trump to the ace and another club: if the king doesn't ap-

pear you can still finesse hearts after pulling trumps. The straight heart finesse works as well: consider yourself lucky if you ignored the combination play and went for it. Even for those who opened 1♣ and had both opponents bidding diamonds, there is not a lot of card reading you can put in play. East has the Q♦, West has the KJT♦, they are probably 5-3, but this all seems to indicate that the other missing kings are split, and there's no way to determine who has which one.

—McBruce

Matchpoints None Vul, S dlr	NORTH ♠ KQJT763 ♥ Q8 ♦ A94 ♣ 8	What were you in? (Lead: 8♦) EAST ♠ 94 ♥ KT76 ♦ Q73 ♣ J532
	WEST ♠ 85 ♥ 943 ♦ KJT86 ♣ KT9	
	SOUTH ♠ A2 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ764	

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- Sat May 30 (7:30): Gooly Pairs Calcutta. Preregistration required. Which of the randomly-selected pairs will self-destruct? Calcutta Auction follows Friday TGIF game.
- Tue Jun 2 (7:30): NAOP Qualifying, all flights, stratified.
- Fri Jun 5 (7:30): 13th Annual World-Wide Pairs, instant matchpoints with hand record and analysis souvenir booklet. First of two single sessions.
- Sat Jun 6 (1:00): 13th Annual World-Wide Pairs (formerly Epsom), second of two sessions, play one or both sessions.
- Jun 8-14 (all week): Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC: Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Win silver points at the VBC! Note two special additional STaC games on Saturday, at 1:00 and 7:30.
- Thu Jun 25 (7:30): NAOP Qualifying, all flights, stratified.

UPCOMING SEMI-REGULAR EVENTS

- Monthly \$3 Bridge: Only \$3.00 per player! Monthly Saturday afternoon games for players with less than 100 masterpoints: 4 Apr, 2 May, 6 Jun.
- TGIF Bidding Contest nights: Last Friday each month, challenge the Bulletin's bidding gurus: 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun.
- Monthly \$1.49 Day!: All day Tuesday, play for \$1.49 each if you or your partner has not played at the VBC for the past 30 days: 14 Apr, 12 May.
- Backgammon Tournaments: (With divisions for newcomers and experienced players): 19 Apr, 24 May, 14 Jun.

RECENT WINNERS

- CNTC Qualifying, Dec 13: Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Aidan Ballantyne, Ron Borg.
- VBC Holiday Bash, Dec 19: Andrew Ross /George Bell.
- Tournament of Champions, Dec 26: Felipe Hernandez/Mike Neagu.
- GNT Qualifying, Jan 19: Kal Kaleem, Gray McMullin, Dennis McMahon, John Reay.

REGULAR WEEKLY VBC GAMES

- (special events never pre-empt regular games)
- Monday 7:30 Intermediate Stratified (0-200 MP)
 - Tuesday 10:45 Stratified Open Game
Lunch Available!
 - Tuesday 7:30 Stratified Open Game
New Winner-Take-All Jackpot
 - Wednesday 10:45 New-plicate Game (now 0-50 MP)
Includes Mini-Lesson and Lunch
 - Wednesday 7:30 Advanced Intermediate Game
Stratified by Expertise (# of LMs)
Half Price for Rookie-Master Pairs
 - Thursday 7:30 Rookie Game (0-20 MP)
Includes Mini-Lesson
 - Thursday 7:30 Stratified Open Game
Winners Defend Free Next Week
 - Friday 12:00 Classic Card Game
(new starting time)
 - Friday 7:30 Open Lucky # Game (last Friday each month: TGIF+bidding contest)
 - Saturday 1:00 Monthly \$3 Bridge (0-100 MP)
weekly Aft and Eve Rubber Bridge
 - Sunday 6:30 "Early Bird" Stratified IMP Pairs
early start, early finish for 9-to-5ers

All your favorite bridge books are available at The Bridge Centre

RECENT VBC BIG GAMES

- Fri Dec 26: Felipe Hernandez/Mike Neagu, 70.60%. Fri Jan 9: C.C. Lai/Arthur Ma, 71.06%. Wed Jan 14 (am): Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 74.17%. Mon Jan 19: Jon Schulman/Barry Wade, 72.08%. Thu Feb 5: Duane Tilden/John Berry, 73.81%. Thu Feb 12: Duane Tilden/Elliott Netto, 73.11%

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SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
Thony Stiennon (non-playing director) 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC
Regular Game:	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30 pm
Club Championships:	May 5	May 7	May 8
Swiss Teams:		April 30	March 27, May 22
STaC Silver Points Games:	April 7, June 9	April 9, June 11	April 10, June 12
Other Special Events:		Int. Fund Game May 14	

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 792-4389

Partners always guaranteed Check us out on the Web at http://www.wutzon.com/chilliwack/clubs/duplicate_bridge/duplicate_bridge.htm

Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre
9400 College Street
Mondays at 7:30 pm
Stratified Games last
Monday each month
April 6: ACBL Charity Game
May 4: Club Championship
December Club Champions: Jim Sache/Len Feeny

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
Complex: 11940 224th St.
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
April 1: April Fools
Club Championship
(no fooling!)

Mission

Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave.
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
April 30: Club Championship
May 7: ACBL Charity Game

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road
Fridays at 7:30 pm
May 22:
Club Championship

Silver Point STaC Games: All Valley Clubs June 8-12
Win silver points at your local club!

Delta Bridge Club

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church
11601 82nd Ave., Delta
Pat Stafff 588-6794
Coffee and snacks included
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
(don't be late!)
Club Championship Winners:
Leslie Gold/Kathy Adachi
April 2: Charity Game
June 4: Club Championship

South Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street, South Surrey
(Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club)
Director/Manager:
Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300
Mondays at 7:15pm
Stratified first Monday each month
Computer scoring
Novice Sections every game
Partners Guaranteed

RECENT WINNERS

Swiss Teams: Randy Jordan, Dot Carnegie, Terry & Frances Gould
Membership Trophy Game:
Carol Thompson & Mariann Hutton
ACBL Charity Game:
Isabel Chernoff & Randy Jordan
Club Championship:
Dot Carnegie & Randy Jordan
STaC Games (silver points):
April 6 and June 8

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: March 24, 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	stratified, HCP: 11 May	13 Apr	Marina Page/Amir Alibhai
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	27 Apr	Pat & Cliff Glen
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open, STR:1st	11 May	Dot Carnegie/Randy Jordan
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	4 May	Ken Cowherd/Len Feeny
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	1st: HCP, 3rd: Trophy Race Game		annual trophy points race
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	15 Jun	Axel & Margaret Schulmann
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-200, stratified	11 May	Pat Marshall/Dorothy Copp
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	B. Russell	stratified	5 May	Ed Zydik/Ken Lochang
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open	5 May	Ted Worsfold/Ben Brynjolfson
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebingner	open	16 Jun	Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	12 May	Sandi White/Stan Bodlak
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	30 Jun	Shirley Fitterman/Ken Robertson
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	stratified, HCP: 1 Apr	27 May	John Ashwell/Amir Alibhai
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	24 Jun	(tie) Bev Cullen/Mary Corbould, Roland Chow/Harry Yee
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-50 MP	3 Jun	Linda Bell/Bud Creelman
	7:15 pm	WRK	A.M. Bullis	stratified	TBA	Fran & Terry Gould
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	24 Jun	Judith & Bob Wilson
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	13 May	Marjorie Groberman/Joyce Satanove
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	1 Apr	George Wood/Marv Luther
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	stratified by # of LMs	29 Apr	Marti Oppenheimer/Ken Lochang
Thu	10:30 am	DTA	P. Stapff	open	4 Jun	Leslie Gold/Kathy Adachi
	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	14 May	Connie Delisle/Amad Rafii
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open, teams: 30 Apr	7 May	Ev Hodge/Marge Neate
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	30 Apr	Ken Cowherd/Brian Lee
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	0-20	21 May	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	21 May	Duane Tilden/Elliott Netto
Fri	12:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	3 Apr	Marti Oppenheimer/Ken Lochang
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	22 May	held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30 pm	PKB	W. Jez	27 Mar, 17 Apr, then alternate Fridays from 24 Apr to 19 Jun—not ACBL sanctioned.		
	7:30 pm	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams—first Friday of each month only		
	7:30 pm	S-D	T. Stiennon	open, teams:27 Mar, 22 May	8 May	Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	3 Apr	Laurence Betts/Ron Ohmont
Sat	1:00 pm	VBC	E. Chan	Rubber bridge, periodic special events		David Huang/Alex Cheung
	7:30 pm	VBC	L. Landau	Monthly Unit Game Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6. A suburban site will be added when found.		
Sun	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: 17 May	7 Jun	Hazel Stowards/Olive Perdue
	6:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	IMP Pairs, stratified	26 Apr	Jeannette Greenhut/Ken Robertson

GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game
 LP=limited masterpoint game
 X:n=closed on nth week of each month
 1st, 2nd, last, etc=only on the first, second last (or whatever) week of each month (unless noted, all clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks)

STR=stratified game
 IP=IMP Pairs scoring

Games limited to club members and guests and un-sanctioned 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

April 1—June 19, 1998

(Quarterly Club Championship dates for all 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

1 Apr	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
1 Apr	7:15	WRK	CBF Helen Shields Annual Rookie/Master Game
1 Apr	7:30	VBC	CBF Helen Shields Annual Rookie/Master Game
2 Apr	10:30	DTA	Charity Game
3 Apr	12:30	VBC	Club Championship Game (Classic Card)
3 Apr	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
3 Apr	7:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
4 Apr	1:00	VBC	\$3 Bridge (0-100 MP)

