

Proposed New Unit 430 Zero Tolerance Policy

Vote on it at Unit 430 Annual General Meeting: July 4, 6:30 at the VBC



Can you bring home the victory?

by Kel Raywood

You're playing a Victory Point Swiss (30 point scale) and on the last board against a tough team, you pick up this hand: ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5

Vulnerable against not, partner deals and opens 1♦. Responding 2♣ is not an option, since you are playing weak jump shifts. You respond 1♣ and partner rebids 2♣. What's your call now? **(ALERT!)** There are many forks in the road ahead. Jot down your hand and the auction now, before turning the page.)

If you rebid 2♥ (forcing for one round only), go to page 11.

If you rebid 3♦ (a game forcing jump), go to page 4.

If you rebid 3♣ (also a game forcing jump), go to page 3.

If you rebid 3NT, go to page 9.

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I expect the Zero Tolerance debate at the Annual General Meeting to be much like the clashing of two *yokozuna* at the sumo basho this weekend! You are either for ZT or against it, and despite my best efforts there does not appear to be much of a middle ground. Actually, I hope there is a middle ground, and that it shows up in force to hear the arguments on both sides. After all, if we all arrive knowing how we're going to vote, what's the point in debating?

With the *Matchpointer* done, let me be optimistic for a moment and assume that the ZT Policy will be adopted. If so, it will be a small victory for the more social players and a small loss for the hardened competitors. But just as there are things done by the competitors that irk the socialites, there are things that the socialites do that irk competitors. Just as the competitors need to check themselves when the urge to get grumpy emerges, so do the socialites need to check themselves of some very irritating habits.

One of these is slow play. As I've written before, the problem of slow play is not

so much a problem with thinking, it is a problem with getting things done. If you have a tough problem, take the time. But don't take five minutes to fill in the score.

Another irritating habit to the competitors is inattentiveness. Not only does this slow things down, it creates tempo problems and sometimes hard feelings result. Bridge gives you lots of breaks to rest your brain. When the cards are in your hand you owe it to the rest to be at the table and aware.

Finally, let up a bit on the nitpicking. For example, lengthy discussions about whether a bid is alertable irritate the competitor. If you've been damaged, call the Director, don't argue about the rules. And if ZT is accepted, don't expect to use it as a sword or you yourself may be penalized.

Space in this issue is almost as tight as the time I needed to finish it before leaving for the Las Vegas Regional. I especially apologize to those who might have expected more space given to the 10th annual Hands Across The Border, the VBC's 6th Anniversary Bash, the Annual St. David's Charity Swiss Teams, the plans for a Vu-graph show at the VBC during the weekend when our Canadian teams receive training for their shot at the World Championships. All of these events are publicized within, but not quite as loudly as I might have been able to with space to spare. As well, some of the club ad boxes had to be shaved a bit for space.

There's a lot in this issue, and I hope the squeezing was worth the effort! Good reading, and wish me luck in Vegas! —McB

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President's Message

by Felipe Hernandez

Hi there. I am back for a final installment of the "P.M." which, contrary to popular belief, does not stand for Probably McBruce or Partying in Mexico. No, this is a bona fide, genuine, Phil's Missive.

Another year in the life of Unit 430 has gone by and it has been very interesting and rewarding to have been part of the Unit Board. We have had our challenges but I'd like to highlight some of our successes. We purchased a new trophy case currently on display at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. The five tournaments so far this year have all been financial successes with revenues in the black. We introduced the Don Fraser Memorial Award for Active Ethics. Our BC Ladies won the right to represent us at the World Championships. This year's Canadian entry in the World Open Teams Championships is also from BC and both teams are primarily from our Unit. The Board welcomed 3 new members - Jim Burt, Sandra Hawk, and Harry Friedman - all of who were absolutely fantastic in their commitment to serve bridge in this area. The Polish community has made its presence felt in our game and never have I encountered a more warm and spirited group of people. There is more, no doubt much more, but you get the idea. For all those who contributed to the above successes and any others, please accept my heartfelt thanks. I am sure I speak for the membership at large when I say that you make bridge come alive in Vancouver. And just in case anyone is wondering who I mean, here they are:

June Pocock	Jenny Ballantyne
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In a few weeks, we will be having the Annual General Meeting (6:30 at the VBC on July 4). The main issue to be decided will be the ratification of a Unit Zero Tolerance Policy. This policy, while adhering to the spirit of other ZT policies around the league, has a very Unit 430 flavour in that our very own Bruce McIntyre authored it almost exclusively. Bruce has been a crusader for ZT since before the idea first reached league attention. (Indeed, the ACBL has borrowed heavily from text penned by Bruce to explain the meaning and suggested implementation of ZT.) The Unit has agreed to present this policy (see page 4) for discussion at the AGM. If this is a subject about which you have an opinion, get out to the meeting and be heard.

The next day, July 5, the Unit, along with the Canadian Bridge Federation and the Vancouver Bridge Centre is sponsoring an exhibition match between the CNTC and CWTC champions. Fred Gitelman, an accomplished international

bridge player and diplomat, who is also serving as a coach for both these teams, will be presenting the match on his own brand of Vugraph. There will be an expert panel on hand for commentary. It promises to be both entertaining and educational.

Some final thoughts. I started this message by referring to the "final installment." While I have found the entire experience rewarding and I have learned volumes about organizing and acknowledging and supporting and thanking, I will not be continuing as President. That role will fall to another volunteer this upcoming year. Please support him/her as you have supported me. Help them to help you by providing feedback and constructive criticism and the occasional pat on the back.

Another long-standing member of the board is also going to take a rest from all the fun. She has been an icon of commitment, tolerance and thoughtfulness as long as I have been serving with her and for many years prior. She will now turn her focus towards the goal of winning a World Championship and making Canada, BC, and Unit 430 proud. Good luck to you, June Pocock. Thanks for all the encouragement and advice.

You know, the other night I went to the Polish club to play a game of bridge with my regular partner Mike Neagu. I had not been before despite urging from friends who trumpeted the enjoyment of the experience. So finally I went and I met a very interesting group of people (among them a world class mountain climber with fascinating stories). Everyone was friendly, teaching me some of their words when they were not teaching me a bridge lesson. Yes the bridge is competitive but not at the expense of someone's pleasure. At one point in the evening, I saw two fully-grown people rolling on the floor in laughter at some joke. (that's ROFL to you OKBridgers.) Someone invited me to join the sailing club, another to go to some campout on a weekend in August. I was reminded of the reasons we all got into bridge. The social aspect of our game seems to have taken a back seat to the more competitive objective of winning at all costs. We have an opportunity to take steps to correct this via ZT. Avail yourselves of it. After all, bridge is cool!

Dobre Notz.

—Felipe Hernandez

The Cover Hand Chronicles

(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

Partner now bids 4♠. This makes you captain of the auction, you can choose 4♠, 5♦, 5♠, 6♦, or 6♠.

To play in diamonds go to page 13.

To play in spades go to page 16.

To use simple Blackwood (no RKC) to find out about aces, go to page 32.

Zero Tolerance Policy

by Bruce McIntyre

The adoption of a Zero Tolerance policy for Unit events has been discussed at Unit Board Meetings for almost ten months now, since the Zero Tolerance movement was given space in the *Matchpointer* and the ACBL *Bulletin* last summer. Since that time, many people have approached me about ZT, and it's clear that there are very strong feelings about this subject on both sides. It seemed unfair to rush ZT into Unit policy without the appearance of scrupulous fairness. I could have written a policy many months ago that would probably have been passed by the Board and put into effect. But the impression would have been that the membership would not have had a say. So here is what we'll do instead:

If you are reading this in the June *Matchpointer*, it means that the proposal has been discussed at the Board Meeting June 1 and scheduled for discussion at the Unit 430 Annual General Meeting. The AGM takes place on July 4 at 6:30 at the VBC, and precedes the Monthly Unit Game. The Zero Tolerance Policy contained within will be formally moved and seconded at the meeting, and there will be a discussion before a vote is taken among all attendees to the meeting (not just the Board members). In this way, both the 97-98 Board and the 98-99 Board, as well as any member of Unit 430, will have a say in whether the policy is adopted. Unlike an amendment to the Unit bylaws, this will be normal Unit Business and will only require a simple majority.

Having explained the political route that the policy must take, it only remains to let you read the policy, and then, elsewhere in this issue, the grilling of the Hideous Hog-In-Training upon the subject.

UNIT 430 ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

(proposed for discussion at 1998 AGM)

THE PROBLEM:

Simply stated, the problem is that tournament bridge players and Directors are far too tolerant of behavior at the table which is unacceptably unpleasant. Players seem to have a mindset bent on enduring the extreme lacks of courtesy of others, and Directors when confronted with the problem have no training or basis with which to base a decision on what to do. The result is that the players seldom call the Director when obviously they should; and Directors, not wanting to "make new Law" by applying a penalty not specifically set out in the Laws, tend to do very little.

POLICY OVERVIEW

Unlike some Units and Districts which have adopted a Zero Tolerance policy which exists but is not publicized, the Unit 430 version of Zero Tolerance shall be made clear at all Unit events in tournament area post-

ers, and upbeat and positive announcements before every session. Players will be asked to call the Director whenever there is a display of unquestionably poor behavior, and even to call when there is borderline bad behavior.

Directors are empowered to give immediate disciplinary penalties (unlike procedural penalties, disciplinary penalties are not subject to appeal) when they determine that unacceptable behavior has indeed occurred. The original ZT line of a quarter-board for a first offense and immediate expulsion from the event for a second will normally be followed. But in cases where the unacceptable behavior is an inadvertent lapse and the offender is genuinely apologetic, the Director may consider a lesser penalty; or a greater penalty if the offense is very serious. All penalties levied under ZT are within the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as interpreted by the ACBL. A policy is not needed to apply these penalties; a policy is needed to ensure that they are applied fairly and consistently.

Players having a problem with a Director's ZT-based ruling (which may not be appealed), are encouraged to fill out a *Zero Tolerance Report form*. Reviewing these complaints may provide a basis by which the policy can be tweaked slightly to make better rulings on behavior in future.

THE GORY DETAILS

The details of Zero Tolerance are in four categories:

- 1) *The Pre-game Announcement*: Making players aware of Zero Tolerance without sounding overly negative or threatening, before every session, is the major goal of the program.
- 2) *Instructions for Directors*: how to separate conduct-based rulings from irregularity-based rulings, and how to ensure that conduct-based rulings are handled in a consistent manner which is fair to all.
- 3) *Unit Board Responsibilities*: under ZT, the sponsoring organization must be prepared to do things a little differently at tournaments, and to prepare for unlikely worst

The Cover Hand Chronicles

(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

If you were told to go to this page, you hold this hand: ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5

...and have just rebid 3♦, game forcing, on this uncontested auction beginning with partner as dealer: 1♦-1♠, 2♣-3♦. Partner now bids 3♥. It's possible that this is a minimum without a heart stopper. What now?

If you bid 3♠, go to page 3.

If you bid 4♦, go to page 27.

If you bid 3NT, go to page 9.

If you bid 4♥, go to page 14.

case scenarios.

A) *Zero Tolerance Conduct Report Forms*: three of these (all in one all-purpose form, shown on page 6): Director ZT forms (to record actions taken in response to conduct-based Director calls), Player ZT forms (to report conduct violations away from the table), and ZT Protest forms (to report differences of opinion with a Director's ZT ruling).

THE PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENT

All Unit events will be run with the Zero Tolerance Policy in effect. The keystone of the policy is the pre-game announcement, which must never be omitted, and *must* be made before every session of an event. If a Unit Board Member cannot be found to make the announcement, a Director *must* do so in his pre-game instructions. Here is a possible "script" for the announcement:

"Unit 430 has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy toward unacceptable behavior at this event. This does *not* mean we will send you to jail for asking why your partner didn't return your suit. It means that we ask that you put aside the natural reluctance to call the Director and do so whenever there is a very clear violation of courtesy or etiquette. Let's try to focus on the fun and exciting aspects of our game, and try to control the outbursts and lapses that sometimes happen. Doing so will make the game better for everyone. Thanks."

As long as the words and delivery are positive and upbeat the script can be varied: in fact it's important that it change. Phrases like "we've had some complaints," or "if you don't call the Director we can't help you," or a rundown of the penalties involved are definitely not advised. Keep it short, light, and happy.

DIRECTING DIRECTORS

The Director's Zero Tolerance job is to determine the facts in a standard and consistent manner, then apply the penalty that, in the Director's opinion, seems appropriate. **Judgments made in these situations must be made considering only the facts and not the reputations of any of the involved players.**

There are several different classes of Director calls involving the policy that you will face.

Call based on conduct violations only: When there is no impropriety other than the questionable behavior of someone that has prompted the call, you must, *before leaving the table*, make a judgment of the situation. You will often find the players in a tense or composure-less mood which will inhibit your ability to get the unbiased facts, so your most important job is to calm them down, put them at ease, and then proceed to get the facts.

Begin with the person who has made the complaint, then the person whose action was the cause of the complaint. If there is more than one conduct violation, ask the first plaintiff to tell the whole story and then ask the opponent to tell his side, but make it clear that the incidents will

be treated separately and the defense "one caused the other" will not be allowed. At no time allow anyone to interrupt. Once the plaintiff and the accused tell their stories, hear from the plaintiffs partner and then the partner of the accused. Who is dummy does not matter.

If there are serious disagreements about what happened, you may want the players to act out the incident. In this case, always ask the accused player first to repeat his actions, then ask the others one by one for their opinions.

Once you are satisfied that you have enough information and that everyone has had a chance to speak, you must decide. You absolutely may *not* consult another Director to do so. You alone have witnessed the reporting of the incident. You alone must decide what to do.

The standard penalty for clearly unacceptable behavior is 25% of a top, or 3 IMPs. You are not held to this standard as in other ZT policies; but we expect this standard penalty to be about average. In cases where the conduct is very serious, you are allowed to expel the player from the event immediately. In cases where the problem is minor (especially if the offender is immediately aware of his lapse and offers his apology), you may give the offender a warning. If the inquiry leads you to believe that the Director call was frivolous, you may give the plaintiff a warning. All such penalties are *not* procedural penalties, they are disciplinary penalties, and are not subject to appeal.

In order to make your decision, you should be aware of what is unacceptable. So much has been written on this subject that it would be unproductive to reprint it all here. But you must be familiar with the most common unacceptable behaviors, especially the less understood ones: "hitch excuses," "I could call the Director but I won't" insinuations, and gratuitous "for your information" comments. Most players are quite unaware that these are contrary to the Laws: it is imperative that you recognize them, and can explain them. Often it will be enough to educate all of the players in minor cases where the intent was good, instead of applying a penalty without comment.

Your decision is final. If your decision is criticized by any player, tell the player that he or she is free to fill out a ZT Protest Form but that the decision will not change. If the protest continues after this, this is a serious breach of conduct and you should give further penalties without warning.

Conduct and irregularity calls. When a conduct call is complicated by an irregularity such as a lead out of turn or an insufficient bid, in most cases the irregularity will be easily separated from the conduct problem. Very seldom will the penalty for the irregularity be affected by the conduct violation. If it happens: for example, a player on lead plays two cards by mistake after being badgered by an opponent, this is a very clear indication that the conduct

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violation is far too serious for a simple warning. You may not decide to ignore the penalty in such a case, but you may give an adjusted score, in addition to the disciplinary penalty to the offending side.

The method for handling these types of problems should be to deal with the irregularity first, telling the players the normal penalty for the irregularity. Complete the hand (or the auction), if possible. Then deal with the conduct problems as described above, giving an adjusted score if necessary.

Returning to the scene. Whenever you attend to a Director call that is based wholly or partially on someone's behavior, you must fill out a Director ZT Report Form, listing the players involved, the incident type and magnitude, and the action taken. A list should be kept of all players given conduct penalties. If you discover that a player you have penalized has been penalized before in the session, you should talk with the Director who gave the previous penalty. The standard here is two warnings make a 25% or 3 IMP penalty, and two 25% or 3 IMP penalties make an immediate expulsion from the event. But again, the standard is only meant to be an average. A warning and a penalty may be enough to warrant a expulsion, or a player may be given two penalties but allowed to continue to play. You may need to return to the table and inform the offender that because of repeated offenses he has been given a further penalty.

If you handle a conduct-based call and are called back to the table because another conduct dispute has surfaced, and it appears to be related to the first one, there is no room for warnings. You must give penalties or expulsions to players who cannot control themselves after an earlier incident in the same round. If it seems from the first call that this is a possibility, you are strongly advised to remain at the table until the end of the round.

NOTE: The Laws of Duplicate Bridge define the term "contestant" as an individual player in an individual tournament, a pair in a pairs game, and all members of a team in a team game. Disciplinary penalties under Law 91 include the Director's right to "suspend a contest-

Zero Tolerance Report Form: Director Player Protest

SECTIONAL Other Unit Event: _____

CIRCLE ONE

Fri Aft Fri Eve Sat Aft Sat Eve Sun Aft Sun Eve Mon Aft Mon Eve

Section _____ N-S Pair # _____ E-W Pair # _____ Director _____

Director call is/was partially wholly conduct-based.

Plaintiff _____ No director called.

Player whose action(s) caused problem _____

Problem _____ Trivial _____ MAGNITUDE _____ Serious _____

Disputing Director's decision

Objecting to Director call

Public criticism/rudeness

Language

Badgering/Threats

Insinuation of wrongdoing

Other (please describe,

using reverse side if necessary)

Penalty Assessed

Expulsion

Disciplinary Penalty

Warning

Thanks for taking the time to complete this. Your opinions matter.

ant" which seems to imply that if one player of a pair or team is expelled, the entire pair or team goes. The ACBL, and several other sponsoring organizations, have decided that this implication need not be followed to the letter. It is not, strictly speaking, legal to eject a single player (except in an individual game). But most authorities allow Directors to use their discretion in deciding whether or not to allow a pair to continue with a substitute, or a team to continue with a substitute or to continue with a player scheduled to sit out that round. Unit 430's policy will be to allow the pair or team to continue with a substitute if this is possible.

NOTE ON THE NOTE: All Units and Districts that have adopted Zero Tolerance report that expulsions very rarely happen. Usually the player given a warning or penalty is on guard for the remainder of the session, which of course is part of what makes the program work!

UNIT BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Adopting a Zero Tolerance Policy requires that the Unit Board accept new responsibilities. The Board **must** be sure that there is someone present (if not the Director) to make the pre-game announcement at all sessions of Sectionals, Unit Games and at Unit Finals of multi-level events. There must be prominently displayed posters at the tournament site or at the club hosting the Unit Game or any Unit Final. In order to minimize the chance of sitouts or walkovers as a result of expulsions, the Unit should consider arranging for a substitute player to be available for each session of the

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HITting on ZT

by the Hideous Hog in Training

Like many hardened and grizzled veterans of the duplicate scene, I was dismayed to read the proposed Zero Tolerance Policy contained elsewhere in this issue. On behalf of players everywhere who don't want to lose events because of some arbitrary decision based on some crybaby taking offense at something innocuous, I cornered McBruce as soon as I could in order to try and convince him that the scheme is mad.

