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Board 10	Dir: E Vul: Both	NORTH	Pemberton BC June 25, 1990	
WEST			EAST	
♠ JT92 ♥ 632 ♦ 94 ♣ T875		♠ — ♥ AJ95 ♦ JT82 ♣ AKQJ4		♠ AKQ8 ♥ T84 ♦ K63 ♣ 932
		SOUTH		
		♠ 76543 ♥ KQ7 ♦ AQ75 ♣ 6		

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## It's Your Bid Problems

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight: A B C Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and flight are required)

### 1. (IMPs, we're vul.)

♠ KQT982 ♥ — ♦ 986542 ♣ 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	1♥	2NT
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	Double	Pass	???

### 2. (again IMPs, we're vul.)

♠ AK ♥ A942 ♦ KJ4 ♣ AT54

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	2♣	???

\*1♦: poorly-timed "deceptive weak minor" opener. Double here shows 3-card spade support.

### 3. (Matchpoints, none vul.)

♠ K5 ♥ A72 ♦ AKQ954 ♣ K6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	???

\*3♥ here shows a bad hand (6-9 HCP) but a good spade suit.

### 4. (IMPs, we're vul.)

♠ 5 ♥ AJ ♦ AKJ63 ♣ AT953

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	???

### 5. (Matchpoints, both vul.)

♠ QJ532 ♥ K985 ♦ T7 ♣ A8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	End

What is your opening lead?





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- Natural, five-card majors. Limit raises.
- Over 1 in a major, 2 NT is game-forcing and shows 4-card support.
- Splinter bids: all double-jump shifts, by responder as well by opener.
- 2 over 1 promises a rebid; not game forcing.
- Strong jump shifts.
- After a reverse, responder's 2NT or fourth suit is negative.

- Opening 2♠, 2♥, 2♦: 6-card suit, 5-11. 2 NT=forcing, game try.
- Opening 1NT=15-17, 2NT=20-22, 3NT=gambling. Over NT openings or overcalls: Stayman, Jacoby transfers, Texas, Gerber. Lebensohl after two-level overcalls (through 2NT shows a stopper).
- Opening 2♣ artificial, strong. 2♦=waiting bid. Natural responses.
- Over opponent's take-out double, new suit is forcing at one level, 2NT=limit raise, jump shift is pre-emptive.
- Support doubles and redoubles.

- Roman Keycard Blackwood (0314), 5NT asks specific kings.
- Over overcalls cuebid is limit raise+, or any game-force.
- Negative, competitive and responsive doubles through 4♦, higher than that: value-showing.
- Weak jump overcalls.
- Direct jump cue-bid asks stopper.
- Common sense.

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## Opening Lead

by Eugene Chan

I am honoured to be accorded the privilege of writing this issue's Opening Lead. It wasn't long ago that I was congratulating Bruce on his appointment as editor, but this time I will not jokingly suggest cancellation of the *Matchpointer*. The *Matchpointer* is an institution of the Vancouver Unit, published, in various formats, for much longer than the 25+ years that I have invested so far in duplicate bridge in Vancouver.

I started as one of the younger players in the city, and continue to be one of the younger set even as I approach the big five-0. However, there are signs that this is about to change. On a recent Monday night at the VBC, I counted seven players not yet of legal drinking age, three college undergrads just a hair older, and two others aged 20 and 23. That did not include several thirty-somethings and a couple of younger ladies of whom it would have been impolite to ask their ages. OK, we had four players in attendance from the Math camp at UBC to boost the unusual numbers. But I was impressed, as were other seasoned bridge veterans.

However, Brad Bart, our resident expert on youth, was not so impressed, and suggested that by next year there will be a lot more.

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gested that by next year there will be a lot more.

It is extremely exciting that some newer names are achieving recognition in national and international play. Congratulations to our Canadian Women's Teams medalists, and of course a great win in the Flight B Grand National Teams by our players. Most readers will not be aware that the North American 49er Pairs has been dominated by players from our Unit. Our players have scooped the District-Top prizes three years out of the last four. I am very disappointed that the League reduced the District-Top prize money by 62.5% this year! If you believe that this is backwards thinking, then a letter or two to the authorities might prove effective. As for me, I started to...but how do you spell *eplicative deleted*?

Finally, to keep you abreast of all the good news in bridge, be advised that the League approved an increase in membership dues of \$2.00 (US) per year effective January 2001. So, if your membership lapses this year, I recommend that you renew for three years and save a few bucks! Congratulations, Bruce, on your re-appointment as *Matchpointer* Editor. Congratulations also on your appointment as Unit President. Now, where do I go to sign up for the McBruce Fan Club?

—Eugene Chan

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# President's Message

by Bruce McIntyre

The President of the United States is known to his bodyguards by the acronym POTUS. Except for the lack of bodyguards, I guess that makes me POUF: President of Unit Four-Thirty. That should stop the annoying epidemic of people calling me "Mr. President," although I'm not sure I prefer this particular alternative!

Bridge is good here. We have a healthy Unit, with many excellent clubs spread from one end of the Unit to the other, more than our fair share of National Championship winners, more than our share of Directing talent, a better financial situation than most, a small army of bridge teachers actively promoting the game, local tournaments that are well-attended, and a promising influx of new players year after year. We produce a Unit newsletter which is among the best in the ACBL, and as I put the finishing touches on this record-sized issue, I note that the quality of the contents mirrors the quantity of material.

The so-called decline of bridge has hit our Unit, as it has every Unit, but we have fared better than most. As President, I want to improve the good things and fix the trouble spots.

Trouble spot #1: Unit Board Overload. We have three vacancies on the Board, and the ten remaining people are doing their best to do the job of thirteen. I don't know how long this can last—we need your help. Please consider a term as a Board Member: we could use some assistance, especially from the eastern part of the Unit, where there is no longer any representation.

Trouble Spot #2: Special Event-o-phobia. People still don't want to play in the "alphabet" events: CNTC, GNT, NAOP, COPC. Despite the steady stream of winners from this Unit at all levels, the common opinion seems to be that the extra dollar or two at the club level is not worth the chance to win extra masterpoints *and* move on to the next level. You can't win: except that you can—as you'll see inside. The CBF has made a wise decision to stratify its events this year, and your Unit Board decided to respond by kicking in a little extra money to the subsidy funds, so that our winners will get a bit more support in their travels to the big events!

More big news: the newest Sectional site, the Richmond Winter Club (Sept 8-10) is down the road from the former site of Unit 430 sectionals in the good old days: the Richmond Inn. I hope to see you there, "dressed to the nines" on Friday evening!

Good reading!

—McBruce

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Friday, September 29

Dates covered:  
October 13-December 25



# It's Your Bid!

## May 2000 Responses and Scores

Only a few responses for the *It's Your Bid* contest came in until a few days before the deadline, when I hit upon the idea of putting contest slips on the tables at the VBC and a box to insert answers in at the front desk. The one drawback is that the 30 entrants are, for the most part, VBC players this time. Next time, when the deadline approaches, we'll have such boxes at as many clubs as we can get to for maximum responses. We'll put a box at the Evergreen Sectional as well.

And it is important that we get the maximum number of responses. The scoring system for the contest takes Flight A responses as ten points, Flight B as three, and Flight C as one. (By the way, I wrote that comments would place you in Flight A last issue, but the responses from people claiming Flight B or C status were so good that I couldn't resist using a few of them.) The response with the most points is given the award of 100, and the other awards are decided according to their relative popularity with the consensus choice.

This means that your vote counts! It also means that sometimes (as in question five) the answer that worked at the table will not be the highest scoring answer. This anomaly should be familiar to bridge players—the guess that works once may not be the correct guess in the long run. We will however, let you know when the right answer wasn't the highest-scoring answer as a consolation.

**Question 1** IMP Pairs, none vul. You, South, hold:

♠ 75 ♥ QT96 ♦ Q943 ♣ 953

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♣	Double	Pass	??

What's partner doing here? At IMP Pairs especially, an own goal like two spades doubled making is very costly. And if it's not for penalties what exactly is it for?

A very shaky majority voted to gamble on partner's sanity, while seriously doubting it:

**Eugene Chan:** My call? Pass, and I call my partner an idiot.

**The Hideous Hog (In Training):** Pass with trepidation.

**Mike Hargreaves:** Pass: after first looking under the screen to see where this maniac came from.

I assume something like ♠QJT9 ♥Ax ♦Axx ♣AQxx: he expects two spade tricks, and hopes for three outside. Maybe he has ♠KQJ9 ♥Kx ♦Axx ♥AQxx. I just hope this is the last board, so he can't do it to me again.

**Brad Bart:** This might be better posed as a lead problem, as PASS is clear. Equally so is a trump lead.

The other main option was...

**Harold Hansen:** 3♥. Partner's double shows a two-suiter. It should play better in hearts than clubs, as my hearts will provide an entry or two for club plays through the notrump bidder.

**Larry Meyer:** 3♥. Pass is out of the question at IMPs.

CALL	VOTES (A-B-C: TOTAL)	AWARD
Pass	9-5-1: 15	100
3♥	1-4-8: 13	28
3♣	0-1-1: 2	4

**Question 2** IMPs, none vul. You, South, hold:

♠ 842 ♥ K542 ♦ JT8 ♣ KQJ

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT	Pass	??

Stayman or a notrump raise? Is this a game-forcing hand opposite a 15-17 notrump, or an invitational hand? The original question asked also what you would do "after partner's next bid, assuming the opponents remain silent." I should have seen these next two responses coming:

**David Breton:** 3NT. After partner passes I will most likely wait for RHO to lead and then lay down my cards.

**Brad Bart:** 3NT. After partner's next bid, I am going to load my shotgun.

Almost every responder felt that a game had to be bid here:

**Harold Hansen:** 3NT. Yes, partner can have four hearts, but if 4♥ makes, 4NT will also probably make. Let's not give RHO any information for his lead with this type of hand.

**Larry Meyer:** 3NT. Obviously game, should we use Stayman? I vote no because of 4333 distribution and an anemic heart suit. I often recite this explanation to partner after the opponents cash five spade tricks while 4♥ is cold.

There were lots of votes for Stayman, followed by a game bid in hearts or notrump. Two people went against the field, though:

**Mike Hargreaves:** 2♣, Stayman. I will raise 2♥ to 3♥ but otherwise bid 3NT. This sounds inconsistent: forcing without a fit and inviting with, but the fit sug-



gests shortness elsewhere (4432 more common than 4333). I thought of just bidding 3NT anyway, but I would need an extra queen to ignore the possible heart fit. At matchpoints, I would ignore the heart fit and invite through 2NT.

And this response was unsurprising from the Unit's leading practitioner of out-of-range notrump openers:

**The Hideous Hog (In Training):** 2NT. I expect to be alone here. I have no distributional value, my four-card suit stinks, wringing 6 high-card points from my clubs is laughable, adverse game swings are discounted at this vulnerability, and my partners only pass 2NT if they have a bad 15...or less. As for the Stayman angle, surely you jest.

CALL	VOTES (A-B-C: TOTAL)	AWARD
3NT	7-6-6: 19	100
2♣	2-4-4: 10	38
2NT	1-0-0: 1	11

**Question 3** Matchpoints, you deal and pick up this:

♠ Q7 ♥ A ♦ 97652 ♣ KQJ32

What's your opening bid, without knowing the vulnerability? Or do you open at all? Are there rebid problems lurking out on the high seas?

A small but vocal minority opted for 1♣:

**Eugene Chan:** 1♣. What's the problem?

**Larry Meyer:** 1♣. With these majors, expect to lose the auction. Get partner off to a good lead.

A similar minority figured to wait before testing the waters:

**Mike Hargreaves:** Pass. Tough hand, but the alternatives are 1♣ followed by real problems describing my hand, or 1♦, which has nothing going for it other than it may be better than 1♣. Hope to bid later, but even then, Drury makes this a tough one. Hope it's the opponent's hand and that the distribution is an unpleasant surprise. If desperate (and I'm usually desperate at matchpoints) I'd open 1♣ and rebid 2♣.

**The Hideous Hog (In Training):** Pass. Two quick tricks without a major is not enough to open, and I have great possibilities for my next turn.

There may be merit in both. But this is matchpoints, where what the field does needs consideration, and the reluctant consensus was overwhelming:

**Harold Hansen:** 1♦. A marginal opener but leaves you a club rebid over partner's probable 1♥ or 1♠.

**Brad Bart:** 1♦ or 1♣, that is the question. 1♦ allows me to show both suits, so if we buy the hand we will get to the best spot. 1♣ will get partner off to the best lead if we don't buy it. I open 1♦ because that's what the book tells me to open.

CALL	VOTES (A-B-C: TOTAL)	AWARD
1♦	6-9-7: 22	100
Pass	2-0-0: 2	21
1♣	1-1-3: 5	17

**Question 4** IMPs, N-S vulnerable; you, South, hold:

♠ Q ♥ KQ96432 ♦ A7 ♣ AK5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	3♠	Pass	??

Well, do you feel lucky? How good are partner's first chair vulnerable preempts? Perhaps the real question is: how bad can they be? Surely the minimum here is game via six spade tricks, a heart, and three tricks in the minors, but what is the maximum? Is it crystal clear to play in spades?

The majority thought so...

**Harold Hansen:** 4♠. Shouldn't lose more than a diamond, a heart, and a spade. If playing this in 4♥ it could play a trick lighter as dummy might not be able to handle the club loser.

**Eugene Chan:** 4♠. A no-brainer.

**Brad Bart:** 4♠. Slam seems unlikely.

**The Hideous Hog (In Training):** 4♠. If partner makes 12 tricks without a defensive error I want to see his cards.

**Mike Hargreaves:** 4♠: this is the easiest yet. Partner will not have a hand where slam is cold! ♠AKxxxx ♥x ♦Kx ♣xxx is a 1♠ opening bid, and even then slam is only 68%.

...but there were other opinions lurking out there:

**Larry Meyer:** 3NT. Hope that one suit or the other will run.

5♠ had several votes, but seems to give up on the A♥ (which is unlikely anyhow) for an invitation based on trump quality. But is trump quality enough?

**Ludicrous Maximus (aka Grant Fraser):** Okay, my first thought, 5♠, may be a bit wacky, what's wrong with a simple 4NT, finding out if partner has the A♥? (He/she better have spades to the AK, making slam at least 50% without the A♥ unless void.) 4♠ is just plain wimpy. Did you want to play some cards or just take up basket weaving?

CALL	VOTES (A-B-C: TOTAL)	AWARD
4♠	8-8-3: 19	100
4NT	1-0-2: 3	11
5♥	1-0-0: 1	9
3NT	0-1-1: 2	4
5♣	0-0-3: 3	3
6♣	0-0-1: 1	1

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**Question 5** Matchpoints, E-W vul; you, South, hold:

♠ K98 ♥ 72 ♦ KT98654 ♣ 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			3♦
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		Lead??

It's your lead against 3NT. Do you try to smoke out declarer's weakness or do you lead what you've bid? And if you choose to try a diamond, which one do you lead? Welcome to the world of bridge without table presence. There are several hundred distinct "ways" of bidding 3NT here, and many might indicate what to lead. Unfortunately, here, you are on your own.

This was the question taken from a long-gone *Matchpointer*, the September 1980 issue. It's also the only hand in this set with a table result to compare with the consensus of the responders.

We had several votes for all four suits, but all of the "commentariat" chose to lead a diamond.

**Harold Hansen:** K♦. With a probable spade entry, lead the king of diamonds, hoping to pin the singleton queen in dummy. If declarer has eight runners including the Ax of diamonds this will work. Second choice: 8♠.

**Brad Bart:** K♦. Oh.. LHO flashed me their hand and I saw some stiff diamond honour (not the ace).

**Eugene Chan:** T♦. I bid 'em, I lead 'em.

**The Hideous Hog (In Training):** T♦ and a prayer.

**Larry Meyer:** T♦. Maybe partner will have the Q♦ for me, and/or an entry to return a diamond while I still have a possible spade entry.

**Mike Hargreaves:** T♦. Why be a hero? Another installment in my autobiography: *Why I Never Win at Matchpoints*. If desperate (see above) I might consider the K♠, trying to be a hero. Not the 8♠ which my favorite idiot (oops, partner) would undoubtedly take as top of nothing.

Desperation was the key here, since in 1980 the actual declarer had "a singleton spade, diamonds well-stopped, and nine runners on obtaining the lead." At the table, the lead was the 8♠, won by partner...and a diamond shift quickly ended the whole sordid affair. Amazingly enough, contestants in 1980 actually favoured a spade lead, not a diamond. **Mike Dimich**, **John Hurdle**, and **Dave Waterman** got full points for leading the K♠, and **Lauren Miller**, **Don Fraser** and **Gary Harper** got a small discount for leading spade spot cards. There was the "no idea, let's go

for a cheap laugh" faction:

**Mike Strebinger (1980):** 7♥. The rest of my answers are too much like [Jim] Donaldson's.

Scorer **Doug Andrews** responded that "declarer would have to have engaged in pretty psychotic bidding to be missing the pointed suit kings plus the whole heart suit."

In 2000, there were two people who led the K♠: summer visitor **Amos Shazar**, who probably was too young to even hold cards in 1980, and an unknown Board Member who filled out a slip at the August meeting but forget to include a name—we assumed a Board average of Flight B for scoring purposes.

Is it a concern that few of today's players find the spade lead, and fewer still the king? No. In 1980 this question was the last of the set. Question 2 had the very same auction (although craftily rotated ninety degrees) and the question was what the partner of the 3NT bidder should do over the 3NT call, holding this: ♠J73 ♥KT964 ♦2 ♣J987. Of course, it's the same deal—this is the dummy that appears after most of us lead a diamond. We wuz robbed: they had clues!

LEAD	VOTES (A-B-C)	TOTAL	AWARD
T♦	5-5-2	12	100
8/9♠	2-2-3	7	43
K♦	2-0-0	2	30
7♥	1-0-3	4	19
5♣	0-1-1	2	9
K♠*	0-1-1	2	6
8♦	0-0-1	1	1

\*the answer that would work at the table

The Flight A winner was **Dennis McMahon** with a perfect score of 500! Dennis receives two free plays to a Unit 430 Sectional. Honorable mention in Flight A: **Martin Henneberger** (443), **Brad Bart** (430), and **Paul Waters** (411).

The Flight B winner was **David Hooley** with another perfect score of 500! In Flight C the winner was **David Breton** with a score of 336. The two Davids each receive one free play to a Unit 430 Sectional and one free play to a Monthly Unit Game. Honorable mention in Flight B: **Geoff Fetterley** (438), **David Walker** (428), **Rose Marie Nader** (409), and **Richard Dunn** (366). In Flight C, honorable mention went to **Stuart Carr** (309) and **Barry Wade** (274).

Get your answers in now for the new problems on the front cover! The deadline is **October 6**, but if you enter by filling out the forms that will appear at clubs you'll want to have them in by the end of September, so that they can get to *Matchpointer* headquarters before the deadline.



# Awesome in Anaheim

by Mike, Gilbert, Insa and Tai

[Congratulations to the team of Mike Moffatt, Gilbert Lambert, Insa Fricker, and Tai Eng for a great result in Anaheim in the National Final of the Grand National Teams—Flight B (0-1500). Rather than give it away, we'll let the team tell the whole story...]