Date Time Club What's Happening

4 Apr	7:30	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
6-12 Apr			Seattle Unit 446-sponsored Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Win silver points at your local club!
			<i>Clubs known at press time to be participating: C.R., DTA, F.V., HAS, NSW, RMD, S-D, S-W, SRY, TSW, VCR, WRK.</i>
6 Apr	7:30	CWK	ACBL Charity Game
6 Apr	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
10 Apr	—	PKB	No bi-weekly game (moved to Apr 17)
13 Apr	10:00	VCR	Easter Holiday Party Game (Club Championship)
14 Apr	10:45 & 7:30	VBC	\$1.49 day (if you bring a friend who has not played at the VBC in 30 days)
17 Apr	7:30	PKB	Easter Pairs (moved from Apr 10)
19 Apr	12:30	VBC	Backgammon Tournament
20 Apr	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race
24 Apr	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly game
24 Apr	7:30	VBC	TGIF+ bidding contest
26 Apr	6:30	VBC	ChIMPs Club Championship
27 Apr	10:45	BBY	Club Championship Game
27 Apr	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
29 Apr	7:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
30 Apr	7:30	MIS	Club Championship Game
1 May	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
2 May	1:00	VBC	\$3 Bridge (0-100 MP)
2 May	7:30	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
4 May	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
4 May	7:30	CWK	Club Championship Game
4 May	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
5 May	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game
8 May	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
11 May	10:00	VBC	Handicap Game
11 May	7:15	SRY	Club Championship Game
11 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship Game (0-200 MP)
12 May	10:45 & 7:30	VBC	\$1.49 day (if you bring a friend who has not played at the VBC in 30 days)
12 May	7:30	BBY	Club Championship
14 May	7:30	VBC	International Fund Game
15-18 May			Four-day Spring Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre; most clubs closed

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

Abbr.	Club Name (*=non-ACBL)	Club Contact	Phone No.	Ad. page
ABB	Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	15
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252	19
BBY	Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445	19
C.R.	Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891	19
CWK	Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	15
DTA	Delta BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794	15
F.V.	Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stienon	951-7560	15
HAS	Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932	22
JCC	Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196	27
MIS	Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	15
M-R	Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	15
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289	9
PKB	Polish Bridge Club *	Waldemar Jez	527-8854	22
RMD	East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298	19
S-D	Sur-Del BC	Thony Stienon	951-7560	15
S-W	South-West DBC	Thony Stienon	951-7560	15
SRY	South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	870-9300	15
SQU	Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702	21
SUN	Sunshine Coast BC *	Rudy Notzl	885-5552	20
TSW	Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025	19
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone: 255-2564		14
VCR	Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	19
WRK	White Rock BC	Anne-Marie Bullis	525-5669	8

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening	Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
18 May	10:00	VCR	Regular game is on despite Spring Sectional	6 Jun	1:00	VBC	\$3 Bridge (0-100 MP)
18 May	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game (call Lorraine Hurren—898-2702—to confirm)	6 Jun	7:30	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
21 May	7:30	VBC	Two Club Championships: Open Stratified and 0-20 MP	8-14 Jun			Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC). Win silver points at your local club! Most Unit 430 clubs will be participating.
22 May	7:30	ABB	Club Championship Game	13 Jun	both	VBC	Two Special STaC games: 1:00 and 7:30.
22 May	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game	14 Jun	6:30	VBC	Sorry, ChIMPs! Matchpoints tonight, so we can participate in the STaC!
24 May	12:30	VBC	Backgammon Tournament	15 Jun	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
25 May	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game	19 Jun	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game (1997-98 Finale; reopens in September)
27 May	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game				
29 May	7:30	VCR	TGIF+bitting contest, and the Calcutta for the Goofy Pairs				
30 May	7:30	VCR	Goofy Pairs Calcutta Game				

June-August North American Open Pairs Club Qualifying Period: check local clubs for details

1 Jun	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
1 Jun	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
2 Jun	7:30	VBC	NAOP Qualifying Game
3 Jun	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game (0-50 MP)
4 Jun	10:30	DTA	Club Championship Game
5 Jun	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
5 Jun	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
5 Jun	7:30	VBC	13th annual World-Wide Pairs (formerly Epson). First of two single session games.
6 Jun	1:00	VBC	13th annual World-Wide Pairs (formerly Epson). Two single sessions, play one or both!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
22 Jun	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
24 Jun	10:45	HAS	Club Championship Game
24 Jun	7:15	VCR	Club Championship Game
25 Jun	7:30	VBC	NAOP Qualifying Game
26 Jun	7:30	VBC	TGIF+bitting contest
29 Jun	7:30	SQU	Last game before summer closure (unconfirmed, call Lorraine Hurren—898-2702—to confirm)
30 Jun	7:30	BBY	Charity Game
1 Jul	10:00	VCR	Canada Day Party Game: Ambleside Open Pairs

Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church, NW corner of Taylor Way and Hwy 1, W. Vancouver

Louis Landau - 984-8309

All games non-smoking

Monday	10:00 AM	stratified
Wednesday	10:00 AM	stratified
Wednesday	7:15 PM	stratified

Computer Scoring Bid-boxes

Both Wed. games are jackpot games.

All holiday Mondays are PARTY DAYS, with door prizes, goodies etc.

SPECIAL NOTE: The club will be OPEN on Monday May 18 despite the Sectional in Burnaby. The Victoria Day Ambleside Open Pairs has been moved to Wednesday July 1st.

UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES

- Wed Apr 1 (am): Handicap Game
- Mon Apr 13: Easter Monday Holiday Pairs
- Mon May 11: Handicap Game
- Mon May 18: Open for regular game despite sectional in Burnaby
- Wed Jul 1 (am): Canada Day Holiday Ambleside Open Pairs

Players Of The Month

- Daytime:** December: Adam Dabrowski; January: Amir Alibhai
- Evening:** December: Lauren Holley & Mona Taylor; January: Donna Morrison
- 1997 Daytime Club Champion Stella Alliston**
- 1997 Evening Club Champion Marina Page**

RECENT WINNERS

John Reeve Individual Trophy Amir Alibhai

Tsawassen Bridge Club

South Delta Rec Centre 1720-56th Street, Delta

Finn Schultz 534-5025
Mondays 7:30 pm
Club Championship June 15

Gordon McOrmond
President
543-4224

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North Delta, V4C 6P6

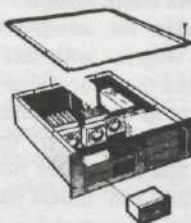
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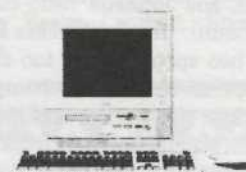
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Central Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Albert Yallowz 321-1891

coffee & goodies computer scoring

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

COMING EVENTS

May 13: Club Championship Game

Club Championship Winners:

Majoire Groberman/Joyce Satanove

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

IMPORTANT DATES

May 17: Closed for

Spring Sectional

June 7: Club Championship

RECENT WINNERS

Mar 8 Club Champions:

Hazel Stowards &

Olive Perdue

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays at 10:45am

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

*Pat &
Cliff Glen*

**Club Championship
Winners**

*Sandi White
& Stan Bodlak*

April 27 Next Club Championship Dates May 12

Feb 23 Senior's Game Winners: Kathy Adachi & Delphine Tablotney

Sectional Tournament at Clubs (Silver points): June 8 & 9.

Tuesday, June 30: Charity Game

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

IMP League Gossip

by the IMP League Tattler

The Playoff pictures explained: in Flight A, **Hernandez** and **Lindsay**, both virtually assured of a first-round bye will battle to the wire for top spot, **Jacob** and **Doner** will take the next two spots and play the survivors of a last gasp dash for the final two spots among **Remedios** (several matches in hand on the rest, can they get them all in?), **Pocock** (who finish against the top two teams), **Laudan** (much easier schedule), and **Johnson** (who could finish anywhere from third to tenth). The Tattler likes **Remedios** and **Laudan** for the last two spots but it's too close to make any wagers. Much depends on whether champions **Doner** can find their form in time; if not, there could be as many as five teams on the bubble playing musical chairs for two playoff spots.

In Flight B/C, the Valley season is complete and the playoffs will begin soon. All of the matches will be close and exciting, but we'll pull no punches and pick the winners for you anyhow. We expect the **Schmidt** team to find its playoff form against undefeated **Skoropada**, because undefeated teams don't stay undefeated through the playoffs often. We like **Webster** over **Faulkner** (but see below for **Faulkner's** chances in the Flight C Final), and we expect the **Schmidt** team to re-find it's regular season form in the Valley final.

In the City there is a battle royal shaping up for playoff positions at all levels. **Eng** will take first place, **Croome**, currently in second will end up third because they end the season against the other two teams in the top three. **Raywood**, **Meyer** and **Lee** will probably complete the top six, but **Isfeld** and even Flight C leader **Brown** are still in with a chance. The **Brown** team have not won by more than 8 IMPs yet, but have also not lost by more than 11. This will get them into the Flight C City Semi-Final against the survivor of another battle royal for the second spot in Flight C. The inside lane is currently held by **Jez**, but both **Lévesque** and **Matthews**, crushed by several of the top teams, have shown some life recently and may make a run in the final few matches.

The crystal ball predicts **Eng** over **Jackson** in the Flight B City semi-final, and **Brown** over **Jez** in Flight C. However, the crystal ball shows Hong Kong horse racing when asked to predict the City vs Valley finals in Flight B and C. Looks like it will be a **Happy Valley...**

The Tattler is happy to report that all Flight C teams in both the City division and the Valley division are reporting **fun and good times** in the slightly deeper waters this year. We have noted some very lopsided scores but have heard that the winners and losers were full of **sportsmanship** and **good spirits** throughout, and several stories of **exemplary behavior** in these sometimes awkward situations have been making the rounds.