HHIT: This all sounds like the NHL cracking down on obstruction fouls, except that in the NHL they don't toss you out for two minor penalties. What's the purpose of all this? Granted, sometimes there is unpleasant behavior in this game, but do you really think you can completely stop it?

McB: Of course not. The objective of Zero Tolerance is not to eliminate the boorishness. It is to make players aware that the current standard "let's just say nothing and put up with it until the round ends" is actually *contributing* to the problem.

HHIT: How do you know this?

McB: Unit Board members hear complaints all the time about the behavior of opponents. When I hear these, I try to sympathize with the victims, but invariably when I ask "was the Director called?" there is silence, or "well what can the Director do?". And when I suggest a report to the Recorder or, in more serious cases, to the Unit's Conduct, Department and Ethics Committee, they don't want to go so far. *From this anyone would conclude that there is a problem.* Zero Tolerance is an attempt to address that.

HHIT: But expulsion from an event for two lapses in a session? Isn't that what ZT demands?

McB: It's what was recommended by the original policy. Our Unit Policy will be to allow lenience, especially as the program begins. The instructions to Directors clearly indi-

cate that they must use their judgment when the behavior is only questionable and not clearly unacceptable. But, on the other side of the coin, you can be suspended for one incident if the incident is very serious.

tournament (although the policy does *not* guarantee a substitute when a player is expelled). The available substitute might even be a caddy who knows how to play!

Some Unit-run events will prove more awkward to administer from a Zero Tolerance point of view. Events such as the IMP League and the Unit-sponsored STaC, which are run primarily at clubs, will prove impossible to run under Zero Tolerance unless we get cooperation from the Club Managers and Directors. We will send all Unit 430 clubs a copy of the policy for use when Unit events are held at clubs. We will notify the players beforehand that the policy is in effect (in case there is no pre-game announcement) through the *Matchpointer* (for the STaC) and through the captain's packages (for the IMP League).

HHIT: So you expect that most of the incidents will be given just a warning?

McB: I think that most players have their bad moments, and in the current state of affairs they are allowed to get away with them because the opponents will say nothing. But under ZT, when a Director is called, most players will realize that they have had a lapse and will come back to earth and apologize. The offended players, if the apology is genuine and timely, will probably be forgiving. In these cases, the Director will make sure everyone is aware that there was a minor problem, and will explain why this can lead to trouble, but will probably give only a warning.

HHIT: However...

McB: However, there are players who get lost in the competitive spirit and sometimes take the concept of "game face" a little too far. We cannot let these players ruin the game for the rest of us. There has to be some way of letting them know that their behavior is unacceptable, stronger than giving them a meaningless warning. The Zero Tolerance Policy addresses this.

HHIT: What about grudges? We sometimes are forced to play against people we don't much like. Temptations will be great to call based on personality conflicts, or even past incidents, rather than what has actually happened this time.

McB: Directors are well aware of this. They are specifically instructed to ignore everything except what has happened. If you explain that you were rude to LHO because LHO called you a name three years ago, *this defense is not going to get you very far.* And if there have been two or more incidents they will be judged on their merits. Players who call the Director without much of a good reason will be warned themselves.

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REPORTING INCIDENTS

The Zero Tolerance Report Form is shown in the box. Directors are obligated to fill a Director's form out for all calls which are wholly or partially conduct-based. Players may fill out Player's forms for incidents occurring away from the table. A player disagreeing with a Director's decision may fill out a Protest form. The form is quickly filled out, most entries being simple check boxes, with space on the reverse side for details if necessary. The Unit will use the filled out forms to help monitor the Zero Tolerance program.

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HHIT: Do you expect the Directors to cooperate? I hear that some of them don't want anything to do with this.

McB: I have some sympathy for Directors who bridled under the original policy which forced a penalty for each call to the table. I have no sympathy for Directors who don't feel it is part of their job to keep things from getting out of hand. The problem of table boorishness is keeping many players from our game. Anyone who advocates a sink or swim policy because "that's what I had to do when I started" doesn't understand the problems facing this game today. Our very existence is threatened. Our membership is aging. We are not recruiting new members at the break-even replacement level. The main reason is that bridge is not as popular as it once was. Now why is that? It can't all be traced to Nintendo, rollerblades, and the average age of duplicate bridge players.

HHIT: Why can't a player appeal a Zero Tolerance ruling? Is all this legal?

McB: The Laws of Duplicate Bridge state that players "should maintain a courteous attitude at all times" and "should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player." They also allow a Director to "assess disciplinary penalties in points or suspend a contestant for the current session or any part thereof (the Director's decision under this clause is final.)"

HHIT: So even without the program, a Director could penalize a player for boorishness and the Laws would support the decision?

McB: That's right. What Zero Tolerance does is to give Directors a guideline as to what is unacceptable and should be penalized, and what is merely questionable and should be given a warning. It also standardizes the penalties for table misbehavior, and our policy goes into some detail about how to handle conduct-based calls, so that the program will have the appearance of consistency.

HHIT: How many Director calls do you think players at Sectionals will face each session under Zero Tolerance?

McB: I expect that

most players will hear the pre-game announcement and that will be enough reminder that they will check themselves before getting into real trouble. The pre-game announcement, not the penalties, is the most visible aspect of the program. Perhaps there may be three extra calls per section per session. Most of these will result in education from the Director and a simple warning. Maybe one or two actual penalties will be given. Perhaps there will be an expulsion once a year.

HHIT: Do you think attendance will increase?

McB: Eventually. Places where this has been adopted have seen first an increase in the attitude towards tournaments, then an increase in the attendance. It will take time for the program to have an effect on attendance.

HHIT: How do you respond to the fears of players about the Zero Tolerance program?

McB: First of all, the name Zero Tolerance is not "negative." Detractors seem to think that it means that any lapse from perfect behavior puts you at risk of expulsion; that we will have no tolerance for players who say something like "we do better in hearts". That's not at all what Zero Tolerance means, and that's not what will happen. It means that when unquestionably bad behavior, or even borderline bad behavior happens, we don't want players to tolerate it. We don't want players to try to deal with it by talking back to the boor. We want them to call the Director immediately. We want them to know that the Directors will judge fairly and will impose penalties, but cannot do so if the current attitude of "let's ignore it, it's only a few more minutes" continues.

Secondly, I want them to talk to me. I want to hear their concerns. I've worked very hard over the past ten months trying to find an acceptable compromise between the rigid structure of the original ZT and the absolute chaos that we have now. I want to talk to the players and directors who foresee trouble and if there are good ideas I will certainly consider amending the policy. I hope that we can have a good and fair discussion and debate at the Unit's Annual General Meeting. And of course, all Unit members will be allowed to vote.

HHIT: Which is when?

McB: Saturday, July 4, at 6:30pm, an hour before the July Monthly Unit Game, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

HHIT: Good luck.

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Albert Yallouz Friendliness pays!

The key to running a successful bridge club is to make people feel at home, says Albert Yallouz, who runs an open game at the Central Richmond Bridge Club Wednesday nights and an invitational game at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club Monday nights.

Albert and his most frequent and favorite partner, his wife Nadia, began playing bridge about 20 years ago. "Friends of ours invited us for a visit and knowing we liked card games, asked if we wanted to play bridge. We were hooked immediately."

A couple of years later, they made the switch to duplicate, playing their first duplicate at the Jewish Community Centre game, then run by Finn Schultz and Ron McConnell. They joined the ACBL and started becoming tournament regulars, not only locally but all over the world. Since Yallouz worked for the airlines at the time he was able to seek out games all over the world while on business, and take advantage of free air travel to attend distant tournaments when he was not working.

Over the years the multilingual Yallouz (he speaks four languages: English, French, Italian and Arabic) has played in Singapore, Hong Kong, Manila, Paris, Rome, London, Geneva and Zurich. "I knew there were bridge players all over the world, so I just looked for the games wherever I went."

He finds few differences in bridge around the world. "Most of the clubs and tournaments I went to were sanctioned by the ACBL so I could pick up red and gold points there just like here. The level of play and mix of players was also very similar. Tournaments had the same combination of pros, intermediates and junior players we have over here."

Since retiring in 1991, Yallouz's travel has dropped off considerably although he has still made several trips to the Hawaii tournament. Instead of travelling, he has set about running local clubs.

However, he continues to do it because "it keeps me going. A retired person has to find things to do and that's what I found."

Of course, bridge is only one of the things he has found. Yallouz continues to keep fit by playing

squash regularly. "It's my favourite sport. I like it even better than bridge."

He says players have come to expect computer scoring, which he provides, but says the real key is to develop a friendly club. "Greet the players nicely, don't allow for any rudeness from anyone and try to be fair with everyone. If the players enjoy the game, enjoy the company and enjoy the atmosphere, they will come back and support you, even the beginners."

Yallouz guarantees partners for any players who show up and also provides North-South seats for players who call ahead and reserve. He relies on Nadia to help him provide some of this. "She's my right hand in running the club. She prepares the coffee and goodies, she arranges all the North-South seatings and either she or I or both of us play with singles to make sure everyone who shows up has someone to play with."

Although Yallouz' games are ACBL-sanctioned, he believes the ACBL itself has little to do with the success or failure of bridge at the local level. "It's all to do with the people running the games. It's all in their hands to get people to come back."

**"If the players enjoy the game,
enjoy the company and enjoy
the atmosphere, they will
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even the beginners!"**



The Cover Hand Chronicles

(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

You play in 3NT. LHO leads the Q♥.

Dummy: ♠ K5 ♥ 932 ♦ KJ84 ♣ AQ82

(Q♥ led against 3NT) (RHO plays the 6)

You: ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5

You duck the opening lead and LHO continues the jack of hearts. RHO high-lows with the six and four. Six spades later, LHO has pitched the 763 of clubs and the 2♦, and RHO has pitched the 94 of clubs and the 7♥. You lead your club and LHO plays the jack. What now? Finesse the queen of clubs? Win the ace and go after diamonds? If so, how will you play them? K♦ and another to the ace? A♦ first? If you attack diamonds are you going to finesse if the queen doesn't appear?

Make your choice and go to page 21.

The Right Finesse

by Louis Landau

Dealer: South N-S vulnerable	NORTH ♠ JT5 ♥ A642 ♦ T3 ♣ AJ85	3NT by South Lead: 5♦
WEST ♠ K74 ♥ Q87 ♦ J9752 ♣ 74	SOUTH ♠ AQ32 ♥ K53 ♦ AQ4 ♣ QT9	EAST ♠ 986 ♥ JT9 ♦ K86 ♣ K632

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♣

As you have to lose a diamond sometime, it is normally good strategy to lose one early, so you should duck the K♦, and then win the second diamond with your ace, keeping the position of the queen in doubt by East. Now count your sure tricks. You have one club, two diamonds, two hearts and one spade for a total of six. The other three are available in the black suits by finesses, but which should you tackle first? Does it matter?

You bet it does.

Look ahead and consider what will happen when you next lose the lead. Obviously the opponents will play another diamond to drive out your last stopper in that suit. At that time, and this is the important thing to look at, there will be a very dangerous opponent—the hand with all the good diamond tricks—West.

So let's see what happens if you try the clubs first. If



the finesse wins you will have enough tricks to make your contract, so let's assume that the finesse loses. You will still have to find that missing K♠.

If you have been thinking along the right lines, you will realize that you will only have one dangerous hand after three rounds of diamonds. East is likely to have run out after that. West is therefore the dangerous hand if the finesse you take goes wrong, and for that reason it all falls into place! You must take the first finesse towards the dangerous hand so that if necessary you can take the second finesse towards the safe hand!

See how it goes: You win the second diamond and get to dummy with the A♥. Play the J♣ and whenever West decides to take her king, your problems are over. She will, of course, drive out your last diamond, but at the same time she will take out her partner's last diamond as well. When you have to finesse for the K♣ you do it towards the safe hand, East, and you make your contract even though both of your finesses were wrong!

If you tried the club finesse first, East would win and clear diamonds. West would get in later with the K♣ and would score two more of those diamonds to set your contract.

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Give Me a Hand

by Joerg Schneider

AN UNSURPASSABLE RECORD?

At Louis's Monday morning game recently, I held:

♠ K5 ♥ AQJ8 ♦ AKQJ2 ♣ Q7

...and opened a 20-22 2NT. Partner, after some thought, bid 7NT. A low diamond was led and partner came down with:

♠ AQJ6 ♥ K94 ♦ 8 ♣ AKJ96

When the eight of diamonds *held*(!), I could claim five overtricks! This is the first time I've seen all 40 points stacked in the two partnership hands!

(Editor's note: the chance of one partnership being dealt all 40 points is about one in 1,951,000.)

SNAPSHOTS FROM VICTORIA

Lead directing doubles of artificial bids can sometimes lead to an effective defense:

Board 4 (Thu. Eve.) W Deals, Both vul.	NORTH ♠ J9 ♥ T976 ♦ 93 ♣ KJT86	4♣ by South Lead: A♣
WEST ♠ 7632 ♥ 83 ♦ QJ6 ♣ Q974	SOUTH ♠ T54 ♥ KJ54 ♦ T872 ♣ A3	EAST ♠ AKQ8 ♥ AQ2 ♦ AK54 ♣ 52

West used Stayman after making a "waiting" response to the strong opener. The danger of doubling the Stayman call is that opponents will leave it in or even redouble, leaving you no place to go! That danger is unlikely here, and North feels that a club lead cannot possibly cost, but will keep partner from making another, possibly damaging, lead. After ace and another club, a third club promotes a trump trick and the heart trick yet to come makes down one. East can prevail by ruffing with the eight, winning the return after the club is overruffed, pulling the trumps in two rounds, playing on diamonds for a heart pitch, ace of hearts and a cross ruff, but this declarer did not find the route

home. Note that on any other lead East makes 4♣ in comfort, and eleven tricks are easy on a heart lead.

HOUSE NUMBERS: BIG...AND SUPER-BIG!

I opened an innocuous 1♠, vulnerable, on this hand:

♠ AT642 ♥ 32 ♦ QT7 ♣ AJ6

It went pass, pass, double, all pass, down four for minus 1100! The whole deal:

Board 4 (Fri. Eve.) W Deals, Both vul.	NORTH ♠ KQJ97 ♥ AKT ♦ K86 ♣ KQ	1♠* by West "no spades, partner?"
WEST ♠ AT642 ♥ 32 ♦ QT7 ♣ AJ6	SOUTH ♠ 853 ♥ Q8 ♦ AJ532 ♣ T95	EAST ♠ - ♥ J97654 ♦ 94 ♣ 87432

The reopening double by South is *remarkable*, to say the least! Should East bid 2♥? It goes only for 800 against best defense (same zero, but not so round!), and might escape for only 500, which scores against their game at least!

Later in the same session this deal appeared:

Board 27 (Fri. Eve.) S Deals, None vul.	NORTH ♠ Q752 ♥ QJT43 ♦ 2 ♣ K64	4♣* by North "Failure to alert..."
WEST ♠ K98 ♥ AK8 ♦ Q98 ♣ AQ53	SOUTH ♠ AT643 ♥ 92 ♦ A3 ♣ J987	EAST ♠ J ♥ 765 ♦ KJT7654 ♣ T2

South passed and West opened a strong 1♣ (16+). North's 2♣ showed the majors according to the convention card. East bid 3♦ and South, thinking the 2♣ was natural, "raised" to 4♣! This was doubled and North took 3 tricks for minus 1700! Do you have a clear understanding of what defensive bids mean against an artificial system?

The Cover Hand Chronicles

(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

If you were told to go to this page, you hold this hand:

♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5

...and have just rebid 2♥, forcing

for one round on this uncontested auction beginning with partner as dealer: 1♦-1♠, 2♣-2♥. Partner now bids 2NT, showing a minimum opener which may not even contain a proper heart stopper. What now? (3♠ and 3♦ are not options. You saw earlier that your agreements as re-

sponder include second round jumps below game as game forces. These bids are therefore non-forcing, and clearly with a 16 count opposite a first-seat opener you cannot consider a non-forcing call!)

If you bid 4♣, go to page 16.

If you bid 3NT, go to page 9.

2001: A Bridge Odyssey

by Bruce McIntyre

Thanks to the either the miracle of time travel or the wild imagination of the author, neither of which I fully understand, this report on bridge entering the 21st century arrived in time for this issue. Enjoy.

It has been apparent for some time that bridge has undergone incredible changes as we wind down the 20th century and enter the 21st. We've all witnessed these amazing changes in the past three years, and slowly we have come to identify the trends, but not the underlying reasons behind them. Let's look back on what happened:

In July of 1998, a rural Indiana Senior's centre's newsletter reported that the weekly bridge game had ended. "The skill level of the players was too wide, and the best players are now looking into weekly excursions to a local bridge club, whereas the more social players are continuing to play, but not as part of any serious or semi-serious competition." This report was not the earliest we were able to find that clearly shows the developing trend, but many of the players in that group went on to great bridge fame very quickly.

By the fall of 1998, this scenario had been played out across America, and to a smaller extent in the rest of the world. There was a serious rift in senior's centres between the social players and the players who wanted to play competitively. The competitive players began to look elsewhere, and organized weekly (in many cases more than once a week) excursions to nearby bridge clubs, where they did reasonably well.

We didn't much notice at first, but gradually a few more things became apparent. Most of the competitive oldsters were men. And a lot of these men were quite good. Few if any had been ACBL members in their younger years, which was another surprise.

At the NABC in Orlando in November 1998, there was a flurry of complaints about these excellent players in the Senior Bracketed Knockouts. How did such great players get into the lowest brackets? When the trend became even more pronounced, somebody went through the open stratified results and discovered that an unprecedented number of Flight C pairs had gotten overall placings in Flight A or B, and that 20% of the Flight C pairs won 90% of the possible Flight C awards.

By the end of 1998, ACBL membership was up slightly, club attendance was up, the Rookie and Junior Master half-way leaders of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney in most Units had been left in the dust by the stampede of seniors, and the reactions were starting to begin.

The Clubs loved it. Almost all of these new good players had played very little tournament

bridge before, and their discovery of duplicate was putting money in the clubs coffers. Not only that, the new seniors were joys to play against: they loved the game, were confident they could be successful, and were happy to help the other players when they had problems and questions. In short, they just weren't like other duplicate players.

The ACBL loved it. Memberships went up, both to the ACBL, and to Bridge America, which happily filled the void left behind at the senior's centres by departing competition-starved players. Tournament attendance went up a little. By the end of the year, Memphis was coming to the conclusion that *something* had happened to bring men in their 60s, 70s, 80s, and even 90s, into the tournament world. Plans were made to do things to accommodate this new demographic at NABCs in 1999.