I guess *Matchpointer* readers would like to know how we did in the GNT in Anaheim. There were 25 Flight B teams representing their ACBL District, from all across the States and Canada. It would be a tough crowd to play against. Wednesday night we were in a round-robin against two other teams. We would play 32 boards that night and play another 32 boards Thursday afternoon. To advance we would have to win at least one of the two simultaneous matches. Halfway through both matches, we were down 28 IMPs against District 22 and up 13 IMPs against District 12. District 22 was a powerhouse team and they really played well. After 32 more boards on Thursday we had lost to District 22 by 81 IMPs! However, we were able to beat District 12 by 26 IMPs. Whew! If all the teams were like "22," we didn't stand a chance—but we were happy just to move on.

On Thursday evening we played 32 boards head to head with one team. The matchups were drawn randomly. We drew District 1, an all French-Canadian team from Hull, Quebec. At the half we were up by 19 IMPs and feeling pretty good. We managed to beat them by 44 IMPs. Friday morning we took on District 24, a team from New York, in a 32-board quarter-final match. Before the match we bumped into one member of the team from District 22 and asked if they got through. They didn't! So there was a team *better* than "22" out there? Wow!

Team 24 was a good young cocky team and one guy was a lawyer. We knew we were going to be in for a tough match. They had so many conventions on their card and defensive tricks—and here we are just playing Two over One Forcing and Standard American conventions! Well, they played risky bridge and bid games that were not there—and at halftime they were losing to us by 31 IMPs! They tried to come back, but fell short. We won by 17 IMPs and were into the semi-finals!

We were so happy to be in the final four that it did not matter if we lost. (Down deep, of course, we

wanted to win it all!) Friday evening we played District 24. Another tough team, and at the half we were tied 28–28. Anybody could win this match. We switched table opponents at the half and felt that we were playing and defending well enough to have an edge. When we got to the table to compare, our teammates said we might have lost this match because they played so well against us and did not make any mistakes. We compared scores and...we managed to beat them by 6 IMPs!

We are in the finals—who would have guessed that? Boy, are we glad that we can at least say we went all the way up to the **BIG GAME!** We celebrated that night as we were so happy and never dreamed to get this far!

Anyway, we were not going down without a fight, and guess who we were going to play? District 14, the team that eliminated District 22, who beat us by 81 IMPs! So what, we came to play. Starting Saturday afternoon we were to play two sessions of 32 boards. It was quite nice as we played in a private room with the Flight A group: Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell,

Mike Seamon, and more. Kibitzers would come to see them play and they just walked by our table without stopping! What are we, chopped liver? (OK—yes, we *are* chopped liver.) Our District 19 representative, Barbara Nist, came over to cheer us up. Just to put pressure on us, she said District 19 has done nothing in this event and we are the only District 19 team ever to get this far!

Let's get the game on. After the first quarter we were down by 11 IMPs. They certainly were good players, and we were not doing our best. In the second quarter they gained another 8 IMPs and we were down by 19 at the half. We went to have supper and we were encouraged that down by only 19 with 32 boards to go we still had a good chance. (As a matter of fact we play better when we are down.) In the third quarter we played solid bridge and gained 9 IMPs back. Down by 10 with 16 boards left. We continued our good play and slowly but surely the momentum was swinging to our side. The guys we were playing began to feel a bit uneasy and missed a cold 4♥. On another hand we forced them to 5♥ and that went down one. Then they bid a 3NT that could not be made, and soon we were finished. Was it enough for us to win?

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**"They had so many conventions on their card and defensive tricks—and here we are just playing Two over One Forcing and Standard American conventions!"**



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When we went to compare scores my heart was in my throat and I was so anxious. We checked the scores and in the last sixteen boards...we gained 27 IMPs and beat them by a total of 17 IMPs! We are the 2000 Flight B Grand National Teams Champions! WOW! We did it—we won the whole thing!

Yes, we were happy and did District 19 proud. We went to see the president of the ACBL and had champagne and just celebrated that night. Who would have thought in our wildest dreams we could win this event...but we *did*. Our names will be engraved on the Sheinwold Trophy. Over 256 boards we played good sound bridge, without once going for any numbers by overbidding. All our efforts were rewarded as we played very well as a team.

The 2000 Flight B Grand National Teams Champions!



Gilbert Lambert, Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Mike Moffatt  
(Photo taken from the Anaheim Daily Bulletin.)

## Big Game, Big Deal!

### The GNT Turning Point

[Taken from the Anaheim Daily Bulletin.]

Over 64 boards, there is never one single deal that decides a match. But bridge reporters very badly want this to be so, and even better if the deal comes in the final quarter with the eventual winners ten IMPs down as that final quarter begins. It also helps when the Big Deal is a wild and exciting distributional free-for-all.

Faced with those expectations, it was easy to point to Board 24 as the big "turning point." It came early in the fourth quarter after our guys had gained a few back to get close to even for the first time.

Board 24	Dir: W Vul: None	<b>NORTH</b>	GNT-B Finals, Final Quarter
		♠ Q83 ♥ AKQ65 ♦ 52 ♣ AT7	
	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ K94 ♥ J ♦ AQJT9863 ♣ 8		♠ A62 ♥ 74 ♦ — ♣ KQJ96543	♠ JT75 ♥ T9832 ♦ K74 ♣ 2

This was the auction with District 19 holding the East-West cards:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
(Insa)		(Tai)	
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♣
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

Both players with 8-card suits decided on initial minimum action, and the first jump by Insa created a problem for North. He chose to bid 4♥ rather than risk the 5-level, and faced the 5-1 trump break. But the contract made for 420 when Tai forgot to return a spade when he took his first trump trick. Oops.

It looked like a possible game swing, but the deal still had to be played at the other table...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	(Mike)		(Gilbert)
5♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♣	7♦	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

If partner can bid 6♣, thought Mike, surely I can raise with this! The 7♦ sacrifice went down four for 800, but 7♣ actually cannot be made (except on a suicidal spade lead)! The swing was 9 IMPs to District 19. If they had let Gilbert play 7♣, the swing would have been 10 IMPs the other way.

One big decision. The difference: 19 IMPs.  
The winning margin? Only 17 IMPs.

## Pencilled-In?

by Julien J. Lévesque

Back down memory lane, I can remember something funny that took place at the Vancouver NABC, in the spring of 1999.

The weather was glorious

by Vancouver standards that Monday morning. I made my way down to the Convention Center playing site.

I arrived at noon half-drenched, following a dramatic change in the weather. I headed for the coffee stand to enjoy my favorite non-alcoholic blend, Irish Cream.

We had won our quarterfinal knockout match the previous night, so there was no reason for me to look for a partner. At 1:00 we were playing in the semi-final.

While enjoying my coffee, I encountered a fine-looking lady from the Southwest. By her voice I guessed she was from New Mexico



# Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

Some plums picked from the Pentiction Regional:

Board 23 of Saturday afternoon gave East-West the opportunity for a pretty trump promotion:

Board 23	Dir: S Vul: Both	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ T975 ♥ AQ ♦ KQ832 ♣ Q6	Pentiction Reg. Saturday Aft.
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ Q6 ♥ KT75 ♦ JT4 ♣ KJ92	<b>EAST</b> ♠ AK432 ♥ J93 ♦ A5 ♣ A87
♠ J8 ♥ 8642 ♦ 976 ♣ T543			

North played in 3♦ and East started with ace-king and a small spade after West's echo. Declarer had to ruff with the ten, and then played a trump to the queen and ace. Another spade, ruffed with dummy's jack, set up West's nine as the setting trick.

Sunday Open Swiss: When hands are wildly distributional it is difficult to tell whose hand it is and it therefore often pays to bid "one more for the road" to avoid a huge swing. For example:

North: ♠ AJxxx ♥ AQx ♦ xxx ♣ Tx

South: ♠ KTxxx ♥ x ♦ Axxx ♣ AJx

N-S Vulnerable. The auction at our table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠	2♣	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On a heart lead the hand was an easy make since East was virtually marked with KQ of clubs. (Win the heart lead, king-ace of spades, club ten-queen-ace, now

a spade to the jack and a club toward Jx produced the eleventh trick. At the other table our teammates played in 5♥ doubled for -300, a pickup of 8 IMPs.

Board 9 on Saturday evening was one of those competitive deals where the brave were duly rewarded for enterprise:

Board 9	Dir: N Vul: E-W	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ K4 ♥ AK764 ♦ Q7 ♣ KJ62	Pentiction Reg. Saturday Eve.
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ 83 ♥ T ♦ K984 ♣ T98754	<b>EAST</b> ♠ AQ652 ♥ J98 ♦ AT32 ♣ Q
♠ JT97 ♥ Q532 ♦ J65 ♣ A3			

After 1♥ by North, East should bid 1♠, pass by South, 2♣ by West. If North passes he is headed for a poor score, since -140 is the result, but after 3♣, 3♠, South has a clear-cut 4♣ bid, which actually makes unless East finds the trump lead allowing a deadly spade back. (North may also go down by misguessing clubs, running the ten.) We played this board against Mike Lawrence, and they played in two hearts after North opened a Precision club, leaving less reason to bid again on the next round. Making two was only 3½ matchpoints for us! Luckily we got our own back on the companion board:

North: ♠ 6 ♥ K63 ♦ K954 ♣ AKT43

South: ♠ KJ85 ♥ 754 ♦ AQJ7 ♣ 96

We tried 3NT and found QJ of clubs onside. Skill is OK. But a dose of Lady Luck does not hurt either!

The tournament as always was a huge success, with Vancouver players more than holding their own, particularly with Phyllis Gerber and Delphine Tablotney finally winning the Women's Pairs after being bridesmaids more often than I can remember.

or Arizona. It was possible to make out that she needed, and was actively in search of, a mechanical pencil. Eventually she came in my direction, still not finding it.

Being the nice (sucker?) guy that I am, immediately out came my mechanical pencil, and I promptly offered it to her. Taken

aback she insisted on paying for it, but I would not have any part of this, and insisted that she accept the pencil as a goodwill gesture lest she insult me.

With resignation she accepted the pencil, and went on to win her event that day.

And only later did I realize that

not only had I given away my best mechanical pencil, but my lucky one. No wonder she won and we lost our match. But worst of all was that I never even got her name.

All of this goes to show: the good act never goes unpunished. As for the lady, I wish her the best and hope to meet her again.



# The Mailbag

## Dear McBruce:

This is, would you believe, a genuine attempt to communicate as opposed to the smart-assed stuff that is my more usual fare. It is not intended for publication. [Ed: we convinced the writer that it was certainly up to *Matchpointer* standards.] I do appreciate that writing is a craft, and that I have never had

enough practice to be much good at it. I shall not be offended if you judge that the above-mentioned stuff is in need of revision, or if you should decide, not to be used at all. If you have constructive criticism to offer, I shall be forever in your debt.

I persuaded the very generous and talented Mr. Brad Bart to proofread my material. When he seemed less than impressed, I was crushed. But I soon realized that

he was, no doubt, merely annoyed with me for having used his initials in my *nom de plume*. I am sorry about that, but it was unavoidable. Should lawyers become involved in this matter, someone will have to be held accountable. By the most fortunate of coincidences my proofreader's fingerprints will now be detectable on the original material.

—*Bashful in Burnaby*

[An article and a sidebar from "Bashful" follows. Enjoy.]

## Through the Looking-Glass Adventures in Penticton

My week at the Penticton Regional was time well spent. It was a treat, as always. Many thanks to the opponents, partners and Directors who kept me in stitches the whole time.

On one occasion, I found myself kibitzing a mid-night Swiss. It was fortunate that I was there, as one of our most respected and skilled local players was in dire need of assistance. The unlucky individual was having some difficulty with his motor skills. It was a temporary aberration having absolutely nothing to do with the Gerry can of beer that he had inadvertently consumed earlier. He was unable to sort his cards. This small service I was happy to perform for him. Upon (what I thought was) completion of this task, I received more instructions. "I need them fanned."

Earlier and clearly on another planet, a favorite partner and I found ourselves facing a Prominent Expert in harness with one of His regular partners. Said regular partner foolishly contrived to make a play that met with His disapproval. Retribution was swift. He berated her mercilessly. I detected no pause in the invective when she pleaded "I'm sorry. I made a mistake. Can we please not talk about it now?" She tried this same apology five more times. I began to suspect He must be hard of hearing.

(Your humble observer was sorely tempted to quote Robbie Burns at this juncture, but decided against it lest I be thought pretentious.)

I am ashamed to admit that chivalry may indeed be dead in my case. I could not help thinking that the loss of composure of the Prominent Expert could not be bad for our side...so I said nothing.

I spotted an interesting article in the Daily Bulletin the following morning. It had been penned by the very same Prominent Expert and, lo and behold, twas the Master sharing His thoughts on the handling of bad results. He calmly pointed out that one

must learn to take these things in stride as had He. The term "Zen Master" did not actually appear, but that was the flavour of it. I spoke with His partner concerning this apparent inconsistency and she concurred with my assessment.

"Thank you. Thank you. Now, would you please tell that to Him?"

"Of course, and I would like you to be there when I do."

"Oh, I couldn't. But I would gladly buy you a beer if you would do that for me."

This seemed a convincing argument and I set off in search of the Master. He was not hard to find. I politely waited my chance as there was some conversation happening at the time. Then, opportunity presented itself and I seized it.

"Sir, may I have a word with You?" I timidly inquired.

"Yes, you may," said He.

"It strikes me that the article You wrote for today's Bulletin was perhaps just a tad inconsistent with the way You treated Your partner yesterday morning," said I.

"Oh, I wasn't *that* bad," said He.

"You most certainly were," said I.

For the briefest moment, He appeared to have been stopped in his tracks. But He recovered quickly, perceptively recognizing that the magnanimous gesture at this point would be to let it go.

And so it came to pass that the Master forgave Himself, conceding cheerfully that "Oh well. Nobody's perfect."

I have deliberately omitted to name names here as the Master is a modest sort who prefers to avoid the limelight. He was once overheard to remark "Call me jaded if you must. I have learned to grin and bear it."

In the event that this unworthy offering should find its way to print, I trust the Master's partner will agree that my portion of the bargain has been fulfilled.

Now, if she will buy me that beer as promised, I will promise to drink it.



## An open letter to an erstwhile Swiss teammate:

Distinguished and Expert Sir:

My partner and I had the privilege of playing as your teammates in a recent event at Penticton. One particular hand caught my attention. At our table, we defended three vulnerable notrump—making five. At the other table, you found the notrump slam—making four.

As we attempted to compare scores, we were treated to the benefit of your incisive analysis: i.e. "Partner's fault—100%." We naively expected at least a token apology for this result. Silly us.

When you graciously pointed out that "I see you guys leaked a trick," we were taken aback—so much so that we neglected to apologize. We have since seen the error of our ways and humbly beg your forgiveness.

Sincerely,

*Bashful in Burnaby*

[Editor's note: When pressed to reveal the identities of the guilty, Mr. Watson declined. "Absolutely not. I have learned my lesson. Mr. House need fear no further leaks from me."]

[Editor's note: The editor's note above was in fact penned by *Bashful in Burnaby*, who obviously plays a very deep game. This one wasn't. —McB]

## Break the Rule!

by Louis Landau

When you learn to play bridge, you learn all sorts of "rules" on how to play, and you are told that they are normally the best method. However, it does not take a player long to learn that rules, by themselves, are not the way to play hands. It is essential that you learn to consider every hand and even though the rules are there, you also have to decide whether or not they apply in any particular case. Take today's hand...



Board Dir: E 14 Vul: None	NORTH	(reoriented for convenience)
WEST	♠ T 7 6 3 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ K Q ♣ K Q J 7	EAST
♠ J 5 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ J T 9 7 5 ♣ 9 5 2	SOUTH	♠ 8 ♥ J T 9 2 ♦ A 8 6 2 ♣ A T 4 3
	♠ A K Q 9 4 2 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ 4 3 ♣ 8 6	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Opening Lead: J♦

The auction is fairly normal for players using limit raises, and the lead by West of the top of a sequence is also quite standard. Where this hand differs is that East has to be awake to defeat the contract. Ever since you first started bridge, you have been told that you must return partner's lead, and if East blindly follows this "rule" declarer will have very little trouble in making the necessary tricks to make her contract.

East should also be doing her best to *defeat* the contract. She can see that dummy has only one more diamond, the king, and there is no way that either she or her partner will be able to make any more tricks in that suit whatever cards they may hold. She also knows that her A♣ will only provide one trick, again whatever her partner holds. Before she automatically makes the "safe" return of her partner's suit, according to the "rules" she has learned over and over again, she should rather consider if there is a possibility of defeating the contract. This can only be achieved if partner has one or two tricks to add to the defence. This can only be in the heart suit, so she must *not* return partner's suit but return a heart, and with a high sequence she should play her jack.

It is only by this thinking that the contract can be defeated, and any East that does this thinking deserves a good result of one down.



## Who Wants To Be...

by Bruce McIntyre

The Hideous Hog-In-Training turned away from the airport ATM and beckoned me to join him. A long line of people behind him shifted from one foot to the other until HHIT silenced them with a menacing glance. It helped that he was dressed like a king.

The mystery of where the expensive clothes came from was soon solved. "I spent some money at the NABC and I am trying to avoid the interest charges on my credit card, but the machine won't take my cheque."

Then I saw the amount on the cheque. It took some convincing, but eventually HHIT understood that he would have to take a cheque of that amount to an actual teller. It took a long taxi ride from the airport to find out just how such a cheque had come into his possession...

The Hog-In-Training had arrived at the tournament to find caddies selling raffle tickets of some kind. To his surprise, his first entry fee contained a ticket stub for this draw. The entry-seller asked for the Hog's hotel and room number and entered it into the computer. Eventually HHIT bought about ten extra tickets from "some fetching young thing who turned her back as soon as she had my money and player number."

What amazed the Hog-In-Training the most about his first NABC were the ads. Every pre-game announcement mentioned the tournament sponsor, some recent dot-com startup. To his amazement, people seemed excited and overwhelmingly positive about the ads, as though this company was going to save bridge from extinction.

Had the Hog only taken a few minutes to read the

*Daily Bulletin*, he'd not have been surprised when his hotel room phone began to flash. The message said he was a winner and that he'd want to report to room 101 in the hotel after the first session was over.

"I arrived to claim my prize and they told me that I was drawn as 'number seven that day', and that it was unlikely but possible that I would 'get on.' Whatever that meant. We seven were ushered into a waiting room and given a fair meal. Then the three people drawn ahead of me went through a door and down a hall; the rest of us waited. I sat and read a book."

HHIT's name finally was drawn and he was taken down the hall and into a studio. Lights and cameras were all around and a person dabbed at his face. At the center of the studio was a bridge table and three people. The Hog was ushered into the fourth chair by an aide.

"About this time they realized, to their utter amazement, that I had no idea what was happening and the fellow who had led me into the studio quickly told me that I was going to defend a slam as the partner of the opening leader. It wasn't real bridge, just a glitzy TV show without even so much as a studio audience. If we beat the slam I would advance to become the next opening leader, but if we beat it *and* I took *both* defensive tricks, I would advance all the way to declarer and have a chance to win some money. So I did. I sat down at the table under the bright lights and to my right was a gentleman all in charcoal gray: suit, pants, tie, shoes, socks, even his hair. He said to me 'Hi. I'm Regis Fill-In.'