Sources close to IMP League Commish **McBruce** report that several teams have not yet paid their IMP League entry fee (expect letters of reminder soon). Can you be eligible for the playoffs if you haven't paid for the regular season? The Tattler thinks not...The Commissioner's office has not banged the gavel on several very late matches in Flight A yet, but sources reveal that if the current catch-up operation does not remain on schedule, there might be trouble... **Anne-Marie Bullis** has been placed in charge of the **Pocock-Laudan** match appeal mentioned here last issue... Several teams seem to be confused over the meaning of two lines on the match report slips: a few have been received which seem to indicate that teams ended the second half with less than they started with. What part of "Halftime Score" and "Fulltime Score" don't you understand?, muses the Commissioner.

In the stretch run for the playoffs teams should be aware that you may not play for your team in the playoffs unless you have played in at least 40% of the regular season matches. That means five matches in Flight A, four in the City Stratified, and three in the Valley. To qualify as an appearance you need only play in one half of the match.

Another amazing upset in Flight A, #10 seed **Lam** comes from 27 down at halftime to beat #5 seed **Pocock** by 18! Even more improbable was the emergency player required by Lam to play for the AWOL **Dennis McMahon**. The supersub, playing in his first ever IMP League match in any division, found his "legs" in the second half, doubling some partscores for big numbers and passing partner **Gray McMullin** in 3NT when nine tricks were the limit, whether in notrump or the ten card major suit fit! Congratulations (and we won't tell you who played for the losers that night!) to **Hushang Mohtadi!**

(IMP League standings are on pages 26-27)

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

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you got to 6NT. The bad news is that this is unmakeable. The good news is that it's not a complete bottom, since this is where I played it. *Turn to page 14 to see the full hand and to find out how well you did.*

Unit 430 Top 50 as of October 1, 1997

This list of the Unit's top masterpoint

Leo Steil	9130	(-)	26. Buddy Crapko	3163	(23)
1. Cam Doner	7708	(1)	27. Mike Strebinger	3049	(25)
2. Allan Graves	6552	(-)	28. Ted Hicks	3031	(24)
3. Aidan Ballantyne	6310	(2)	29. Cam Lindsay	2790	(27)
4. Laurence Betts	5454	(3)	30. Jean Groome	2747	(30)
5. Ron Borg	4893	(4)	31. Mike Wilson	2744	(31)
6. Peter Herold	4782	(6)	32. Don Brander	2730	(28)
7. Jim Dickie	4700	(5)	33. Lure Pocock	2705	(32)
8. Dan Jacob	4686	(7)	34. Mike Dimich	2673	(29)
9. Mary Lou Bert	4620	(8)	35. Gerry McCully	2517	(34)
10. Gord McOrmond	4479	(10)	36. Marge Neate	2472	(35)
11. Paul Hagen	4377	(9)	37. Ernie Dietrich	2453	(41)
Adrian Hicks	4179		38. Jenny Ballantyne	2425	(33)
12. Larry Hicks	3939	(12)	39. Ina Andersen	2368	(38)
13. Bob Connop	3877	(11)	40. Larry Pocock	2333	(39)
14. Ev Hodge	3861	(14)	41. Charles Swanson	2323	(36)
15. Lauren Miller	3750	(13)	Liz Lee	2314	(37)
16. Don Brazeau	3686	(15)	42. Pat Landau	2309	(44)
17. Kathy Adachi	3673	(18)	43. Phyllis Gerber	2289	(42)
18. Wilf May	3653	(16)	44. John Hurdle	2231	(40)
19. Mary Fines	3604	(19)	45. Martin O'Reilly	2165	(43)
20. Donna Morrison	3603	(17)	Don Fraser	2142	
21. Rhonda Foster	3448	(21)	46. Bryan Maksymetz	2129	(-)
22. Fred Sontag	3404	(20)	47. Delphine Tablotney	2127	(47)
23. Greg Arbour	3403	(22)	48. Ed Ashenhurst	2114	(45)
24. Bernie Lambert	3245	(-)	49. Alice Strebinger	2094	(46)
Jim Donaldson	3222		50. Anne Marie Bullis	2092	(49)
25. Stella Alliston	3188	(26)			

holders in compiled from the October 1 computer list sent to us by the ACBL. The number in brackets is the position occupied in the Top 50 list one year ago. (We apologize for the delay, the

postal strike made this list difficult to obtain in time for the December *Matchpointer*, where it usually appears.) Deceased players are listed in boldface, but there may well be some we've missed—if you know of any please let us know.

It seems that the list this year consists of very active and very inactive players, most players gaining 150-400 points, or less than 10 from last year's total. Newcomers this year: Allan Graves, Bernie Lambert, Bryan Maksymetz.

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Bridge Information on the Internet

New local Bridge Web Sites under construction

There are several ways to get local bridge information from the World Wide Web. Four new Web Sites have begun adding content to their pages for the benefit of local players: The **Unit 430 Web Page** (<http://mypage.direct.ca/m/mcbuce/>) lists just about everything you might find in the *Matchpointer* and more—or will when **McBruce** gets some free time. The **Canadian Bridge Federation Web Site** (www.cbf.ca) is run by Jude Goodwin-Hanson and includes pages on all the major events, on the 1999 NABC in Vancouver, Bridge in BC, and a Great Bridge Links page that will take you all over the Internet in search of what you need. The **District 19 Web Page** (<http://www.aa.net/~polly/dist19/>) is maintained by Polly Dunn and contains information about DINO events, Regionals and some other information. The **Valley Clubs** run by Bob Percher now have a Web Page (http://www.wutzon.com/chilliwack/clubs/duplicate_bridge/duplicate_bridge.htm) that is maintained by David Schmidt, and contains information about almost every club in the province. The **Vancouver Bridge Centre Web Site** (<http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/main.html>) is maintained by Brad Bart, and includes all sorts of information on VBC events and schedules. The ACBL Web Site (<http://www.acbl.org>) is a good source of material for tournament calendars, club directories, and a wealth of other information.

Squamish Bridge Club

1471 Pemberton St., Squamish 892-1066

Mondays at 7:30 PM

monthly handicap and trophy race games

Lorraine Hurren 898-2702

summer closure: July 6-Sept 7

HHIT meets HITT

by Greg Morse

Since there is already an HHIT, I am thinking of adopting the moniker "HITT" for "Hindsight Is Twenty Twenty", based on my uncanny ability to see the correct play, but only after the hand is over!

Question #1. Here is a bidding problem we had at the club last night:

♠ J8xx ♥ JTxxx ♦ QJTx ♣—

Partner opens 1♣. You aren't worth a limit raise (are you?) so you bid 2♣. Partner now raises to 4♣. It's your call. (answer below)

Question #2. A play problem:

Dummy: ♠QJx ♥Tx ♦AQJ8xx ♣Qx
Declarer: ♠K98x ♥A2 ♦T9 ♣AJxx

Partner opened 1♦, RHO overcalled 3♥. Our negative doubles only apply through 2♥ so I didn't know how to ask for a 4-4 spade fit so I bid 3NT which ended the auction. (We would get to 3NT anyway, but maybe from the other side. No matter.) The opening lead is a small heart. How do you play the hand?

(Editor's note: The Hideous Hog-In-Training uttered some unprintable words when accosted with the news that someone had been making fun of his beloved moniker. Finally he decided to make a very bad pun of it and said "well it can't be all that bad—even the American President is seeing his 'beloved moniker' made fun of." When threatened with the printing of this awful quip in the *Matchpointer*, the Hog-In-Training decided to try his hand at the questions, answers unseen. To the first he

said this: "The last time I tried a limit raise based on distributional points I had two singletons. We got too high and then I noted that both singletons were in hearts. The single raise is correct here, and although it is maximum it is not worth getting excited over, unless you need a late top. I'm passing four spades, and if partner is laydown for slam I can claim blamelessness." The second hand is simple. You need to find LHO with the ace of spades and only two hearts or you're doomed. That leaves the king of diamonds as the only possible entry to the established heart stack. If RHO has the king of diamonds guarded you're going down. The question is whether to play the finesse or sacrifice an overtrick to cater for the singleton king offside. It seems a silly risk at matchpoints, so I'm finessing." The Hog then asked in what form came the moniker mockery? "Hindsight is 20-20, eh," said the Hog when told what HITT stood for. "Well, in that case it's easy. Bid six spades—it makes on a finesse no doubt, and drop the king of diamonds offside.")

Answer #1: Partner's hand is:

♠ AQT9xx ♥ AQ ♦ Kx ♣ AKx

6♣ makes easily when the spade finesse works. Out of twelve tables at the club, no-one bid 6♣, and less than half actually made 6♣. Is there a way to reach 6♣? Perhaps opener should make an advance cue bid (sounds like a game try) over the 2♣ response?

Answer #2. The most common contract is 3NT, and the most common result (7 pairs out of 12) was three down. I admit, gritted teeth and clenched jaws, that I was one of the

declarers at -150. And yet HITT can make the contract easily.

RHO wins the heart opening lead and returns a heart. You win your Ace as all follow. Now since there is no reason to postpone attacking diamonds I lead the ten from my hand. LHO follows low smoothly. Decision time.

This is a classic case of "If the finesse is succeeding then there is no need to take it." Even without the finesse you have five diamonds, a heart, two spades and a club. If RHO has the ace of spades then the contract is doomed anyway, as it is if RHO has Kx (xx) of diamonds. On the other hand even if LHO makes her diamond king, she has no way to reach her partner's hand before you can run nine tricks.

The only distribution that can hurt you is singleton diamond king with RHO. So go up with the diamond ace and you are rewarded with overtricks when the king drops. Those of us who took the finesse were justly punished when RHO made his singleton king and then cashed 5 more heart tricks. Did you get the answer? If so you would qualify as one of the better declarers at the club (at least on this night). But perhaps at matchpoints, it is correct to take the finesse for overtricks. At IMPS it would certainly be correct to take the safety play. Even my hindsight may not be Twenty-Twenty!