For awhile, the people supporting the Zero Tolerance programs claimed that ZT was the reason behind the surge. This proved untrue, but the new seniors almost unanimously supported Zero Tolerance. The Bulletin interviewed George McGinn, the player who had started the bridge excursions in Indiana (and who had topped the ACBL with a 79% score in the 1998 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game), and asked him about the Zero Tolerance program. "Well, when you play at a place that doesn't punish the hotheads, they seem to get the idea that they can get away with anything. When I played for fun there weren't no hotheads. Can't see why playing in a tournament there should be. The Zero Tolerance thing is just *there*: nobody gets punished too much for small stuff, but it keeps things happy when the hotheads get riled up. I think most of us new boys would sure not want to play without it."

The term "new boys" stuck. McGinn captained a team of them that went to the semis of the 1998 Vanderbilt in Vancouver. As was widely reported at the time, his partner Grantland Steeves, decided on an anti-percentage line on the final board in 7NT, which decided the match. "Sure he knew clubs were 4-2," explained McGinn. "He figured that the guy at the other table would finesse against the player with four, so to get a swing he tried for the drop. You never know whether you're ahead or behind in this game: those guys are good tough players, they think real hard over everything—can't blame Grant for thinkin' we needed a swing to beat 'em. Maybe what we learn from this is that us new boys *can* play with the top guys, without looking to swing a few and get lucky."

So much has been written about the 1999 Summer NABC in San Antonio that it seems unnecessary to add much other than the well-known facts. A small clique of expert players looked upon this phenomenon of quickly-rising seniors with disbelief, and came to what they felt was the obvious conclusion: that some form of cheating was taking place. Subtle pressure was placed on the "new boys" at the table in the form of frequent Director calls, and a few

years earlier, before Zero Tolerance took effect, it might have worked beautifully: the seniors might have left for good. But as the tournament progressed, and the Director calls increased, the "anti-new boy" clique began to get frustrated, because there was no evidence of any sort of cheating. The first three days had the "new boys" called to a Committee five times, and they won all five, and in four of them the appellants lost their deposit because it was clear that the appeal was frivolous.

By the midpoint of the tournament, there were ugly rumours about the actions of the "contras," as the "anti-new boy" clique came to be called. Eventually the contras in their frustration began to go outside the bounds of decency, making insinuations of wrongdoing without calling the Director first. The new boys were well aware of what was going on by now and called the Director immediately. Several contras were ejected from the session under the ZT guidelines, and a few received lengthy suspensions. Sadly, the commotion, while making it clear that cheating was not involved, distracted McGinn and the other new boys enough so that they were unable to reach the final stages of the big events. But as McGinn said in the Daily Bulletin: "the new

boys is not just us at the top; it's a whole bunch of people who are discovering this game at all levels. Seems like we got hit on this time because we got good too fast and people thought some pretty ugly thoughts. We got beat at the top because of the distraction, but a lot of new boys are doing real well in lots of events here. And at least now people know we ain't doing anything nasty."

At the Boston NABC in the Fall of 1999, the schedule was changed drastically to add a great number of non-Senior bracketed knockouts. The thought was to keep the players from having to face new boys because of their lower masterpoint totals. It wasn't too successful: the new boys, buoyed on by the success of their peers at the highest levels, stayed away from the bracketed and masterpoint-limited events. After the brouhaha at San Antonio, they wanted a shot at the doubting established experts!

In February of 2000, the Contras book, *By Way Of Apology*, appeared. The authors publicly apologized for their actions in San Antonio, and tried to explain why they thought that cheating was involved. "We have played this game at its highest levels for a long time, and have never seen anyone reach the top levels—let alone two or three teams worth of players—as quickly as the best of the "new boys" have. We understand that our actions were wrong, but we urge the ACBL and WBF to look into this peculiar trend. Never before have so many people in a particular demographic taken up the game, with as much success. Something must have happened somewhere along the line: let's find out what it is or was so that we can exploit it and create a new Golden Age of Bridge."

By now the trends were apparent: the new boys consisted almost exclusively of men over 60, most of them happily married (most of the wives did not play, or played socially only), and almost all of them had very little tournament exposure prior to 1998. There were exceptions, as there always are in trends, but generally the picture of a typical new boy was quite accurate. An ACBL subcommittee was set up to find out what could be concluded from this trend.

George McGinn had a poor Spring NABC in Cincinnati. Several of the other new boy teams did well in the big events, but McGinn's play suffered. His teammates explained that the death of his wife a month before the tournament seemed to be having an unseen effect. McGinn was diplomatic: "Everyone has bad days; sure, I've had some real bad ones, but this game remains exciting whether you win or lose, specially when you have teammates that are as patient as mine. I'll be back. Dunno whether Edie's passion's got anything to do with it—maybe it does—but I sure thank all the people who sent notes and cards."

McGinn missed the summer NABC in Anaheim, though. He was on a cruise, and returned from the cruise

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The Cover Hand Chronicles

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If you were told to come here, partner has passed your last call and partner is scheduled to play in some number of diamonds. You are such an incredible hog that partner, upon being told that he is the declarer, immediately has a seizure and is taken away by people in white. You grab a caddy to complete the match and the opponents let you declare. LHO leads the 6♥.

Dummy: ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5
(6♥ led) (RHO plays the J♥)

You: ♠ K5 ♥ 932 ♦ KJ84 ♣ AQ82

What do you think? Is spades better?

You have options. You can try to find the queen of diamonds with good guesswork, allowing you to get rid of your heart loser on the spades. Get this right and you make seven, but is this necessary? You can play ace and king of diamonds and start on spades, which makes if the queen drops and is good for twelve if you can pitch two hearts on the spades before the opponents get in with the Q♦ and cash a heart. You can even risk the slam on the immediate club finesse, pitching a heart away on the second club...if it works. So: plan the play. If it comes down to guessing the Q♦, how are you going to play them? Will you finesse if nothing turns up from the first defender on the second round?

Make your choice and go to page 21.

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remarried—and itching to get back on the tournament trail. Later that year, McGinn's team won the International Team Trials, qualifying to represent the ACBL in the World Championships. He topped all players in masterpoints at the 2000 Fall NABC in Birmingham.

The ACBL Committee looking into the senior resurgence made their report in Birmingham, and while their findings were kept secret, they were asked to study the issue further and include the WBF in the circle. Rumours leaked out: the new boy's secrets are about to be revealed! The McGinn team may be disqualified from participating! All were denied. Eventually the findings were made public by way of a statement from the WBF president released in the booklet of the 2001 World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs:

"Welcome to the 21st century!

"In the past three years, we have noticed the world-wide rise in the number of newer players, and the astonishing success of these newer players at incredibly high levels. We were saddened to see that bridge players were skeptical of this at first, and we are happy to see that that wave has passed and the new players are being welcomed by the "old guard." (Most of these new players are older men, so perhaps "old guard" is misleading here!)

"In order to expand this base of players, the WBF,

in conjunction with the ACBL, has undertaken a study to discover why, in mid-1997, a significant number of elderly male players began playing bridge and discovered a great talent for the game. We interviewed many players and have come to a conclusion that we are surprised was not obvious at the time. We have considered the conclusion, which involves medications, and have decided not to disqualify anyone, but instead to continue to work so that the specific ingredients of the medication can be made available to all who wish them, without unpleasant side effects. The medication appears (as an unintended side effect of its original purpose) to enhance one's ability to play bridge. We don't know yet why other intellectual games are not similarly affected, but our preliminary studies show that without a doubt the cause is indeed the medication.

"Ladies—and especially gentlemen—of the bridge world: it's Viagra."

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(We couldn't very well have more than one bid point to the same spot. This is just a diversion.)

Storylines

Hands from various sources

We continue to want to hear all of your bridge stories, especially from Unit Sectionals, IMP League matches, and Unit Games. Doesn't matter if you doubt your ability to write or play: if you find an interesting hand, send it along!

Let's start here: sit in my chair at the Victoria Regional: you hold this hand:

♠ KJT62 ♥ JT ♦ K84 ♣ AK2

You discover upon sitting down that before leaving I opened 1NT in third seat. You may disagree with the 5 card major but you'll have to deal with it. Sure enough, partner transfers to hearts. Things look bleak. You could end up in a 5-2 heart fit when there is a perfectly good 5-3 spade fit to play in. Luckily, partner does not pass 2♥ and instead bids 3NT, which gives you an easy pass. Partner has:

♠ 974 ♥ A8752 ♦ A2 ♣ J43

...and your hand again is

♠ KJT62 ♥ JT ♦ K84 ♣ AK2

They lead a club and the jack holds. This is really fortunate, especially when you run the nine of spades and LHO wins the ace. Even more fortunate is that RHO has four spades to the queen, so people in spades will have to deal with that nuisance. Of course, with a start like this you cannot fail to make eleven tricks for a great score, and you play the rest of the round basking in the glow of a near top.

Later on, another 5-2-3-3 15 count. Pass pass to you. Are you going to push your luck? What do you open, 1♠ or 1NT? Read the other stories as you decide.

from Grant Fraser: My partner Bruce Jackson took control of this one and got a top. 6NT doesn't often make on a combined 28-count, but with a lot of courage and a little luck it sometimes works:

East Dealer E-W vulnerable	NORTH	6NT by South Lead: 2♦
WEST	♠ Q9632 ♥ 8 ♦ AK ♣ T8543	EAST
♠ KT ♥ 652 ♦ Q732 ♣ KJ72	SOUTH	♠ J87 ♥ J943 ♦ J985 ♣ 96
	♠ A54 ♥ AKQT7 ♦ T64 ♣ AQ	

Bruce opened 1♥ and rebid 3♥ after my 1♠ response. 3NT didn't seem right with my unbalanced hand, so I rebid 4♣. Bruce took control, Blackwooding on the way to 6NT. The two of diamonds was led. Bruce won in dummy and realized that all was lost unless the spades could produce

four tricks. He led a spade to the ace and a spade back towards dummy. LHO won the king and RHO followed. Another diamond followed and we were quickly up six tricks to one, four spades and two diamonds. On the run of the spades, LHO pitched two hearts and finally a club. RHO tossed a diamond and a club. The diamonds seemed to be 4-4 from the opening lead. Spades were 3-2. When LHO pitched two hearts, Bruce decided that he wouldn't pitch hearts from a suit headed by the jack, so he pitched the queen of clubs on the final spade and made his contract by finessing the TV!

from the Hideous Hog In Training: Flight B Pairs in Victoria; with nobody vulnerable, you open 1♥ in fourth seat. LHO overcalls 1♠, partner bids 1NT, and this is passed around to LHO who now bids 2♣. Partner doubles this and you are happy to pass. Partner leads the king of diamonds.

Dummy: ♠ J ♥ QJ8 ♦ 854 ♣ K76432

You: ♠ K642 ♥ AT743 ♦ AT2 ♣ Q

Partner wins his king and queen of diamonds and switches to the six of hearts. You win the ace and cash the ace of diamonds. It holds. With four tricks in, you now try a heart. Declarer wins the king as partner plays the nine. A spade is led to dummy's jack and your king. Now you try the queen of clubs. Declarer plays the jack, partner the five, and the king wins. The good heart in dummy is cashed as declarer pitches the ace of clubs.

Now, you may not agree with the defense thus far, but a club has just been led from dummy. What are you going to play? (Answer after the next deal)

from Ernie Dietrich: My partner Yuko Fujieda played this hand Friday night in the May Sectional:

(Hands have been rotated to make South the declarer.)

Board 18 (rotated) S deals, E-W vul	NORTH	4♣ by South Lead: 3♦
WEST	♠ K752 ♥ AJ62 ♦ T2 ♣ T95	EAST
♠ J8 ♥ T53 ♦ KJ73 ♣ KQ43	SOUTH	♠ T6 ♥ K974 ♦ Q9864 ♣ 87
	♠ AQ943 ♥ Q8 ♦ A5 ♣ AJ62	

The lead was the 3♦. Yuko played low from dummy and captured East's queen with the ace. She now drew trumps with the ace and queen and ran the Q♥. East won and returned a diamond before they lost it on a good heart. West won the J♦ and exited with a heart.

Yuko now made a 100% play. She won the

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A♥, cashed the J♥ pitching a club, and then ruffed the last heart. Now a spade to the king and when the T♣ was run to the queen Yuko tabled her hand. West was endplayed!

Very nicely played, but unlucky: 2½ out of 12. Seems most Wests led the K♣, giving declarer time to pitch a diamond on a good club for eleven tricks.

Play was great. Reward was poor.

back to the Hideous Hog:

Did you ruff? Why not? What are you afraid of? Losing a trump trick? Ruffing partner's good ten? What?

Here's the whole deal, from Victoria (Saturday evening):

Board 11 S deals, none vul	NORTH ♠ J ♥ QJ8 ♦ 854 ♣ K76432	2♠* by South Lead: K♠
WEST ♠ A93 ♥ 962 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 985	SOUTH: HHIT ♠ QT875 ♥ K5 ♦ 976 ♣ AJT	EAST ♠ K642 ♥ AT743 ♦ AT2 ♣ Q

Down two is a near top, but if you forgot to ruff you get an average and you allow me to chortle about another great escape! Oh, did I forget to tell you that I was the declarer? You should have assumed that! Who else would be so crazy as to rebid that spade suit!

...and the answer to the first problem:

Of course you're not going to open INT; there's not enough luck in the world for that to happen again, and opening INT on 5-3 in the majors is seldom a smart idea. So you open one spade, as I did. At this point, the player at the next table asks partner why you haven't passed the boards yet. Surprise! *You're playing the same board again.* Not only that, *you've opened the same hand with two different bids!*

Partner's looking at you funny as you hastily replace the 1♠ card. What do you say now?

(Answer on page 37.)

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(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

If you were told to come here, partner has passed your last call and you're playing in some number of spades. LHO leads the Q♥.

Dummy: ♠ K5 ♥ 932 ♦ KJ84 ♣ AQ82

(Q♥ led)

(RHO plays the 6♥)

You: ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5

What do you think of the contract? Maybe diamonds is better? What's your plan? Potential problems include pulling trumps (neither defender has four or more), getting around the heart loser, avoiding losing to the queen of diamonds or the king of clubs. Can you devise a plan that gives you the best chance at all of these?

Make your choice and go to page 21.

Polski Klub Brydzowy



(Polish Bridge Club)

Polish Combatant Centre, 1134 Kingsway

Waldemar Jez 527-8854

Alternate Fridays at 7:30 pm

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

Jun 19: Last game before summer closure

Sept 4: Reopening Day!

Entertainment '98

Entertainment '98 books are still available! They contain hundreds of discounts and two-fers. You'll save on food, accommodation and more, in Vancouver, Victoria, Washington and beyond. Best of all, the proceeds from sales of these books help support bridge subsidy funding! It's an excellent holiday gift for friends and acquaintances.

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Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8
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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

NAOP Qualifying at the Bridge Centre! Nine chances to qualify from June 2 thru August 26. See page 33 for dates, times, and details.

Battle of the sexes? Canada's men's and ladies teams will play an exhibition match at the Bridge Centre on the weekend of July 3-5. Tentative plans at press time included a Vu-Graph panel show. Watch for details.

Sixth Anniversary Bash! The Bridge Centre's sixth anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday July 5, with a buffet of hors d'oeuvres at 5 pm, a charity auction to benefit the Inner Schools Poverty Project at 6:30 pm, and an Upgraded Club Championship at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 for the game, \$15 with the pre-game buffet. \$4 of this goes to the charity. *Guests of honour* for this occasion are the VBC "elder statesmen," *John Berry and Hushang Mohiadi.*

Hands Across The Border! The tenth annual Hands Across The Border buffet dinner and Swiss Teams is Sunday July 26 at the Arbutus Club, starting at 6pm. Pre-registration is necessary; call the VBC or Anne Nagy (271-0720). Help us greet these touring American bridge players at the VBC on Monday afternoon, July 27, at 1:00 pm, for the Can-Am Pairs.

Summer IMP League! The annual extravaganza begins June 29, and runs for five consecutive Mondays. Players may enter as individuals, pairs, or complete teams. Sign-up at the VBC today!

UPCOMING SEMI-REGULAR EVENTS

Monthly \$3 Bridge. Only \$3.00 per player! Monthly Saturday afternoon games for players with less than 100 masterpoints: 4 Jul, 1 Aug.

TGIF Bidding Contest nights. Last Friday each month, challenge the Bulletin's bidding gurus: 26 Jun, 31 Jul, 28 Aug.

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: 9 Jun, 14 Jul, 11 Aug.

RECENT WINNERS

Goofy Pairs Calcutta. 1. Roger Allen/Gina Diamond 2/3. Les Fouks/Joni Johnston, Gord Davis/Ram Hira 4/5. Elliot Netto/Mark Eddy, Anne-Marie Bullis/Mike Moffatt 6/7. Dianne Isfeld/Tom Markham, Ken Lochang/Marti Oppenheimer

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	12:30	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

SUMMER'S HERE AND WE HAVE STRONG AIR-CONDITIONING: DRESS WARMLY!

CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game Winners: 1. Lyn Westlund/Kenny Chan 2. Norman Dreger/Brad Bart 3. Waldermar Jez/Richard Wojtowicz 4. Nurdin & Shiraz Kassam 5. Vana Matthews/Eugene Chan 6. Gary Robar/Dee Kerr

HOLLYBURN BRIDGE CLUB

Hollyburn Country Club

950 Cross Creek, West Vancouver

Mondays at 7:30, by invitation only

Louis Landau 984-8309

Monthly open games beginning June 29

"Bridge With a View"

White Rock Bridge Club

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

Anne-Marie Bullis 525-5669 (June)

Arlene Browning 870-9300 (July on)

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Stratified games every night

May 20 Club Championship Winners:

A: Derek Ward/Don Sache

B: Chris Maylin/Terry Val Jean

C: Jacqui Thompson/Donna Cusson

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: June 3, 1998. 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	20 Jul	Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	23 Jun	Phyllis Gerber/Hal Rodd
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open, STR:1st	24 Jun	Kathy Adachi/Esither Freeman
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	17 Aug	Ken Cowherd/Len Feeny
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	1st: HCP, 3rd: Trophy Race Game		annual trophy points race; closed Jul 6-Aug 31
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	15 Jun	Axel & Margaret Schulmann
	7:30 pm	HBN	L. Landau	normally an invitational game,	now open once monthly: June 29, then closed till Sept.	
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-200, stratified	10 Aug	Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	B. Russell	stratified	18 Aug	Mike Manica/Dennis McMahon
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open; teams: 10 Jul	TBA	Joni Johnston/Rita Hasselbach
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebinger	open	16 Jun	Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	15 Sept	Haider Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	30 Jun	Shirley Fitterman/Ken Robertson
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	stratified, HCP: 8 Jun, 19 Aug	19 Aug	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	5 Aug	Linda Bell/Bud Creelman (repeat winners!)
	11:00 am	ABB	B. Percher	open	8 Jul	<i>new morning Valley game!</i>
	7:15 pm	WRK	A.M. Bullis	stratified	TBA	Derek Ward/Don Sache
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	24 Jun	Judith & Bob Wilson
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yalouz	open	12 Aug	Pat Stapff/Joerg Schnedier
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	9 Sept	Ed Hodaly/Walter Schmid
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	stratified: (2, 1, or 0 LMs)	15 Jul	Gord Davis/Brian Russell
Thu	10:30 am	DTA	P. Stapff	open, closed Jun 18-Aug 27	3 Sept	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	6 Aug	Harry Greenhut/Julien Lévesque
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open, teams: 25 Jun, 27 Aug	TBA	Randy Jordan/Shirley Leather
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	23 Jul	Dennis Huber/Gilles St. Pierre
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	0-20	27 Aug	Janet Maclean/Laurie Ailles
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	27 Aug	Al French/Gord Davis
Fri	12:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	10 Jul	Rocky Rockandel/Richard Smillie
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	18 Sept	Dennis Huber/Roselle Macrae
	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	TBA	Ron Groome/Elaine Levins
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party, last	10 Jul	Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez
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 Jun 6, Jul 4, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7. No site yet found for Suburbia MUG.		
Sun	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: 13 Sept	7 Jun, TBA	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	6:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	IMP Pairs, stratified	7 Jun, TBA	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline

GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game

STR=stratified game

LP=limited masterpoint game

IP=IMP Pairs scoring

X:n=closed on nth week of each month X:date=closed this date

1st, 2nd, last, etc.—only on the first, second last (or whatever)

week of each month (unless noted, all clubs that hold special

games once a month hold open games on all other weeks)

Games limited to club members and guests, and 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

June 10-August 31, 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

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.

11 Jun 10:30 DTA Final game before summer closure (reopens Sept 3)
 13 Jun both VBC Two Special STaC games: 1:00 and 7:30.

Date Time Club What's Happening

14 Jun 6:30 VBC Sorry, ChIMPs! Matchpoints tonight, so we can participate in the STaC!
 15 Jun 7:30 SQU Trophy Race Game
 18 Jun F.V Closed (Penticton Regional)
 19 Jun S-D Closed (Penticton Regional)
 19 Jun 7:30 PKB Bi-weekly Game (1997-98 Finale; reopens in September)
 24 Jun 10:30 HAS Club Championship Game
 24 Jun 7:15 VCR Club Championship Game
 25 Jun 7:15 F.V Swiss Teams
 25 Jun 7:30 VBC NAOP Qualifying Game
 26 Jun 7:30 VBC TGIF+ bidding contest
 29 Jun 7:30 CWK Stratified Game
 29 Jun 7:30 SQU Last game before summer closure (unconfirmed, call Lorraine Hurren—898-2702—to confirm)
 29 Jun 7:30 VBC NAOP Ft. C Qualifying Game
 29 Jun 7:30 VBC Summer IMP League begins (five weeks of Monday nights)
 30 Jun 7:30 BBY Charity Game
 1 Jul 10:00 VCR Canada Day Party Game: Ambleside Open Pairs
 3 Jul 7:30 NSW Monthly Team Game
 3-5 Jul VBC CBF National Team Training Sessions
 4 Jul 1:00 VBC \$3.00 Bridge (0-100 MP)
 4 Jul 6:30 VBC **Unit 430 1998 Annual General Meeting (July Monthly Unit Game follows at 7:30)**
 5 Jul 1:00 RMD Charity Game
 5 Jul 7:30 VBC **6th Anniversary Bash Upgraded Club Championship**
 6 Jul 7:15 SRY Stratified Game
 6 Jul 7:30 VBC Summer IMP League Week 2
 8 Jul 10:00 VCR Handicap Game
 8 Jul 11:00 ABB Club Championship Game
 8 Jul 7:30 VBC NAOP Qualifying Game
 10 Jul 12:30 VBC Club Championship Game
 10 Jul 7:30 S-D Swiss Teams
 10 Jul 7:30 VBC Club Championship Game
 11 Jul 10:00 VCR **2-session St. David's Charity Swiss (special day and time)**
 13 Jul 7:30 VBC Summer IMP League Week 3
 14 Jul 10:45 VBC \$1.49 day (if you bring a friend who has not played at the VBC in 30 days)
 14 Jul 10:45 VBC NAOP Qualifying Game

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

Abbr.	Club Name (* = non-ACBL)	Club Contact	Phone No.	Ad. page
ABB	Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252	22
BBY	Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445	22
C.R.	Central Richmond BC	Albert Yalouz	321-1891	9
CWK	Chilwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
DTA	Delta BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794	8
F.V.	Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	20
HAS	Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932	27
HBN	Hollyburn BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	17
JCC	Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196	33
MIS	Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
M.R.	Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	21
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289	22
PKB	Polish Bridge Club *	Waldemar Jez	527-8854	16
RMD	East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298	22
S-D	Sun-Del BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	20
S-W	South-West DBC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	20
SRY	South Surrey BC	Ariene Browning	870-9300	23
SQU	Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702	23
SUN	Sunshine Coast BC *	Rudy Notzl	885-5552	23
TSW	Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025	21
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone: 255-2564		17
VCR	Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	10
WRK	White Rock BC	Anne-Marie Bullis	525-5669	17

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening	Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
15 Jul	7:30	VBC	Club Championship Game	12 Aug	7:30	C.R	Club Championship Game
20 Jul	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game	17 Aug	10:45	BBY	Membership Game
20 Jul	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Week 4	17 Aug	7:30	CWK	Club Championship Game
21 Jul	11:00	S-W	ACBL Fund Game	17 Aug	7:30	VBC	NAOP Fit. C Qualifying Game
21 Jul	7:30	VBC	NAOP Qualifying Game	18 Aug	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game
23 Jul	7:15	F.V	ACBL Fund Game	19 Aug	10:00	VCR	Handicap Club Championship
23 Jul	7:30	MIS	Club Championship Game	20 Aug	7:30	VBC	NAOP Qualifying
24 Jul	7:30	S-D	ACBL Fund Game	26 Aug	7:30	VBC	NAOP Qualifying Game
24 Jul	7:30	VBC	International Fund Game	27 Aug	7:15	F.V	Swiss Teams
26 Jul 6:00			10th Annual Hands Across The Border Dinner and Swiss Teams at the Arbutus Club. Pre-register at the Bridge Centre or by calling Anne Nagy (271-0720).	27 Aug	7:30	VBC	Two Club Championship Games (open and 0-20)
27 Jul 1:00		VBC	Hands Across The Border Can-Am Pairs (note special time)	28 Aug	7:30	ABB	ACBL Charity Game
27 Jul	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game	28 Aug	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
27 Jul	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Finale	28 Aug	7:30	VBC	TGIF + bidding contest
29 Jul	7:30	M-R	ACBL Charity Game	31 Aug	7:15	SRY	Club Championship Game
31 Jul	7:30	VBC	TGIF + bidding contest	31 Aug	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
1 Aug	1:00	VBC	\$3.00 Bridge (0-100 MP)				
1 Aug 7:30		VBC	Monthly Unit Game				
3 Aug	10:00	VCR	BC Day Charity Pairs				
3 Aug	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game				
5 Aug	10:45	VBC	Club Championship (0-50)				
6 Aug	11:00	JCC	Club Championship				
6 Aug	7:30	F.V	NAOP Qualifying Game				
7 Aug	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game				
10 Aug	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200)				
11 Aug	10:45	VBC	\$1.49 day (if you bring a friend who has not played at the VBC in 30 days)				

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
3 Sep	11:00	DTA	Club Championship (first day back after summer closure)
5 Sep 7:30		VBC	Monthly Unit Game
6 Sep	1:00	RMD	Club Championship Game
7 Sep	10:00	VCR	Labour Day Charity Pairs
9 Sep	7:30	M-R	Club Championship Game
13 Sep —		RMD	Closed for Sectional
16 Sep	7:15	VCR	Club Championship
18 Sep	7:30	ABB	Club Championship
23 Sep	10:00	VCR	Club Championship

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
ACBL Fund Games:	July 21	July 23	July 24
Swiss Teams:		June 25, August 27	July 10
Penticton Regional:	OPEN June 16	Closed June 18	Closed June 19
Other Notes:	Club Championship dates will appear in the August Matchpointer		

The Cover Hand Chronicles

South Dealer N-S Vulnerable	NORTH ♠ AQJ842 ♥ A5 ♦ AT73 ♣ 5	What were you in? Did you make it?
WEST ♠ 973 ♥ KT764 ♦ 92 ♣ K94	SOUTH ♠ K5 ♥ 932 ♦ KJ84 ♣ AQ82	EAST ♠ T6 ♥ QJ8 ♦ Q65 ♣ JT763

(This is part of the bridge movie starting on page one.)

If you played 3NT, you must accept -100 if you finessed the Q♣ at trick nine, losing four hearts and a club. If you won the ace, you get +630 for cashing your two diamond winners, +660 for finessing through East, +600 for finessing through West.

If you played in diamonds, it's not a lucky day for you: the best line fails. Console yourself with an unlucky eleven tricks if you played the two top diamonds and then tried to pitch two hearts from hand before they ruff in. Unlucky: the player with three diamonds had only two spades, so they always get one trick in each red suit on this line. Visionaries may claim twelve tricks if they bet on East to hold the Q♦, but if your vision was obstructed

and you finessed the other way you get only eleven. The lucky (but inferior, we think) line is to win the A♥ and play the trump ace only, then start spades. Now when East ruffs the third spade you can overruff and get back for the rest by drawing the last trump and ruffing a club to dummy. There's even a trump left in the dummy for a heart ruff so you make thirteen tricks on this line.

If you played in spades, did you spot the extra chance? If you can drop the K♣ in either hand in three rounds, you need not worry about the Q♦. If you pull trumps first you can't later try the club play because there aren't enough entries. You must win the heart, lead the A♠, ruff a club in hand, king of spades, ruff another club. If the K♣ drops you can pull trumps and get back to the board with the K♦ and pitch a heart on the Q♣. (Anyone who makes 1460 on this line by returning to dummy with the finesse of the J♦ should be barred for life from team play!)

By the way, partner certainly might have rebid 1NT, but without any sort of heart stopper and a perfectly good club suit to rebid, the 2♣ call is understandable. If your rebid was 2♣ or a game forcing 3♦, partner did well not to bid 3♠. You might have interpreted that as 3-card support for spades and heart shortness.

How did you fare? Here come the teammates...

Go to page 22 to see how you did.

Tsawassen Bridge Club

South Delta Rec Centre 1720-56th Street, Delta

Finn Schultz 534-5025

Mondays 7:30 pm

Club Championship June 15

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

Aug 17: Club Championship
 ACBL Charity Game Winners:
 Carol Hames/Louise Percher

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
 Complex: 11940 224th St.
 Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
 July 29: ACBL Charity Game
 Sept 9: Club Championship

Mission

Leisure Centre
 7621 Taulbut Ave.
 Thursdays at 7:30 pm
 July 23:
 Club Championship

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
 2478 McCallum Road
 Wednesdays at 11:00 am
 and Fridays at 7:30 pm
 Aug 28: ACBL Charity Game

All Valley Evening clubs will run the
 District-wide STaC June 8-14.

New daytime game in Abbotsford!
 Wednesdays at 11am: see you there!

Sectional Masterpoint Trophy Races

(After Spring Sectional)

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Gerry McCully 40.27

2. Felipe Hernandez 40.21
3. Aidan Ballantyne 39.35
4. Dan Jacob 34.72
5. Michael Neagu 29.08
6. Gord McOrmond 25.48
7. Haiderali Nazak 24.39
8. Ken Scholes 23.79
9. Larry Pocock 23.73
10. Gord Davis 23.38
11. Brad Bart 23.32
12. Larry Hicks 22.19
13. Peter Herold 21.11

14. Pauline Lee 20.56
14. William Sit 20.56
16. Don Sache 20.22
17. Maureen Newcombe 19.81
18. Les Fouks 19.38
19. Sandra Jenkins 18.92
20. Michael Hargreaves 18.64
21. Lynne Radcliffe 17.86
21. Barry Harper 17.86
23. Dave Schmidt 17.78
24. Rhonda Foster 17.77
25. Doug Strachan 17.25

Edith Bonnell Trophy

1. Pauline Lee 20.56
2. Maureen Newcombe 19.81
3. Sandra Jenkins 18.92
4. Lynne Radcliffe 17.86
5. Rhonda Foster 17.77
6. Dot Carnegie 14.58
7. Gloria Prescott 14.56
8. Jean Groome 13.82
9. June Pocock 13.23
10. Kathy Adachi 12.45
11. Lauren Holley 11.64
12. Bernice French 11.56
13. Roselle McRae 11.42
14. Pat Landau 10.31
15. Mary Lou Bert 10.12

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. William Sit 20.56
2. Mark Rojewski 14.48
3. Barry Kirkham 14.01
4. Martin Henneberger 13.64
5. Andy Hellquist 11.49
5. Greg Morse 11.49
7. Brian Lee 11.42
8. Noorali Dhahani 9.99
9. Jane Fyfe 9.22
10. Joan Sobieniak 8.81
10. Sharon Hughes 8.81
12. Greg Lam 8.40
13. Hooshang Vessal 7.61
14. Ewa Wroblewicz 7.60
14. Waldemar Jez 7.60

Leo Steil Trophy

1. Haiderali Nazak 24.39
2. Gordon Davis 23.38
3. Pauline Lee 20.56
4. Maureen Newcombe 19.81
5. Joerg Schneider 15.29
6. Nurdin Kassam 15.10
7. Derek Ward 14.62
8. Dot Carnegie 14.58
9. Barry Kirkham 14.01
10. Nathan Divinsky 13.94
11. Ernie Dietrich 13.82
12. Wilf May 12.85
13. Kathy Adachi 12.45
14. Bernice French 11.56
15. Ram Hira 11.34

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 Partners Guaranteed

RECENT BIG GAMES

John McDonald/Ina Andersen, Mar. 9, 65.63%

Chris Maylin/Chris Robbins, Mar. 30, 65.38%

Rita Hasselbach/Isabel Chernoff, Apr 6, 64.90%

Terry and Frances Gould, Apr 13, 66.37%

Rekha Shah/Pat Wotherspoon, Apr 27, 69.44%

Club Championship, May 11:

Kathy Adachi/Esther Freeman, 64.50%

Squamish Bridge Club

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The Richter Scale

Big Games in Unit 430

This list, thanks to a lot of work by Louis Landau, Harry Friedman, Dan Webster, several Club Managers and McBruce, contains most of the Unit's big club games since the start of 1998. They are divided into three groups:

Earthquakes include any game of at least 70% in matchpoints or +70 in IMP Pairs. It also includes any game of 65% or more (or +65 or more in IMP Pairs) where boards are played at least eight times.

Tremors include any game of 65% or more (or +65 in IMP Pairs) not qualifying for the Earthquake list. It also includes any game of 60-64.99% (or +60 to +64 in IMP Pairs) where boards are played at least eight times.

Other Seismic Events include all of the rest of the games which are at least 60% (or +60 or better in IMPs) but do not qualify as tremors. Also eligible for this category, although none were reported: Swiss Team records of 65% or

more of the possible Victory Points, or a Win-Loss record with only wins or winning ties.

The minimum of "boards played eight times" for some categories reflects the fact that it is easier to get a big score in a small game. IMP Scores are sorted into the lists in this way: each IMP after plus 65 is worth 1/4 IMP more, and the result is compared to matchpoint percentages.

We think the 400 games represented here are about 75% of all games that qualify. Some clubs sent only their 65+ games, and some did not respond. We will print the top Earthquakes so far in 1998 in each issue, and print all new games we receive, of whatever category. We hope that Club Managers will begin a list of all such games (even when there are more than one in a session.) What the sorting program needs is this: the names of the players, their score, the average score, the date, the day of the week and whether it was a morning or evening game, and the club name. The sorting program assumes boards were played 8 times or more if average is over 100. So you need not report what was top on a board.

Top 20 1998 Earthquakes! (so far)

- 1) Roselle MacRae/Dan Webster, 77.08% (Wed May 6 (am), ABB)
- 2) Mas & Sachi Yamakami, 76.92% (Thu May 7 (pm), VBC [0-20])
- 3) Janet MacLean/Laurie Ailles, 75.00% (Thu Mar 26 (pm), VBC [0-20])
- 4) Andrew Ross/Mohammed Dadbeh, 71.96% (Wed Apr 29 (pm), VCR)
- 5) C.C. Lai/Arthur Ma, 71.06% (Fri Jan 9 (pm), VBC)
- 6) Joni Johnston/Rita Hasselbach, 70.60% (Tue Apr 7 (am), S-W)
- 7) Cliff & Pat Glen, 70.49% (Wed Jan 28 (am), VCR)
- 8) Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 74.17% (Wed Jan 14 (am), VBC [0-50])
- 9) Duane Tilden/John Berry, 73.81% (Thu Feb 5 (pm), VBC)
- 10) Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut, +90 IMPs (Sun Feb 1 (pm), VBC)
- 11) Duane Tilden/Elliott Netto, 73.11% (Thu Feb 12 (pm), VBC)
- 12) Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, +87 IMPs (Sun Apr 26 (pm), VBC)
- 13) Joe Balog/Sue Wilks, 72.92% (Thu Mar 26 (pm), VBC [0-20])
- 14) Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 72.68% (Wed Apr 22 (am), VBC [0-50])
- 15) Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 72.08% (Mon Jan 19 (pm), VBC [0-200])
- 16) Ken Cowherd/Brian Lee, 71.58% (Mon Jan 12 (pm), CWK)
- 17) Don Keith/Christa Mead, 70.83% (Wed Mar 25 (pm), VBC)
- 18) Richmond Williams/Ilim Groves, 70.58% (Mon Mar 16 (pm), CWK)
- 19) Dennis Huber/Louise Percher, 70.42% (Mon Mar 30 (pm), CWK)
- 20) Pat Carruthers/Joan Olsen, 70.29% (Mon May 4 (pm), CWK)

Other Earthquakes!