"The cameras rolled, Regis introduced me to the camera, did a quick commercial for the tournament sponsor, and sat down in the dummy's chair. Then the man across from me led a spade against the diamond slam. I held queen-ten of diamonds over the dummy's ace-jack-nine-eight. Declarer ruffed a club at

## From The Floor

by Richard Dunn

It was at the Spring Sectional in May that I had my first taste of tournament directing. I have learned over the years that the fastest and most effective way to "get up to speed" is to keep the eyes open and the mouth shut unless asking questions.

I was advised that Directors should be constantly moving about the floor so that players would have

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more efficient access to a Di-

rector should they need one. I found that this enabled me to be in touch with what was going on and provided ample opportunity to observe many "interesting" situations. Some of these could have been avoided and these are the ones I would like to share with you:

**Making your own ruling.** Not a good plan!! This usually results in the non-offending side getting the dirty end of the stick.

My attention was drawn to a table where some conversation was going on. The circumstances were

that North had opened INT, East overcalled 2♣, and South now also bid 2♣. West commented that this was insufficient whereupon North observed "that's OK; West can accept the bid or have South make it sufficient." West accepted the bid and raised her partner to 3♣. This did not stop N/S from getting to a major suit game contract.

North's observation was partially correct. West could indeed accept the 2♣ bid. However what North DID NOT say, and what a Director, if called, would have advised West, is that if she did not



trick three with the eight of diamonds and I overruffed with the queen. Declarer won the return and took the 'proven' finesse of the nine. Down one."

At this point the Hog was flabbergasted to hear that the declarer had won \$1,000 for this performance. "I found out that the shows were edited and shown after the second session and again the next day before the afternoon session in the Vu-Graph room. The crowds there were huge that evening and I had to get up at an ungodly early hour the next morning to be sure of a seat. But I found out how the game was played, just in time to actually play it."

The game was titled *Who Wants To Be A Bridge Millionaire* and was based on the popular TV program. The first five questions, from \$100 to \$1,000 in value, were multiple-choice bridge knowledge questions that most bridge players would know.

The second five levels, from \$2,000 to \$32,000, were play problems. The contestant was shown four hands dealt on the spot by Regis Fill-In, and had one minute to choose one as the declaring hand and one as the dummy. The remaining 26 cards were reshuffled by the contestant and dealt to two defenders, and the declarer chose a contract. In this group, the contestant needed to make four game contracts and one slam contract.

The final five levels, from \$64,000 to \$1 million, were similar, but here the contestant needed to make two games, two small slams, and one grand slam.

Each contestant had three lifelines: in the first phase, the contestant could eliminate two wrong answers, or consult the results of a survey. In the card-playing phases, the lifelines were "redeal" or "lead/

want to accept the bid then it would be cancelled and South could make any bid he chose (except double) and his partner would be barred from any further bidding.

The failure by *all* players to call a Director was against the Laws. We will never know the reason for the 2♣ bid by South, but clearly his inattention should not have allowed N/S to easily achieve a reasonable result.

**Objectionable conduct.** Obviously this should not be tolerated.

"It wasn't real bridge, just a glitzy TV show without even so much as a studio audience..."

play something else." The first simply cancelled the presented deal—an unlucky deal of four ten HCP hands would probably not make a game—forcing Regis Fill-In to shuffle and deal out a new one. The second could be used once during the deal. "Lead something else" cancelled any lead and compelled the lead of a different suit, and "play something else" cancelled any play and compelled a different legal play.

At any point before giving a final answer to a question, or stating a final contract for a deal, the contestant could choose to leave with the money won so far. If the contestant missed a question he left with nothing. If he was defeated on a hand, he left with the highest safe level reached, either \$1,000 or \$32,000. The opening leader became the next declarer, and the POOL (player opposite opening leader) became the opening leader. But if the POOL took *more* tricks than the opening leader, he became the new declarer immediately, and two new players were drawn to replace him. Thus, by winning both tricks against six dia-

monds, the Hog had advanced to the declarer's seat and had eliminated the declarer and his partner!

This extravaganza enthralled bridge players. The organizers set up a special channel in the host hotel's TV sets to broadcast it, since the Vu-Graph room was always packed. The Hog figured he could give them a great show.

"Last night, on *Who Wants To Be A Bridge Millionaire...*" began the show, followed by highlights of the Hog's falsecard in trumps and the look on the poor declarer's face. "And now," yelled Regis Fill-In under

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A kibitzer of the South player at one table "snickered" at the play made by West, which caused the lady some distress, and affected her play of the next two boards. This is unfortunate since had a Director been made aware of the conduct of the spectator, he would have been removed.

**Checking the score.** At one table there was some disagreement on the final score and the group, without calling a Director, tried to reconstruct the play (twice). They were unable to do this and decided

to seek help. Tempers were becoming short, the round had been called and play was being delayed. All of this was completely unnecessary. At the conclusion of the play be sure all parties are in agreement as to the number of tricks won or lost *before* you gather up the cards.

I hope the three observations mentioned will add to your understanding of the proprieties of our game and I look forward to seeing you at the next tournament.



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the theme music, "join us for Night Five, of *Who Wants To Be A Bridge Millionaire!*"

"My staff tells me," began Regis after they had taken their places, "that your nickname up in the Vancouver area is the Hideous Hog!"

"In Training," completed HHIT.

"Well, surely your training is over if you can routinely pull off coups like the one that got you here last night!"

"Not at all, Regis. For a good bridge player, training never ends. There's always lots to learn."

HHIT was surprised that this clever riposte got no applause until he remembered the show was being taped without an audience. When he watched later the editors had spliced in the applause, but the live crowds were grumbling about his fake modesty.

"And I also find," continued the host, "that you didn't even know how our game was played until our staff quickly explained it to you, minutes before your appearance yesterday."

"I know now," replied the Hog. Regis waited so that the editors could later add some laughter.

Finally he came to life. "Well then!" yelled Regis, and then boomed out: "Let's Play!"

The first question for \$100 presented no difficulty:

Who is on opening lead when East declares?

A) North

B) South

C) West

D) The Director

"Nice background music," said HHIT. "B is my final answer." The sound editors added a laugh.

The \$200 question was:

What does WBF stand for?

A) Who Bid Four?

B) Well Bid, Fred!

C) World Bridge Federation

D) Why Be Friendly?

The Hog-In-Training wasted no time choosing C. For \$300...

Which country sends two teams to the Bermuda Bowl?

A) Bermuda

B) India

C) China

D) USA

HHIT's answer would later earn a great chorus of boos from the mostly-American audience when his reply was, "My final answer is D. I've often wondered why."

The \$500 question was a bit more difficult:

What is the maximum total number of skip bids that can be made in a legal auction?

A) Four

B) Five

C) Six

D) Seven

HHIT counted on his fingers and came up with the correct answer, B.

The \$1,000 question seemed to stump HHIT.

Which 007 novel contains a bridge hand set up by James Bond to embarrass his enemy?

A) Goldfinger

B) Octopussy

C) Moonraker

D) Live and Let Die

The Hog-In-Training chose to consult the survey. After a few seconds, Regis read off the results from his monitor.

A) Goldfinger - 57% B) Octopussy - 4%  
C) Moonraker - 22% D) Live and Let Die - 17%

HHIT looked around. "Who did you ask?"

"As you know, we have no live studio audience, so we asked people at—" and Regis looked at the screen in front of him—"at a sectional in Tuscaloosa."

"The card game at the start of *Goldfinger* is canasta, not bridge, and Bond doesn't even play. I'll go against the survey and say C: *Moonraker*."

"Are you confident? Going against the survey? Bridge players are seldom wrong."

"This time," said HHIT, "they are."

Regis looked at the Hog. "It's an important level. Are you sure about this?"

HHIT nodded confidently.

Regis wiped his brow for some reason. "Well, OK fine," he said in a rather morose tone. "Do you want to make that your—final answer?"

"C is my final answer."

Ten seconds passed.

Regis looked down at his monitor sadly...and then suddenly yelled "Cut the cards; bring in some players—we're gonna play some bridge!"

The Hog-In-Training was right.

[More next issue...]



## Tips For Tops

by Mark Eddy

**Today's tip is:** "Verily my son, I say unto thee: Draw trumps and squeeze".

Some of you might have noticed that I've hired a young gun to play with me now and then, and I have to say that he's been absolutely inspirational to me. He accomplishes this by sitting sullenly whilst listening to my bridge sermons for the hour or so that it takes us to drive into the Monday evening game at the VBC. It's great quality dad-and-son time, and these are valuable discussions for both of us. I get to sound wonderfully wise and eloquent (often completely amazing even myself) and he gets to nap. He thinks I don't know he's sleeping, with all that long, messy hair hiding his eyes (no, I am NOT jealous), but I don't miss much (the snoring is a strong clue) and it's obvious that one of us isn't quite as enthusiastic about bridge lessons as one *might* be.

On this particular trek I've been rambling on about the virtues of extracting the enemy trumps, at most any cost, before they can use them to ruff our winners. Finally, to show him the value of remaining alert and to further demonstrate my wisdom and maturity, I calmly wait until the last possible second to jam the brakes on as we pull into the Bridge Centre parking space, and smile a fatherly smile as G-forces gently rouse him from slumber by embedding his seatbelt strap solidly between his little ribs. "Pay attention when I'm talking" I suggest to him. The pre-game mini-lesson is winding down, and as we enter the playing area, I hear the voice of the Bridge Centre's resident 'genius' echoing me: "Draw trumps and claim!" is the sage advice he is disseminating to the huddled masses. "Hear that?" I say, pounding my disinterested offspring on the shoulder. "There you go, just what I've been saying the whole way out here".

"OW!! Stop hitting me!!" is the unappreciative reply.

I buy our entry, and we sit down at the table. During the first hand, and while he's going down seven tricks in 4♠ spades on a 2-1 fit (and smiling merrily through the whole debacle), he creates a dazzling impression alertly knocking his bidding box onto the floor while trying to wipe up the coffee he's spilled all over the table. Naturally, being a responsible parent, I gently reprimand him, which, of course, induces the two ladies who are our first round opponents to smile sweetly at him and glare daggers at me (and believe me, if looks could kill I'd have left in a basket). I'm not going to offer any names, but I will tell you that these two are not generally known for the sweet nature

of their dispositions.

"Don't be such an old wretch," one of them scolds me. "You're supposed to encourage younger players." The other says nothing, but gestures menacingly at me with her pencil. I sense that this requires a response of either seven thousand words, or none at all. I judiciously choose the latter, and pick up what for me seems like a pretty good hand.

♠ 83 ♥ AJ42 ♦ K5 ♣ 97543

Thoughtfully and carefully, partner puts a 2♣ bid on the table. Sadly, it is not his bid... my RHO is the dealer, but these two think he's just 'so cute' that they don't want to cause him any trouble or stress: "That's all right dear, LHO says sweetly to him. "It isn't really your bid, but we'll just pretend you were the dealer." I roll my eyes, but I don't say anything, because RHO is still brandishing that pencil. I bid a sensible 2♦, and 'the cute one' follows with an extravagant 6♦ bid that ends the auction. I point out that the 2♦ bid is supposed to be alerted, but RHO says sternly: "We don't care, and stop criticizing him all the time." LHO leads the Q♣, and he puts down what is actually a pretty good hand.

Dummy: ♠ AK95 ♥ 9 ♦ AQ87643 ♣ A  
Q♣ led vs 6♦

Declarer: ♠ 83 ♥ AJ42 ♦ K5 ♣ 97543

While I'm thinking about how to play this, the ladies are busy praising him for being 'such a wonderfully aggressive little bidder', and 'isn't he a little too young to drink so much coffee', and 'shouldn't he get a haircut he's such a nice looking young man', and blah-blah-blah...

I finally decide that I'm going to impress upon everyone here that I am the expert (EX-pert; *ex, a has-been; spurt, a big drip*) in this partnership and make an over-trick. I plan to do this by ruffing two spades and, after trumps break 2-2 (HA!! In your dreams, Marky-Mark), claim all 13 tricks. LHO however, has been busy making other plans. At trick two she ruffs the K♠, and exits a trump. Suddenly twelve stone-cold tricks have imploded into 'down one' (at least), and I'm left staring stupidly at the remnants of what once was a proud and noble contract. I finally decide to win this trick in dummy, and stubbornly ruff a spade with the K♦, and get back to the table with the A♣.

The charming young lady-killer across from me observantly notes that "Diamonds are trumps, dad." I remind him that 'dummy' means he's not allowed to make suggestions or contribute to the play, but the ladies are all over that one. "Be nice, can't you? He's

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just trying to be helpful." I decide to apologize before they can call Social Services or have me arrested under the Zero Tolerance Act of 1997. And since I can think of nothing better, I do indeed start drawing trumps. Furthermore, I find such joy in this activity that I decide to keep right on drawing them until I run out, which brings me to this ending:

Dummy: ♠ 9 ♥ 9 ♦ 4 ♣ —  
Declarer: ♠ — ♥ A J ♦ — ♣ 9

On the last little trump, RHO squirms a little and discards a heart. When I abandon my club LHO squirms even more than her partner, and then also unloads a heart with a resigned shrug. I can't really remember whether that last spade is a winner, but I'm not going to risk going down two, so I play the heart up to my ace. Miraculously, the opponents contribute both the king and queen to this trick so I end up making the stupid contract in spite of everything!!! Naturally, I'm feeling pretty gosh-darn pleased with myself. No one else appears to have noticed my brilliancy however, and the ladies are busy telling him what a great bid he made and agreeing enthusiastically when he observes that it was lucky the hearts broke so nicely. "That was a double squeeze, I think..." is my polite offering to the post-mortem, but no one is paying any attention to me whatsoever.

Like the true professional (I pay for the entries and he plays most of the hands) that he is, he arises smiling and thanks them for the game while solemnly shaking hands with each in turn. Then, scowling at me with an admonishing glare and shaking his head so hard that those annoying, grungy locks of hair (and no, I am STILL not jealous!) almost completely cover his face, he says "I'd have bid 7♦, but I knew my dad would do something stupid like forgetting to draw

trumps..."

At last, in a desperate attempt to save face, I start babbling that the hand doesn't make if you draw trumps and have no place to pitch the spades and that curiously enough getting ruffed was actually good because it rectified the count and that if they lead a heart after the ruff I can't make it... and... and... no one is listening to me... oh well ...

Here's the whole hand, with the three-card ending underlined, North on lead, South needing the rest:

Board 8	Dir: W Vul: none	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ AK95 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ A	6♦ by South Lead: Q♣
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ Q ♥ <u>KT</u> 7 6 5 3 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ T 8 2		♠ J T 7 6 4 2 ♥ <u>Q 8</u> ♦ T ♣ <u>K Q J 6</u>	
3-card ending underlined		<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ 8 3 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ <u>9 7 5 4 3</u>	

So anyway, what have we learned here? Well, for starters, I guess we should pay attention to our own lessons more. Also, we should be nice to our partners, even if we are paying the entry for them (unless we like the idea of having sharp objects inserted into our bodies by sympathetic LOLs). And, that we are probably better off playing with someone else's kid in the first place. On a personal note, I learned that I am NOT going to EVER try teaching him to drive a car. Oh, and that drawing trumps is fun and profitable... once we get around to it.

Gotta jet... I have to go turn down his @%^\$#\*& stereo before we get evicted...

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7891 Cambie (at River Road), Richmond

(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry includes lunch

Sundays at 1:00 pm

First Sunday of each month is stratified

Sept 3: Club Championships (stratified)

Sept 24: Canadian Open Pairs Qualifying

Oct 15: Stratified Club Appreciation Game

Oct 29: ACBL District 19 Stratified Charity Game

#### Recent Big Games

Sandi White/Pirtpal Gill: 73.84%!  
and the Young Fella, Ralph Purves (94)  
and Les Fouks, 68.98%



# Hey Nineteen!

## by the Zero Tolerance Police Chief

At the May Sectional during the Annual General Meeting of the Unit, Julien Lévesque suggested that we run more articles on Zero Tolerance in the *Matchpointer*. Even though the Unit voted down the Zero Tolerance proposal in 1998, this is a good idea. There are still players who don't understand what Zero Tolerance is, what it is for, what it is against, and why it's important.

From time to time you will hear a player say "you can't do that—Zero Tolerance" when an opponent chides his partner on an error or something similar. In fact, the player who cited ZT is ignoring it here! The aim of Zero Tolerance is to educate players that lack of courtesy is not something you need to endure. When a player fails to call the Director when confronted with unacceptable behavior, this is not Zero Tolerance but Full Tolerance. It's this popular attitude—"Just ignore it, they'll be moving on in two more boards"—that perpetuates the boorish behavior.

It is true that we don't have an official Zero Tolerance Policy in Unit 430. Does this mean that a hot-head can get away with anything? Not if you call the Director when the incident happens. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge say 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." Directors can "assess disciplinary penalties in points or suspend a contestant for the current session." Without a ZT policy in place you can still be penalized or suspended for very bad behavior. I know, because at Bonsor in May it nearly happened to my partner/teammate: several times!

So, without naming any names, except to say that his surname scores nineteen in Scrabble (with only three tiles), let me recap the offences as an illustration of what to avoid. We'll make a game of it: spot the ZT offence!

As dealer I open a cheeky 2♠ on a 9-count with five to the queen-ten, and LHO takes about 30 seconds to pass. Partner passes and RHO doubles. LHO bids 3NT and "19" now says "yeah, maybe we have to call a Director." Opponents are baffled. Partner continues "you pass after long time, and your partner finds a double, probably we should call a Director, but never mind."

Figured out the problem yet? When the Watergate story was being developed, the reporters on the story faced an epidemic of "non-denial denials." An allegation would be refuted by the government by casting as-

persions on the journalists rather than actually denying the allegations. This is similar; it's a "non-Director call Director call". Instead of calling the Director to explain the problem with the auction, you simply say that the Director *should* be called, and you say why. Then you smile and let the play go on, having intimidated the opponents enough to maximize the chance of a later error.

It's just the type of act that Zero Tolerance was designed to prevent, and I wasn't going to let it happen at my table—you shouldn't either. "Partner," I said, "you can't do that. You either call the Director, or you zip it. You don't get to *threaten* to call the Director." RHO corrected to 4♥ and caught a 23-count with AKJxx of spades in dummy for an easy 420. Perhaps RHO was a little light for the reopening double, perhaps not—I didn't look. But when "19" uses the "non-Director call Director call", we lose our rights to question such a result. Zip the lip and go on to the next hand.

Last hand of the knockouts: partner is playing 6♣. He loses a trump finesse, wins the return and spreads his hand, in such a way that perhaps five cards are clearly visible. Opponents are baffled and ask for a line of play. "19" says only that "I have the rest" and puts the cards, exposed for perhaps three seconds, back into the slot. Opponents are still unconvinced. "19" now says "OK, OK, I play some more tricks, make it even more obvious."

Two problems here. The first is that once a claim has been made, you may never—*never*—continue playing: the Laws forbid it. If there is a dispute, the Director must be called immediately, and I did so. Partner objected: "you are dummy, you cannot call Director." Wrong again, "19." Dummy can certainly call the Director once the play is over.