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St. (at 4th Ave.), Vancouver

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

Two STaC silver point games: April 8 and June 10
Club Championship June 24

Polski Klub Brydzowy



(Polish Bridge Club)

Polish Combatant Centre, 1134 Kingsway

Waldemar Jez 527-8854

alternate Fridays at 7:30pm

Mar 27, Apr 17, 24, May 8, 22, Jun 5, 19

Games are free with a \$15.00 yearly membership (not ACBL affiliated)

Jun 19: Last game before summer closure
No game April 10, moved to April 17.

The Play's The Thing

by Josh Snett

The Vancouver Calcutta was an exiting event once again this year. My father and I triumphed again in Flight B (third year in a row...next year they'll probably boot us up to A). The final margin was 33 IMPs, but in truth felt much closer than the final tally would indicate. In fact, one hand during the final session could have swung almost our entire margin of victory if a defender had played slightly differently:

None vul East Dealer	NORTH ♠ A4 ♥ AKQ843 ♦ AK97 ♣ T	7♥ by North Q♣ led
WEST ♠ 653 ♥ - ♦ J6432 ♣ 98542	SOUTH ♠ J972 ♥ J76 ♦ T8 ♣ AKJ7	EAST ♠ KQT8 ♥ T952 ♦ Q5 ♣ Q63

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2NT	3♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	7♥	All pass	

The key to the auction was West's ill-advised 2NT bid, which allowed South (me) to cuebid at a lower level and thus have room to show the third-round control that North needed to bid the grand. As Shakespeare once said, however, "the play's the thing".

Dad won the opening lead in hand, and cashed the A-K of clubs to pitch the losing spade from hand. He then led a diamond to the ace and cashed the king of diamonds, leaving this position when a third diamond was led from hand:

N-S 5, E-W 0 7♦ led by North	NORTH ♠ - ♥ AKQ843 ♦ 9[7 1ed] ♣ -	7♥ by North Q♣ led
WEST ♠ 65 ♥ - ♦ J64 ♣ 985	SOUTH ♠ J97 ♥ J76 ♦ - ♣ J7	EAST ♠ KQT ♥ T952 ♦ - ♣ Q

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, you got to 3NT and made eleven tricks. Turn to page 14 to see the full hand and to find out how well you did.

As you can see, had East ruffed the third diamond with the ten (or nine) of hearts, declarer would not have had a way to get rid of his losing diamond and gone down one. East, however, sluffed(!) on the trick, so Dad was allowed to make seven for a 12 IMP gain (most pairs were in six, making six). If he had gone down one, it would have been a 14 IMP loss and a much closer ending to the tournament.

The question that remains, however, is this: should North have to rely on defensive error to make seven on this hand? It depends on the view you take, given the opposing bidding and the opening lead. The following assumption should be valid:

To make the hand without relying on a defensive error, West must be assumed to be 5-5 in the minors. West never would have bid 2NT with less distribution than that. Also, it is probably safe to assume that at least two of West's cards are spades, since East would have opened 2♣ with six to the KQ. So if West is 6-5, he has a void in hearts and the distribution is such that no line of play will work.

Given this assumption, there is a 100% line of play: After winning the A♣ in dummy, declarer immediately plays on diamonds, cashing the A-K and leading a third diamond. If East declines to ruff, declarer cashes A-K of clubs (pitching the losing spade) and continues as in the actual play of the hand. If East ruffs high (best), declarer overruffs and runs the heart suit, coming down to this ending:

N-S 9, E-W 0 3♥ led by North	NORTH ♠ 4 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 ♣ T	7♥ by North Q♣ led
WEST ♠ - ♥ - ♦ J ♣ (Q?)xx	SOUTH ♠ J ♥ - ♦ - ♣ AKJ	EAST ♠ K ♥ - ♦ - ♣ (Q?)xx

When the last heart is cashed, East must throw away a club to hang onto the king of spades. Dummy's J♠, having done its job, is pitched, and West must throw a club or a diamond. If both opponents have pitched clubs, North simply leads a club and cashes from the top, knowing that neither opponent can hold Qxx of clubs. The position of the Q♣ is irrelevant.

Sometimes, the only substitute for perfect card play is luck.

Movers and Shakers

1997 Final Standings

The Mini-McKenney tracks masterpoints won in all ACBL events, while the Ace of Clubs tracks only points won at clubs. Congratulations to all the winners! Players with queries may call the ACBL Membership Assistance Department

at 1-800/467-2623, or send them your question via e-mail to MAD@acbl.org.

Perusal of past *Matchpointers* reveals that this is the fourth (at least—don't have any going back any further) year in a row that **Ernie Dietrich** has topped all players in club games, revealing his strong commitment to local club bridge! **Cam Doner's** tournament success has placed him atop all local players in total points now three years in a row!

1997 MINI-McKENNEY		END-OF-YEAR STANDINGS		(masterpoints from all sources)	
Rookie		Regional Master		Silver Life Master	
1.Martin Henneberger, Coq.	118.77	1.Dan Webster, Mission.....	114.13	1.Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....	179.78
2.Waldemar Jez, New West.....	61.27	2.Ken Cowherd, Aldergrove.....	78.75	2.Joerg Schneider, Vancouver.....	200.40
3.Andrew Lee, Burnaby	59.81	3.Gail Sharp, Salt Spring Island	71.39	3.Larry Chow, Abbotsford	197.48
Junior Master		NABC Master		Gold Life Master	
1.Mark Rojewski, Burnaby.....	54.26	1.Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver ...	156.77	1.Gord McOrmond, Delta.....	467.87
2.Ewa Wroblewicz, New West.	50.19	2.Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver ...	136.42	2.Kathy Adachi, Delta.....	329.81
3.Greg Morse, Richmond.....	49.09	3.Jeannette Greenhut, Vancouver	127.63	3.Dan Jacob, Burnaby	322.99
Club Master		Life Master		Diamond Life Master	
1.Marylou Varga, Coquitlam.....	76.48	1.Claire Burns, W. Vancouver	177.43	1.Cam Doner, Richmond	607.89
2.Adele Mackay, Coquitlam	50.68	2.Michael Neagu, Coquitlam	150.23	2.Allan Graves, Vancouver	431.58
3.Harry Greenhut, Vancouver	47.99	3.John Lien, Surrey	138.44	3.Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	212.60
Sectional Master		Bronze Life Master			
1.Sharon Hughes, North Van.	117.97	1.Don Sharp, Salt Spring Island...	172.22	(Unit 430 has no Grand Life Masters. We're working on it. The 1999 NABC may help. Check back in a few years...)	
2.Barry Kirkham, W. Vancouver....	95.86	2.Felipe Hernandez, Coquitlam ...	153.32		
3.Amad Rafii, Vancouver	83.71	3.Daisy Neilson, Langley	127.14		

Masterpoint Categories for Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races
 Rookie: 0-5 masterpoints of any colour.
 Junior Master: 5 masterpoints of any colour.
 Club Master: 20 masterpoints of any colour.
 Sectional Master: 50 masterpoints including at least 5 silver points.
 Regional Master: 100 masterpoints, including at least 15 silver points and 5 red or gold points.
 NABC Master: 200 masterpoints, including at least 25 silver points, at least 15 red points, at least 5 gold points, and a total of at least 50 pig-

mented (gold, red or silver) points.
 Life Master: 300 masterpoints, including at least 50 silver points, at least 50 red or gold points (a minimum of 25 must be gold points.)
 Bronze Life Master: 500 total masterpoints.
 Silver Life Master: 1000 total masterpoints.
 Gold Life Master: 2,500 total masterpoints.
 Diamond Life Master: 5,000 total masterpoints.
 Grand Life Master: 10,000 total masterpoints and at least one unlimited North American Championship win.

1997 ACE OF CLUBS		END-OF-YEAR STANDINGS		(masterpoints from clubs only)	
Rookie		Regional Master		Silver Life Master	
1.Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam	79.41	1.Dan Webster, Mission.....	77.36	1.Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....	178.74
2.Waldemar Jez, New West.....	40.87	2.Ken Cowherd, Aldergrove.....	75.49	2.Pat Landau, N. Vancouver	128.81
3.Jon Shulman, Vancouver	37.38	[ACBL listed an out-of-town player 3rd]		3.Joerg Schneider, Vancouver.....	104.54
Junior Master		NABC Master		Gold Life Master	
1.Ewa Wroblewicz, Vancouver	36.78	1.Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver	96.12	1.Kathy Adachi, Delta.....	136.59
2.Mark Rojewski, Burnaby	28.37	2.Geraldine Lacroix, North Van.....	91.98	2.Stella Alliston, N. Vancouver.....	118.43
3.Brian Engler, Vancouver	22.26	3.Harry Friedman, Richmond	83.04	3.Wilf May, New Westminster	117.49
Club Master		Life Master		Diamond Life Master	
1.Marylou Varga, Coquitlam.....	44.40	1.Bev Kanee, Richmond.....	66.71	1.Laurence Betts, Burnaby	48.25
2.Ann Andres, Vancouver	38.73	2.Adam Dabrowski, North Van.	65.79	2.Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	26.22
3.Harry Greenhut, Vancouver	35.53	3.John Lien, Surrey	65.68	3.Cam Doner, Richmond	18.75
Sectional Master		Bronze Life Master			
1.Amad Rafii, Vancouver	70.62	1.Daisy Neilson, Langley	104.52	(Don't forget: the ACBL computer places you into the category that you were in at the start of 1997.)	
2.Barbara Green, N. Vancouver	63.59	2.Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver.....	86.14		
3.Barry Kirkham, West Vancouver	60.20	3.Joni Johnston, White Rock.....	72.10		

Special Events	Club Qualifying	Unit Final	District/ Zone Final	National Final
1997-98 COPC	completed	No Unit or Zone Final: club qualifiers may play in National Final		1st annual CBF Bridge Week
1997-98 CNTC	completed	completed	April 11, Victoria Bridge Centre	July 12-18, 1998 Laval, PQ
'98 CWTC June Pocock	none	none	completed	all CBF events
1998-99 GNT	begins in Fall 1998	qualify direct to District Final	to be announced by DINO	San Antonio TX Summer 1998
1998-99 NAOP	begins in June 1998	sometime in October 1998	1998 Round-Up Sectional (?)	Vancouver NABC Mar 18-28, 1999

Special Events

Info from various sources

Not a lot to report on this time of year, beyond the information contained in the box above. Sadly, the lateness of this issue rendered meaningless an explanation of the Canadian Women's Teams Championship, because since last issue, the CWTC BC Zone Final was held. The CNTC Unit Final was also recently held; winners of these events are listed on page 28-29. Several Unit 430 teams went to the hastily-

arranged GNT District Finals, but there were no local success stories. As I write, Aidan Ballantyne and Gord McOrmond are defending their title as NAOP National Champions at the North American Bridge Championships in Reno. We'll know how they did next issue.