- Dan Webster/Dave Schmidt, 70.19% (Mon Feb 16 (pm), CWK)
Haider Nazak/Nurdin Kassam, 70.13% (Tue Apr 28 (pm), BBY)
Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai, 70.08% (Tue Apr 21 (pm), BBY)
Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda, 69.44% (Mon Apr 13 (am), VCR)
Donna Morrison/Angela Fenton, 69.39% (Wed Jan 7 (pm), VCR)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 69.21% (Tue Feb 3 (am), S-W)
Shirley McKinney/Julie Smith, 69.19% (Mon Apr 27 (am), VCR)
Sheila Dickie/Len Feery, 68.94% (Sat Mar 7 (pm), MUG)
Arthur Ma/Victor Bennington, 68.75% (Wed Mar 25 (pm), VCR)
Larry Pocock/Wilf May, 68.65% (Tue May 12 (pm), VBC)
Marina Page/Amir Alibhai, 68.53% (Mon Jan 12 (am), VCR)
Ev Hodge/Pat Landau, 68.53% (Wed Jan 14 (pm), VCR)
Maria & Adam Dabrowski, 68.42% (Mon Apr 6 (am), VCR)

- Claire Burns/Malcolm McDonald, 68.11% (Wed May 20 (am), VCR)
Monica Angus/Olive MacDonald, 67.59% (Thu Feb 19 (pm), F.V)
Thelma Hofstede/Rita Hasselbach, 67.56% (Tue Mar 31 (am), S-W)
John Ashwell/Stella Alliston, 67.31% (Mon Mar 2 (am), VCR)
Claire Burns/Kay Funahashi, 66.90% (Mon Jan 19 (am), VCR)
Bob Butler/Adam Dabrowski, 66.67% (Wed Jan 7 (am), VCR)
Rose & Keith Miller, 66.67% (Wed Feb 11 (pm), VCR)
Maria & Adam Dabrowski, 66.62% (Mon Mar 30 (am), VCR)
Olive MacDonald/Sheila Dickie, 66.51% (Wed Apr 1 (pm), C.R)
Maria & Adam Dabrowski, 66.51% (Mon Feb 23 (am), VCR)
Marina Page/Maria Dabrowski, 66.44% (Wed Feb 4 (am), VCR)
Andrew Ross/George Bell, 66.35% (Wed May 6 (pm), VCR)
Terry Scott/Marina Page, 66.26% (Wed Mar 18 (pm), VCR)
Gladys Mackie/Bernice Selander, 66.20% (Tue Feb 10 (am), S-W)
Amad Rafii/Farivar Sahihi, 66.19% (Mon May 25 (am), VCR)
Pat Stapff/Joerg Schneider, 66.03% (Wed May 13 (pm), C.R)
Elaine Ryan/Linda Sims, 65.97% (Fri Jan 16 (pm), VBC)
Ashley Krisman/Les Fouks, 65.87% (Wed Apr 22 (pm), C.R)
Ron Christensen/Sheila Dickie, 65.87% (Fri May 8 (pm), VBC)
Laurence Betts/Ron Ohmart, 65.87% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), VBC)
Dan Watson/Don Sache, 65.74% (Tue Apr 7 (pm), VBC)
Marina Page/Maria Dabrowski, 65.71% (Wed Feb 11 (am), VCR)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 65.71% (Fri May 1 (pm), VBC)
Stella Alliston/Joyce Peters, 65.54% (Wed Mar 11 (am), VCR)
Amad Rafii/Maria Dabrowski, 65.54% (Wed May 13 (am), VCR)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 65.51% (Tue Jan 6 (am), S-W)
Narinder Malhotra/Arun Chopra, 65.46% (Sun (am), RMD)
Suzette Bahar/Yvonne Kian, 65.45% (Mon Mar 23 (am), VCR)
Herby Lum/George Bell, 65.22% (Fri Jan 2 (pm), VBC)
John Berry/H.K. Ho, 65.11% (Tue May 5 (pm), VBC)
Suzette Bahar/Joyce Peters, 65.06% (Mon May 11 (am), VCR)

Tremors!

- Greg Arbour/Hoshang Shroff, 69.63% (Tue May 12 (am), VBC)
Rekha Shah/Pat Wotherspoon, 69.44% (Mon Apr 27 (pm), SRY)
Theresa Kong/May Winram, 69.39% (Wed Mar 25 (am), VBC [0-50])

More Tremors!

Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 69.17% (Mon Mar 9 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Alex Jack/Anne-Marie Bullis, 69.00% (Fri May 8 (am), VBC)
Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 68.89% (Wed Jan 7 (am), VBC [0-50])
Anne & Larry Perkins, 68.75% (Thu Mar 19 (pm), VBC [0-20])
Ken Cowherd/Roselle MacRae, 68.75% (Fri Mar 6 (pm), ABB)
Pat Carruthers/Laverne Kittilson, 68.75% (Tue Apr 21 (am), VBC)
Roland Perron/Ernie Dietrich, 68.75% (Thu May 7 (am), DTA)
Dave Butler/Audrey Simons, 68.75% (Fri Jan 9 (am), VBC)
Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez, 68.15% (Mon Feb 2 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Wilf May/Sherman Kwan, 68.15% (Fri Mar 20 (pm), S-D)
Walter Schmid/Murray Clements, 68.15% (Fri Mar 13 (pm), ABB)
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux, 68.06% (Wed Apr 29 (pm), M-R)
Ken Cowherd/Len Feeny, 67.86% (Mon Feb 9 (pm), CWK)
George Wood/Bob Percher, 67.86% (Wed Jan 21 (pm), M-R)
Joni Johnston/Rita Hasselbach, 67.86% (Tue May 5 (am), S-W)
Ken Cowherd/Len Feeny, 67.84% (Mon Apr 20 (pm), CWK)
Carol Hames/Louise Percher, 67.56% (Mon Apr 6 (pm), CWK)
Dominique Baker/Theresa Kong, 67.56% (Mon Jan 26 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 67.51% (Mon May 4 (pm), CWK)
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux, 67.46% (Wed Feb 18 (pm), M-R)
Roselle MacRae/Dan Webster, 67.41% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), ABB)
Roselle MacRae/Dan Webster, 67.36% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), ABB)
Jim Groves/Dave Schmidt, 67.26% (Mon Feb 2 (pm), CWK)
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 67.19% (Thu Jan 15 (pm), MIS)
Roland Perron/Ernie Dietrich, 67.00% (Thu Apr 2 (am), DTA)
Ken Cowherd/Roselle MacRae, 66.67% (Thu Jan 29 (pm), MIS)
Kay Schmadi/Garry Robar, 66.67% (Thu Apr 16 (pm), VBC [0-20])
Fee Yeung/John Horne, 66.67% (Tue May 26 (am), S-W)
Wilf May/Doug Hansford, 66.67% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), S-D)
Marilyn Martin/Diana Marr, 66.41% (Wed Apr 15 (am), VBC [0-50])
Terry & Frances Gould, 66.37% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), SRY)
Don Keith/Ruby Jackson, 66.25% (Wed Mar 4 (pm), VBC)
Duane Tilden/Brian Russell, 66.25% (Tue Mar 3 (am), VBC)
Duane Tilden/Elliott Netto, 66.07% (Thu Mar 12 (pm), VBC)
Joyce Rhodes/Diane Ayukawa, 66.07% (Thu Feb 26 (pm), VBC)
Don Keith/Christa Mead, 66.00% (Wed Apr 15 (pm), VBC)
Flora Tereposky/Laurie Cowan, 65.97% (Wed Apr 22 (pm), M-R)
Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 65.94% (Wed Jan 28 (am), VBC [0-50])
Ryan Park/Kay Schmadi, 65.90% (Mon Apr 20 (pm), VBC [0-200])
H.K. Ho/Kenny Chan, 65.83% (Wed Mar 11 (pm), VBC)
Gray McMullin/Kal Kaleem, 65.77% (Tue Jan 27 (pm), VBC)
Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 65.67% (Wed Mar 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
John McDonald/Ina Andersen, 65.63% (Mon Mar 9 (pm), SRY)
Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 65.63% (Wed Apr 1 (am), VBC [0-50])
Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 65.56% (Wed Mar 4 (am), VBC [0-50])
Ken Robertson/Shirley Fitterman, 65.56% (Tue Feb 10 (pm), VBC)
Delphine Tablotney/Phyllis Gerber, 65.51% (Wed Apr 6 (am), HAS)
Connie Schmid/Graham Ireland, 65.48% (Wed Mar 11 (pm), M-R)
Anneliese Rohde/Parvin Gregg, 65.44% (Wed Apr 8 (am), VBC [0-50])
Bob Kiggins/Ric Sumner, 65.42% (Wed Mar 25 (pm), VBC)
Joerg Schneider/Hazel Stowards, 65.38% (Thu May 21 (am), DTA)
Chris Maylin/Chris Robbins, 65.38% (Mon Mar 30 (pm), SRY)
Margaret Benoit/Mariene McCabe, 65.28% (Wed Feb 25 (pm), M-R)
Murray Clements/Brian Lee, 65.19% (Thu Feb 26 (pm), MIS)
Marylou Varga/Adele Mackay, 65.18% (Mon May 4 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Marilyn Martin/Diana Marr, 65.00% (Wed Mar 18 (am), VBC [0-50])
Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 65.00% (Wed Feb 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
Dan Webster/Carol Hames, 65.00% (Mon Apr 27 (pm), CWK)
Stan Luciw/Marie Cahill, 65.00% (Wed Feb 4 (am), VBC [0-50])
Dave Johnson/Keith Bolton, 64.98% (Wed Mar 26 (pm), C.R)
Ron Christensen/Sheila Dickie, 64.90% (Fri Apr 3 (pm), VBC)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 64.81% (Tue Jan 20 (am), S-W)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 64.60% (Tue May 12 (pm), VBC)
Martin Henneberger/Brad Bart, 64.58% (Thu Apr 23 (pm), F.V)
Bob Kiggins/Lynn Walker, 64.58% (Fri May 1 (pm), VBC)
Claire Burns/Kay Funahashi, 64.58% (Mon May 4 (am), VCR)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 64.42% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), VBC)
Les Fouks/Gerry McCully, 64.35% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), VBC)
Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald, 64.35% (Fri Mar 13 (pm), S-D)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 64.35% (Tue Feb 10 (am), S-W)
Elliott Netto/Ken Lochang, 64.26% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), VBC)
Sheila Sache/John Horne, 64.12% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), S-D)
Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald, 63.89% (Fri Jan 9 (pm), S-D)
Ron Groome/Elaine Levins, 63.89% (Fri May 8 (pm), S-D)
George Bell/Mike Manica, 63.46% (Sat May 2 (pm), MUG)
Kenny Chan/Lynne Westlund, 63.43% (Wed Apr 1 (pm), VBC)
Tchavdar Dangaltchev/Anne-Marie Bullis, 63.43% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), VBC)
Aban & Bob Gerrie, 63.43% (Fri Apr 17 (pm), VBC)
Maureen Newcomb/Doug Strachan, 63.30% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), VBC)
Tchavdar Dangaltchev/Anne-Marie Bullis, 63.30% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), VBC)
Wilf May/Kathy Adachi, 63.20% (Sat Apr 4 (pm), MUG)
Martin Henneberger/Dee Kerr, 63.19% (Fri Jan 9 (pm), VBC)
Don Brazeau/Elliott Netto, 63.19% (Fri Jan 30 (pm), VBC)
Les Baldys/Pirtal Gill, 63.14% (Sat Feb 14 (pm), MUG)
Brad Bart/Norman Dreger, 63.07% (Wed Apr 1 (pm), VBC)
Joni Johnston/Bernice Selander, 62.96% (Tue Feb 3 (am), S-W)
Yuko Fujieda/Jeannette Greenhut, 62.96% (Sun Apr 12 (am), RMD)
Eugene Chan/Andrew Ross, 62.82% (Sat Feb 14 (pm), MUG)
Elliott Netto/Ken Robertson, 62.82% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), VBC)
Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist, 62.68% (Tue May 5 (pm), VBC)
Waldemar Jez/Richard Wojtowicz, 62.55% (Wed Apr 1 (pm), VBC)
Kathy Adachi/John McDonald, 62.50% (Thu Feb 5 (pm), F.V)
Robert Sauve/Pete Walton, 62.50% (Thu May 14 (pm), F.V)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 62.50% (Thu Apr 9 (pm), F.V)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 62.50% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), VBC)
Laurence Betts/Ron Ohmart, 62.50% (Fri Jan 30 (pm), VBC)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 62.50% (Thu Mar 5 (pm), F.V)
Mike Manica/George Bell, 62.50% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), VBC)
Kelvin Raywood/Kristin Orians, 62.34% (Fri Mar 20 (pm), VBC)
Thelma Hofstede/Esther Freeman, 62.27% (Tue Apr 7 (am), S-W)
Ev Hodge/Donna Morrison, 62.17% (Wed Apr 22 (pm), VCR)
Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafler, 62.04% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), VBC)
Ken Danielsen/Harvey Sawyer, 62.04% (Fri May 8 (pm), S-D)
Pat Landau/Mary Fines, 62.02% (Sat May 2 (pm), MUG)
John & Trudy Hurdle, 61.86% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), VBC)
Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully, 61.86% (Fri Apr 3 (pm), VBC)
Tai Eng/Insa Fricker, 61.57% (Fri Jan 16 (pm), S-D)
Randy Jordan/Shirley Teather, 61.57% (Thu May 7 (pm), F.V)
Sandra Robson/Marion Crowhurst, 61.57% (Fri Jan 16 (pm), VBC)
Ron Christensen/Sheila Dickie, 61.54% (Fri May 1 (pm), VBC)
George Bell/Anne-Marie Bullis, 61.54% (Sat Apr 4 (pm), MUG)
Janis & Nick Parker, 61.46% (Sat Jan 3 (pm), MUG)
Brian Johnson/Ron Christensen, 61.22% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), VBC)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 61.11% (Tue Jan 27 (am), S-W)
Don Sache/Doug Hansford, 61.11% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), S-D)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 60.94% (Tue May 5 (pm), VBC)
Don Brazeau/Jim leNobel, 60.90% (Fri Mar 27 (pm), VBC)

Still More Tremors!

C.C. Lai/Arthur Ma, 60.90% (Fri Mar 6 (pm), VBC)
Jennifer Ballantyne/George Bell, 60.88% (Tue Mar 10 (pm), VBC)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 60.65% (Thu Feb 12 (pm), F.V)
Diane Plante/Gilbert Lambert, 60.65% (Thu Feb 12 (pm), F.V)
James le Nobel/Laureen Holley, 60.65% (Fri Jan 16 (pm), VBC)
Nurdin & Shiraz Kassam, 60.61% (Wed Apr 1 (pm), VBC)
Patti Adams/John Whittlesey, 60.58% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), VBC)
Andy Mezei/Eleanor Webb, 60.42% (Tue Feb 10 (am), S-W)
Tchavdar Dangaltchev/Anne-Marie Bullis, 60.42% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), VBC)
Ken Robertson/Shirley Fitterman, 60.42% (Tue Jan 20 (pm), VBC)
Janis & Nick Parker, 60.42% (Sat Mar 7 (pm), MUG)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 60.26% (Fri Feb 27 (pm), VBC)
Geraldine LaCroix/Ann Ecclestone, 60.19% (Wed Apr 29 (am), VCR)
Gary Scollon/Craig Dunning, 60.19% (Tue Jan 20 (am), S-W)
Janis & Nick Parker, 60.19% (Fri Jan 9 (pm), S-D)
Tomie Yamanouchi/Beryl Hamilton, 60.19% (Thu May 14 (pm), F.V)
Felipe Hernandez/Brad Bart, 60.19% (Tue Mar 10 (pm), VBC)
Roman Woroch/Gilbert Lambert, 60.19% (Thu May 7 (pm), F.V)
Marcia Christie/June Pocock, 60.16% (Thu Mar 5 (pm), F.V)
Kathy Bye/Mona Taylor, 60.10% (Sat Jan 3 (pm), MUG)
Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully, 60.10% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), VBC)
Donna Morrison/Ev Hodge, 60.07% (Sat Jan 3 (pm), MUG)

Other Seismic Events

Brad Barton/Irini Tichy, 64.95% (Tue Feb 17 (am), VBC)
Connie & Walter Schmid, 64.94% (Thu Mar 26 (pm), MIS)
Rita Hasselbach/Isabel Chernoff, 64.90% (Mon Apr 6 (pm), SRY)
Tom Cross/Andrew Ross, 64.88% (Thu Mar 19 (pm), VBC)
Martin Henneberger/Parvin Gregg, 64.88% (Mon Feb 2 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 64.88% (Mon Jan 26 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Theresa Kong/Dominique Baker, 64.86% (Wed Feb 25 (am), VBC [0-50])
Richmond Williams/Carol Hames, 64.81% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), ABB)
Dee Kerr/H.K. Ho, 64.78% (Tue Apr 21 (pm), VBC)
Marcia Christie/June Pocock, 64.58% (Tue Apr 28 (pm), VBC)
Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan, 64.58% (Mon Mar 2 (pm), CWK)
Flora Tereposky/Mike Moffatt, 64.58% (Fri Feb 2 (pm), ABB)
Doug & Donna Steinson, 64.58% (Mon Mar 30 (pm), CWK)
Denny Gibson/George Wood, 64.58% (Fri Jan 30 (pm), ABB)
Kathy Adachi/Esther Freeman, 64.50% (Mon May 11 (pm), SRY)
Shirley Fitterman/Leanne Greenhut, 64.48% (Thu Jan 22 (pm), VBC)
Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 64.44% (Wed Feb 4 (am), VBC [0-50])
Richmond Williams/Andrew Faulkner, 64.44% (Fri Apr 17 (pm), ABB)
Vicki Croome/Waldemar Jez, 64.41% (Mon Apr 27 (pm), VBC)
Gordon & Linda J. Lee, 64.38% (Wed Apr 1 (am), VBC [0-50])
Leslie Gold/Marcia Christie, 64.37% (Tue Mar 24 (am), S-W)
Chris & Gina Diamond, 64.35% (Sat Jan 10 (pm), VBC)
Doug Hansford/John McDonald, 64.29% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), S-D)
Ernie Dietrich/Harry Friedman, 64.29% (Thu Jan 29 (pm), F.V)
Kenny Chan/Hushang Mohtadi, 64.17% (Wed Mar 18 (pm), VBC)
Beverley Cullen/Mary Curbould, 64.12% (Wed Apr 6 (am), HAS)
William Ge/Philip Chen, 64.00% (Fri Apr 3 (am), VBC)
Matthew Bagdan/Ewa Wroblewicz, 64.00% (Wed Apr 22 (pm), VBC)
Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan, 63.99% (Mon Jan 5 (pm), CWK)
Connie Schmid/Graham Ireland, 63.89% (Wed Apr 8 (pm), M-R)
Anne & Sandor Molnar, 63.89% (Wed Feb 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
Badie Foroughi/Hsiang Li, 63.89% (Wed Feb 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
Keith & Nora Siddall, 63.75% (Fri Feb 6 (am), VBC)
Ken Robertson/Shirley Fitterman, 63.75% (Tue Mar 10 (am), VBC)