The Director arrived and asked partner to restate the claim. "19," now rather flustered, made a scene—stating that it was obvious and that the opponents had to be "children" to not see it. Of course, the problem was that the opponents had not had a chance to even see his cards yet, nor had they been given any idea of what his intended line was. Eventually, with all cards face up on the table and "19" now on the balcony cooling off, it was clear that the slam could not be beaten. We won the knockout on this board, by a margin of 6 IMPs and about ten seconds. Had that much more time elapsed before the Director was called, "19" might have said enough to be suspended.

Now, I don't want to scare anyone out of claiming when it is appropriate. But when you claim, especially

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after only a few tricks, you should have a statement ready. If you can cash enough winners, list them—"I'm going to take four hearts, three diamonds and two black aces for nine more tricks." If there are trumps out which you intend to pull immediately, tell us about it. If the winners are in your hand, show them to the defenders by facing them on the table—neatly and for as long as it takes for the defenders to see what you have. Defenders are not expecting a claim at trick four: you need to be very clear and obvious when you do so. It doesn't save any time to claim when the play cannot be summarized in a sentence or two. Just play it out without comment—don't torture the defenders with comments such as "I could claim now, but I won't."

If the defenders have a problem with the claim, you must call the Director. No exceptions.

"19" was a teammate for the Monday Swiss, and we won four of our first five. On the way back to compare for round six, I was told by a Director that "19" had been given a severe warning and would be suspended if further incidents happened. We compared and found we had won another one. "OK," I said, "what happened?"

"19" said it was a bum rap. When I insisted on hearing about it he refused to elaborate, so I turned to his partner. "19" got up and left. Apparently an op-

ponent had asked "19" about a call his partner had made, and "19" had refused to answer the question by saying "I'm not telling you." Unfortunately for "19", there was a Director walking by at the time. Of course, "19" was appalled at being stopped by the police without a 911 call, and got into an argument about the situation. He alleged that the question gave unauthorized information about the questioner's holding, which may have been true. But refusing to answer a question is not the way to deal with the problem, of course!

I went to the other team's table to get the ticket signed and apologized for his behavior. Then, after handing in the ticket, I went to the balcony to talk to "19."

"We won; we have a chance to win the event—if you can stay calm enough for two more rounds to avoid being kicked out of the tournament."

"No problem, don't worry."

"If you do get kicked out of the tournament, we have a strategy."

"What, you make an immediate appeal?"

"No. The three of us are going to do the actual kicking, right off this balcony."

Now that, maybe, is Zero Tolerance at its best! No Directors, no unpleasanties in front of nervous opponents—just a "go ahead, make my day" warning, away from the playing area by members of your own team, and guess what! No more problems!

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## Vancouver Bridge Centre

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	7:30pm	Intermediate, 0-300 MP Stratified
Tuesday	10:45am	Stratified Open—Inexpensive Lunch
	7:30pm	Tuesday Night Jackpot Stratified
Wednesday	10:45 am	Adventures in Duplicate, 0-200 MP
new time →	7:00 pm	Stratified: both LMs A, one B, none C
Thursday	7:30 pm	Rookie Game 0-20 MP Stratified
	7:30 pm	Thursday Night Stratified Open
Friday	10:45 am	Stratified Open—Inexpensive Lunch
	7:30 pm	Lucky Number Jackpot Open
Saturday	7:30 pm	Unit Game (first Sat. each month)
Sunday	1:00 pm	Sunday Open Stratified, featuring Monthly Winners Free Play Games & Monthly Mish-Mash Swiss Teams

Last Friday of each month: TGIF Party Night

### Bridge Centre Special Event Highlights

**NAOP Qualifying**—One more try? The traditional "last chance" game is at the VBC Thursday August 31. The Unit Final is here on Saturday September 30, noon and TBA.

**Winners Free Play Games:** Sunday afternoon September 3 for August game winners, Sunday afternoon October 1 for September game winners, Tuesday evening, September 12 for Evergreen Sectional winners.

**North American 49er Pairs:** Wednesday morning, Sept 6, and every Thursday evening in September. Come out and win some ACBL scrip with a region-topping score!

**ACBL Gold Instant Matchpoint Game:** Thursday Sept 14.

**COPC Club Qualifying Games:** Tuesday evening, Sept 19 and Thursday Oct 5.

**CNTC Club Qualifying Game:** Sunday afternoon, Sept 24, a master/non-master Swiss Teams. Monday Oct 16, stratified Flight A and B teams, plus a separate 0-300 Swiss Teams.

**Erin Berry CBF Rookie-Master Game:** Wed., October 25.

**Goofy Pairs Calcutta Returns!** Saturday, October 28.

VBC air conditioning still works well—dress warmly!

## Polski Klub Brydzowy

Polish Combatant Centre  
1134 Kingsway, Vancouver  
Waldemar Jez 527-8854  
Alternate Fridays at 7:30pm

BY INVITATION ONLY

Game dates: September 1, 15, 29; October 13, 27



## ☆ Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club ☆

950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver

**Thursdays at 11 am** All players welcome!

Supervised play sessions: Fridays 11 am-2pm

Mondays 7-9pm (Beginners bidding) starts September 18

Starting September 19: Defense (Tuesdays 9:30-noon)

Also Sept 19: 18-week beginners course (7:00-9:00 pm)

**Connie Delisle 263-9196, or 671-3884 (cell)**

## Vancouver Bridge Club

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

**Louis Landau 984-8309**

All games non-smoking.  
Computer scoring.

Monday	10:00 am	stratified
Wednesday	10:00 am	stratified
Wednesday	7:15 pm	stratified

Wednesday games are jackpot games

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

### Club Championship Games:

Wednesday, September 13 (pm)

Monday, October 2

Wednesday, November 15 (am)

Wednesday, December 13 (am)

### Handicap Games:

Wednesday, September 20 (am)

Wednesday, October 25 (am)

Wednesday, November 1 (am)

### Holiday Monday Party Games:

September 4: Labour Day Pairs

October 9: Thanksgiving —

Lions Gate Handicap Pairs

Nov 13: Remembrance Day Pairs

### Other Special Dates:

Wed Aug 9 (pm): ACBL-Wide

International Fund Game

Wed Nov 22 (am): annual

ACBL Membership Game

### Recent Winners:

Canada Day Open Pairs:

**Joerg Schneider/Norma Saltzberg**

Ambleside Open Pairs:

**Carl Bartone/Karen Denton**

The Maureen Schwartz Trophy, a new trophy for the "C" player with the most club points for the year ended June 30, was awarded to **Suzette Behar**



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## Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: August 21, 2000. Not including invitation-only clubs.

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Last Reported Club Champions
Mon	10:00	VCR	L. Landau	Open stratified	2 Oct	Joerg Schneider/Keith Miller
	10:45	BBY	H. Dressler	Open stratified	TBA	Helen Montgomery/Delphine Tablotney
	7:15	SRY	A. Browning	Open (1st Mon: stratified)	16 Oct	John Lien/Liz Stoneman
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Open (last Mon: stratified)	25 Sep	Marguerite Wiggins/Jeanne Bentley
	7:30	CWK	B. Percher	Open (last Mon: stratified)	11 Dec	Doug & Donna Steinson
	7:30	SQU	W. Jonat	Open (1st Mon: Handicap, 3rd Mon: Trophy race game) Closed July 3-Sept 4		
	7:30	HBN	L. Landau	Open stratified	TBA	unknown
	7:30	VBC	B. Bart	0-300 MP, stratified	2 Oct	Howard & Jane Shimokura
	Tue	10:45	VBC	B. Russell	Open stratified	22 Aug, 10 Oct
11:00		S-W	F. Schultz	Open	TBA	unknown
7:30		NSW	L. Landau	Open stratified	TBA	unknown
7:30		BBY	H. Dressler	Open stratified	TBA	Phyllis Gerber/Jill Wainborn
7:30		VBC	A. Ballantyne	Open stratified	TBA	Julien Lévesque/Armando Andreoli
Wed	10:00	VCR	L. Landau	Open stratified	16 Aug, 15 Nov	John Ashwell/Amir Alibhai
	10:30	HAS	M. Scott	Open stratified	20 Sep	Myra Morgan/Yuko Fujieda
	10:45	VBC	B. Russell	0-200 MP, stratified	20 Sep	Anita Soldari/Ken Hanson, Elsie MacKinnon/Ivy Pye
	7:00	VBC	R. Dunn	Strat. by # of LMs: new time	TBA	Samantha Nystrom/Gord Davis
	7:15	WRK	A. Browning	Open (last Wed: stratified)	11 Oct	Isobel Chernoff/Esther Freeman
	7:15	VCR	L. Landau	Open stratified	13 Sep	Victor Bennington/Arthur Ma
	7:30	C.R	A. Yallouz	Open stratified	15 Nov	Alvin Hornstein/Ashley Krisman
	7:30	M-R	B. Percher	Open stratified	27 Sep	Held after Matchpointer deadline
Thu	11:00	JCC	C. Delisle	Open stratified	21 Sept	unknown
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Open stratified	TBA	Ina Anderson, Hobert Liang, Kathy Adachi, Danny Lee
	7:30	MIS	B. Percher	Open stratified	14 Sep	Brian Lee/Ken Cowherd
	7:30	VBC	E. Chan	0-20 MP	TBA	Pat Adams/Susan Mitchell
	7:30	VBC	G. Davis	Open stratified	TBA	Andrew Ross/Ken Robertson
Fri	10:45	VBC	B. Russell	Open stratified	13 Oct	Colin Ransom/Betty Reynolds
	7:30	ABB	B. Percher	Open stratified	15 Dec	Held after Matchpointer deadline
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Alternate Fridays: see club ad for dates: Reopens Sept 1. Not ACBL-affiliated.		
	7:30	S-D	G. Lambert	Open stratified	TBA	Garry Skoropada, Ernie Dietrich, Albert & Nadia Yallouz
	7:30	VBC	E. Chan	Open (last Fri: TGIF Party)	29 Sep, 13 Oct	Al & Bernice French
Sat	7:30	VBC	L. Landau	Monthly Unit Game, open stratified, first Sat. each month (exception: Oct 14)		
Sun	1:00	RMD	E. Dietrich	Open (1st Sun: stratified)	3 Sep	Mary Fines/Joan Richards
	1:00	VBC	E. Chan	Open stratified	TBA	Alex Jack/Eugene Chan

Please check the listings on the next page for special events and club closures before attending club games.



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## Special Events at Clubs

**August 26—October 20, 2000**

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
27 Aug	1:00	VBC	Monthly Mish-Mash Swiss Teams
28 Aug	7:15	TSW	Monthly Stratified Game
28 Aug	7:15	TSW	First night of Newplicate (0-3 MP) Game (pre-registration required)
28 Aug	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
30 Aug	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
31 Aug	7:30	MIS	CBF Charity Game
31 Aug	7:30	VBC	Last Chance NAOP Qualifying Game (and a regular 0-20 game)
1 Sep	7:30	PKB	First Bi-weekly Game of 2000-01

## Club Abbreviations and Contacts

Abbr	Club Name	Club Contact	Phone No.	Page
ABB	Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	22
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (invitation only)	Anne Nagy	271-0720	22
BBY	Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445	23
C.R	Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891	23
CWK	Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	22
HAS	Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932	23
HBN	Hollyburn BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	23
JCC	Jewish Comm. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196	19
MIS	Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	22
M-R	Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	22
NWR	New-West BC	Gilbert Lambert	535-8286	22
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	Louis Landau	984-8309	16
PKB	Polish Bridge Club (non-ACBL)	Waldemar Jez	527-8854	19
RMD	East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298	16
S-D	Sur-Del BC	Gilbert Lambert	535-8286	22
S-W	South-West DBC	Finn Schultz	534-5025	22
SRY	South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	870-9300	23
SQU	Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702	23
TSW	Tswassen BC	Richard Dunn	940-9809	16
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone: 255-2564		19
VCR	Vancouver Bridge Club	Louis Landau	984-8309	19
WRK	White Rock BC	Arlene Browning	870-9300	23

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
2 Sep	7:30	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
3 Sep	1:00	RMD	Club Championship (Stratified)
3 Sep	1:00	VBC	August Winners Play Free!
4 Sep	10:00	VCR	Labour Day Holiday Pairs
4 Sep	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
4 Sep	7:30	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
6 Sep	10:45	VBC	North American 49er Pairs Qualifying Game (1st of many)
7 Sep	7:30	MIS	First game at new site (ad, p. 22)
7 Sep	7:30	VBC	N.A. 49er Pairs Qualifying Game (as well as regular open game)
<b>8-10 Sep</b>			<b>Evergreen Sectional at Richmond Winter Club—most clubs closed.</b>
12 Sep	7:30	VBC	Sectional Winners Play Free!
13 Sep	7:00	VBC	Club Championship Game
14 Sep	7:30	MIS	Club Championship Game
14 Sep	7:30	VBC	ACBL Gold Instant Matchpoint Game, and North American 49er Pairs Qualifying
15 Sep	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
17 Sep	1:00	VBC	Library Books Fundraiser Game
18 Sep	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
19 Sep	7:30	VBC	COPC Club Qualifying Game
20 Sep	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
20 Sep	10:30	VBC	Don Fraser Trophy Game
20 Sep	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game
21 Sep	11:00	JCC	Club Championship Game
21 Sep	7:30	VBC	N.A. 49er Pairs Qualifying Game (as well as regular open game)
23 Sep	7:30	VBC	Rubber Bridge Tournament
24 Sep	1:00	VBC	CNTC Club Qualifying Game (Master/non-Master Swiss Teams)
25 Sep	7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams
25 Sep	7:15	TSW	Stratified Club Championship
25 Sep	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
27 Sep	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
27 Sep	7:30	M-R	Club Championship Game
28 Sep	7:30	VBC	N.A. 49er Pairs Qualifying Game (as well as regular open game)
29 Sep	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
29 Sep	7:30	VBC	TGIF Club Championship Game
30 Sep	1:00	VBC	NAOP Unit Final (all flights) (two-sessions)
1 Oct	1:00	RMD	Monthly Stratified Game
1 Oct	1:00	VBC	September Winners Play Free!
2 Oct	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game
2 Oct	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
2 Oct	7:30	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
2 Oct	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-300 MP)
4 Oct	10:45	VBC	Club Appreciation Game
5 Oct	7:30	VBC	N.A. 49er Pairs Qualifying Game (as well as regular open game)

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# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

(Special Events at Clubs, continued from page 21)

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
9 Oct	10:00	VCR	Thanksgiving — Lion's Gate Handicap Pairs
10 Oct	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game
11 Oct	7:00	VBC	CBF International Fund Game
11 Oct	7:15	WRK	Club Championship Game
13 Oct	10:45	VBC	Club Championship Game
13 Oct	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
13 Oct	7:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
14 Oct	7:30	VBC	Monthly Unit Game (note date)
15 Oct	1:00	RMD	Club Appreciation Game(Stratified)
15 Oct	1:00	VBC	Club Appreciation Game
16 Oct	7:15	SRY	Club Championship Game
16 Oct	7:15	TSW	Master-Rookie Game(unconfirmed)
16 Oct	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game

**Date Time Club What's Happening**

18 Oct 7:15 WRK Swiss Teams

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**Date Time Club What's Happening**

22 Oct	1:00	VBC	Membership Game
25 Oct	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
25 Oct	7:30	C-R	District-Wide Charity Game
25 Oct	7:15	WRK	<b>Erin Berry CBF Canada-Wide Rookie-Master Game</b>
25 Oct	7:30	VBC	<b>Erin Berry CBF Canada-Wide Rookie-Master Game</b>
28 Oct	6:00	VBC	Goofy Pairs Calcutta
29 Oct	1:00	RMD	District 19 Charity Game(Stratified)
29 Oct	1:00	VBC	Monthly Mish-Mash Swiss Teams

## SUBURBIA CLUBS Gilbert Lambert 535-8286

Gilbert was still celebrating in Anaheim at press time!  
Please call to check on future dates and special games.

### New Westminster Bridge Club

Century House  
620 8th Street  
New Westminster  
Thursdays 7:15 pm

Aug 10 Swiss Teams Club  
Championship Winners:  
Ina Anderson, Hobert Liang,  
Kathy Adachi, Danny Lee

### Sur-Del Bridge Club

St Cuthbert Anglican Church  
11601 82nd Ave.  
North Delta  
Fridays 7:30 pm

July 7 Swiss Teams Winners:  
Bev Kanee, Gloria Prescott,  
Moy Belgrave, Hazel Dressler

## Arbutus Village Bridge Club

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

### BY INVITATION ONLY

Anne Nagy 271-0720

coffee, tea, cookies

Thursdays at 7:30 pm sharp

## South-West Duplicate Bridge Club

White Rock Elks Club, 1469 George Street

**Finn Schultz, 534-5025**

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

## The Valley Clubs Bob Percher 792-4389

Partners always guaranteed!

### Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre  
9400 College Street  
Mondays, 7:30pm  
Stratified game last  
Monday of each month

July 31 CBF Charity Winners:  
Ken Smith/Sohrab Radmard

### Maple Ridge

Ridge Meadows Seniors  
Activity Centre  
12148 224th Street  
Wednesdays, 7:30pm  
Sept 27: Club Championship

July 26 CBF Charity Winners:  
George Wood/Denny Gibson

### Mission

(until August 31)  
Memorial Centre  
33070-5th Avenue  
New site starting Sept 7:  
33529 Catherwood St.  
Thursdays, 7:30pm

Aug 31: CBF Charity Game  
Oct 8: Club Championship

### Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre  
2478 McCallum Road  
Fridays, 7:30pm  
Aug 18: Club Championship  
Oct 27: Club Championship

July 28 CBF Charity Winners:  
Roselle MacRae/Ken Cowherd



### **White Rock Bridge Club**

Sunnyside Community Centre  
1854 154th St., White Rock

*Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300*

*Partnerships: Pat Wotherspoon 535-1964*

**Wednesdays at 7:15 pm**

Stratified Game last Wednesday of each month

Oct 11, Nov 8: Club Championship Games

Oct 18: Swiss Teams

Oct 25: CBF Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game

STaC Winners: Don Sache/Dan Watson 65.06%

NAOP Qualifying Game Winners:

N-S: Dot Carnegie/Ann Ross

E-W: Ina Anderson/Sheila Sache

### **Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club**

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby  
*Hazel Dressler 524-4445*

**Mondays**

10:45 am

**Tuesdays**

7:30 pm

June 5

STaC Game

June 6

Aug 21

Club Championship

Aug 15

**Recent Club Championship Winners:**

Monday August 21: Helen Montgomery/Delphine Tablotney

Tuesday August 15: Phyllis Gerber/Jill Wainborn

IMP League matches welcome (call first).