The CNTC BC Zone Final will be held at the Victoria Bridge Centre starting April 11. I assume the start time is noon and the event is held over two days. It's not known how many local teams will be invited to participate beyond the ones that qualified.

The Canadian Bridge Federation is preparing for their first annual Bridge Week in Laval Québec, near Montréal. The three major championships will be contested there. It's possible there may be side events run in conjunction with the main tournament.

Club managers: it's time to start thinking about dates for the NAOP club qualifying game at your club. The qualification period is June through August, and we'll want to be able to have the complete list of games in the June *Matchpointer*.

Need Silver Points?

Two District-wide STaCs coming

Whether you need silver points in your quest for Life Master status or whether you just like playing in games with big—very big—masterpoint awards at clubs, you have extra incentive to play bridge in the second week of April and June. Both April 6-12 and June 8-14 will be District-wide Sectional Tournaments at Clubs, with most Unit 430 clubs participating. The April STaC is sponsored by the Seattle Unit, and the June STaC is sponsored by the Vancouver Unit. Both STaCs are open to all clubs in District 19. A small surcharge (expect to pay a dollar or so extra) allows these games to award masterpoints at sectional rating, plus there are chances at winning District-wide overalls if your score is one of the highest in the District.

The best strategy is to find out which clubs are holding the games (almost all local clubs are holding the June STaC, but several are not running the April STaC), and play as often as you can. When you get a good score (as of course

you will if you play as often as you can), you'll be amazed at the masterpoint awards—some STaC games pay as much as 3 or 4 points to the overall winners. But wait a few weeks (for all the scores to be compiled) and you may hit an even bigger jackpot, because if your score is the highest from all the clubs participating in that session, you could win as many as 20 or more silver points for an afternoon or evening at the club! All of these points, whether won at the club or in the overall tabulation, are silver points, which you can only get at STaCs and Sectionals.

For each of the fourteen sessions (that's afternoon and evening, Monday through Sunday) there are two District-wide heats: open stratified, with three flights (all of which may win those juicy District-wide overalls for a good score), and a 0-300 heat for those clubs which run limited masterpoint games.

Club Managers: the information you need on the April STaC has been slow getting across the border, but you should find it in with your *Matchpointer* bundles. Please call Bruce McIntyre (438-9735) with any questions.

1997-98 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight A (open)

Standings as of March 24, 1998

Team Captain	GP				VP	IMP	MP	Avg. swing	Probability of:			
	GP	W	L	T	VP	Avg.	Avg.	Seed	per board	1st	Top 2	Playoffs
Hernandez	9	8	1	0	190	21.11	+25.00	4	4.62	0.497	0.879	>.999
Lindsay	9	7	2	0	186	20.67	+26.89	3	4.23	0.455	0.938	>.999
Jacob	7	5	2	0	136	19.43	+20.86	2	4.12	<.001	0.159	0.995
Remedios	6	3	3	0	102	17.00	+14.17	6	4.88	0.003	0.003	0.601
Doner	6	3	3	0	100	16.67	+15.67	1	4.65	<.001	0.021	0.898
Pocock	9	5	4	0	145	16.11	+6.22	5	4.46	<.001	<.001	0.522
Johnson	9	4	5	0	123	13.44	-9.22	8	4.86	<.001	<.001	0.388
Laudan	8	3	5	0	108	13.50	-6.00	12	4.46	<.001	<.001	0.431
Lochang	6	2	4	0	73	12.17	-13.00	9	4.24	<.001	<.001	0.076
Thomas	8	3	5	0	89	11.13	-19.87	7	4.67	<.001	<.001	0.072
Lam	8	3	5	0	83	10.38	-28.75	10	4.63	<.001	<.001	0.017
Fetterley	9	1	8	0	77	8.56	-27.78	11	4.45	<.001	<.001	<.001

In Flight A, there are 12 teams playing an 11-match round robin schedule. Six teams will make the playoffs where the top two teams have a first-round bye. The predictions in the last three columns are based on 25,000 computer season simulations, based on the prognostications and the results so far. The computer predicts a total of 164 VPs necessary to qualify for the playoffs. In the grid below, a date indicates the deadline for an unplayed match, and a pair of numbers is a played match's IMP difference and the VPs earned by the team at the left.

Flt. A Results	vs CD	vs DJ	vs CL	vs FH	vs LP	vs TR	vs DT	vs MJ	vs KL	vs GL	vs GF	vs LL
Doner	—	19 Apr	-18: 9	-42: 5	-48: 5	5 Nov	+57:26	+58:26	4 Jan	+87:29	1 Apr	15 Mar
Jacob	19 Apr	—	-43: 5	—	+30:23	10 Dec	+13:20	+45:25	8 Feb	+48:25	+58:26	- 5:12
Lindsay	+18:21	+43:25	—	-24: 8	1 Apr	19 Apr	- 2:13	+57:26	+33:23	+65:27	+48:25	+ 4:18
Hernandez	+42:25	1 Apr	+24:22	—	19 Apr	+20:21	+47:25	+ 5:18	+21:22	-43: 5	+37:24	+72:28
Pocock	+48:25	-30: 7	1 Apr	19 Apr	—	-37: 8	+27:23	+53:26	-37: 6	-17: 9	+41:24	+ 8:19
Remedios	5 Nov	10 Dec	19 Apr	-20: 9	+37:24	—	-7:11	1 Apr	15 Mar	+85:27	-23: 8	+33:23
Thomas	-57: 4	-13:10	+ 2:17	-47: 5	-27: 7	+ 7:19	—	19 Apr	1 Apr	15 Mar	+22:22	-46: 5
Johnson	-58: 4	-45: 5	-57: 4	- 5:12	-53: 4	1 Apr	19 Apr	—	+59:26	+31:23	+26:22	+19:21
Lochang	4 Jan	8 Feb	-33: 7	-21: 8	+37:24	15 Mar	1 Apr	-59: 4	—	19 Apr	+35:24	-37: 6
Lam	-87: 1	-48: 5	-65: 3	+43:25	+17:21	-85: 3	15 Mar	-31: 7	19 Apr	—	+ 6:18	1 Apr
Fetterley	1 Apr	-58: 4	-48: 5	-37: 8	-41: 8	+23:22	-22: 8	-26: 8	-35: 6	- 6:12	—	19 Apr
Laudan	15 Mar	+ 5:18	-4:12	-72: 2	- 8:11	-33: 7	+46:25	-19: 9	+37:24	1 Apr	19 Apr	—

IMP League Rosters

Flight A Rosters

DONER: Cam Doner, Nicci Charleson, Marylou Bert, Bill Goldstone, Tom Devine
JACOB: Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Aidan Ballantyne, Nathan Divinsky, Don Brazeau, Gord Davis
LINDSAY: Cam Lindsay, Steve Vincent, Ron Borg, Martin O'Reilly, Paul Hagen, Dave Waterman
HERNANDEZ: Felipe Hernandez, Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Mike Neagu, Dorin Costin, Greg Arbour
POCOCK: Larry & June Pocock, Doug Hansford, Les Fouks, Will May, Don Sache
REMEDIOS: Tony Remedios, Brian Maksymetz, Rhonda Foster, Mike Yuen, Jim Dickie, Gerry McCully
THOMAS: Doug Thomas, Pete Walton, Gary Phelan, Grace

Jeklin, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall
JOHNSON: Martin Johnson, Ken Danielsen, Eugene Chan, Sarlo Camas, Brian Russell, Brad Bart (addition)
LOCHANG: Ken Lochang, Ed Ashenhurst, Nurdin Kassam, Gilbert Lambert, Andrew Ross, Dave House (addition).
LAM: Greg Lam, John Reay, Jules Wilkins, Dennis McMahon, Gray McMullin
FETTERLEY: Geoff Fetterley, Fred Brown, Sandra Robson, Patti Adams, Pauline McClafferty, Marvin Lee
LAUDAN: Lesley Laudan, Bill Osten, Ella Hus, Roger Allen, John Anthony, Jim le Noble
Flight A Roster Changes
 LOCHANG deletes Diane Plante, adds Dave House.
 JOHNSON adds Brad Bart