Anne & Sandor Molnar, 63.72% (Wed May 6 (am), VBC [0-50])
Pat Carruthers/Arlene Browning, 63.70% (Fri Apr 3 (pm), ABB)
Dennis McMahon/Michael Neagu, 63.69% (Tue Feb 24 (pm), VBC)
Larry Chequis/George Wood, 63.54% (Wed Feb 11 (pm), M-R)
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 63.54% (Mon Jan 19 (pm), CWK)
Dan Watson/Doug Thomas, 63.49% (Tue Mar 31 (pm), VBC)
John Horne/Audrey Dorais, 63.39% (Tue Apr 28 (am), S-W)
Martin Henneberger/H.K. Ho, 63.39% (Wed May 6 (pm), VBC)
Norma Saltzberg/Nicki Croome, 63.39% (Mon May 4 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Gord Davis/Marguerite Chiarenza, 63.33% (Thu Mar 26 (pm), VBC)
Dennis McMahon/Mike Manica, 63.33% (Tue Apr 28 (am), VBC)
Anneliese Rohde/Marguerite Miller, 63.28% (Wed Jan 21 (am), VBC [0-50])
Ken Lochang/Marti Oppenheimer, 63.19% (Wed Feb 11 (pm), VBC)
Gilles St. Pierre/Denis Lefebvre, 63.19% (Thu Apr 2 (pm), MIS)
Mas & Sachi Yamakami, 63.19% (Thu Apr 23 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 63.13% (Mon Feb 23 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Martin Henneberger/Parvin Gregg, 63.00% (Mon Jan 12 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Sophie Zimbalista/Rolf Zaar, 62.98% (Wed Mar 25 (am), VBC [0-50])
Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 62.92% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Toyo Nunoda/Mona Miller-Tait, 62.92% (Tue Feb 24 (am), VBC)
Dominique Baker/Theresa Kong, 62.88% (Mon Feb 16 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Dave Schmidt/Lois Mazuren, 62.80% (Mon Jan 26 (pm), CWK)
Harry Greenhut/Noorali Dhahani, 62.80% (Mon May 4 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist, 62.80% (Mon May 11 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Henry Lew/David Yee, 62.72% (Wed Jan 28 (am), VBC [0-50])
John Horne/Audrey Dorais, 62.70% (Tue Feb 24 (am), S-W)
Felipe Hernandez/Brad Bart, 62.59% (Thu Jan 29 (pm), VBC)
Pat Carruthers/Joan Olsen, 62.59% (Fri Apr 10 (pm), ABB)
Maggie Warren/Judy Acheson, 62.54% (Tue Feb 24 (am), S-W)
Jill Wainborn/Beryl Hamilton, 62.50% (Thu Apr 2 (pm), F.V)
Jim Sache/Len Feeny, 62.50% (Mon Mar 2 (pm), CWK)
Eileen & Roy Van Pelt, 62.50% (Fri May 1 (pm), ABB)
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 62.50% (Tue Jan 7 (pm), VBC)
Eileen & Roy Van Pelt, 62.50% (Fri Apr 17 (pm), ABB)
David Yee/Hsiang Li, 62.50% (Sat Jan 10 (am), VBC [0-100])
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 62.50% (Thu Feb 19 (pm), MIS)
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 62.50% (Tue Mar 3 (am), S-W)
Connie Schmid/Jessie Blake, 62.50% (Fri Jan 23 (pm), ABB)
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux, 62.50% (Wed Jan 28 (pm), M-R)
Lorraine Brown/Rosemary Sontowski, 62.50% (Wed Apr 8 (pm), M-R)
Don Keith/Christa Mead, 62.50% (Wed Jan 7 (pm), VBC)
Kelvin Raywood/Kristin Orians, 62.50% (Wed May 6 (pm), VBC)
Cathy & Sam Miller, 62.50% (Thu Mar 19 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Tai Eng/Insa Fricker, 62.43% (Fri Mar 6 (pm), S-D)
Dorothy Copp/Patricia Marshall, 62.38% (Mon Feb 9 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Arnold McCombs/Margaret Bant, 62.35% (Mon Mar 9 (pm), CWK)
Waldemar Jez/Andrew Zorawski, 62.33% (Mon Feb 16 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 62.22% (Wed Feb 4 (am), VBC [0-50])
Martin Henneberger/Brad Bart, 62.20% (Thu May 21 (pm), F.V)
Bob Percher/Danny Sopkow, 62.20% (Mon Apr 6 (pm), CWK)
Joni Johnston/Bill Kennedy, 62.18% (Tue May 26 (am), S-W)
Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar, 62.12% (Tue Mar 24 (am), S-W)
Mike Pope/Teddy Steede/Mechler, 62.08% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Bob Costello/Mary Luther, 62.00% (Thu Apr 23 (pm), MIS)
Dominique Baker/Theresa Kong, 62.00% (Mon Jan 12 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Max Simchowit/Tom Markham, 62.00% (Mon Jan 5 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Norma Saltzberg/Barry Wade, 61.90% (Mon Feb 2 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu, 61.90% (Tue Jan 27 (pm), VBC)
Doug Thomas/Dan Watson, 61.90% (Thu May 21 (pm), F.V)

More Seismic Activity

Randy Jordan/Grace Jeklin, 61.90% (Thu Jan 29 (pm), F-V)
Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald, 61.90% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), S-D)
Roman Woroch/Thony Stiennon, 61.90% (Fri May 1 (pm), S-D)
Doug Hansford/Ken Danielsen, 61.90% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), S-D)
Richmond Williams/Louise Percher, 61.90% (Wed May 13 (am), ABB)
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 61.90% (Mon Mar 2 (pm), CWK)
Flora Tereposky/Laurie Cowan, 61.90% (Wed Mar 11 (pm), M-R)
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux, 61.90% (Wed Jan 21 (pm), M-R)
Ken Danielsen/John McDonald, 61.86% (Tue May 26 (am), S-W)
Aidan Ballantyne/George Bell, 61.86% (Tue Feb 3 (pm), VBC)
Maggie Warren/Judy Acheson, 61.81% (Tue Apr 21 (am), S-W)
Marilyn Martin/Diana Marr, 61.78% (Wed Mar 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
Julien Levesque/Flora So, 61.78% (Mon Apr 27 (pm), VBC)
Larry Chequis/Bob Percher, 61.76% (Mon Mar 16 (pm), CWK)
Richard Smilie/Ryan Park, 61.72% (Fri Feb 27 (am), VBC)
Ken Cowherd/Roselle MacRae, 61.67% (Thu Apr 9 (pm), MIS)
Andrew Zorawski/Ewa Wroblewicz, 61.67% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Thomas Anderson/John D. Reid, 61.67% (Wed Jan 7 (pm), VBC)
Dawn Smith/Marguerite Miller, 61.61% (Mon May 11 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Brad Fletcher/Garry Skoropada, 61.57% (Thu Jan 8 (pm), MIS)
Theresa Kong/Sachie Yamakami, 61.56% (Wed Apr 15 (am), VBC [0-50])
Israel Ziv/Eleanor McFarlane, 61.54% (Thu May 7 (pm), VBC [0-20])
Ina Anderson/Kathy Adachi, 61.54% (Tue Mar 17 (am), S-W)
Ken Cowherd/Roselle MacRae, 61.46% (Thu Feb 12 (pm), MIS)
Sohrab Radmard/George Wood, 61.46% (Fri May 1 (pm), ABB)
Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan, 61.46% (Mon Mar 9 (pm), CWK)
Anneliese Rohde/Parvin Gregg, 61.41% (Wed Feb 18 (am), VBC [0-50])
Dominique Baker/Theresa Kong, 61.33% (Wed May 6 (am), VBC [0-50])
Sheila & Don Sache, 61.31% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), S-D)
Jim Sache/Jim Groves, 61.31% (Mon Feb 9 (pm), CWK)
Arlene Browning/Dot Carnegie, 61.31% (Tue Feb 17 (am), S-W)
Greg Babiak/Brian Russell, 61.25% (Wed Mar 11 (pm), VBC)
Theresa Kong/Dominique Baker, 61.25% (Sat Mar 7 (am), VBC [0-100])
Morrison Smeltzer/Dennis Frankenburg, 61.25% (Tue Apr 21 (am), VBC)
Majorie Mason/Doe Stockdale, 61.25% (Tue Mar 31 (am), VBC)
Ken Lochang/Ed Zydnyk, 61.13% (Tue Feb 10 (am), VBC)
Waldemar Jez/Dee Kerr, 61.13% (Wed Feb 18 (pm), VBC)
Andrew Zorawski/Ewa Wroblewicz, 61.11% (Wed Jan 21 (pm), VBC)
Sophie Zimbalista/Rolf Zaar, 61.11% (Wed Jan 7 (am), VBC [0-50])
Jim Sache/Len Feeny, 61.11% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), CWK)
Tony Dare/Phyllis Quigg, 61.11% (Mon Apr 13 (pm), CWK)
Arlene Browning/Dot Carnegie, 61.01% (Tue May 12 (am), S-W)
Dorothy Copp/Patricia Marshall, 61.01% (Mon Apr 6 (pm), VBC [0-200])
H.K. Ho/Don Keith, 61.01% (Thu Apr 9 (pm), VBC)
Ken Cowherd/Roselle MacRae, 61.00% (Fri Jan 16 (pm), ABB)
Fred Brown/Marvin Lee, 61.00% (Tue Jan 6 (am), VBC)
David Zack/Ken Lochang, 61.00% (Tue Jan 20 (am), VBC)
Gilles St. Pierre/Denis Lefebvre, 60.94% (Fri Mar 20 (pm), ABB)
Walter Schmid/John Richoux, 60.94% (Thu Mar 19 (pm), MIS)
Theresa Kong/Sophie Zimbalista, 60.89% (Wed May 13 (am), VBC [0-50])
Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 60.88% (Mon Feb 9 (pm), VBC [0-200])

The Cover Hand Chronicles

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(We couldn't very well have more than one bid point to the same spot. This is just a diversion.)

Molly Mason/Nando Masini, 60.85% (Fri Apr 24 (pm), S-D)
Jon Shulman/Barry Wade, 60.83% (Mon Mar 2 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Anne & Sandor Molnar, 60.83% (Wed Jan 28 (am), VBC [0-50])
Linda Bell/Bud Creelman, 60.80% (Wed Feb 25 (am), VBC [0-50])
Dee Kerr/Sefton Levine, 60.74% (Thu Jan 8 (pm), VBC)
Ruth Ableman/John Berry, 60.74% (Thu Apr 23 (pm), VBC)
Larry Pocock/Wilf May, 60.74% (Tue Feb 10 (pm), VBC)
Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan, 60.74% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), ABB)
Ajit Bhattacharyya/Brad Bart, 60.71% (Tue Mar 3 (pm), VBC)
Bob Kiggins/Lynn Walker, 60.71% (Thu Jan 15 (pm), VBC)
Ted Hicks/Dot Carnegie, 60.71% (Fri Feb 13 (pm), S-D)
Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald, 60.71% (Fri Mar 6 (pm), S-D)
Eleanor Webb/Fee Yeung, 60.71% (Tue May 19 (am), S-W)
Dot Carnegie/Kathy Adachi, 60.71% (Tue May 19 (am), S-W)
Dan Webster/Richmond Williams, 60.71% (Mon Jan 5 (pm), CWK)
Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee, 60.67% (Mon Feb 23 (pm), CWK)
Brad Fletcher/Garry Skoropada, 60.65% (Thu Feb 5 (pm), MIS)
Don Ceal/Gerry Gross, 60.65% (Fri Feb 6 (pm), ABB)
Ken Robertson/Shirley Fitterman, 60.65% (Tue Mar 24 (am), VBC)
H.K. Ho/Don Keith, 60.65% (Thu Feb 19 (pm), VBC)
Martin Henneberger/Greg Lam, 60.57% (Thu May 7 (pm), VBC)
Rolf Zaar/Max Shnier, 60.56% (Wed Apr 29 (am), VBC [0-50])
Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut, 60.50% (Tue Jan 20 (am), VBC)
Richard Gullickson/Bob Percher, 60.42% (Wed Mar 25 (pm), M-R)
Elaine Jones/Joyce Amundsen, 60.42% (Mon Mar 23 (pm), CWK)
Brian Russell/Ian Hayter, 60.42% (Tue Jan 27 (am), VBC)
Beryl Hamilton/Ray Morrison, 60.42% (Fri Apr 3 (pm), S-D)
Gord Davis/Ken Lochang, 60.42% (Tue Feb 24 (pm), VBC)
Adele Mackay/Marylou Varga, 60.42% (Wed Mar 18 (pm), VBC)
Hushang Mohtadi/Dave House, 60.42% (Tue Apr 7 (am), VBC)
Arlene Browning/Joan Olsen, 60.37% (Fri Apr 17 (pm), ABB)
Ken Cowherd/Len Feeny, 60.37% (Mon May 4 (pm), CWK)
John Horne/Joni Johnston, 60.32% (Fri Mar 20 (pm), S-D)
Dennis Huber/Louise Percher, 60.27% (Mon Feb 16 (pm), CWK)
Andrew Ross/George Bell, 60.19% (Tue Apr 14 (pm), VBC)
Dennis Huber/Louise Percher, 60.17% (Mon Mar 9 (pm), CWK)
Jim Sache/Len Feeny, 60.12% (Mon Feb 2 (pm), CWK)
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux, 60.12% (Wed Jan 14 (pm), M-R)
Wilf May/Sherman Kwan, 60.12% (Fri Feb 20 (pm), S-D)
Maarten Tjebbes/Jim Kerr, 60.12% (Tue Feb 24 (pm), VBC)
Sophie Zimbalista/Rolf Zaar, 60.10% (Wed Mar 11 (am), VBC [0-50])
Ernie Dietrich/John McDonald, 60.07% (Fri Apr 3 (pm), S-D)
Jon Tizzard/Bud Creelman, 60.06% (Thu Apr 30 (pm), VBC [0-20])
Jane Fyfe/Carol Williams, 60.00% (Tue Apr 7 (am), VBC)
Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz, 60.00% (Mon Jan 5 (pm), VBC [0-200])
Martin Henneberger/Mary Fines, +60 IMPs (Sun Mar 8 (pm), VBC)
David Huang/Alex Chuang, 60.00% (Sat Mar 7 (am), VBC [0-100])
Shirley Fitterman/Pearl Minkoff, 60.00% (Tue May 12 (am), VBC)
Kelvin Raywood/Michael Neagu, 60.00% (Tue Feb 10 (pm), VBC)

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Club Championship June 24

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

Final Standings: Prognosticator picks all 6 playoff teams!

Team Captain	GP	W	L	T	VP	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	MP Seed	Avg. swing
Lindsay	11	8	3	0	224	20.36	+26.36	3	4.18
Jacob	11	8	3	0	217	19.73	+22.55	2	4.38
Hernandez	11	8	3	0	195	17.73	+7.09	4	4.82
Doner	11	6	5	0	189	17.00	+15.90	1	4.70
Pocock	11	6	5	0	182	16.55	+10.36	5	4.62
Remedios	11	6	5	0	175	15.91	+6.09	6	4.66
Johnson	11	6	5	0	166	15.09	-2.73	8	4.94
Laudan	11	5	6	0	157	14.27	-1.91	12	4.47
Thomas	11	5	6	0	145	13.18	-9.91	7	4.94
Lam	11	5	6	0	127	10.80	-26.20	10	4.64
Lochang	11	2	9	0	96	10.67	-18.00	9	4.67
Fetterley	11	1	10	0	85	7.73	-33.82	11	4.44

The Flight A season ended with the six teams predicted to make the playoffs in, although not quite in the right order! A furious catch-up by the *Doner* and *Remedios* teams culminated in a weekend meeting between the two squads. A big 55 IMP win for *Remedios* made the final night of matches academic, except for one late match which determined positions among the top six. The teams which just missed the cut, *Johnson* and *Laudan*, were still in with a chance until the final week.

The first round of the playoffs saw victories for *Remedios* over *Hernandez*, and *Doner* over *Pocock*. The second round is in the planning stages as this goes to press, and *Lindsay* is scheduled to play *Remedios*, and *Jacob* will play *Pocock*. These semi-finals will be 32 board matches. The Flight A final will be a 48 board match.

The *Lochang* team was unable to field a squad for their matches against *Doner* and *Lam*. Both received 19VPs for these forfeits, the average VPs given up by *Lochang* in their nine played matches.

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	—	+39:24	-18: 9	-42: 5	-48: 5	-55: 4	+57:26	+58:26	FFT:22	+87:29	+82:28	- 1:14
Jacob	-39: 6	—	-43: 5	+46:25	+30:23	+50:25	+13:20	+45:25	+45:25	+48:25	+58:26	- 5:12
Lindsay	+18:21	+43:25	—	-24: 8	+50:25	- 2:13	- 2:13	+57:26	+33:23	+65:27	+48:25	+ 4:18
Hernandez	+42:25	-46: 5	+24:22	—	-101:0	+20:21	+47:25	+ 5:18	+21:22	-43: 5	+37:24	+72:28
Pocock	+48:25	-30: 7	-50: 5	+101:30	—	-37: 6	+27:28	+53:26	-33: 7	-17: 9	+41:24	+11:20
Remedios	+55:26	-50: 5	+ 2:17	-20: 9	+37:24	—	- 7:11	-31: 7	+ 6:18	+65:27	-23: 8	+33:23
Thomas	-57: 4	-13:10	+ 2:17	-47: 5	-27: 7	+ 7:19	—	-22: 8	+29:23	+43:25	+22:22	-46: 5
Johnson	-58: 4	-45: 5	-57: 4	- 5:12	-53: 4	+31:23	+22:22	—	+59:26	+31:23	+26:22	+19:21
Lochang	FFT:0	-45: 5	-33: 7	-21: 8	+33:23	- 6:12	-29: 7	-59: 4	—	FFT: 0	+35:24	-37: 6
Lam	-87: 1	-48: 5	-65: 3	+43:25	+17:21	-65: 3	-43: 5	-31: 7	FFT:22	—	+ 6:18	+11:20
Fetterley	-82: 2	-58: 4	-48: 5	-37: 6	-41: 6	+23:22	-22: 8	-26: 8	-35: 6	- 6:12	—	-40: 8
Laudan	+ 1:18	+ 5:18	-4:12	-72: 2	-11:10	-33: 7	+46:25	-19: 9	+37:24	-11:10	+40:24	—

IMP League Playoff 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, Wilf May, Don Sache

REMEDIOS: Tony Remedios, Brian Maksymetz, Rhonda Foster, Mike Yuen, Jim Dickie, Gerry McCully

Valley Flt. B/C Rosters

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

SKOROPADA: Garry Skoropada, Brad Fletcher, Mike Moffatt, John Richoux, Flora Tereposky

WEBSTER: Dan Webster, Larry Chow, Ken Cowherd, Murray Clements, Rich Williams, Roselle MacRae

FAULKNER (Flt. C): Andrew Faulkner, Anne Knowlan, Walter & Connie Schmid

City Flight B/C Rosters

ISFELD: Dianne Isfeld, Joan Richards, Martin & Heinz Henneberger, Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst

MEYER: Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Rod Coote, 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

JEZ(Flt. C): Waldemar Jez, Andrew Zorawski, Ewa Wroblewicz, Mark Rojewski, Arek Sitek

BROWN(Flt. C): Priscilla Brown, Christa Mead, Marylou Varga, Adele MacKay

Changes for '98-'99

by Commish McBruce

I expect to be somehow involved in the running of the IMP League next year again; possibly not Commissioner, but certainly I will play a role in drafting changes to the Conditions of Contest, and the keeping of the statistics and standings. Let me know of any changes you'd like made for next year. Flight B/C players, we are interested in your opinions on the new stratified format we tried this year.