### **Hastings Bridge Club**

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

*Marianne Scott 298-3932*

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp**

Aug 30 Charity Game

Sept 20 Don Fraser Trophy Game

Nov 29 Membership Game

Dec 27 Club Championship

### **Central Richmond Bridge Club**

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

*coffee & goodies computer scoring*

*Albert Yallouz 321-1891*

**Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp**

October 25: District-wide Charity Game

November 15: Stratified Club Championship

August 8 Charity Club Championship Winners:

Ashley Krisman & Les Fouks

### **South Surrey Bridge Club**

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

Director: *Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300*

*Partnerships: Dot Carnegie 535-8286*

*Mondays at 7:15 pm*

First Monday of each month Stratified  
Computer Scoring Partners Guaranteed

**Coming Events**

September 25: Swiss Teams

October 16: Club Championship

November 20: Charity Trophy Game

**Recent Winners**

Club Championship: John Lien/Liz Stoneman

STAC: Don & Etna Mill

NAOP Qualifying Game: Dot Carnegie/Gilbert Lambert

### **Squamish Bridge Club**

1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish  
*Mondays at 7:30 pm*

*First Monday: Handicap game*

*Third Monday: Trophy Race Game*

*Lorraine Hurren 898-2702*

*Reopens September 11.*

### **Hollyburn Bridge Club**

Hollyburn Country Club

950 Cross Creek, West Vancouver

**Mondays at 7:30 pm, open to all!**

**Thursdays at 9:30 am, by invitation only**

*Louis Landau 984-8309*

*"Bridge with a view"*



# Are You NAOP-Qualified?

## One chance left! Unit Final: Sept. 30.

Following is a list of the 209 players that qualified for the next stage of the North American Open Pairs, during the club qualifying period so far. The list includes all qualifying games except the final one at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, Thursday August 31.

The Unit Final of the NAOP will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Saturday, September 30, two sessions starting at noon with a short break. Flights may be stratified unless attendance warrants to run them separately. About fifty percent of the pairs

will qualify to play in the District Final in Renton (just outside Seattle) on October 21. The top two pairs at the District Final receive a free trip to the 2001 Spring NABC in Kansas City next March.

If you qualify for Flight A only and you are eligible for lower flights (less than 2000 masterpoints), you may play in the Flight B or C Unit Final. If you qualify for Flight B only and you are eligible for flight C (less than 500 masterpoints and a non-Life Master), you may play in the Flight C Unit Final. You cannot however, play in a higher flight than you are qualified for.

Players qualify as individuals—you may play with any other qualified player at the Unit Final.

Judy Acheson ..... A—	Nathan Divinsky ..... A—	John Horne ..... A—	Cathy Miller ..... C	Antoinette Sheffield ..... A—
Kathy Adachi ..... A—	Cam Doner ..... A—	Dave House ..... A—	Pearl Minkoff ..... AB—	Hoshang Shroff ..... AB—
Patti Adams ..... AB—	Richard Dunn ..... A—	Lynn Humphries ..... C	Mike Moffatt ..... AB—	Rani Shroff ..... AB—
Charlotte Alekson ..... C	Kas Dykstra ..... C	Dianne Isfeld ..... AB—	Helen Montgomery ..... AB—	Dawn Smith ..... C
Stella Alliston ..... A—	Mark Eddy ..... AB—	Jake Janzen ..... C	Donna Morrison ..... A—	Iona Smith ..... AB—
Bonnie Anderson ..... A—	Lynn Erickson ..... C	Dan Jacob ..... A—	Greg Morse ..... ABC	Ken Stanger ..... ABC
Ina Andersen ..... A—	Ture Erickson ..... C	Barbara Jedrzejewska ..... ABC	Anne Nagy ..... AB—	Flora So ..... ABC
Armando Andreoli ..... C	Bob Faraci ..... ABC	Waldemar Jez ..... ABC	Margie Neate ..... A—	Joan Steuart ..... BC
Monica Angus ..... A—	C. C. Feng ..... ABC	Brian Johnston ..... A—	Daisy Neilson ..... A—	Doe Stockdale ..... B—
Greg Arbour ..... A—	Angela Fenton ..... A—	Joni Johnston ..... AB—	Wayne Ni ..... C	Moyra Storey ..... B—
Diane Ayukawa ..... AB—	Gerry Ferguson ..... C	Eda Kadar ..... C	Toyo Nunoda ..... AB—	Gypsy Sturrock ..... A—
Dominique Baker ..... C	Mary Fines ..... A—	Nomi Kaplan ..... AB—	Samantha Nystrom ..... ABC	Ric Summer ..... A—
Aidan Ballantyne ..... A—	Shirley Fitterman ..... AB—	Dee Kerr ..... AB—	Eric Pan ..... ABC	Delphine Tablotney ..... A—
Jennifer Ballantyne ..... A—	Rhonda Foster ..... A—	Marianne Koch ..... AB—	Gay Parrish ..... AB—	Ben Takemori ..... AB—
Marlene Barber ..... ABC	Brian Fox ..... C	Kazvko Koda ..... ABC	Roland Perron ..... AB—	Mike Takemori ..... AB—
Janice Barr ..... C	Al French ..... AB—	Theresa Kong ..... C	Krystyna Piotrowska ..... ABC	Terry Val Jean ..... ABC
Grzegorz Barszcz ..... ABC	Bernice French ..... AB—	Ted Lai ..... AB—	June Pocock ..... A—	Paulus Vanderweilen ..... ABC
Brad Bart ..... A—	A Freeze ..... A—	Greg Lam ..... ABC	Larry Pocock ..... A—	Marylou Varga ..... AB—
Jeremy Bell ..... C	Donna Freeze ..... A—	Gilbert Lambert ..... A—	Breda Prestage ..... AB—	Jessie Vesak ..... C
Linda Bell ..... C	Nigel Fullbrook ..... ABC	Danny Lee ..... A—	Dave Pritchard ..... C	Ted Vesak ..... C
Jim Bodner ..... C	William Ge ..... ABC	Pat Lester ..... AB—	Bonnie Purcell ..... C	Jill Wainborn ..... AB—
Kristina Bohdanowicz ..... C	Phyllis Gerber ..... A—	Julien Lévesque ..... ABC	Gerry Purcell ..... C	Derek Ward ..... A—
Matt Bohdanowicz ..... C	Aban Gerrie ..... AB—	Selton Levine ..... A—	Paul Radnai ..... AB—	Maggie Warren ..... A—
Ron Borg ..... A—	Bob Gerrie ..... B—	Elaine Levins ..... AB—	Amad Rafii ..... AB—	Carol Waters ..... AB—
Jay Brandt ..... AB—	David Grannis ..... C	Hsiang Li ..... C	Colin Ransom ..... C	Paul Waters ..... AB—
Joan Brooks ..... A—	Allan Graves ..... A—	Katrin Litwin ..... A—	Doreen Ransom ..... C	Alma Weisensel ..... C
Dot Carnegie ..... AB—	Harry Greenhut ..... C	Ken Lochang ..... AB—	John Reay ..... AB—	Doloris Weisensel ..... C
Eugene Chan ..... AB—	Jeanette Greenhut ..... B—	Kay Lyons ..... A—	Tony Remedios ..... AB—	Sandi White ..... A—
Kenny Chan ..... ABC	Ron Groome ..... AB—	Olive MacDonald ..... AB—	Joyce Rhodes ..... AB—	Debbie Williams ..... A—
Tove Chen ..... AB—	Carol-Ann Halliday ..... C	Gladys Mackie ..... AB—	Roberta Richards ..... C	Sky Williamson ..... AB—
Ginger Chiew ..... C	Harold Hansen ..... AB—	Norma MacNamara ..... ABC	Chris Robbins ..... C	Ruth Winkler ..... C
Marcia Christie ..... A—	Alan Harrop ..... AB—	Phyllis Madore ..... BC	Ken Robertson ..... AB—	Tony Wischer ..... C
Chloe Clark ..... C	Ella Haylock ..... AB—	Mike Manica ..... A—	Sandra Robson ..... AB—	Bobby Wood ..... C
Vicki Croome ..... AB—	Ian Hayter ..... AB—	Molly Mason ..... B—	Andrew Ross ..... AB—	Roman Woroch ..... A—
Brian Cross ..... C	Andy Hellqvist ..... ABC	Wilf May ..... A—	Anne Ross ..... AB—	Ewa Wroblewicz ..... ABC
Marion Crowhurst ..... AB—	Martin Henneberger ..... AB—	Christopher Maylin ..... A—C	Don Sache ..... A—	Mizuko Yamada ..... ABC
Gord Davis ..... AB—	Bill Henning ..... ABC	Pauline McClafferty ..... AB—	Sheila Sache ..... A—	Barry Yamanouchi ..... C
Norm Delaire ..... ABC	Larry Hicks ..... A—	Ron McConnell ..... A—	Norma Saltzberg ..... ABC	Sam Yamanouchi ..... C
Noorali Dhanani ..... C	Wilfred Hilton ..... BC	Gerry McCullo ..... A—	Peggy Schindeler ..... C	Tomie Yamanouchi ..... AB—
Chris Diamond ..... AB—	H.K. Ho ..... AB—	Dennis McMahon ..... AB—	Todd Schindeler ..... ABC	Daniela Zezulka ..... C
Gina Diamond ..... AB—	Ev Hodge ..... A—	Don Mill ..... A—	Gary Scollon ..... A—	Andrew Zorawski ..... ABC
Mike Dimich ..... A—	David Hoey ..... C	Etna Mill ..... A—	Bernice Selander ..... AB—	



## Special Events

### CNTC adds a B Flight!

Larry Meyer (271-8692) is the Unit 430 Special Events Coordinator for 2000-2001.

**NAOP:** Information about the *North American Open Pairs* is nearby on page 24.

**NA49P:** *The North American 49er Pairs* is an event held in September each year. The highest score in each of several ACBL regions wins a prize in ACBL Scrip. The VBC is holding several games (most Thursday evening) to try to coax a killer score from up and coming players.

**GNT:** The *Grand National Teams* has just concluded in Anaheim, and our guys won in the Flight B event! See page 7 for the full story. Qualifying for the 2001 version will begin later this fall.

**COPC:** The *Canadian Open Pairs Championship* is an event that begins at the club level in September. Players qualifying at the club level are eligible to play in the National Final, and the highest score in any qualifying game in Unit 430 gets the winners a subsidy from the CBF and from the Unit to attend the National Final at Bridge Week. So far three qualifying games have been scheduled: one at the VBC on Tuesday evening, September 19, one at East Richmond on Sunday, September 24, and one at the VBC on Thursday, October 5.

**CWTC:** The *Canadian Women's Teams Championship* has just concluded, with B.C. teams contesting one of the semi-final matches...but the survivor lost in the final. (Full details, page 35.) The 2001 event starts with the B.C. Zone Final in the spring.

**CNTC:** The *Canadian National Team Championships* have a club level, a Zone final, and a National Final. This year there are two flights, with Flight B limited to players under 1000 masterpoints as of September 1. Club level qualifying games may be stratified. The two Zone Finals will be separate events held in the spring. In Flight B, two teams from B.C. will qualify for the 14-team National Final. In Flight A, there will be 18 teams: two from each of the six CBF Zones, the defending champions, one third-place team from the Zone with the greatest participation, and four "back-door" teams, decided at the National Final in a qualifying Swiss. Two qualifying games have been scheduled at the VBC: Sunday September 24 at 1:00 pm (master/non-master) and Monday October 16 at 7:30 (stratified A/B).

(Only Yesterday, continued from page 26, starts on page 34) would be solved by future Boards.

Champions in something called the mixed IMP league were announced: **Cheryl Kanec, Bob Sauve, Brian May and Elaine Ryan.** OK, there wasn't such a league—**Bob Sauve's** report called it that after the five pairs playing in the Flight B final were all mixed partnerships!

The national team championships had been recently played in Toronto. Unit 430 had third-place teams in both events. In the CNTC, the team of **Martin Johnson, Julene Johnson, Doug Baldwin, Chris Christoffersen, Ron Borg and Bob Connop** lost in the semis to the eventual winners. In the CWTC, the team of **Sandra Borg, Marcia Kostynyk, Debbie McCully, Lynn Kangro, Jenny Paynter and Julene Johnson** finished third out of eight in a round-robin.

### 25 years ago in the Matchpointer

(Summer 1975, Anne Nagy, editor)

**Anne Nagy** passed the editorship to frequent contributor **Gary Harper** after this issue.

New Unit President **Ted Trites** resisted the urge to call his President's message "Trite Remarks!" The major news was the rejection of the new bylaws for the Vancouver Unit. (In 1975 it was called "the Vancouver Unit" more often than "Unit 430.") A two-thirds majority of a quorum of fifty (since reduced to a manageable twenty-five) was required, but the snag was that the previous bylaws were not distributed to the membership. Since the new bylaws were largely based on

ACBL guidelines and therefore quite different in some areas, there were significant differences and many felt that they could not accept the new version without comparing it with the old. The Board set a new date in October for the special meeting required to adopt the new version, and made sure that both versions were available at clubs for comparison.

Quick quiz: in May 1975 who was the top masterpoint holder (with 2,886) in Unit 430? Nope, you're wrong: guess again. It was **Otto Leesment**.

Tournament ads in 1975 look about the same as today, with slightly different schedules and less flashy graphics. The Swiss Teams on Sunday has a noon and 6 pm start, and of course there are no stratified events—that innovation was over a decade away.

Very few clubs in 1975 are still with us, at least under the same names and addresses. The big Vancouver club in 1975 seems to have been the Pacific Club on south Fraser St., which had games every night and on several afternoons. One event advertised in this issue was the Keg Prime Rib Open. I could go for that!

Old copies of the *Matchpointer*, back to the early 70s, are collected and bound by the Vancouver Public Library's Central Branch downtown. The Unit has a collection of old *Matchpointers* as well, and donations to this collection of any issues prior to 1973 are happily accepted: we'll copy them, handling them with care, and return them to you.



# IMP League 2000-01

## Form your teams now!

It's time to find teammates for the 2000-2001 IMP League season. After considering the input of players about the proposed changes in the previous issue, the Board decided to make minimal changes for this year.

All the information you need is at the IMP League Web Page, maintained by 2000-01 Commissioner Brad Bart, who has been touring club games to drum up support. Tune your browser to...

<http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/IMPS/>

...where, in addition to the information on the coming season, you can find all the data from the past two IMP League campaigns. You can even download printer-ready entry forms for this year!

Here are the details for 2000-2001:

**Flight A:** Unlimited masterpoints. The entry fee is \$30 per team, and entries close September 30, 2000. There may be as many as 13 matches in Flight A, about one every two weeks. The entry form for Flight A includes a survey about the possibility of playing for cash prizes in future years.

**Flight B:** 0-3000 masterpoints, with two strats: 0-1500, and 1500-3000. (The player on your team with the most masterpoints at the start of the season determines where you'll be.) The entry fee is \$30 per team, and entries close September 30, 2000. There will likely

be 8-10 matches in Flight B, about one every three weeks. All 0-1500 teams are eligible for playoffs and awards in both strats. You may even qualify for the playoffs in both strats and have two chances to win!

**Flight C:** For non-Life Masters (up to 500 masterpoints), with two strats: 0-100, and 100+/non-LM. (The player with the highest masterpoint total at the start of the season determines where you'll be.) Entry fee for Flight C is only \$24/team and entries for Flight C close October 31, 2000. Flight C matches are a little shorter, only 26 boards, and usually there are only 5-7 matches in the season. All 0-100 teams are eligible for playoffs and awards in both strats. You may even qualify for the playoffs in both strats and have two chances to win!

If you haven't played in the IMP League before, you can expect a fun game of team bridge twice a month (less if your team has five or six players available) against players close to your level. Matches are 28 boards and can be played in homes or at bridge clubs. The leader board shows the results as they come in, often creating an exciting playoff race as the end of the season draws near. You'll be surprised at what can happen over the course of 28 boards—predictions are seldom accurate. The top teams play-off at the end of the season for the IMP League trophies. All money raised by IMP League entries helps pay for subsidies to winners of special events.

It's a fun way to get a little extra practice at IMPs, and a great way to learn. Entries will be accepted at the Evergreen Sectional: so form your teams now!

(Only Yesterday, continued from page 29, starts on page 34)

The newest trophy donated to the Unit, and the new event associated with it, was announced. The **Andy Nagy Memorial Trophy** was the prize of an inter-club Team championship, where each club in Unit 430 could enter two teams. Each team had to consist of one player under 100 points, only two Life Masters, and only one player with more than 1000 points. The event ran for several years and then stopped for some reason. The Andy Nagy trophy was then used as an award for a Flight B Swiss at one of the annual sectionals for a time. Currently it is not awarded, but there has been some discussion about reviving the inter-club team format.

**20 years ago in the Matchpointer**

(Canada Day 1980, Doug Andrews, editor)

The entry fee for the September tournament (raised to \$4 per player) had an asterisk affixed. There was

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the possibility that it would be slightly higher,

due to an ACBL proposal that might come into effect in September. On top of the sanction fees, the league would collect a "participation tax" from entry fees at all tournaments and club games. As the July 1980 *Matchpointer* was hand-cranked out of the Gestetner, the ACBL bigwigs considered whether to adopt this proposal.

The ACBL financial situation was being ravaged by inflation by 1980 and the league was looking for ways to generate more revenue. The per player per session tax was to be 25¢ at club games, 35¢ at Sectionals, 50¢ at Regionals and a dollar at NABCs. Would it happen? See this space—next time.

**Doug Andrews** ended his stint as *Matchpointer* editor with this issue. He wrote a few paragraphs on two major problems facing the Unit Board: the increasing costs and declining attendance of bridge events, and the methods of handling complaints about "rudeness and wrongdoings." He hoped that these problems

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# The IMP League

## '99-'00 Playoff Winners

With the May Sectional, the Pen-ticton Regional, the STaC and other events on the schedule, the conclusion to the 1999-2000 IMP League took the place of the VBC Summer IMP League this year, as matches went well into July.

And...it's not quite over yet!

First to finish was the three-team Flight C playoff. #2 LAI defeated #3 SELTENRICH by 43 in the semi-final, and then geared up to face league leaders #1 MAZUR. The two teams matched victory for victory all season until MAZUR's 24-6 victory in the last round. But in the final, LAI took effective revenge by 6 IMPs!

Flight C champions: **Samuel Lai, Eda Kadar, Li Sho, Andrew Nalos, Kam Tang, Robin Wai.**

In Flight B, six of the ten teams got a taste of the knockout portion.

In first-round action, #3 MCINTYRE dispatched a Eugene Chan-less #6 NYSTROM team by only 14, and #4 MEYER triumphed over #5 JEZ by 43.

This left #1 ENG, undefeated in the season, to play #4 MEYER in round who-knows-what of the Eng vs Meyer blood feud, won this time by the ENG squad. The other match, a replay of the crucial final-round match to decide the other first-round bye, had #2 ADAMS against #3 MCINTYRE. MCINTYRE came back from 42 down at the half to win by 2.

In the final, #3 MCINTYRE opened a 49 IMP lead on #1 ENG in the first half, handing ENG its first major deficit in IMP League play all year. After a change of personnel by the MCINTYRE squad to make sure all six players got into the final, the match continued...and ended in a 78-78 tie! Overtime was not played on match night, since one of the players had left after the first half. Negotiations are still go-

ing on as to if and when to play the extra boards.

In Flight A, six of the twelve teams made the playoffs. In round one, #5 CHARLESON won by 43 against #4 FOSTER, and the defending champs, #3 LINDSAY, survived in a very close one against #6 DIMICH, coming out on top by 2 IMPs.

The teams that earned the byes came out on top in the semi-final round, #1 DIVINSKY winning by 14 against #5 CHARLESON, and #2 GOLDSTONE over #3 LINDSAY by an unreported amount.

In the final, #1 DIVINSKY reversed an 82-43 loss to #2 GOLDSTONE by winning the final by 33 IMPs, perhaps despite a few misfiring Lightner doubles (see the report below).