City Flight B/C Rosters

ISFELD: Dianne Isfeld, Joan Richards, Martin & Heinz Henneberger, Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst
MEYER: Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Rod Cooate, Bob Takashita, Dick Simpson
JACKSON: Ruby Jackson, Sandra Hawk, H.K.Ho, Kenny Chan, Semiral Tuncer, Joyce Tokarek
ENG: Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Tom Cotton, John Sokolowski
RAYWOOD: Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Bruce McIntyre, Jim Burt, Peter Taylor
LEE: Pauline Lee, Shirley Bowers, Claire Burns, Peter Morse
CROOME: Vicki Croome, Brian Badger, Kathy Bye, Ram Hira
JEZ: Waldemar Jez, Andrew Zorawski, Ewa Wroblewicz, Mark Rojewski, Arek Sitek
BROWN: Priscilla Brown, Christa Mead, Marylou Varga, Adele MacKay

LÉVESQUE: Julien Lévesque, Norma Saltzberg, Harry Greenhut, Marti Oppenheimer (addition), Ryan Park (addition), David Huang (addition)
MATTHEWS: Simon Matthews, Jamie Marrin, Bruce Jackson, Grant Fraser (addition), Greg Morse (addition), Andy Hellqvist (addition)

City Flit B/C Roster Changes

LÉVESQUE deletes Jane Fyfe, adds Marti Oppenheimer, Ryan Park, David Huang
 MATTHEWS deletes Ed Starkins, adds Grant Fraser, Greg Morse, Andy Hellqvist

Valley Flight B/C Rosters

SCHMIDT: David Schmidt, Dan Goertzen, Jim Groves, Brian Lee, Jim Sache

SKOROPADA: Garry Skoropada, Brad Fletcher, Mike Moffatt, John Richoux, Flora Teroposky
Valley B/C Rosters cont.
WEBSTER: Dan Webster, Larry Chow, Ken Cowherd, Murray Clements, Rich Williams, Roselle MacRae
CARRUTHERS: Pat Carruthers, Arlene Browning, Lois Mazuren, Joan Olsen, Louise Percher, Louis Vervoort
FAULKNER: Andrew Faulkner, Anne Knowlan, Walter & Connie Schmid
DARE: Tony Dare, Carol Hames, Dennis Lefebvre, Gilles St. Pierre, Dennis Huber
ORR: Kathy Orr, Moira McLellan, Bonnie & Gerry Purcell

Valley Flit B/C Roster Changes

[none]

1997-98 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight B/C Stratified

City Division standings as of March 24, 1998

Team Captain	GP	W	L	T	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	MP Seed	Avg. swing per board	Probability of		
										1st	Top 2	Playoffs
Eng (B)	9	7	1	1	182	20.22	+23.89	4	4.46	0.848	0.926	>.999
Croome (B)	9	6	2	1	163	18.11	+11.56	7	4.95	0.053	0.164	0.851
Jackson (B)	10	5	4	1	179	17.90	+17.60	3	4.34	0.048	0.416	0.993
Raywood (B)	10	5	4	1	173	17.30	+11.90	5	4.58	0.004	0.097	0.903
Lee (B)	10	5	4	1	170	17.00	+11.90	6	4.34	0.002	0.028	0.806
Meyer (B)	9	5	3	1	151	16.78	+16.11	2	4.93	0.045	0.357	0.953
Isfeld (B)	10	4	5	1	153	15.30	+3.80	1	4.42	<.001	<.001	0.185
Brown (C)	8	4	3	1	118	14.75	-1.00	9	4.41	<.001	0.012	0.308
Jez (C)	10	2	7	1	100	10.00	-24.80	8	4.89	<.001	<.001	<.001
Lévesque (C)	9	2	6	1	81	9.00	-32.33	10	4.91	<.001	<.001	<.001
Matthews (C)	9	1	7	1	75	8.33	-41.00	11	5.36	<.001	<.001	<.001

In Flight B/C (City Division), there are 11 teams playing an 10-match round robin schedule with a bye. Six teams will make the City "B" playoffs where the top two teams have a first-round bye. The top two Flight C teams (assuming they get through the season without using any Life Masters) qualify for the City Flight C final. The predictions in the last three columns are based on 25,000 computer season simulations. For standings and predictions each team's bye is scored as a 66-66 tie. The computer predicts a total of 164 VPs necessary (including the 15 VP for the bye round) to qualify for playoff action.

City B/C Results	vs DI	vs LM	vs RJ	vs TE	vs KR	vs PL	vs VC	vs WJ	vs PB	vs JL	vs SM
Isfeld (B)	—	-33: 7	-57: 4	-11:10	19 Apr	+17:21	-24: 8	+70:27	- 2:13	+46:25	+32:25
Meyer (B)	+33:23	—	+ 9:19	-29: 7	-21: 8	+15:20	-50: 5	+39:24	15 Mar	8 Feb	+149:30
Jackson (B)	+57:26	- 9:11	—	+32:23	+19:21	-42: 5	19 Apr	+51:26	- 8:11	- 2:13	+78:28
Eng (B)	+11:20	+29:23	-32: 7	—	+16:21	19 Apr	1 Apr	+11:20	+ 9:19	+107:30	+64:27
Raywood (B)	19 Apr	+21:22	-19: 9	-18: 9	—	+ 3:18	- 1:14	+69:27	- 5:12	+46:25	+21:22
Lee (B)	-17: 9	-15:10	+42:25	19 Apr	- 3:12	—	+39:24	+ 3:18	+ 4:18	- 5:12	+71:27
Croome (B)	+24:22	+50:26	19 Apr	1 Apr	+ 1:16	-39: 5	—	+34:24	- 1:14	+32:23	+3:18
Jez (C)	-70: 3	-39: 6	-51: 4	-11:10	-69: 3	- 3:12	-34: 6	—	+11:20	+18:21	1 Apr
Brown (C)	+ 2:17	15 Mar	+ 8:19	- 9:11	+ 5:18	- 4:12	+ 1:16	-11:10	—	1 Apr	19 Apr
Lévesque (C)	-46: 5	8 Feb	+ 2:17	-107:0	-46: 5	+ 5:18	-32: 7	-18: 9	1 Apr	—	-49: 5
Matthews (C)	-32: 7	-149:0	-78: 2	-84: 3	-21: 8	-71: 3	- 3:12	1 Apr	19 Apr	+48:25	—

grid, a date is the deadline for an unplayed match, and a pair of numbers indicates a played match's IMP difference and the VPs earned by the team at the left.

1997-98 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight B/C Stratified

Valley Division standings as of March 24, 1998

Team Captain	GP	W	L	T	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	MP Seed	Avg. swing per board	Flight B Playoff Matchups
Skoropada (B)	7	6	0	1	160	22.86	+37.14	2	4.87	vs Schmidt
Webster (B)	7	5	1	1	138	19.71	+22.71	3	4.93	vs Faulkner
Faulkner (C)	7	3	3	1	109	15.57	+3.14	5	4.52	vs Webster
Schmidt (B)	7	2	4	1	106	15.14	+5.86	1	5.51	vs Skoropada
Carruthers (B)	7	2	4	1	97	13.86	+7.14	4	5.39	
Dare (B)	7	3	3	1	86	12.29	-17.14	6	4.20	FLIGHT C Valley
Orr (C)	7	0	6	1	39	5.57	-58.86	7	5.14	Champions: Faulkner!

In Flight B/C (Valley Division), 7 teams played a 6-match round robin schedule with a bye. For the standings each team's bye was scored as a 66-66 tie. In the grid, a date is the deadline for an unplayed match, and a pair of numbers is a played match's IMP difference and the VPs earned by the team at the left.

Valley B/C Results	Schmidt	Skoropada	Webster	Carruthers	Faulkner	Dare	Orr
Schmidt (B)	—	- 25: 8	- 9:11	+36:24	-18: 9	- 6:12	+63:27
Skoropada (B)	+25:22	—	+28:23	+62:27	+10:19	+35:24	+100:30
Webster (B)	+ 9:19	-28: 7	—	+17:21	+16:21	+52:26	+93:29
Carruthers (B)	-36: 6	-62: 3	-17: 9	—	-30: 7	+65:27	+130:30
Faulkner (C)	+18:21	-10:11	-16: 9	+30:23	—	-18: 9	+18:21
Dare (B)	+ 6:18	-35: 6	-52: 4	-65: 3	+18:21	—	+ 8:19
Orr (C)	-63: 3	-100: 0	-93: 1	-130: 1	- 18: 9	- 8:11	—

The first round of the playoffs presents some interesting matchups. One might think that Faulkner would be happy enough to have qualified for the Flight C finals and might be outmatched against Webster, but they only lost by 16 in the season match. Schmidt and Skoropada, two teams that have remained largely the same last year to this, have not met in the playoffs but have split two regular season matches.