The match report slips show that almost all of the

matches are played at the VBC during weekday evenings, and I would like your opinion on this idea:

Instead of setting a deadline for each match, we would have a default date for each match, which would alternate between Monday and Wednesday evenings for Flight A, and Tuesday and Thursday for Flight B and C. All such default matches would take place at the VBC, and we would be able to produce hand records and have all teams play the same boards. **Teams would be free to schedule the match for some other date or place** (in this case of course hand records would not be used) **if the default date was awkward.** But under this plan, team captains would have to alert their

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Final City Division standings: HHIT also picks top six (but is lucky)

Team	Captain	GP	W	L	T	Total VPs	VPs per match	IMPs per match	MP Seed	Avg. swing per board
Eng (B)		11	8	2	1	212	19.27	+19.73	4	4.56
Jackson (B)		11	6	4	1	206	18.73	+21.55	3	4.41
Meyer (B)		11	7	3	1	202	18.36	+23.36	2	5.02
Lee (B)		11	6	4	1	194	17.64	+14.18	6	4.21
Raywood (B)		11	5	5	1	181	16.45	+ 8.55	5	4.73
Isfeld (B)		11	5	5	1	173	15.73	+ 3.91	1	4.65
Croome (B)		11	6	4	1	172	15.64	+ 0.45	7	5.07
Brown (C)		11	6	4	1	165	14.30	- 3.90	9	4.44
Jez (C)		11	3	7	1	124	10.20	-23.10	8	5.03
Lévesque (C)		11	2	8	1	95	8.64	-34.00	10	5.15
Matthews (C)		11	1	9	1	75	8.33	-40.56	11	5.24

In Flight B/C (City Division), 11 teams played a 10-match round robin schedule with a bye. Each team's bye was scored as a 66-66 tie. The *Matthews* team was unable to field a team for their final two matches against *Jez* and *Brown*. These teams scored 22VPs for these matches, the average VPs allowed by *Matthews* in their eight played matches.

In Flight C, the top two teams qualified for the playoffs, and *Brown* defeated *Jez* to earn a spot in the 32-board Flight C Grand Final against Valley champion *Faulkner*.

In Flight B, a big win for *Jackson* over *Croome* in the final match left *Croome* on the outside looking in by 1 VP (in fact, one IMP decided it.) *Jackson* earned a first round bye with the victory. In Round One, *Lee* defeated *Raywood*, and *Isfeld*, no doubt amazed to be in the playoffs, shocked two-time champs *Meyer*. *Isfeld* now plays regular season champs

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	+25:22	+17:21	-24: 8	+50:25	- 2:13	+46:25	+32:25
Meyer (B)	+39:23	—	+ 9:19	-29: 7	-21: 8	+15:20	-50: 5	+39:24	+32:23	+90:28	+149:30
Jackson (B)	+57:26	- 9:11	—	+32:23	+19:21	-42: 5	+61:27	+51:26	- 8:11	- 2:13	+78:28
Eng (B)	+11:20	+29:23	-32: 7	—	+16:21	-37: 6	+38:24	+12:20	+ 9:19	+107:30	+64:27
Raywood (B)	-25 :8	+21:22	-19: 9	-16: 9	—	+ 3:18	- 1:14	+59:27	- 5:12	+46:25	+21:22
Lee (B)	-17: 9	-15:10	+42:25	+37:24	- 8:12	—	+39:24	+ 3:18	+ 4:18	- 5:12	+71:27
Croome (B)	+24:22	+50:25	-61: 3	-38: 6	+ 1:16	-39: 6	—	+34:24	- 1:14	+32:23	+3:18
Jez (C)	-50: 5	-39: 6	-61: 4	-12:10	-69: 3	- 3:12	-34: 6	—	+11:20	+18:21	FFT:22
Brown (C)	+ 2:17	-32: 7	+ 8:19	- 9:11	+ 5:18	- 4:12	+ 1:16	-11:10	—	+ 3:18	FFT:22
Lévesque (C)	-48: 5	-80: 2	+ 2:17	-107:0	-48: 5	+ 5:18	-32: 7	-18: 9	- 3:12	—	-49: 5
Matthews (C)	-32: 7	-149:0	-78: 2	-64: 3	-21: 8	-71: 3	- 3:12	FFT: 0	FFT: 0	+49:25	—

Eng. Lee has defeated *Jackson* in the other semi-final and awaits the winner of that match. The City Final will be a 32-board match and the City-Valley Grand Final will be 48 boards.

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Final Regular Season Standings meaningless in playoffs!

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	lost to Schmidt
Webster (B)		7	5	1	1	138	19.71	+22.71	3	4.93	lost to Faulkner
Faulkner (C)		7	3	3	1	109	15.57	+3.14	5	4.52	beat Webster-lost to Schmidt
Schmidt (B)		7	2	4	1	106	15.14	+5.86	1	5.51	beat Skoropada, Faulkner
Carruthers (B)		7	2	4	1	97	13.86	+7.14	4	5.39	FLIGHT C Valley
Dare (B)		7	3	3	1	86	12.29	-17.14	6	4.20	Champions: Faulkner!
Orr (C)		7	0	6	1	39	5.57	-58.86	7	5.14	(vs Brown when ready)

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.

In the playoffs, the regular season standings meant nothing, as *Schmidt* defeated *Skoropada* and *Faulkner* defeated *Webster*. *Schmidt* defeated *Faulkner* in the 32-Board Flight B Valley Final and will face *Lee, Eng* or *Isfeld* in the 48-board Flight B Grand Final. In Flight C, *Faulkner* will play *Brown* in the 32-board Final for the trophy. We expect these will be home and home series, half played in the Valley and half in the city.

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	—

opponent and the Commissioner three days in advance to change the default date to avoid lateness penalties.

I know that I was quite lax on the lateness penalties this year, and some complained about this. Others with team members who play or work out of town and need some leniency appreciated my keeping my whistle in my pocket! If we had such a default date plan in place there could be no

excuses for missing deadlines. Obviously this proposal does not apply to the Valley Division! They do so well schedule-wise that their playoffs could easily be best-of-seven without trouble!

Your opinions count. Phone, e-mail (check page 2) or in person. Let me know.

—McB



Local Winners

CBF Helen Shields Canada-wide Rookie Master Game April 1, Vancouver Bridge Centre

1. Lynne Westlund/Kenny T.K. Chan
2. Norman Dreger/Brad Bart
3. Waldemar Jez/Richard Wojtowicz
4. Nurdin & Shiraz Kassam
5. Vana Matthews/Eugene Chan
6. Dee Kerr/Gary Robar

Seattle Unit-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs April 6-12

Monday Morning *289 Pairs*

- A3B1. Maria & Adam Dabrowski, VCR
 A9B3. Barbara Mason/Win Trerise, VCR
 B8C2. Bobby Wood/Brenda Cameron, VCR
 C5. Joan Sobeniak/Sharon Hughes, VCR

Monday Evening *188 Pairs*

(both from the invitational game at
the Vancouver Lawn & Tennis Club)

- A2BC1. Soren Kornerup/Neil Cook
 C6. Adi Wadia/Judy Murphy

Tuesday Morning *233 Pairs*

- A10/11. Esther Freeman/Thelma Hofstede, S-W

Tuesday Evening *141 Pairs*

- B4/5. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld, NSW

Wednesday Morning *248 Pairs*

- A3. Mary Fines/Amir Alibhai, VCR
 A4. Delphine Tablotney/Phyllis Gerber, HAS
 A9B3. Beverley Cullen/Mary Courbould, HAS
 C6. Mary Gaston/Shirley Dirk, VCR

Wednesday Evening *173 Pairs*

- A3. Mary Fines/Ev Hodge, VCR
 A4BC2. Hooshang Vessal/Shapour Darabi, VCR
 A7B4. Lauren Holley/Mona Taylor, VCR
 C6. Jim Balcom/Bob Jess, C.R

Thursday Morning *260 Pairs*

- B6/7. Annertia Hasselbach/Carol Thompson, DTA

Thursday Evening *101 Pairs*

- A5B3. Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez, F.V
 C5. Joan Sobeniak/Sharon Hughes, F.V

Friday Evening *186 Pairs*

- A6. Sheila Sache/John Horne, S-D

Sunday Morning *76 Pairs*

- A3B1. Jeannette Greenhut/Yuko Fujieda, RMD
 A4B2C1. Diane Plante/Mark Eddy, RMD
 A5B3. Trudy Hurdle/Pauline McClafferty, RMD
 A6. John Hurdle/Laurence Betts, RMD
 B4. Beatrice Sadgrove/Gypsy Sturrock, RMD
 C4. Gary Scollon/Joan Brooks, RMD
 C5. C. Dangalcher/H. Henneberger, RMD
 C6. Jon Schulman/Barry Wade, RMD

Spring Sectional Burnaby, May 15-18 Friday Afternoon

Stratified Open Pairs *(36 tables)*

- A1. Felipe Hernandez/Gerry McCully
 A2B1. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
 A3B2C1. Michael Hurley/Barry Kirkham
 A4. Gord Davis/Les Fouks
 A5B3. Andrew Ross/Maureen Crompton
 A6B4. Beverly Kanee/Marjorie Mason
 B5. John Reay/Jane Fyle
 B6. Dan Webster/Ralph Cole
 C2. Arthur Ma/Hooshang Vessal
 C3. Rangie Sylvestre/Nando Masini Pieralli
 C4. William Ge/Michael Li
 C5/6. Ryan Park/Rocky Rockandel
 C5/6. Tom Markham/Ghodsai Ahmadi

Stratified Women's Pairs *(7 tables)*

- A1. Jean Groome/Joyce Peters
 A2. Marge Neate/Stella Alliston
 A3. Mary Fines/Dianne Isfeld
 A4B1. Shirley Bowers/Betty Hamilton
 A5B2. Frances Gunn/Antoinette Sheffield
 B3. Peggy Wellman/Amy Graham

Friday Evening

Stratified Open Pairs *(31 tables)*

- A1. Lauren Holley/Derek Ward
 A2. Jim Sache/David Schmidt
 A3BC1. Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
 A4. Samuel & I.L. Jeong
 A5. Mary Fines/Andrew Lee
 A6/7. Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafler
 A6/7B2. Angela Fenton/Olive Macdonald
 B3. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
 B4C2. William Ge/Michael Li
 B5. Victor Bennington/Arthur Ma
 B6. Michael Neagu/Brad Bart
 C3. Norm Gagnes/Harold Hansen
 C4. Rangie Sylvestre/Nando Masini Pieralli
 C5. Linda Morgan/Joan Campbell

99er Stratified Pairs *(7 tables)*

- A1. Clay Connolly/Gerald Paul
 A2B1. Veronica Peacock/Barry Pashak
 A3. Frances Gunn/Antoinette Sheffield
 A4. Evelyn Will/Diane McNames
 A5B2C1. Joyce Goddard/Nell Smitheringale
 B3/4C2. Sue Wilks/Joe Balog
 B3/4. Marlene Barber/Norma McNamara
 C3. Janice Sameshima/Hugh McGaire

Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1 *(6 teams)*

1. Dan Jacob, Mike Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond,
Larry Hicks
 2. Don Sache, Larry Pocock, Les Fouks, Wilf May,
Doug Hansford

Bracket 2 *(7 teams)*

1. Pauline Lee, William Sit, Shirley Bowers, Pirtpal
Gill
 2. Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, Dan Watson, Audrey Loy

Bracket 3 *(6 teams)*

1. Sharon Hughes, Joan Sobeniak, Jane Craig,
Bonnie Scott
 2. Waldemar Jez, Ewa Wroblewicz, James Burt,
Mark Rojewski

Saturday Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1 *(6 teams)*

1. Leslie Gold, Kathy Adachi, June Pocock, Marcia
Christie
 2. Daisy Neilson, Maggie Warren, John Lien, Judy
Acheson

Bracket 2 *(7 teams)*

1. Ted Lai, Ram Hira, Barry Kirkham, Michael
Hurley
 2. Adi Wadia, Judy Murphy, Gloria Prescott, Joan
O'Flynn

Saturday Afternoon

Stratified Open Pairs *(17½ tables)*

- A1. Michael Yuen/Larry Chow
 A2B1. Ken Lochang/Gordon Davis
 A3B2C1. Brad Bart/Martin Henneberger
 A4B3. Ken Danielsen/Sherman Kwan
 A5B4C2. Lia Roos/Peter Vanrenen
 A6B5. Kathy Bye/Judy Strebinger
 B6C3. Gordon Devlin/Priscilla Brown
 C4. William Ge/Michael Li
 C5. Ruby Vanziffle/Nancy Davies
 C6. Carol Williams/Jane Fyle

Senior Stratified Pairs *(10 tables)*

- A1B1. Shirley Laidlaw/Gypsy Sturrock
 A2B2. Haiderali Nazak/Nooral Dhahani
 A3. Sefton Levine/Margaret Kidder
 A4. Dot Carnegie/Esther Freeman
 A5/6B3. Beverly Kanee/Stan Sangdhal
 A5/6. Bernice & Al French
 B4. Amad Rafii/Barry Wade

99er Stratified Pairs *(3 tables)*

- A1. Gaby Uranyi/Judy Jackson
 A2. Veronica Peacock/Barry Pashak

Saturday Evening

Stratified Pairs *(35 tables)*

- A1. Barry Harper/Lynne Radcliffe
 A2. Dianne Isfeld/Jeremy Crowhurst
 A3. Louis Landau/Doug Cowan
 A4. Ron & Jean Groome
 A5B1. Sandra Robson/John Currie
 A6. Bernice & Al French
 B2C1. Martin Henneberger/Brad Bart
 B3. Ken Lochang/Gordon Davis

Sat. Eve Stratified Pairs, Cont.

- B4. Joyce Rhodes/Rekha Shah
 B5. Peter Morse/Claire Burns
 B6C2. Patricia Lamb/Carolyn Keane
 C3/4. Jon Shulman/Mark Groves
 C3/4. Greg Lam/Jules Wilkins
 C5. Diane Plante/Mark Eddy
 C6. Jo-Ann Smith/Anne Smith

99er Stratified Pairs*(4 tables)*

- A1B1. Gaby Uranyi/Indy Jackson
 A2B2. Kathryn Schmadl/Garry Robar
 A3. Zazislaw Karpierz/Klim Trzebuniak

Sunday 2-session**Stratified Open Pairs***(43, 42 tables)*

- A1. Peter Herold/Aidan Ballantyne
 A2. Samuel & J.L. leong
 A3. Larry Pocock/Don Sache
 A4. Aban & Bob Gerrie
 A5B1. Maureen Newcombe/Doug Strachan
 A6. Dot Carnegie/Esther Freeman
 A7B2. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
 B3C1. Martin Henneberger/Brad Bart
 B4. Brian Badger/Kathy Bye
 B5/6. Pirtpal Gill/Yuko Fujieda
 B5/6. Sky Williamson/Amir Aibhai
 C2. David Huang/Alex Chuang
 C3. Malcolm & Jeanne McDonald
 C4. Betty Harold/Jean Katz
 C5. Mike Stickland/Gordon Burns
 C6. William Ge/Michael Li

Sunday Evening**99er Stratified Pairs***(3 tables)*

- A1. Theresa Kong/Sophie Cymbalista
 A2. Jerzy Mazur/Ian Konieczny

Monday Swiss Teams**Flight A Victory Point Swiss***(12 teams)*

- A1. Felipe Hernandez, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Michael Neagu
 A2. Maureen Newcombe, Doug Strachan, Lynne Radcliffe, Barry Harper
 A3. Dan Jacob, Gordon McOrmond, Bryan Maksymetz, Aidan Ballantyne
 A4. Jean Groome, Doug Hansford, Bob Sauve, John McDonald
 A5/6. John & Trudy Hurdle, Rhoda Tafler, Elaine Ryan, David Schmidt, Brian Lee, Roselle McRae, Jim Sache

Flight B/C Win-Loss Stratified Swiss*(27 teams)*

- B1. Greg Lam, John Reay, Dennis McMahon, Jules Wilkins
 B2/7. Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Gloria Prescott, Joan O'Flynn; Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Joyce Rhodes, Andrew Lee; Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Sky Williamson, Amir Aibhai; Jon Shulman, Barry Wade, Leszek Baldys, Andrew Ross; Roman Woroch, Gilbert Lambert, Mark Eddy, Diane Plante; Christopher Maylin, Santokh Sian, Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians

Monday Flight B/C Swiss Cont.

- C1. Gordon Devlin, Norma Saltzberg, Priscilla Brown, Jane Fyfe
 C2. Bachan Buttari, Rae Fee, Marlene Barber, Norma McNamara
 C3. Greg Morse, Andy Hellquist, Ewa Wroblewicz, Waldemar Jez

Spring Sectional Top Masterpoint Winners

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Felipe Hernandez | 25.20 |
| 1. Gerry McCully | 25.20 |
| 3. Aidan Ballantyne | 20.50 |
| 4. Dan Jacob | 18.39 |
| 4. Gord McOrmond | 18.39 |
| 6. Barry Harper | 17.86 |
| 6. Lynne Radcliffe | 17.86 |
| 8. Doug Strachan | 17.25 |
| 8. Maureen Newcombe | 17.25 |
| 10. Haiderali Nazak | 17.10 |
| 11. Rhonda Foster | 16.95 |
| 12. Donald Sache | 16.08 |
| 12. Larry Pocock | 16.08 |
| 14. Nurdin Kassam | 15.10 |
| 15. Michael Neagu | 14.07 |

352 players won a total of 405.66 masterpoints (a further 56 played but did not win any) at the 1998 Spring Sectional.