Flight A winners: **Nathan Divinsky, Gord Davis, Dan Jacob, Don Brazeau, Larry Hicks, Aidan Ballantyne.**

# From the Flight A Final

## by Nathan Divinsky

The Lightner double, usually against a slam, asks partner to make an unusual lead. This means that partner should definitely *not* lead his own suit or the doubler's suit. It often means: lead the first suit bid by dummy.

My colleague in the East chair was holding:

♠ Txxx ♥ Jxx ♦ KQxx ♣ Ax

With the opponents vulnerable the bidding went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	Pass	2♣
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	Double	Redouble!
Pass	Pass	???	

You certainly want a diamond lead, and holding the ace of trumps, you seem to have full control. What a wonderful thing this Lightner double is! But your LHO is not an idiot. His redouble seems to say

he is almost certain of making his contract. Should you cut your losses (over 1800 if they make it) and run to 6♥, which may cost only 1400?

My teammate decided to call the doubler's bluff and sat for the redouble. His partner dutifully led a diamond. The full deal was...

Declarer won the diamond ace, pitched his other diamond on the heart ace, and led a club to wrap up some 1830 points.

Board 21	Dir: N Vul: N-S	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ x ♥ A Q x ♦ A x x x x ♣ Q T x	IMP League Flight A Final
<b>WEST</b> ♠ x x x ♥ K T x x x x ♦ J ♣ x x	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ A K Q J x ♥ - ♦ x x ♣ K J x x x x	<b>EAST</b> ♠ T x x x ♥ J x x ♦ K Q x x ♣ A x	

Lightner doubles are wonderful, but they don't always work.



# Who Ya Gonna Call?

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Board members in the final year of their two-year term (they may, of course, decide to run for another term): Diane Ayukawa, Jennifer Ballantyne, Bruce McIntyre, Larry Meyer, and Dianne Wilson. Brad Bart is serving as Past President for 2000-2001 and will also need to be elected to serve next year. The other members are in the first year of their terms.

There are currently three vacancies on the Board: one whose term expires in June 2002 and two expiring in June 2001. The Unit bylaws allow the current Board to appoint members to these positions, but we need to find volunteers to serve!

## Unit Finances

### Full Report at Sectional

The 1999-2000 books have not yet been finalized by Unit Treasurer Pete Walton, mostly due to some late arriving bills and claims. The full report will be available

at the September Sectional for those interested. Here are what the final totals will look like.

Unit 430 made a profit of about \$3500 during the last fiscal year. Our tournaments were well attended and profitable. Much of our profit is due to an increased amount of Membership money

from Memphis, due to Jude Goodwin-Hanson's efforts at getting our members to renew memberships.

The Unit decided to take a good portion of these profits, \$1500, and plug them directly into the subsidy funds for 2000-2001 special events. More details at the September tournament.



# Trophy Race Standings after 2000 Spring Sectional

## Phil Wood Trophy

1. Gordon McOrmond.....	50.61
2. Michael Hargreaves.....	46.95
3. Dan Jacob.....	36.70
4. Bill Goldstone.....	29.69
5. Katrin Litwin.....	28.26
5. Aidan Ballantyne.....	28.26
7. Mike Wilson.....	27.71
8. Martin Henneberger.....	27.45
9. Peter Herold.....	25.86
10. Rhonda Foster.....	25.21
11. Gerald McCully.....	24.79
12. Ernie Dietrich.....	21.92
13. Larry Pocock.....	21.73
14. Amiral Alibhai.....	21.46
15. Marcia Christie.....	20.26
16. Waldemar Jez.....	19.70
17. Bruce McIntyre.....	18.47
18. Adi Wadia.....	18.17
19. Claire Burns.....	18.11
19. Peter Morse.....	18.11
21. Brian Cross.....	17.76
22. Doug Hansford.....	17.57
23. Bryan Maksymetz.....	17.54
24. Gay Parrish.....	17.14
24. Jay Brandt.....	17.14

2467.23 silver points were won by 515 players (a further 76 played but did not win any) in the 2000 Winter and Spring Sectionals combined.

The top masterpoint winners at the June STaC are listed on page 33. Points won in STaC events do not count toward trophy races.

## Edie Bonnell Trophy

1. Katrin Litwin.....	28.26
2. Rhonda Foster.....	25.21
3. Marcia Christie.....	20.26
4. Claire Burns.....	18.11
5. Gay Parrish.....	17.14
6. Julia Barsel.....	17.08
7. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	16.43
8. Trudy Hurdle.....	15.95
9. Marigail Abinanti.....	14.10
10. Mary Lou Bert.....	13.93
11. Debbie Hargreaves.....	13.78
12. Patti Adams.....	13.08
12. Marti J Oppenheimer.....	13.08
14. Eda Kadar.....	12.99
14. Kathy Adachi.....	12.99
14. Judy Murphy.....	12.99

## Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. Brian Cross.....	17.76
2. Julia Barsel.....	17.08
3. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	16.43
4. William Sit.....	14.65
5. Eda Kadar.....	12.99
6. Rae Fee.....	11.25
7. David Hooley.....	10.00
8. Andrew Zorawski.....	8.89
9. Gary Thomas.....	7.96
9. Alice Thomas.....	7.96
11. Yoko Okubo.....	7.75
12. Lynn Erickson.....	7.64
12. Ture Erickson.....	7.64
14. John Emmerson.....	7.33
15. Greg Barszcs.....	6.24

## Leo Steil Trophy

1. Ernie Dietrich.....	21.92
2. Claire Burns.....	18.11
3. Peter Morse.....	18.11
4. Ron Borg.....	17.02
5. Haiderali Nazak.....	15.86
6. William Sit.....	14.65
7. Robert Butler.....	14.50
8. Mary Lou Bert.....	13.93
9. Wilf May.....	13.42
10. Kathy Adachi.....	12.99
11. Santokh Sian.....	12.29
12. Dianne Isfeld.....	11.31
13. Hing Kong Ho.....	11.08
14. Patricia Landau.....	10.91
15. Donna Morrison.....	9.93

(Lists made without asking birthdates. If you were born in 1945 or later you are ineligible.)

## Spring Sectional Top 10

1. Bill Goldstone.....	29.69
2. Peter Herold.....	25.86
3. Gord McOrmond.....	24.73
4. Gerry McCully.....	23.37
5. Martin Henneberger.....	19.76
5. Larry Pocock.....	19.76
7. Mike Wilson.....	19.27
8. Dan Jacob.....	19.20
9. Mike Hargreaves.....	18.57
10. Bryan Maksymetz.....	17.54

1426.70 silver points were won by 372 players (a further 77 played but did not win any) in the 2000 Spring Sectional.

(Only Yesterday, continued from page 36, starts on page 34)

Two Easts, presumably playing five-card majors, were allowed to play in One Club, undoubled, and made zero tricks for minus 700!

The top score was for the South who declared 3NT, didn't get a spade lead—probably because the opponents never bid them—and made thirteen tricks!

### 15 years ago in the Matchpointer

(August 1985, Lauren Miller, editor)

Several firsts for this issue: a new editor, a new method of printing (no more cranking the Gestetner), and even a mail-in survey on which Matchpointer features readers wanted continued. The latest site for Sectional Tournaments and Unit Games, New Westminster's Royal Towers hotel, was also relatively new. I suspect the calendar of weekly games compiled by

club editor **Catriona Brown** is also a Matchpointer first.

New Unit President **Doug Cowan** probably set a record by limiting his President's Message to a mere 74 words in five sentences. This seems unlikely ever to be broken, especially by the current Unit President...

New Life Masters for the Summer of '85 included **Brian Badger, Pat Landau, Julie Cowan, Gary Phelan, Mary Scott, Olive Perdue**, and "George" (er, **Joerg**) **Schneider**. Now you know why I hate to take Matchpointer information over the phone.

Rookie of the Year...yes, *rookie*—in the Mini-McKenny race for 1985 at the halfway tally: **Paul Sontag**, a few points ahead of **Cam Doner**!

**Vic Bennington** and **Claire Burns** topped Unit 430 in the April CBF Rookie-Master game.

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# Winners

## Matchpointer

May—August 2000

### LOCAL WINNERS

SPRING SECTIONAL  
BURNABY, MAY 19-22

#### A B C Friday Afternoon Seniors Pairs (14 tables)

- |     |   |                                            |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------------|
| 1   | 1 | <b>Thelma Hofstede/Annerita Hasselbach</b> |
| 2   |   | Mary Fines/Evelyn Hodge                    |
| 3   | 2 | <b>Ursula Perry/Robert Lapage</b>          |
| 4   | 3 | Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren                 |
| 5   |   | Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue               |
| 6/7 | 4 | Marjorie Mason/Toyo Nunoda                 |
| 6/7 |   | Stella Alliston/Marge Neate                |
| 5   |   | Edward Worsfold/Bill Ferguson              |
| 6   |   | Dennis Meadows/Lou Ann Meadows             |
| 2   |   | Rae Fee/Bachan Buttar                      |
| 3   |   | Frances Gunn/Valerie Kennedy               |
| 4   |   | Frank Chin/Hsiang Li                       |

#### A B C Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs (27 tables)

- |   |   |                                       |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 |   | <b>Doug Hansford/Ken Danielsen</b>    |
| 2 |   | Bill Goldstone/Gerry McCully          |
| 3 |   | Leroy & Marigail Abinanti             |
| 4 | 1 | <b>Vicky Smith/Santokh Sian</b>       |
| 5 | 2 | <b>Brian Cross/Carol-Ann Halliday</b> |
| 6 |   | Michael Yuen/Bryan Maksymetz          |
| 3 | 2 | Daniel Zezulka/Gerry Ferguson         |
| 4 |   | Dell Berg/Mitsuko Russell             |
| 5 |   | Dee Kerr/C.C. Feng                    |
| 6 |   | Robert Butler/Amirali Alibhai         |
| 3 |   | Karin Dunlop/Peggy L Ross             |
| 4 |   | Julien Lévesque/William Ge            |
| 5 |   | Jo Ann Smith/Anne Smith               |

#### D E F Friday Afternoon Future Master Pairs (7 tables)

- |   |   |                                   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | <b>Kam Tang/Susan Dorey</b>       |
| 2 | 2 | <b>Yvonne Drane/Myra Johnston</b> |
| 3 | 3 | Michiyo Takeda/Yoko Okubo         |
| 4 | 4 | Alice Thomas/Gary Thomas          |
| 5 |   | Renee & Warren Sweeney            |

#### Ben Lapidus Knockout Teams, Bracket 1 (8 teams)

- Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Bill Goldstone, Greg Arbour**
- Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Robert Butler, Amirali Alibhai

#### Ben Lapidus Knockout Teams, Bracket 2 (7 teams)

- Ken Lochang, Marguerite Chiarenza, Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson**
- Kenny Chan, William Sit, H.K. Ho, Ted Lai

#### Ben Lapidus Knockout Teams, Bracket 3 (6 teams)

- Patti Adams, Betty Jackson, Bruce McIntyre, Waldemar Jez**
- Ursula Perry, Alan Lapage, Yukiko Miller, John Miller

#### A B C Friday Evening IMP Pairs (22 tables)

- |   |   |                                          |
|---|---|------------------------------------------|
| 1 |   | <b>Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney</b> |
| 2 |   | Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin           |
| 3 |   | Haiderali Nazak/Ernie Dietrich           |
| 4 | 1 | <b>Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist</b>         |
| 5 |   | Doreen & Gord McOrmond                   |
| 6 | 2 | John Whittlesey/Danny Lee                |
| 3 |   | Tai Eng/Betty Fawcett                    |
| 4 |   | John Lien/Liz Stoneman                   |
| 5 | 2 | Kathleen Orr/Sohrab Radmard              |
| 6 |   | Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut      |
| 3 |   | Bud Creelman/Sophie Cymbalista           |
| 4 |   | Andrew Zorawski/Mark Rojewski            |

#### D E F Friday Evening Future Masters Pairs (7 tables)

- |     |   |                                        |
|-----|---|----------------------------------------|
| 1   |   | <b>Renee &amp; Warren Sweeney</b>      |
| 2   | 1 | <b>Terry &amp; Anna Eastwood</b>       |
| 3   | 2 | Bill Mansfield/Lawrence Monte          |
| 4   |   | Lynn & Ture Erickson                   |
| 5   |   | Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz            |
| 6   | 3 | Jacqueline Phillips/Bill Ahern         |
| 4/5 | 3 | Barbara Jedrzejska/Krystyna Piotrowska |
| 4/5 |   | Chloe Clark/Janice Barr                |
| 4   |   | Zdzislaw Karpierz/Grzegorz Kaznowski   |

#### D E F Saturday Afternoon Fut. Masters Pairs (12 tables)

- |         |   |                                       |
|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1       | 1 | <b>Isabelle Gardner/Joyce Goddard</b> |
| 2       | 2 | <b>David Breton/Victor Finberg</b>    |
| 3       | 3 | Parvin Grigg/Sunnie Lyu               |
| 4       |   | Lynn & Ture Erickson                  |
| 5/6/4/5 |   | David C Yee/Badiollah Foroughi        |
| 5/6/4/5 | 2 | John Emmerson/Yoko Okubo              |
| 3       |   | Michelle Grad/Tyla Meyer              |

#### Saturday 2-session Open Pairs Final (34, 14 tables)

- Peter Herold/Ken Scholes**
- Brad Bart/Mike Dimich
- Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafler
- Lauren Miller/Linda Sims
- Marcia Christie/Sandra Jenkins
- Gordon McOrmond/Mike Hargreaves
- Michael Yuen/Mary Lou Bert

#### Saturday Evening Consolation Pairs (23 tables)

- Mary Fines/Donna Morrison**
- Marge Neate/Stella Alliston
- Raymond Morrison/Beryl Hamilton
- Leroy & Marigail Abinanti
- 4/5. Cristina Jacob/Doreen McOrmond
- John Horne/Roman Woroch



E	F	Saturday Evening Future Masters Pairs (10 tables)
1	1	<b>David Breton/Victor Finberg</b>
2	2	Terry & Anna Eastwood
3		Janice Barr/Chloe Clark
4		Teddie Steede-Mechler/Mike Pope
		Marie Cahill/David Grannis
5	3	John Emmerson/Yoko Okubo

X	Sunday Flight A/X Pairs (15, 15 tables)
1	<b>Larry Pocock/Martin Henneberger</b> Peter Herold/Mike Wilson
2	Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda
3	Joerg Schneider/Pat Landau
6	Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
6	Dan Jacob/Gord McOrmond
	Ken Scholes/Sandra Jenkins
4	Stephen Beaton/Barry Kirkham
5	Dianne Isfield/Dwayne Dicks

C	D	Sunday Flight B/C/D Pairs (31 1/2, 30 tables)
1	1	<b>William Sit/Andrew Lee</b> John Whittlesey/Danny Lee Hazel Dressler/Louis Landau
2	2	Bachan Buttar/Rae Fee Tai Eng/Sandra Robson Dee Kerr/Sky Williamson
3		Adi Wadia/Haiderali Nazak
4		Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst
5		Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
6		Greg Barszcs/Waldemar Jez
3		Kevin Strangway/William Ge
4		Karin Dunlop/Peggy Ross
5		Anita Morse/Patricia Stickland

D	E	F	Sunday Eve. Future Masters Pairs (5 tables)
1			<b>Lynn &amp; Ture Erickson</b>
2			Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz
3	1	1	<b>John Emmerson/Yoko Okubo</b>
4	2		Alice & Gary Thomas
3	2		Alex & Vicki Storie

A	X	Sunday Flight A/X VP Swiss (15 teams)
1		<b>Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Bryan Maksymetz, Mike Hargreaves</b>
2		Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert
3		Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Ron Borg, Cam Doner
4		Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold, Grace Jeklin, Ina Andersen
5		June Pocock, Wilf May, Les Fouks, Doug Hansford
	1	<b>Debbie Hargreaves, Marcia Christie, Audrey Norman, Jim Norman</b>
	2	Leroy & Marigail Abinanti, Dennis & Lou Ann Meadows
	3	Larry Pocock, Mike & Ben Takemori, Martin Henneberger

B	C	D	Sunday Flight B/C/D VP Swiss (36 teams)
1	1		<b>Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Greg Lam, Marti Oppenheimer</b>
2	2		Waldemar Jez, Julia Barsel, Bruce McIntyre, Andrew Zorawski

B	C	D	Sunday Flight B/C/D VP Swiss (continued)
3			Kathy Bye, Marion Crowhurst, Anne Scott, Amirali Alibhai
4	3		Anita Morse, Patricia Stickland, Margaret Elligott, Gordon Burns
5	4		Wanda Nunan, Alice De Roo, Sheila Moore, Gloria Allan
6/7			Dell Berg, Mitsuko Russell, Dan Groves, Sharon Erwin
6/7			Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, John Horne, John Lien
5			Kenny Chan, William Ge, Hing Kong Ho, Ted Lai
6			Linda Morgan, Anne Paris, Joan Campbell, Pauline Kay
1			<b>Clayton Connolly, Marjorie McLeod, John Emmerson, Yoko Okubo</b>
2			David Hooley, Brian Cross, Eda Kadar, Carol-Ann Halliday
3			Hsiang Li, Kam Tang, Frank Chin, David Woodward
4/5			Peggy Ross, Maureen Crompton, Karin Dunlop, Veronica Peacock
4/5			Lena Kwak, Betty Sagi, David Thom, Helen Thom

(A list of the top masterpoint winners at the Spring Sectional, along with the updated trophy races, appears on page 29.)

**2000 UNIT 430-SPONSORED DISTRICT-WIDE STAC (SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS), JUNE 5-11**

(Included here are the local winners for all games in which Unit 430 clubs participated, along with the first overall in each strat.)