Screen Test Cover Hand

This is part of a bridge movie which starts on the front cover. If you were told to turn to this page, well done: you scored twelve tricks. *Go to page 14 to see how good this is.*

Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club

Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver
 All players welcome! Connie Delisle (263-9196)
 Club Championship May 14



Local Winners

Vancouver Winter Sectional January 23-25, Burnaby Friday Afternoon

Stratified Open Pairs (26 tables)

- A1. Joerg Schneider/Patricia Landau
 A2. Marylou Bert/Thomas Devine
 A3B1. Haiderali Nazak/Noorali Dhahani
 A4. Laureen Holley/Derek Ward
 A5B2. Vicky Smith/Rick Smillie
 A6. Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda
 B3C1. Ed Worsfold/Brynjolf Brynjolfson
 B4. John Reay/Jane Fyfe
 B5. Bernice Mulock/Judith Wilson
 B6C2. Adi Wadia/Gloria Prescott
 C3. Roberta Richards/Priscilla Brown
 C4. Anita Morse/Patricia Stickland
 C5. Arthur Ma/Hooshang Vessal

Stratified Women's Pairs (10 tables)

- AB1. Avril Hodson/Lotte Elias
 A2. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
 A3. Sheryl Brander/Pearl Minkoff
 A4. Mary Fines/Evelyn Hodge
 A5. Arlene Browning/Dot Carnegie
 A6/7. Donna Morrison/Helen Montgomery
 A6/7B2. Kathy Bye/Geraldine Lacroix
 B3. Mariann Hutton/Aase Haines
 B4. Anne Scott/Angela Fenton

Friday Evening

Open Stratified Pairs (20 tables)

- ABC1. Brad Bart/Mark Rojewski
 A2. Arlene Browning/Dorothy Carnegie
 A3. Anne Nagy/Margaret Kidder
 A4BC2. Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
 A5. Nathan Divinsky/Dan Jacob
 A6B3. Chester Michino/Mike Moffatt
 B4. Barbara Green/Dianne Kerr
 B5C3. Arthur Ma/Hooshang Vessal
 B6. Sky Williamson/Amirali Alibhai
 C4. Gypsy Sturrock/Shirley Laidlaw
 C5. Gerald Paul/Clayton Connolly

Jean Turnbull Championship

- Mixed Stratified Pairs (25 tables)
 A1. David Walker/Pearl Minkoff
 A2. Monica Angus/George Bell
 A3B1. Anne Scott/Andrew Ross
 A4B2. Peter Morse/Claire Burns
 A5. Kathy Adachi/Wilf May
 A6. Larry & June Pocock
 B3C1. Ghodsi Ahmadi/Sohrab Radmard
 B4. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
 B5/6. Nick & Janis Parker
 B5/6. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld
 C2. Kristin Orians/Kelvin Raywood
 C3. Anne Knowlan/Andrew Faulkner
 C4. Nora & Ted Sterling

99er Stratified Pairs (2½ tables)

- A1. Alex Chuang/Henry Shen
 A2. Keith & Nora Siddall
 BC1. Anneliese Rohde/Parvin Grigg
 BC2. Dawn Smith/Ruth Winkler
 B3. Kazimierz & Danata Kakrowski
 Saturday

Adrian and June Budd

Hicks Open Pairs (47½, 28 tables)

1. Ken Scholes/Sandra Jenkins
 2. Nathan Divinsky/Gordon Davis
 3. Aidan Ballantyne/Bernice French
 4. Larry Pocock/Les Fouks
 5. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
 6. Simona & Dorin Costin
 7. Dan Jacob/Gordon McOrmond

Consolation Pairs (22 tables)

1. Barry Kirkham/Ram Hira
 2. Pauline Lee/William Sit
 3. Al French/Pirtpal Gill
 4. Sheryl Brander/William Osten
 5. Sohrab Radmard/John Nader
 6. Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster

Saturday Afternoon 99er Pairs (2½ tables)

- AB1. Anneliese Rohde/Parvin Grigg
 AB2. Dawn Smith/Ruth Winkler
 A3. Kazimierz & Danata Kakrowski
 Saturday Evening 99er Pairs (4 tables)
 AB1. Ewa & Aleksander Lemanowicz
 AB2. Sheila Begg/Alice Mackenzie

Sunday

Willie Weinstein Trophy

Flight A Victory Point Swiss (15 teams)

1. Michael Neagu, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry McCully, Douglas Baldwin
 2. Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Ron Borg, Aidan Ballantyne
 3. David Schmidt, Jim Groves, Roselle McRae, Brian Lee
 4. Mike Moffatt, Garry Skoropada, Ernie Dietrich, Hal Rodd
 5. Gord McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Peter Herold, Ken Scholes
 6. Don & Sheila Sache, James Sache, Derek Ward

Andy Nagy Memorial Trophy

Flight B Win-Loss Swiss (32 teams)

1. Pauline Lee, William Sit, Albert & Nadia Yalouz
 2. Adi Wadia, Prashant Pandit, Gloria Prescott, Toyo Nunoda
 3/6. Sharon Hughes, Edward Marchuk, Joan Sobieniak, Maureen Schwartz; Barry Wade, Amad Rafii, Sidney Robinson, Wasyl Skakun; Arthur Ma, Victor Bennington, Shapour Darabi, Hooshang Vessal; Connie & Walter Schmid, Andrew Faulkner, Anne Knowlan

309 players won a total of 880.44 masterpoints (a further 57 played but did not win any) at the Winter Sectional. We'd print a top ten but since there has been only one sectional so far in 1998, the Ph Wood Trophy standings on page 29 will suffice.

West Coast Auction Pairs Calcutta Surrey, Jan 31-Feb 1 (four sessions)

Flight A

1. Dann Kramer/Piotr Klimowicz +76 IMPs
 2. Larry Hicks/Dan Jacob +73
 3. Gordon Campbell/Doug Deschner +72
 4. Peter Jones/Allan Terplawy +63
 5. Gord McOrmond/Bryan Maksymetz +54
 6. Gerry McCully/Doug Baldwin +51
 7. Dick Yarrington/Rod Caldwell +7
 8. Cam Doner/Bill Goldstone +3

Flight B

1. Josh & Bill Sinnett +94 IMPs
 2. Don Sache/Doug Hansford +61
 3. Brian Russell/Brad Bart +57
 4. Larry Chow/Richmond Williams +56
 5. Ken Lochang/David House +53
 6. Jim Sache/Sheila Sache +41
 7. Brian Tkatch/Dennis McMahon +28
 8. Paul & Carol Waters +20

CNTC Unit Final

March 7, Vancouver Bridge Centre

1. Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Aidan Ballantyne, Larry Hicks
 2. Felipe Hernandez, Michael Neagu, Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson
 3. Larry & June Pocock, Don Sache, Les Fouks, Wilf May
 (Several other teams participated and may be invited, along with these teams, to compete in the BC Zone Final in Victoria on April 11.)

CWTC BC Zone Final

March 14, Vancouver Bridge Centre

1. June Pocock, Marcia Christie, Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold

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2. Angela Ferguson, Ingrid Anderson, Arlene Peterson, Lorraine Spik

3. Ev Hodge, Mary Fines, Flora Tereposky, Monica Angus

4. Marge Neate, Stella Alliston, Claire Burns, Sharon Hughes

5. Jill Stokes, Doreen McOrmond, Debbie Hargreaves, Debbie Mineault

6. Dianne Isfeld, Joan Richards, Bonnie Anderson, Olive Macdonald

(It was not known at press time how many of these teams would qualify for the CWTC National Finals in Laval PQ in July. Certainly the top team and probably the second place team will qualify, and any or all of the others may be invited to bring the field to a workable number.)

Out-of-Town Winners

Hawaii Regional

Honolulu HI, January 19-25

Monday-Tuesday

Quick KO Teams

Bracket 2

2. Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn

Wednesday

Stratified Swiss Teams

A1. Ronald & Jean Groome

B2/3. Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn

Friday

Evening Continous Pairs

A4. Gary Post

Friday-Saturday

Weekend KO Teams

Bracket 2

1. Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn

Oregon Trail Regional

Portland OR, February 16-22

Monday

Stratified Open Pairs

B6. Bill Gamble

Tuesday

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

A5B2. Brian Russell

Monday-Wednesday

Bracketed Senior KO Teams

Bracket 1

3/4. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff

Wednesday

Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

B2/3. Muriel O'Brien, Ed Worstold

Thursday

Stratified Open Swiss

A3/6. Larry Chow

Stratified Senior Swiss

A3. Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff, Al & Bernice French

A4/5. Doug & Julie Cowan, Rose & Keith Miller

Friday-Saturday

Weekend Bracket KO Teams

Bracket 2

3/4. Al & Bernice French



Saturday

Stratified Pairs Flight A

X6. Larry Chow

Sunday

Stratified Swiss Flight A

X6. Larry Chow, Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff

(Thanks to Pat Stapff, Doug Cowan, and Jean Groome for making sure I got sets of Daily Bulletins from these tournaments. As you can see from the last two entries, the idea of having a separate second Flight A strat in stratified events is catching on. In Portland the second strat of Flight A was 0-3000 and was officially called Strat A2, but it's hard to work out what someone did when you see something like A2-6. For the *Matchpointer*, the second strat of the top flight of all stratified events will be known as Strat X, and let's all pray that it never gets to the point where they need *three* strats in the top flight!)

Sectional Masterpoint Races After Winter Sectional

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Ken Scholes.....	19.01
2. Aidan Ballantyne.....	18.85
3. Dan Jacob.....	16.33
4. Gerry McCully.....	15.07
5. Felipe Hernandez.....	15.01
5. Michael Neagu.....	15.01
7. Sandra Jenkins.....	14.50

8. Doug Baldwin.....	14.25
9. Nathan Divinsky.....	13.94
10. Joerg Schneider.....	13.37
11. Gord Davis.....	10.88
12. Pauline Lee.....	10.79
12. William Sit.....	10.79
14. Ron Borg.....	10.69
14. Larry Hicks.....	10.69

Edith Bonnell Trophy

1. Sandra Jenkins.....	14.50
2. Pauline Lee.....	10.79
3. Pat Landau.....	9.14
4. Bernice French.....	8.46
5. Nadia Yallouz.....	8.19
6. Dot Carnegie.....	8.18
6. Arlene Browning.....	8.18
8. Roselle MacRae.....	8.02
9. Gloria Prescott.....	7.57
10. Pearl Minkoff.....	7.07

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. William Sit.....	10.79
2. Mark Rojewski.....	10.45
3. Brian Lee.....	8.02
4. Noorali Dhahani.....	7.29
5. Prashant Pandit.....	6.14
6. Andrew Faulkner.....	5.98
6. Anne Knowlan.....	5.98
8. Margaret Kidder.....	5.44
9. Andy Hellqvist.....	5.22
9. Greg Morse.....	5.22

Leo Steil Trophy

1. Nathan Divinsky.....	13.94
2. Joerg Schneider.....	13.37
3. Pauline Lee.....	10.79
4. Ron Borg.....	10.69
5. Pat Landau.....	9.14
6. Ernie Dietrich.....	8.59
7. Bernice French.....	8.46
8. Albert Yallouz.....	8.19
9. Nadia Yallouz.....	8.19
10. Dot Carnegie.....	8.18

Monthly Unit Games

City game still flying solo

The 1998 Monthly Unit Game race is off to a decent start, with **Nick and Janis Parker** scoring a win, place and show in the first three games to take a commanding lead at the first turn. But even as the monthly Saturday evening game has shown decent attendance in the City, attempts to find a suitable site in the South Surrey area have failed. The move to Saturday has made it difficult to find a site, since many sites rent their space on some of the Saturdays we would require. If you know of a site that can, on the first Saturday of each month (with some exceptions), handle a bridge game of about 10-12 tables maximum in the area, please call Suburbia Unit Game director Anne-Marie Bullis at 525-5669 and she will check for suitability. Getting a Suburbia game back on line will be a priority for the Unit Board in the next few weeks.