Out-of town Winners**CNTC BC Zone Final****Victoria, April 11-12**

1. Alan Graves, Bryan Maksymetz, Gord McOrmond
 2. Peter Herold
 3. Cam Doner, David Sokolow, Jim Dickie, Gerry McCully

Vancouver Island Regional**Victoria, April 13-19****Monday Evening****Stratified Charity Pairs**

- A1. Jean Groome
 A3B1. Terry Scott/Steve Beaton
 A5. Peter Maclean
 A6. Sheila Sache/John Horne
 B3. Marjorie Mason/Gypsy Sturrock

Future Master Charity Pairs

- A5B4. Marjorie Armstrong

Tuesday**Stratified Open Pairs**

- A4. Shiela Sache/John Horne
 A7. Allan Graves
 B3. Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
 B4. Breda Prestage/Joan Ashenhurst
 B6. Annerita Hasselbach/Carol Thompson
 C4. Ghodsi Ahmadi/Tom Markham
 C5. Joan Sobeniak/Sharon Hughes

Stratified Senior Pairs

- A7. Joerg Schneider/Bonnie Anderson
 B3. Les Baldys

Tuesday Stratified Senior Pairs Cont.

- C5. Arthur Ma/Rangie Sylvestre

Stratified Women's Pairs

- A1. Kathy Adachi
 A3. Helen Montgomery/Pearl Minkoff
 A5. Jean Groome
 A6. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney

- B5/6. Nomi Kaplan/Marylou Varga

Evening Stratified B-A-M Teams

- A1. Aidan Ballantyne, Gerry McCully

Evening Continuous Pairs

- B3. Pat Blackall

Afternoon Future Master Stratified Pairs

- A4. Anne Scott

- A6B4. Jane Brabant

Monday-Tuesday**Welcome Bracketed Knockouts****Bracket 1**

1. Dan Watson, Don Sache, Doug Thomas, Gary Phelan
 3/4. Aidan Ballantyne, Gerry McCully, Bryan Maksymetz

Bracket 2

- 3/4. Fred Struve, Don Sharp, Cornel Sawchuk

Welcome Bracketed Knockouts, Cont.**Bracket 3**

- 3/4. Pat Blackall, Kathy Bye

Bracket 4

1. Greg Lam, John Whittlesey
 2. Nancy Davies, Ruby Vanziffle
 3/4. Zreen Marzban

Wednesday**Stratified Swiss Teams**

- A2. Dan Jacob
 A3/6. Allan Graves, Aidan Ballantyne, Bryan Maksymetz
 A7/9B1. Pat Blackall, Greg Lam
 A10/12. Cam Doner

- B3/4. Lotte Elias, William Ge; Gail & Don Sharp,

Les Baldys, Cornel Sawchuk

- B5. Cornel Sawchuk

- B6. John Whittlesey

Stratified Senior Swiss Teams

- AB1. Gloria Prescott, Joan O'Flynn

- A4/5. Maggie Warren

- B5/7. Jill Wainborn, Mary Courbould, Tomie

Yamanouchi, Beverley Cullen; Fortune

Aknin, Shirley Goldman, Toyo Nunoda,

Bev Kanee

- C2. Tom Markham, Ghodsi Ahmadi

Stratified Open Pairs

- AB1. Dee Kerr/Barbara Green

- A6B2C1. Priscilla Brown/Gordon Devlin

- C4. Norma Saltzberg/Jane Fyfe

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A4. Catriona & Bill Henning

- B5. Jane Brabant

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Wednesday Evening Continuous Pairs

A6. Gary Post/Malcolm McDonald

Thursday

StratiFlighted Open Pairs

Open Flight (X=0-3000)

A9X5. Ken Lochang/Kelvin Raywood

X6. Don Sache/Marge Neate

X7. Les Fouks/June Pocock

Flight B/C Stratified

B1. John Whittlesey

B2. Don Sharp/Les Baldys

B3C1. Martin Henneberger/Brad Bart

C3/4. Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist

C5. Anne Smith/Jo-Anne Smith

Evening Stratified B-A-M Teams

B2. Frances Gunn

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

AB2. Jane Brabant

A3. Larry Chow

B5. Greg Lam

Evening Continuous Pairs

A1. Maggie Warren

A3B2. Sandra Robson/Terry Scott

B5. Greg Lam

Evening Future Master Stratified Pairs

A6. Morrison Smeltzer

C3. Jeanne McDonald

Friday

Stratified Open Pairs

A6. Gord McOrmond/Aidan Ballantyne

A7. Allan Graves

A11. Doreen McOrmond

C3. Ghodsi Ahmadi/Tom Markham

Stratified Senior Pairs

A2. Rose & Keith Miller

B4. Mary Courbould/Tomie Yamanouchi

C1. Ivy Pye

C3/4. Bachan Buttar/Rae Fee

C5. Alex Jack

Stratified B-A-M Teams

AB1. Greg Lam, Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians

AB3C1. Greg Morse, Andy Hellqvist, Martin Henneberger, Mark Rojewski

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

A2. Catriona & Bill Henning

Friday Evening Continuous Pairs

A1/3. Pearl Minkoff/Delphine Tablotney; Pete Walton

Future Master 99er (2-sessions)

A2. Michael Strickland/Gordon Burns

A3. Frances Gunn

Thursday-Friday

Seniors Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1

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

Bracket 2

1. Claire Burns, Patricial Strickland, Peter & Anita Morse

Saturday

Flighted Open Pairs

Flight A

3. Gord McOrmond

10. Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully

Flight B

3. Tai Eng/Daisy Neilson

4. Don Sharp/John Lien

5. Doug Strachan

Flight C

1. Judy Murphy/Gail Watson

Stratified Senior Pairs

A1. Phyllis Gerber/Helen Montgomery

A2B1. Bachan Buttar

A6. Rose & Keith Miller

A7/8. Marge Neate/Donna Morrison

C2. Frances Gunn

C3. Alex Jack

C4. Dorothy & Don Macleod

GN Fund Lucky Draw Zip Swiss

2. William Ge

3. Don Sharp, Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Cornel Sawchuk

5/6. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

A4. Pearl Minkoff

Evening Continuous Pairs

A5. Brad Bart/June Pocock

B3. John Whittlesey

Evening Future Master Stratified Pairs

A1. Michael Strickland/Gordon Burns

Wed.-Sat. Totem Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1

3/4. Dan Jacob

Bracket 2

1. Fred Struve

3/4. William Ge; Les Baldys

Bracket 3

1. Nancy Davies, Ruby Vanzifle

Fri.-Sat. 30 Hour Bracketed Knockouts

Bracket 1

2. Gerry McCully/ Rhonda Foster

3/4. Don Sache, June Pocock, Dan Watson, Larry Hicks

The Cover Hand Chronicles

(This is part of the cover bridge movie.)

Partner has once ace and bids 5♠. Choose 5♦, 5♣, 6♦, or 6♣ (if you want to ask for kings you have forgotten that you are playing IMPs).

To play in diamonds go to page 13.

To play in spades go to page 16.

Bracket 2

1. Marti Oppenheimer, Geoff Fetterley, Kelvin Raywood, Bruce McIntyre, Ken Lochang

2. Sharon Hughes, Joan Sobeniak, Geraldine Lacroix, Amir Alibhai

Bracket 3

1. Rangie Sylvestre, Gail Sharp

Sunday

Flight A VP Swiss (X=0-3000)

A7. Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond

A9X4. Sheila Sache, Doreen McOrmond

Flight B/C Stratified Win-Loss Swiss

B2. Greg Lam, Joyce Rhodes

B3. Lesley Laudan, Dee Kerr, Ruth Ableman, Frances Gould

B4/8. Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Martin Henneberger, Ken Lochang

C3. Kathleen Orr, Moira McLellan, Lyn & Mary Jones

C4/6. William Ge, Philip Chen

Stratified Senior Win-Loss Swiss

A1/2. Tom Cross

A3. Marge Neate, Mary Fines, Ev Hodge, Donna Morrison

A4/8. Phyllis Gerber, Dianne Isfeld, Helen

Montgomery, Pearl Minkoff; Monica Angus

A4/8B1. Yvonne Kian, Bernice Mulock, Mary Sutherland, Dolores Layton

Homeward Bound Pairs

A4. Don Sache/June Pocock

A6B3C1. Anne Smith/Jo-Anne Smith

B4. Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst

B5C2. Greg Morse/Andy Hellqvist

(As a very small gesture of thanks to all those who have patiently collected Daily Bulletins for me over the years, and because the Victoria organizers made sure the tournament ended long before the bus took off from the depot, I collected all of the final Sunday results. One thing which did not escape my notice was Catriona Brown/Bill Henning in the Wednesday Continuous Pairs, amended Friday when they scored up another overall in the Continuous Pairs, to Catriona & Bill Henning!)

The NAOP Explained

Qualifying for Vancouver '99 begins!

The North American Open Pairs (NAOP) Club Level Qualifying period has begun. The NAOP is a four-stage event which starts with masterpoint-rich club games, and leads up to the national finals at the Spring NABCs. The NAOP games at clubs now lead to the 1999 Spring NABC in Vancouver! There are three flights: Flight C is for non-Life Masters (to a maximum of 500 points), Flight B is for players under 1500 masterpoints, and Flight A is unlimited.

Stage One: Club Qualifying Games

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

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

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

Stage Two: Unit Finals

The Unit Final will be held in September or early October and will be a two-session game, with approximately half

of the field in each flight qualifying for the next level. Depending upon attendance, flights may be combined and stratified. Having qualified at the Club Level, you may play with any other eligible player at the Unit Level.

Stage Three: District Finals

The District Finals are scheduled for the Renton Sectional, October 16-18. (Usually the event begins Saturday afternoon and sometimes, but not always, goes through to Sunday evening.) Depending on attendance, the event may be as long as four sessions in each flight. Any qualifying player may play with any other qualifying player in the District Final.

Stage Four: National Finals

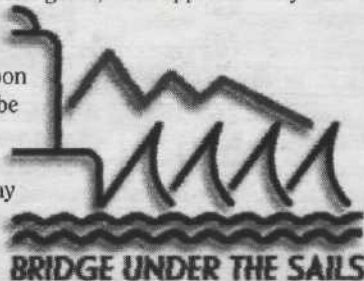
The top two pairs in each flight of the District Finals receive a trip to the National Finals at the 1999 Spring NABCs in Vancouver. OK, so this year it ain't much of a trip, but wouldn't it be cool to represent your district in a North American championship in your home Unit?

Seems like a longshot, does it? Well, over the past ten years at least a dozen Unit 430 pairs have won trips to the nationals. In fact, in 1997 the Flight A National Champions were Aidan Ballantyne and Gord McOrmond! This year could be your year. Don't miss out!

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

Tue., June 2, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Mon., June 29, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre, Flt. C only
Thu., June 25, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Wed., July 8, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Tue., July 14, 10:45, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Tue., July 21, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Thu., Aug. 6, 7:15, Fraser Valley Bridge Club
Mon., August 17, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre, Flt. C only
Thu., August 20, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Wed., August 26, 7:30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
(more games will be added in the August <i>Matchpointer</i>)

Club managers: it is not too late to schedule an NAOP Club Level game. Doing so may appear to cost your club more in sanction fees, but this is easily recovered by a slightly increased table count that the event will draw. Your players at all levels will want to qualify for a chance to represent District 19 at the big tournament under the sails next March. Give them as many chances as you can!



Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club
Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver
All players welcome! Connie Delisle (263-9196)
Club Championship August 6

Monthly Unit Games

Come early July 4 for fireworks!

The decision to move Monthly Unit Games to Saturday seems not to have affected the turnout, which remains at 12-15 tables. Two problems are beginning to appear though. The first is the difficulty of finding a suitable site for the players in the South Surrey/White Rock area. As you know, we ran the Monthly Unit Game as a split-site event for almost two and a half years on Sunday evenings. We thought that moving to Saturday would be a good move for several reasons. It would help the Vancouver Bridge Centre develop its own Sunday evening game without monthly interruption. It would put an extra day between the Sunday MUG and the Monday night game in South Surrey, so that people wouldn't feel bridged out after playing twice in two nights. It quickly became clear that finding a rentable site that we could be certain of getting for monthly Saturday nights was not going to be easy. At this point, it appears that our split site experiment has come to an end. We don't want this to be the case. If you know of a site that might work, please call Anne-Marie Bullis at 525-5669 and we'll see if we can make it work. Otherwise, we'll have to console ourselves with the fact that moving to Saturday makes it easier for Suburbia players to drive into town and back.

The second unforeseen problem is that our strat limits seem to be a little bit too low. Not enough pairs of non-Life

Masters attend the Monthly Unit Games to create a C section big enough to award overalls. We'll need to perhaps rethink the game format for next year, but unfortunately there is little we can do in mid-year with a trophy race going on based on the strat limits of unlimited, 1000 and 300. Perhaps next year we can change this to unlimited, 1500 and 500—or perhaps a StratiFlighted Unit Game, with Flight A open and separate and Flight B/C stratified, might be the key to attracting the newer pairs.

The next Monthly Unit Game takes place on July 4 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. The game begins at 7:30 but the Unit's Annual General Meeting will take place before the game begins at 6:30. You'll be able to meet the new Board Members, help us thank the outgoing Unit Board Members for their services, ask questions about Unit Business (hopefully we'll be able to answer them!), and as mentioned elsewhere in this issue, there will be a discussion of the proposed Zero Tolerance Policy for Unit events, followed by a vote: not just from the Board Members, but from the membership at large. Zero Tolerance seems to be an issue that divides many of us, so the debate may be lively. Perhaps July 4th is an appropriate date for such fireworks!

Fourteen people have attended all five Monthly Unit Games so far this year: Les Baldys, Doug Cowan, Sheila Dickie, Len Feeny, Bill and Catriona Henning, Brian and Joni Johnston, Pat Landau, Donna Morrison, Janis & Nick Parker, Sandra Robson, and Mark Rojewski. And let's not forget Director Louis Landau! Thanks for your support!

A	B	April 4, 1998 (Vancouver)
1		Wilf May/Kathy Adachi
2		George Bell/Anne-Marie Bullis
3	1	Brian & Joni Johnston
4/5		Sheila Dickie/Len Feeny
4/5		Elliott Netto/Ken Robertson
6		Donna Morrison/Ev Hodge
2		Sandra Robson/John Mullen
3		Chester Michno/Bernie Lewis
4		Amad Rafii/Barry Wade

A	B	May 2, 1998 (Vancouver)
1	1	George Bell/Mike Manica
2		Pat Landau/Mary Fines
3		Wilf May/Doug Hansford
4		Eugene Chan/David Dong
5	2	Waldemar Jez/Ewa Wroblewicz
6/8		Joni & Brian Johnston
6/8		Ev Hodge/Flora Tereposky
6/8		Ken Robertson/Jeanette Greenhut
3		Jon Shulman/Barry Wade
4		Sandra Robson/Patti Adams
5		Pirtpal Gill/Yuko Fujieda

A	B	C	MUG Standings after 5 1998 MUGs
1	1		Nick Parker..... 7.25
1	1		Janis Parker..... 7.25
3	3		Pirtpal Gill..... 4.89
4			Wilf May..... 4.82
5	4		Les Baldys..... 4.36
6	5		Len Feeny..... 3.91
6			Sheila Dickie..... 3.91
8			Eugene Chan..... 3.78
9			Pat Landau..... 3.76
10			Ev Hodge..... 3.60
11			Joni Johnston..... 3.59
11	6		Brian Johnston..... 3.59
13			Kathy Adachi..... 3.13
14	7	1	Mike Manica..... 3.00
14	8		George Bell..... 3.00
16			Donna Morrison..... 2.75
17	9		Kathy Bye..... 2.63
17	10		Mona Taylor..... 2.63
19			Anne-Marie Bullis..... 2.60
20	11		Sandra Robson..... 2.55
21	12	2	Waldemar Jez..... 2.53
21	12	2	Ewa Wroblewicz..... 2.53

A	B	C	MUG Standings continued
23	4		Barry Wade..... 2.49
24	14	5	Martin Henneberger..... 2.47
25			George Bell..... 2.35
15			Chester Michno..... 2.12
6			Jon Shulman..... 1.86
7			Mark Rojewski..... 1.66
8			Kristina Bohdanowicz..... 1.28
8			Matt Bohdanowicz..... 1.28
10			David Dong..... 1.27
11			Bill Henning..... 0.88
12			Marti Oppenheimer..... 0.65
13			Simona Costin..... 0.59
13			Dorin Costin..... 0.59
15			Vicki Croome..... 0.35

A total of 138.22 masterpoints have been won by 82 people (a further 50 played but did not win any) in Monthly Unit Games so far in 1998.

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

(all are Saturday evenings)

July 4 (Unit 430 Annual General Meeting precedes game at 6:30 pm.)

August 1 September 5

October 3 November 7

Strats: 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 if a Suburbia site can be found, by Director Anne-Marie Bullis (525-5669)

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

Tournaments & Dates

June 10—August 31, 1998

JUNE

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

15-21 Penticton Regional

26-28 Mt Vernon, Tacoma (0-200) Sectionals

JULY

3-5 Wenatchee Sectional

4 Unit 430 Annual General Meeting (6:30) and Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC)

9-12 Fairbanks Sectional

10-12 Rossland Sectional

JULY cont.

12-18 1st annual CBF Bridge Week in Montréal PQ: CNTC, COPC, CWTC National Championships

17-19 Powell River Sectional

23-2 Summer NABC in Chicago IL

31-2 Ocean Shores Sectional

AUGUST

1 Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC)

1 Matchpointer deadline (August issue covers events from August 14-October 23)

3-9 Tri-Cities Regional (Pasco)

10-16 Red Deer Regional

14 August Matchpointer hits the streets

14-16 Ellensburg Sectional

21-23 Renton Sectional

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

Unit 430 Sectionals

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

6:30 pm, July 4, 1998 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

1998 Evergreen Sectional

September 11-13, 1998 at the Surrey Inn

1998 Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional (unconfirmed)

October 17-18, 1998 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

A One-Year Planner

1998 Round-Up Sectional

November 6-8, 1998 at the Surrey Inn

1999 Winter Sectional

January 22-24, 1999, at the Engineer's Hall in Burnaby

1999 Spring Sectional (probable)

May 16-19, 1998, a four day sectional, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

NOTE: The April *DINO Gazette* had a few errors in dates for our tournaments. These are up-to-date and correct.

**2nd Unit 430-sponsored
District-wide Sectional
Tournament at Clubs!**

***STaCs of silver points!
District-wide overalls!
Win silver points at
your local club!
A week-long Sectional!
June 8-14, 1998.***

Profits from the Unit 430 District-wide STaC are distributed to most participating Units in proportion to the number of tables they contribute.

Unit 430 1998 Annual General Meeting
Saturday, July 4, 6:30 pm
(one hour before Monthly Unit Game)
Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway

- meet your new Unit Executive Board
- help us debate and decide future Unit Policy
- help us thank the volunteers who are leaving the Board
- How does the Unit work? Get your questions answered!

Advance notice: Evergreen Sectional, September 11-13 at the Surrey Inn