Pts.	A	B	C	Monday Day Games (218 Pairs)
14.35	1	1		<i>Linda Mc Gonagle/Ellen Ward;</i> <i>Women's University Club</i> ..... 73.38%
5.51	6	3		Adam Dabrowski/Maria Dabrowski; Vancouver Bridge Club ..... 65.28%
4.60	8	4	1	<i>Carol Mc Callum/Norita Robbins;</i> <i>Women's University Club</i> ..... 63.28%
3.45	7/8	2		Shirley Dirk/Mary Gaston; Vancouver Bridge Club ..... 60.65%
1.83	7/8			Robert Butler/Sam Jacobs; Vancouver Bridge Club ..... 60.65%
2.59		3		Priscilla Brown/Carol-Ann Halliday; Vancouver Bridge Club ..... 56.94%
Pts.	A	B	C	Monday Evening Games (178 Pairs)
14.59	1			<i>Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue;</i> <i>Vancouver Lawn Tennis</i> ..... 67.11%
9.32	3	1		<i>Carroll Walker/Kay Walker; Lower Valley BC Grandview</i> ..... 65.86%
6.99	4	2		Marian Zarychta/Lynn Thompson; Squamish DBC ..... 65.48%
3.46	6			Roselle McRae/Brian Lee; Chilliwack Duplicate BC ..... 64.44%
2.95	8	5		Bobby Wood/Rangie Sylvestre; Vancouver Lawn Tennis ..... 62.07%
2.21	9	6		Marti Oppenheimer/Kathleen Brady; Vancouver Lawn Tennis ..... 61.63%
5.30	10	7	1	<i>Don Mill/Etna Mill; South Surrey Bridge Club</i> ..... 61.55%



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Pts.	A	B	C	Monday Evening Games	(continued)
2.24	4			Daniela Zezulka/Gerry Ferguson; South Surrey Bridge Club	58.33%
1.68	5			Joyce Amundsen/Elaine Jones; Chilliwack Duplicate BC	57.41%
1.52	6			Ted Sterling/Nora Sterling; Vancouver Lawn Tennis	57.27%

Pts.	A	B	C	Monday Evening 0-300 Stratified	(52 Pairs)
3.60	1			Kam Batra/Shiv Batra; Eastside Bridge Centre	72.92%
2.70	2			John Beresford/Robert Jess; Vancouver Bridge Centre	67.23%
2.03	3			Veronica Peacock/Maureen Crompton; Vancouver Bridge Centre	64.58%
2.33	4	1		Debbie Wright/Cliff Nixon; Eastside Bridge Centre	63.39%
1.75	5	2		Flora So/Sandra Poggemiller; Vancouver Bridge Centre	61.36%
0.98	4			Dawn Smith/Ruth Winkler; Vancouver Bridge Centre	58.14%
1.50	5/6	1		Myra Johnston/Yvonne Drane; Vancouver Bridge Centre	56.63%
0.65	5/6			Eda Kadar/Brian Cross; Vancouver Bridge Centre	56.63%
1.13	2			Mas Yamakami/Sachi Yamakami; Vancouver Bridge Centre	56.06%
0.96	3			Cathy Miller/Stuart Carr; Vancouver Bridge Centre	55.11%
0.63	4			Jeff Graham/Craig T. Wilson; Vancouver Bridge Centre	51.89%
0.47	5			Hugh(Mac) McGaire/Charles Postle; Vancouver Bridge Centre	50.57%
0.36	6			Don Meyer/Gordon Ferguson; Vancouver Bridge Centre	50.19%

Pts.	A	B	C	Tuesday Day Games	(115 Pairs)
12.30	1			Scott Morrison/Duncan Smith; Victoria Bridge Centre	67.95%
9.23	2	1	1	Jackie Benefiel/Ien Martin; Whidbey Bridge Club	66.67%
2.92	6			Ruby Jackson/Ken Lochang; Vancouver Bridge Centre	61.81%

Pts.	A	B	C	Tuesday Evening Games	(131 Pairs)
12.17	1			Janet Daling/Steve Mansfield; Seattle Bridge Centre	64.98%
6.38	4	1		Barbara Kupkee/David Peterson; Salmon Arm DBC	63.31%
4.79	5	2		Kathy Bye/Mona Taylor; North Shore Winter Club	61.74%
2.89	6			Michael Moffatt/Dot Carnegie; Burnaby Bridge Club	61.54%
3.59	3	1		Ted Shaver/Armando Andreoli; Vancouver Bridge Centre	60.65%
1.48	4			Harvey Bridges/Ian Bridges; North Shore Winter Club	57.01%

Pts.	A	B	C	Wednesday Morning Games	(213 Pairs)
14.27	1	1	1	Judith Johnston/Gail Tupper; Champions BC Victoria	71.40%

Pts.	A	B	C	Wednesday Morning Games	(continued)
4.52	5	4		John Ashwell/Amir Alibhai; Vancouver Bridge Club	66.44%
1.67	10			Delphine Tablotney/Phyllis Gerber; Hastings BC Vancouver	64.84%
2.31	8	3		Roland Chew/Harry Yee; Hastings BC Vancouver	62.04%
1.75	6			Judith Wilson/M. Doreen Ransom; Vancouver Bridge Club	58.07%

Pts.	A	B	C	Wednesday Evening Games	(184 Pairs)
14.19	1			Sharon Colson/Jim Aitken; Eastside Bridge Centre	78.70%
7.98	3			Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda; Central Richmond BC	66.67%
5.99	4			Dan Watson/Donald Sache; White Rock Bridge Club	65.06%
4.49	5			Kathy Adachi/Wilf May; White Rock Bridge Club	63.54%
3.37	6			Maureen Crompton/Pirpal Gill; Central Richmond BC	63.20%
2.53	7			Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren; White Rock Bridge Club	62.33%
8.75	8	1	1	David Robson/John Rousseu; Cariboo BC Quesnel	61.98%
6.56	9	2		Diane Ayukawa/Tove Chen; Central Richmond BC	61.71%
2.25	11			Laureen Holley/Mona Taylor; Vancouver Bridge Club	60.90%
1.82	6/7			Antoinette Sheffield/Rekha Shah; White Rock Bridge Club	57.99%
2.53	3			Anita Morse/Patricia Stickland; Vancouver Bridge Club	57.64%
1.90	4			Ann Andres/Wink Andres; Vancouver Bridge Club	56.77%
1.07	6			Dorothy Trask/Carole Day; Vancouver Bridge Club	55.90%

Pts.	A	B	C	Thursday Evening Games	(133 Pairs)
13.37	1			Robert Hitchens/Ron Tracy; Seattle Bridge Centre	68.75%
7.52	3	1		Tom Coward/Ted Heck; Victoria Bridge Centre	66.15%
4.23	5			Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue; Village BC Vancouver	65.77%
3.17	6			David House/Martin Henneberger; Vancouver Bridge Centre	64.29%
2.38	7			Stella Alliston/Helen Montgomery; New Westminster Bridge Club	64.02%
2.69	4			Betty Buchanan/Olga Woolf; Village BC Vancouver	60.71%
3.00	5	1		Linda Morgan/Anne Paris; Village BC Vancouver	59.48%
1.51	6			Mark Eddy/Samantha Nystrom; Vancouver Bridge Centre	59.23%
1.27	4			Joyce Whittall/Tom Whittall; Village BC Vancouver	54.46%
0.95	5			A. Rasmussen/S. Rasmussen; Village BC Vancouver	54.13%
0.91	6			Gilles St Pierre/Denis Lefebvre; Mission Duplicate BC	53.13%



Pts. A	B	C	Friday Day Games	(129 Pairs)
12.11	1		<i>June Nelson/Pete Mayberg; Sequim Duplicate BC</i> .....	67.47%
9.08	2	1	<i>Phil Templeton/Keith Johnson; Oak Harbor Duplicate BC</i> .....	67.36%
6.81	3		Olive Perdue/Pat Pope; Vancouver Bridge Center.....	65.48%
5.06	2	1	<i>Kathy Worden/Ron Petersen; Sequim Duplicate BC</i> .....	61.38%
3.80	3	2	Barry Yamanouchi/Stuart Carr; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	61.31%
2.14	5	3	Betty Reynolds/Colin Ransom; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	58.94%

Pts. A	B	C	Friday Evening Games	(145 Pairs)
13.22	1		<i>Pat Dubbs/Ivan Grondin; Farthest North Fairbanks</i> .....	71.00%
9.92	2	1	<i>Nancy Merry/Don Merry; Duncan Duplicate BC</i> .....	66.40%
3.14	6		Grace Jeklin/Ina Andersen; Sur-Del BC Vancouver.....	64.81%
3.87	9	3	Dan Webster/Diane Bishoff; Abbotsford Duplicate BC.....	63.89%
2.90	4		Alan Harrop/Angela Fenton; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	61.11%
1.91	5/6		John Nader/Rose Marie Norton; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	57.64%
1.91	5/6		Dee Kerr/Chien-Chung Feng; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	57.64%
3.00	1		<i>Julien Levesque/Amos Shazar; Vancouver Bridge Centre</i> .....	57.41%
1.27	4		James Balcom/Robert Jess; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	53.01%

Pts. A	B	C	Sunday Day Games	(100 Pairs)
10.00	1		<i>Steve Mansfield/Balusu Rao; Seattle Bridge Center</i> .....	69.23%
4.22	4		Andrew Ross/Ram Hira; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	62.73%
2.775/6			E. Isfeld/Shirley Isfeld; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	62.50%
2.775/6			John Horne/Debbie Williams; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	62.50%
5.00	1		<i>Thiam Ted Lai/Kenny T Chan; East Richmond Bridge Club</i> .....	62.27%
3.75	2		Mark Eddy/Samantha Nystrom; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	58.96%
2.11	4	1	<i>George Lee/Dorothy Shields; Island BC Victoria</i> .....	56.89%
1.58	5		Eleanor Webb/William Kennedy; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	56.02%
1.19	6		Barry Wade/Amad Rafii; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	55.79%
0.89	4		Harry Greenhut/Hugh McGaige; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	50.23%
0.70	5		Jackie Phillips/Borge Frederiksen; East Richmond Bridge Club.....	49.77%
0.65	6		Kristina Bohdanowicz/Matt Bohdanowicz; Vancouver Bridge Centre.....	48.30%

Rank	Pts.	Top Overall STaC Silver Point Winners
1.	44.42	<i>Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA</i>
2.	32.68	Balusu Rao, Redmond WA
3.	26.91	Olive Perdue, Vancouver BC
4.	25.89	Larry Hawkins, Bremerton WA
5.	24.87	Jim Aitken, Bellevue WA
6.	21.42	Bonnie Anderson, Vancouver BC
7.	18.09	Harry Steiner, Seattle WA
8.	16.02	Irene W Brown, Victoria BC
9.	15.43	Ken Kirkpatrick, Port Orchard WA
10.	15.03	Sharon Colson, Kirkland WA
11.	14.83	Betty Barnard, Victoria BC
12.	14.35	Linda Mc Gonagle, Bellevue WA
12.	14.35	Ellen Ward, Seattle WA
14.	14.31	Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA
15.	14.27	Judith Johnston, Victoria BC
15.	14.27	Gail Tupper, Victoria BC
17.	13.37	Ron Tracy, Edmonds WA
17.	13.37	Robert Hitchens, Seattle WA
19.	13.22	Ivan Grondin, Fairbanks AK
19.	13.22	Patrick Dubbs, Fairbanks AK
21.	12.73	Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam BC
22.	12.43	Bill Gallagher, Bremerton WA
23.	12.30	Duncan Smith, Victoria BC
23.	12.30	Scott Morrison, Victoria BC
25	12.29	Gene Hood, Bremerton WA

A total of 3000.33 silver points were won by 1348 different people (a further 674 also played but did not win any) in the Unit 430-sponsored District-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs, June 5-11, 2000.

## OUT-OF-TOWN WINNERS

PEACH CITY REGIONAL  
PENTICTON BC, JUNE 12-18

### Monday Evening Charity Pairs

B3. Doug Strachan/Maureen Newcombe

C1. **Don & Shirley Warner**

C2. Anita Morse/Pat Strickland

### Monday Evening 99er Charity Pairs

D1. **Lynn & Ture Erickson**

### Monday-Tuesday Welcome Knockout Teams

Bracket 1

2. Kathy Adachi, Don Sache, Wilf May, Dan Watson

Bracket 2

1. **Mike Dimich, Dave House, June Pocock, Brad Bart**

2. Martin Johnson

Bracket 3

1. **Monica Angus, Julia Barsel, Sheila Sache, Jim Sache**

3/4. Don Sharp

Bracket 4

3/4. Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Ray Morrison, Priscilla Brown

Bracket 5

3/4. Norma Saltzberg, Ken Lochang, Kathleen Orr, Anne Knowlan

Bracket 6

1. Karen Denton, Linda Morgan

Bracket 7

2. Eda Kadar, Brian Cross, Peggy Ross, Karin Dunlop

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**Tuesday Morning Continuous Pairs**

ABC1. Brian Lee

**Tuesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs**

C3. Brian Lee

**Tuesday Stratiflighted Swiss, Flight A/X**

X2. Gerry Sugarman

**Tuesday Stratiflighted Swiss, Flight B/C/D**

A1. Terry Scott, Louis Landau, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn

**Tuesday Evening Stratified Swiss**

A2. Richard & Marcia Christie

**Tuesday Evening 99er Swiss**

1. Mona Vassos, Gary & Alice Thomas, Muriel O'Brien

**Tuesday Women's Stratified Pairs**

A1. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney

A3B1. Rosalyn Richardson/Pat Carruthers

**Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs**

A3/5. Pete Walton; Keith & Rose Miller

C2/3. Anita Morse/Pat Strickland

**Wednesday Morning Continuous Pairs**

A2/3B1/2. Claire Burns/Peter Morse

C1. Harvey & Jean Bridges

**Wednesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs**

B2. Ron Groome/Elaine Levins

**Wednesday Afternoon 99er Pairs**

DE3. George Baldwin

**Wednesday Open Pairs**

A1. Sheila Sache/Gilbert Lambert

A3. Richard & Marcia Christie

B3. Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome

C3. Anne Smith

**Wednesday Senior Pairs**

C1. Don & Shirley Warner

**Wednesday Evening 99er Pairs**

DE1. Alice & Gary Thomas

**Wednesday Evening Stratified Swiss**

C2/3. Eileen Van Pelt

**Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs**

AB1. David Walker/Hazel Dressler

B2. Shirley & William Miller

B3. Jane Craig/Marg Elligott

**Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs**

AB1. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld

C2. Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz

**Thursday Evening 99er Pairs**

DE1. Alice & Gary Thomas

D2. Lynn & Ture Erickson

**Thursday Evening Stratified Swiss**

AB1. Marti Oppenheimer, Ken Lochang

B3C1. Rae Fee, Breda Prestage, Norma McNamara, Marlene Barber

C3. David Hooley, Carol-Ann Halliday, Brian Cross, Eda Kadar

**Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams**

Bracket 2

1. John Lien

Bracket 4

3/4. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson; and Ken Lochang, Bobby Wood, Marti Oppenheimer, Maureen Crompton

Bracket 6

1. Doreen & Colin Ransom

**Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams cont.**

Bracket 6 cont.

3/4. Carol-Ann Halliday, David Hooley, Eda Kadar, Brian Cross

**Friday Morning Continuous Pairs**

ABC1. Maureen Crompton

**Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs**

AB3C2. Marg Elligott/Pat Strickland

C3. Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz

**Friday Afternoon Future Masters**

DE1. Alice & Gary Thomas

**Friday Open Pairs**

A1. Aban & Bob Gerrie

B1. Harold Hansen/Dan Watson

B2. Patti Adams/Dee Kerr

B3C1. Jim Kerr/Maarten Tjebbes

**Friday Senior Pairs**

C1. Kathleen Boothroyd/Lorraine Hurren

C3. Gloria Allan

**Friday Evening Continuous Pairs**

A1. Martin Johnson

A2. Anne Scott/Rose Miller

A3BC1. Gordon Burns/Michael Strickland

B2. Diane Ayukawa/Richard Dunn

B3C2. Maureen Crompton

C3. Edie Phillpotts/Bev Hall

**Thursday-Friday Continuous Pairs Individual Overalls**

1. Hazel Dressler

2. Rose Miller

3/4. Maureen Crompton

**Friday Evening Stratified Swiss**

A2. Phyllis Gerber, Delphine Tablotney, Helen Montgomery

A3B2. Joyce Rhodes, Rekha Shah, Thelma Hofstede, Annerita Hasselbach

C2. Roy & Eileen Van Pelt, Isabel Chernoff, Joan Brooks

**Saturday Morning Continuous Pairs**

A2. Al French

B2. Claire Burns/Peter Morse

C3. Harold Hansen

**Saturday Afternoon 99er Stratified Pairs**

DE1. Alice & Gary Thomas

D2. Lynn & Ture Erickson

D3. Mona Vassos/Muriel O'Brien

**Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs**

AB2. Catriona & Bill Henning

**Wednesday-Saturday Morning Knockout Teams**

Bracket 1

3/4. Dave House

Bracket 2

1. Larry Chow

Bracket 3

1. Marion Crowhurst, Kathy Bye, Marina Page

Bracket 4

2. Betty Harold, Jean Katz, Roberta Richards, Betty Reynolds

**Friday Midnite Lucky Draw ZIP Swiss**

A2. June Pocock, Brad Bart, Mike Dimich

B1. Liz Stoneman, John Lien

**Saturday Senior Stratified Pairs**

B2. Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren

B3. Arlene Browning/Pat Carruthers

**Saturday Super Open Pairs, Flight B**

1. John Lien



### Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs

**AB1.** *Louis Landau/Hazel Dressler*

C2. Alex Jack

### Saturday Super Open Pairs, Flight A/X

A3. Aidan Ballantyne

X1. *Connie Delisle*

### Saturday Evening Stratified Swiss

BC2/3. *Judith Wilson, Brenda Cameron, Doreen & Colin Ransom*

### Friday-Saturday Weekend Knockout Teams

Bracket 2

2. *Danny Lee, John Whittlesey*

Bracket 3

1. *Dave Schmidt, Jim Sache, Grace Jeklin*

Bracket 4

1. *Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson, Christa Mead*

Bracket 5

1. *Brian Cross, David Hooley, Carol-Ann Halliday, Terry Scott*

3/4. Alex Jack

Bracket 6

1. *Norma McNamara, Diane McNames, Marlene Barber*

2. *Bobby Wood, Roberta Richards, Betty Reynolds*

3/4. *Judith Wilson, Brenda Cameron, Doreen & Colin Ransom*

### Thursday-Friday Senior Knockout Teams

Bracket 1

3/4. *Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold*

Bracket 2

1. *Barbara Green, Betty Harold*

3/4. *Annerita Hasselbach, Joyce Rhodes, Rekha Shah, Thelma Hofstede*

Bracket 3

2. *Tom Markham*

3/4. *Kathleen Orr, Anne Knowlan, Norma Saltzberg*

### Sunday Stratified Open Pairs

A1. *Martin Johnson*

A3BC1. *Joan Sobeniak/Sharon Hughes*

### Sunday Continuous Pairs

C2. *Matt & Kristina Bohdanowicz*

C3. *Lynn & Ture Erickson*

### Sunday Super Open Swiss, Flight A/X

X3. *Dave Schmidt, Grace Jeklin, Jim Sache, Ron Groome*

### Sunday Super Open Swiss, Flight B

1. *Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld, Claire Burns, Peter Morse*

2. *Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Dennis Groden, Alex Kiper*

### Sunday Super Open Swiss, Flight C

1. *Linda Morgan, Anne Paris, Eve Clark, Joan Campbell*

### Sunday Senior Stratified Swiss, Flight A/X

A2. *Pearl Minkoff, Bonnie Anderson, M. Kidder, Anne Nagy*

B3. *Joyce Rhodes, Rekha Shah, Annerita Hasselbach, Thelma Hofstede*

(The Pentiction lists are limited to top three overall finishes in each strat. I'd apologize for this if it weren't already page five of the winners lists.)

### STRAWBERRY SECTIONAL MOUNT VERNON WA, JUNE 30-JULY 2

#### Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs

A4/5. *Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren; Larry Chow*

#### Friday Evening Stratified Pairs

A4. *Brian Russell*

### Saturday Afternoon Stratified Pairs

A4. *Les Baldys*

A5. *Derek Ward/Don Sache*

### Handicap Knockout Teams

2. *Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully*

### Saturday Evening Stratified Pairs

A1. *Richard & Marcia Christie*

### Sunday StratiFlighted Swiss, Flight A/X

A4X1. *Larry Chow*

A5X2. *Bob & Aban Gerrie, Trudy & John Hurdle*

### Sunday StratiFlighted Swiss, Flight B/C

B1/2. *Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Sandra Robson, Jeanette Greenhut; Marion Crowhurst, Kathy Bye*

B3. *Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn*

B4/5CT. *Carol-Ann Halliday, Brian Cross, Colin Ransom, Doreen Ransom*

(I have the evidence to show that **Eugene Chan** and **Julien Lévesque** played in the Saturday Open Pairs, and in one of the sessions a scorecard with 20 minus scores and only six plus scores was somehow enough to place well above average and almost in the overalls!)

### CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION "BRIDGE WEEK" NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HALIFAX NB, JUNE 23-29

#### Canadian National Teams Championship (28 teams)

10. *Brian Maksymetz, Gord McOrmond*

12. *Felipe Hernandez, Gerry McCully, Peter Herold*

Both B.C. teams played very well and just missed qualifying for the knockout stages by a few victory points.

#### Canadian Women's Teams Championship (14 teams)

2. *Kathy Adachi, Ina Anderson, Grace Jeklin, Leslie Gold*

3/4. *Dianne Isfeld, Pauline McClafferty, Tove Chen, Diane Ayukawa*

The Isfeld team actually finished ahead of the Adachi team, but when the two B.C. teams survived their quarterfinals and met in the semis, Adachi won. In the final, Adachi held their own in the first and third quarters but the margin after three quarters was too much to overcome against the eastern favorites.

#### Canadian Open Pairs Championship

12. *Peter Herold*

16. *Ron Borg/Cam Doner*

The CBF site lists the top twenty pairs but doesn't say how many pairs participated.

### SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ANAHEIM CA, AUGUST 10-20

#### Grand National Teams: Flight B National Final

1. *Mike Moffatt, Gilbert Lambert, Tai Eng, Insa Fricker*

An article on this victory appears on page 7.



# New Sectional Site

## Richmond, September 8-10

It's been quite some time, but Unit 430 is finally going back to Richmond for a Sectional tournament. The Evergreen Sectional will be held September 8-10 at the Richmond Winter Club, at 5540 Hollybridge Way, where the big star on the map is.

It's been almost fifteen years since financial considerations forced Unit 430 to move from the Richmond Inn to various new sites. Now, with thanks to Sheila Dickie for the suggestion and Brad Bart and June Pocock for doing the initial legwork, we're going back to within a kilometre of the old perennial tournament site.

The tournament will take place in the Winter Club's large lounge area, with enough room for 60 tables of bridge. For those taking transit, the 401 or 407 buses will stop at the corner of Gilbert Road and Westminster Highway, about 500m from the site.

Restaurants along No. 3 Road are about 5 minutes away, and the quick access to highways should make

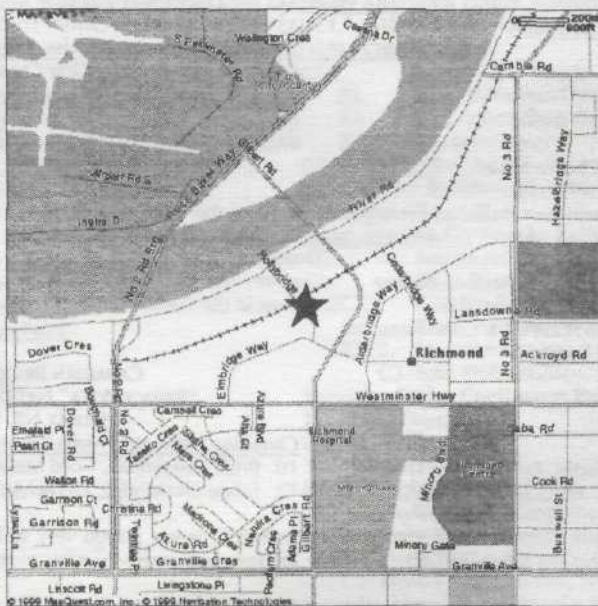
the site a popular one with all members. There is ample parking and elevator access to the lounge. The site will host a bar service on Friday and Saturday.

The schedule includes the only trophy event on the schedule which is not contested at the Trophy Sectional to kick off the calendar year. The Jean Turnbull Trophy is a Mixed Pairs event on Friday evening.

(There will also be a side game for those who prefer to remain on their side of the dance floor.) Other highlights include Future Master games at all Friday and Saturday sessions (with ACBL members under 5 masterpoints playing free on Friday evening), a five strat, two session StratiFlighted Open Pairs on Saturday, and a Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams on Sunday.

The highlight of the tournament may well be the Friday Evening, where we are holding a *Dressed to the Nines Night*, optional semi-formal attire, with prizes for the best-dressed pairs! The Board was uncertain

about this idea, so let me take this opportunity to plug it as best I can. Bridge is fun, cool, and an activity to be proud of. Let's all look extra-presentable for one night and see if it improves our game.



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**Adrian Hicks**, Western Canada's first Life Master, who had passed away since the previous issue of the *Matchpointer*.

**Jude Goodwin-Hanson** reported on the CWTC finals in Nova Scotia. Three teams from B.C. competed, and one lost in the semis to the eventual winners: **Leslie Gold, Rhonda Betts, Lynn Dickie, and Marcia Christie**.

The newest club in town was the Central Vancouver Bridge Club, run by **Albert Yallouz**, which is now the *Central Richmond Bridge Club*, although for the past decade everyone has referred to it as "Wednesday at Albert's."

**Louis Landau** reported on the diagrammed hand, which appeared on the evening of June 25, 1990 at the Pemberton Bridge Club in a six-table Howell. Seven hearts is cold on the Moysian fit, but nobody got even

**36** close.

Board 10	Dir: E Vul: Both	<b>NORTH</b>	Pemberton Club June 25, 1990
		— ♥AJ95 ♦JT82 ♣AKQJ4	<b>EAST</b>
		<b>SOUTH</b>	♣AKQ8 ♥T84 ♦K63 ♣932
<b>WEST</b>		♠76543 ♥KQ7 ♦AQ75 ♣6	
♠JT92 ♥632 ♦94 ♣T875			

Two Easts opened One Spade, and went for 500 after South passed North's reopening double. Minus 500 was tied for top—for East-West!

One North-South pair played in *Four Hearts* and somehow made only 12 tricks. Plus 680 was slightly below average and the missed overtrick was costly.

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# Monthly Unit Games

## Tight points race features many ties

If you haven't spent a pleasant Saturday evening playing a Monthly Unit Game in some time, we desperately need you! Seven times out of eight this year, the MUG has attracted exactly 48 players, and the masterpoint awards for a twelve table game are always the same! The result is a leader board chock full of ties.

The current leader, **Dave House**, has found an elegant solution to this problem: he simply doesn't play with the same person twice! (Or perhaps vice versa, although three overall finishes out of four tries would seem to be ample incentive to get a partner to return.)

The final three regular games are on September 2, October 14, November 18, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Please note the exceptions to the general rule of "first Saturday of the month," forced upon us by

A	B	C	June 3, 2000	(10 tables)
1			Ken Robertson - Mike Dorn Wiss	
2	1		Sandra Robson - Jeanette Greenhut	
3			George Bell - Andrew Ross	
4	2		Tony Remedios - Tove Chen	
5	3		Janis & Nick Parker	
6	4		Phillip Awram - Leszek Baldys	
		1	<b>Kristina &amp; Matt Bohdanowicz</b>	
		2	Andrew Zorawski - Ewa Wroblewicz	

A	B	July 8, 2000	(12 tables)
1		Dianne Isfeld - Bruce McIntyre	
2		Ben & Mike Takemori	
3		Flora Tereposky - Evelyn Hodge	
4		Balazs Szegedi - Eugene Chan	
5	1	<b>Michael Moffatt - Vicki Croome</b>	
6	2	Greg Lam - Kathy Bye	
	3	Sandra Robson - Jeanette Greenhut	
	4	Yoko Okubo - Yuko Fujieda	

A	B	August 5, 2000	(12 tables)
1		Aidan Ballantyne - Gordon Davis	
2	1	<b>Tomie &amp; Barry Yamanouchi</b>	
3		David House - Eugene Chan	
4	2	David Hooey - Frank Cheng	
5		Larry Pocock - Martin Henneberger	
6	3	Mark Eddy - Samantha Nystrom	
	4	Armando Andreoli - Kristina Bohdanowicz	

217.52 masterpoints have been won by 96 people (a further 47 people have played but have not won any) in Monthly Unit Games so far in 2000.

Perfect attendance so far: **Bonnie Anderson, Ev Hodge, Pat Landau, Donna Morrison, Joerg Schneider** (and of course, Director **Louis Landau**).

7 of 8: **Les Baldys, Kristina Bohdanowicz, Doug Cowan, Vicki Croome, David Hooey, Mike Moffatt.**

conflicts with other events. Start time is 7:30 pm.

The Unit Christmas Party will take place again at Bonsor Community Centre on the evening of December 2nd, a Saturday this year. We'll have more details in the next issue of the *Matchpointer* on the traditional year-end party.

All of the games are stratified with Flight C 0-300, Flight B 0-1000, and Flight A unlimited. Although there are a good number of Flight C players in the games, most play with a Flight B or A player, and so we are often a pair or two short of the five required to award overall awards for the C flight.

Players without a partner are guaranteed a spot in the game if they arrive by 7:15 and let the Director know they are unattached. A rotating list of stand-by players is in place to fill in these gaps if necessary. If you would like to be on this list and serve once every few months, please call Monthly Unit Game Coordinator Julien Lévesque at 254-1334.

A	B	C	Standings After August game	Pts.
1			David House.....	6.75
2	1		Vicki Croome.....	5.82
2	1		Mike Moffatt.....	5.82
4	3		Kathy Bye.....	5.71
5			Gordon Davis.....	5.46
6			Ev Hodge.....	5.17
7	4	1	<b>Greg Lam.....</b>	<b>5.11</b>
8			Michael Takemori.....	4.84
9	5	2	David Hooey.....	4.82
10			Eugene Chan.....	4.40
11			Doug Cowan.....	4.17
11			Patricia Landau.....	4.17
13	6		Tove Chen.....	4.03
13	6		Tony Remedios.....	4.03
15			Dianne Isfeld.....	3.90
16	8		Sandra Robson.....	3.80
17	9		Leszek Baldys.....	3.76
18	10		Waldemar Jez.....	3.12
18	11	3	Grzegorz Barszcz.....	3.12
18	11	3	Julia Barsel.....	3.12
18	11		Bruce McIntyre.....	3.12
18			Aidan Ballantyne.....	3.12
23	14		Jeanette Greenhut.....	3.08
23			Ben Takemori.....	3.08
25	15	5	Barry Yamanouchi.....	2.94
	6		Samantha Nystrom.....	2.79
	7		Carol-Ann Halliday.....	2.52
	8		Kristina Bohdanowicz.....	2.40
	9		Frank Cheng.....	1.56
	10		Balazs Szegedi.....	1.32
	10		Clare Way.....	1.32
	12		Matt Bohdanowicz.....	1.11
	13		Julien Lévesque.....	0.85
	14		Ewa Wroblewicz.....	0.83
	14		Andrew Zorawski.....	0.83



# Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

For over 25 years, *Matchpointer* editors have been sweating through the August heat in order to get an issue to the printers. August issues usually focus on new members of the Unit Board, the recent Annual General Meeting, new duties of the existing members, (sometimes) new Unit Presidents, and (sometimes) new *Matchpointer* editors!

**5 years ago in the *Matchpointer***

**(August 1995, Bruce McIntyre, editor)**

The bylaw amendment to allow Club Owners and Unit Employees to serve on the Unit Board was a major part of the 1995 Annual General Meeting, held at the July Sectional. It was probably the second most contentious issue ever to be brought up at an AGM, and you'll have to wait for a future edition of *Only Yesterday* to find out what the most contentious was! Many people gave their opinions on the issue, and one nut even copied a flyer explaining why he supported the amendment! The Opening Lead in the August issue included this bit from the editor (who was the nut):

"I took the bylaw amendment debate perhaps a bit too seriously at the AGM last month, and a few gave me funny looks."

In the end, a divisive vote was avoided when **Sefton Levine** suggested a simple compromise: limit the Club Owners and Unit Employees to a maximum of three. The main argument against the amendment was that with a majority of Club Owners on the Board, there might not be enough votes to consider a motion affecting clubs, since the club owners would have to abstain to avoid being in a conflict of interest situation.

There was a clear majority for the amended version, but considering that bylaw amendments need to be publicized well in advance, was it legal to adopt the amended version? **President David Schmidt** decided that it was, and the issue was settled. Since then we have had no Club Owners or Unit Employees run for Board Membership, so perhaps it was much ado about nothing.

A tribute to **Don Fraser**, who had passed away in May, was written by **Dianne Wilson**. Burnaby's "Gentleman of Bridge" would later inspire **Stan Bodlak** to urge the Unit Board to create a special award for Active Ethics in his memory.

An anonymous source overheard the following conversation at the recent Summer Sectional:

Novice (to his wife): "My bridge teacher just told me what the problem is with my bridge game. It's a four-letter word—count."

Wife: "Count isn't a four-letter word."

Novice: "See, that's my problem!"

Those of you who attended the recent Hands Across The Border game at the VBC will remember the amazement which accompanied **Ken Lochang's** first microphoned speech! Five years ago we were treated to his first written and published article, outlining news from the Bridge Centre.

At the Summer Sectional, **Walter Schmid** of Maple Ridge was taken out on a stretcher during the first round of the Sunday Swiss. The August *Matchpointer* reported that he was OK, and that the word from the grapevine was that "a possible cause was the penalty double of Two Diamonds administered by opponent **Ram Hira**. Mr. Hira, it is rumoured, has since been a trifle uneasy about making penalty doubles at low levels, a fact that may affect the quality of opposition overcalls made at his table in future..."

**10 years ago in the *Matchpointer***

**(August 1990, David Schmidt, editor)**

This was the first issue of **David Schmidt's** four-year run as editor, and also contained the very first "Meet The Players." The first person interviewed in this long-running feature was **Ev Hodge**, who described her first duplicate as follows:

"My husband opened INT and RHO asked me what he had. I didn't know anything about duplicate or points, so I told him 'we've played bridge before; I know what he has,' and carried on with the bidding. That man was such a gentleman he didn't say a word!"

An article entitled "Judge For Yourself" by **Bruce McIntyre** began with the curious admission that the author had "played in 0-20/50/100 games for seven years," and featured this interesting hand:

♠ 632 ♥ KQJ9653 ♦ Q97 ♣ —

♠ KQJT875 ♥ — ♦ KJ ♣ QJT3

McBruce responded with a forcing INT to the spade opener and the rebid was three spades. "Judgement" (over the past decade I have learned that this word has only eight letters) told him to bid six spades! This was doubled and the opening lead was the king of clubs. It was ruffed in dummy and the king of hearts fetched the ace from RHO and was ruffed in hand. Hearts were 3-3 so the slam rolled home with only a trump to lose! At least one other pair played 7NT doubled, after a Blackwood response revealed 0 or 4 aces and the ace-asker guessed wrong! The article went on to describe a penalty double at the two level made with a Yarborough, and other atrocities.

**Les Fouks** wrote a few paragraphs remembering

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# Tournaments & Dates

August 25-November 14, 2000

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER (cont.)	
25-27	Kent Sectional	29-1	Bremerton Sectional
25-27	Nanaimo Sectional		
25-4	<i>Santa Clara Regional</i>		
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
1-4	Olympia Sectional	2-8	<i>Seaside Regional</i>
1-4	Spokane Sectional	6-9	Kelowna Sectional
2	<b>Monthly Unit Game</b> (7:30, VBC)	13	<b>October Matchpointer</b> <b>hits the streets</b>
5-10	Vernon Sectional	13-15	Ketchikan Sectional
8-10	<b>Evergreen Sectional,</b> <b>at Richmond Winter</b> <b>Club (see ad, page 40)</b> <b>(info, page 36)</b>	20-22	Renton Sectional
11-17	<i>Wenatchee Regional</i>	21	<b>NAOP District Final</b> <b>(at Renton Sectional)</b> <b>(two-sessions)</b>
22-24	Victoria Sectional	25-29	Anchorage Sectional
25-1	<i>Butte Regional</i>	27-29	Courtenay Sectional
29	<b>Matchpointer deadline</b> <b>(October issue covers</b> <b>events from October</b> <b>13-December 25)</b>	27-29	Grandview Sectional
29-1	Walla Walla Sectional	NOVEMBER	
		3-5	<b>Round-Up Sectional,</b> <b>at Days Inn, Surrey</b>
		6-12	<i>Everett Regional</i>
		14	<b>Monthly Unit Game</b> <b>(7:30, VBC)</b>

# Unit 430 Main Events

## A One Year Planner

**2000 Evergreen Sectional**  
(see ad, page 40; info, page 36)  
Sept 8 - 10, 2000, at the  
Richmond Winter Club

**2000 Round-Up Sectional**  
November 3 - 5, 2000, at the  
Day's Inn Hotel, Surrey

**2000 Unit Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 2  
at the Bonsor Community  
Centre, Burnaby

**2001 Trophy Sectional**  
January 19 - 21, 2000 at the  
Engineers Hall, Burnaby  
(date confirmed, site tentative)

**2001 Future Stars Sectional**  
May 5 - 6, 2001 at the  
Vancouver Bridge Centre  
(tentative)

**2001 Victoria Day Sectional**  
May 18 - 21, 2001 at the Bonsor  
Community Centre, Burnaby  
(date confirmed, site tentative)

**2001 Unit 430**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
Saturday, May 19, at the Victoria  
Day Sectional, following the first  
session (approximately 3:45pm).

**2001 Unit 430-sponsored**  
**District-wide STaC (Sectional**  
**Tournament at Clubs)**  
Silver points at your local club!  
May 29 - June 4, 2001.

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*Courageous responders to "It's Your Bid"*  
*...and anyone missed*

## MATERIAL (SEND SOME!)

All suggestions and contributions are welcomed. Articles, letters, information, club news, and tournament results may be mailed, or given to any Unit Board Member or dropped off at a Unit 430 club. Most Board members have fax numbers or e-mail addresses. We encourage all members, from beginner to expert, to send bridge-related original material for publication.

## MATCHPOINTER SCHEDULE

Mid-October  
Mid-December  
Mid-March  
Mid-May  
Mid-August

**NEXT ISSUE: October 2000**  
**Deadline: Friday, September 29**  
**Dates Covered:**

October 13-December 25





# EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

## BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2000

\* New Site \*

**RICHMOND WINTER CLUB**

5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond, BC

### FRIDAY

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Single Session	1:30
Future Master Pairs	Single Session	1:30

### *Dressed to the Nines Night*

Prizes for best-dressed pairs

JEAN TURNBULL MIXED PAIRS, Stratified	Single Session	7:30
Side Stratified Pairs	Single Session	7:30
Future Master Pairs	Single Session	7:30

ACBL members with 0-5 MPs Play Free

### SATURDAY

STRATIFLIGHTEd OPEN PAIRS	1st Session	Noon
A/Ax: Unlimited, 0-3000 B: -300, 300-750, 750-1500		
Future Master Pairs	Single Session	Noon

STRATIFLIGHTEd OPEN PAIRS	2nd Session	6:30
Single Session Entries Accepted		
Future Master Pairs	Single Session	6:30

### SUNDAY

STRATIFLIGHTEd SWISS TEAMS	Two sessions	10:30 AM & TBA
A/Ax: Unlimited, 0-3000 B: -300, 300-750, 750-1500		

Master point Ranges for Main Stratified Events  
0-300, 300-1500, 1500+

Masterpoint Ranges for Future Master Events  
0-20, 20-50, 50-100

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Advance Notice: Round-Up Sectional  
November 3-5 at the Days Inn in Surrey