Several errors were committed by the Monthly Unit Games copy writer last issue. 1997 MUG Trophy Winner **Mark Rojewski** wins free plays for all Monthly Unit Games in 1998...not 1999. The City MUG starts at **7:30pm**, not 6:30pm as stated on the back inside cover.

What are Monthly Unit Games? The ACBL authorizes Unit 430 to run 16 sessions of Unit Championship Games each year. We use 11 of these to run the Monthly Unit

Games, and another to run the Unit Christmas Party in December. The games themselves are familiar stratified matchpoint games, and are held usually on the first Saturday of the month (this is new; in 1995-97 the games were held on Sunday nights). Masterpoint awards are in black points and the awards are 75% of what you would win in a similar open pairs at a sectional.

The Unit awards a trophy and free plays for the next year to the top masterpoint winner in a calendar year's Monthly Unit Games. There are also secondary prizes of six free plays for the top Flight B (0-1000) and Flight C (0-300) players. In fact, for two years running the MUG trophy has been won by a non-Life Master: **Mark Rojewski** in 1997 and **John Lien** in 1996—forcing us to haul out the fine print which states that you may only win one prize! For the purposes of the masterpoint race, you are placed in the flight you were in at the beginning of the year.

The Monthly Unit Games culminate in the Unit Christmas Party in late November or early December. Our party game at Bonsor Community Centre last year, complete with catered dinner and live music, was a great success and we are hoping to expand the event to a two-session game this year.

If you've never attended one, we very much hope you'll give the Monthly Unit Games a try in 1998. We arrange partners for anyone arriving early. First Saturday of the month—see you there!

A	B	C	January 3, 1998 (Vancouver)
1	1		Nick & Janis Parker
2	2		Kathy Bye/Mona Taylor
3			Donna Morrison/Evelyn Hodge
4			Pauline Lee/Julie Cowan
5	3	1	Martin & Heinz Henneberger
6			Joerg Schneider/Bonnie Anderson
4			Patti Adams/Sandra Robson
5			John Lien/Liz Stoneman
	2		Matt & Kristina Bohdanowicz
	3		Simona & Dorin Costin

A	B	C	February 14, 1998 (Vancouver)
1	1		Leszek Baldys/Pirtpal Gill
2			Eugene Chan/Andrew Ross
3	2		Nick & Janis Parker
4			Patricia Landau/Doug Cowan
5/6/3/4			Chester Michno/Amad Rafii
5/6/3/4			Joni & Brian Johnston
	5		Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez

A	B	C	March 7, 1998 (Vancouver)
1			Sheila Dickie/Leonard Feeny
2	1		Janis Parker/Nick Parker

A	B	C	March 7, 1998 (continued)
3/4/2/3			Pirtpal Gill/Leszek Baldys
3/4/2/31			Martin Henneberger/Mark Rojewski
5	4	2	Jon Shulman/Barry Wade
6/7			Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez
6/7			Catrina Henning/Bill Henning

A	B	C	MUG Standings after 3 1998 MUGs
1	1		Nick Parker.....7.25
1	1		Janis Parker.....7.25
3	3		Leszek Baldys.....4.36
3	3		Pirtpal Gill.....4.36
5	5		Leonard Feeny.....2.75
5			Sheila Dickie.....2.75
7	6		Kathy Bye.....2.63
7	6		Mona Taylor.....2.63
9	8	1	Martin Henneberger.....2.47
10			Evelyn Hodge.....2.27
11			Andrew Ross.....2.25
11			Eugene Chan.....2.25
13			Donna Morrison.....1.97
14	9	2	Mark Rojewski.....1.66
15			Julie Cowan.....1.48
15	10		Pauline Lee.....1.48

A	B	C	MUG Standings continued
17	11	3	Waldemar Jez.....1.34
17	11	3	Ewa Wroblewicz.....1.34
19	13	5	Kristina Bohdanowicz.....1.28
19			Joni Johnston.....1.28
19	14		Brian Johnston.....1.28
19	15		Chester Michno.....1.28
19	15		Amad Rafii.....1.28
24			Doug Cowan.....1.27
24			Patricia Landau.....1.27
6			Heinz Henneberger.....1.11
7			Barry Wade.....0.97
7			Jon Shulman.....0.97
9			Bill Henning.....0.88
10			Matt Bohdanowicz.....0.79
11			Simona Costin.....0.59
11			Dorin Costin.....0.59
13			Matt Bohdanowicz.....0.49
14			Vicki Croome.....0.35
15			Marti Oppenheimer.....0.25

A total of 81.28 masterpoints have been won by 64 people (a further 38 played but did not win any) in Monthly Unit Games so far in 1998.

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

Sat., April 4 Sat., May 2

Sat., June 6 Sat., July 4

(Don't forget; Monthly Unit Game dates have been *changed* to the first **Saturday** of each month!)

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

Further Info: Gladys Mackie 526-0687

Site Addresses & Gametimes

“**City**”: 7:30 pm, at Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver (255-2564)

Director: Louis Landau (984-8309)

“**Suburbia**”: Clubs will be notified when a Suburbia site is found by new Director Anne-Marie Bullis (525-5669)

♠ \$6/player ♥ 75% sectional rating ♦ goodies ♣ free coffee ♠
♠ trophy race ♥ bid-boxes ♦ non-smoking ♣ two sites ♠

Tournaments & Dates

April 1—June 26, 1998

APRIL

3-5 Yakima Sectional

4 **Monthly Unit Game (VBC only)**

6-12 Seattle Unit 446-sponsored District-wide STaC. Most clubs (not all) in Unit 430 will participate.

11 *CNTC BC Zone Final at Victoria Bridge Centre*

13-19 *Victoria Regional*

24-26 Juneau, Kimberley Sectionals

MAY

1-3 Tacoma, Richland, Vernon, Qualicum Sectionals

2 **Monthly Unit Game (VBC only)**

MAY (cont.)

12-17 *Anchorage Regional*

15-18 **Spring Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby (four days, see ad on back cover)**

22-25 Seattle Sectional (four days)

25-31 *Sacramento Regional*

JUNE

1 **Matchpointer deadline (June issue covers events from June 19-August 31)**

5-7 Spokane Sectional

6 **Monthly Unit Game (VBC only)**

8-14 **Vancouver Unit 430-sponsored STaC. Nearly all Unit 430 clubs will participate.**

15-21 *Penticton Regional*

19 June *Matchpointer* hits the streets

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

1998 Spring Sectional

May 15-18, 1997, a four day sectional, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby
(please note change of dates)

1998 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide

Sectional Tournament at Clubs
Silver Points at your local club!
June 8-14, 1998

1998 Unit 430 Annual General Meeting

July 4, 1998 at all Unit Game Sites (tentative)

A One-Year Planner

1998 Evergreen Sectional

September 11-13, 1998 at the Surrey Inn

1998 Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional

Dates and location unconfirmed

1998 Round-Up Sectional (unconfirmed)

November 6-8 at the Surrey Inn

1999 Winter Sectional (unconfirmed)

January 22-24, 1998, at the
Engineer's Hall in Burnaby



* NEW DATES * NEW DATES *

SPRING SECTIONAL

May 15-18, 1998

BONSOR RECREATION CENTRE

6550 BONSOR AVE, BURNABY, BC V5H 2G8

2 Bracketed KO Events!



FRIDAY, MAY 15

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Single session	1:00
STRATIFIED WOMEN'S PAIRS	Single session	1:00
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Single session	7:30
FIRST BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Round 1	7:30

SATURDAY, MAY 16

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Single session	1:00
SENIOR PAIRS (55+)	Single session	1:00
FIRST BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Round 2	1:00
SECOND BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Round 1	1:00
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Single session	7:30
FIRST BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Final Round	7:30
SECOND BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Round 2	7:30

FUTURE STARS UNDER 100 EVENTS

Friday Evening, Saturday Afternoon and Evening,
 Sunday Afternoon and Evening
 Single Session Stratified Games - 0-20, 20-50, 50-100
 0-5 Masterpoints Play for Free!

SUNDAY, MAY 17

SECOND BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS	Final Round	9:00 AM
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Two sessions	1:00 & 7:30

MONDAY, MAY 18

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS	Two sessions	10:30 AM & TBA
FLT A: Unlimited, Play Separately (20 PT Victory Point Scale)		
FLT B: Stratified B: 300-1200 C: 0-300, (Win/Loss)		
STRAT B ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL TROPHY		

Masterpoint Ranges for Stratified Events
 Stratified Main Events: 0-300; 300-1200; 1200+

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FREE COFFEE ALL WEEKEND • GOODIES MONDAY MORNING • LOTS OF PARKING
 ENTRY FEES: \$8.00 per session

Advance notice: Unit 430 District-wide STaC, Jun 8-14. Silver point games at your local club!