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It's Your Bid Problems

With scissors, cut out this part of the cover, revealing the contents page beneath it. Send answers (comments optional) to the editor, or drop them off at a club.

Name: _____

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

1. (IMPs, both vul.)

♠ - ♥ K4 ♦ AQT96 ♣ AKJ975

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		3♥	???

2. (IMPs, they're vul.)

♠ 9875 ♥ QJ42 ♦ - ♣ AK763

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

3. (Matchpoints, none vul.)

♠ K5 ♥ A72 ♦ AKQ954 ♣ K6

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

4. (Matchpoints, none vul.)

♠ AQJ9 ♥ KQJT ♦ QT ♣ AKT

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	???

5. (Matchpoints, both vul.)

♠ T6532 ♥ Q542 ♦ 963 ♣ 64

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♣	Pass
1NT	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Double	4♣
Double	4♦	5♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Partner asked for a spade stopper but you panicked after they pulled the red card. Nice escape. What is your opening lead?

Deadline: March 8, 2001.



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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.
- Splitter 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 2-level overcalls (fast 3NT denies 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.
- Roman Keycard Blackwood (0314), 5NT asks specific kings.

- Support doubles and redoubles.
- 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.

(some questions may depart from system)
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Opening Lead

by David Schmidt

David wrote this ten years ago in this space—well, almost this space—in the December 1990 *Matchpointer*. This seems a fitting time and place to reprint it.!

At this time of year, let me extend my best wishes of the season to each of you. May you be richly blessed.

Christmas is a family time and I cannot help but reflect on how much the bridge world resembles a family. Our directors and administrators are the patri-archs, honestly trying to make decisions for our well-being. If we must criticize, let us be constructive, remembering they are, after all, just people.

We, the players, are the children. Those of us who are older and/or more experienced have the responsibility to educate and encourage our younger siblings so they too will enjoy this wonderful game. We must also constantly

remind ourselves we are family. If we squabble—and coming from a family of nine, I know kids squabble—let us make up again so the family will not be permanently torn apart.

Finally, since this is a family, each of us must contribute to the workload. There are always chores to be done and right now your Unit Board needs more directors. The job is not lucrative, but can be rewarding. At some point, each member of the family must take a turn at the helm. Is this your turn?

Thus ends the sermon. Good reading.

To all Unit 430 players,
 from your hard-working
 volunteer Unit Board:

Happy Holidays!

We'll see you all in 2001!

(We hope to see a few more of you as volunteers to help out with the necessary work to promote our wonderful game.)

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President's Message

by Bruce McIntyre

First things first. The Hideous Hog In Training is spending some of his *Who Wants To Be A Bridge Millionaire* windfall by travelling from Tallahassee to Key West in a rented Rolls. Unfortunately, he got a copy of the last issue of the *Matchpointer* and when he read the second installment of his WWTBABM exploits, he called me up and threatened mayhem. I ignored this of course, but with HHIT in close proximity to a majority of America's most expensive lawyers, it was only a matter of time before I was hit with a restraining order, prohibiting me from publishing the third part of the series until further notice. I've appealed to the Supremes, so you should see the exciting conclusion in the March issue.

The first main event of the year 2001 is the Trophy Sectional, at the Engineers Hall in Burnaby January 19-21. You can read about the winners of the 2000 trophy races inside, and the tournament schedule is on the back cover. The Future Stars Tournament follows six weeks later at the beginning of March.

We still need a few more people for the Unit Board. The ten people on the Board are doing fantastic work, but a few extra people to spread the load around just a little would make it a little easier.

One thing you may want to check out, especially if you (and a partner of yours) have less than 100 masterpoints, is the changes for Monthly Unit Games in 2001. We're back to Sunday night, with a 7:00 start so you can get home earlier. We'll have a separate section for 0-100 players, and to get the new section off to a flying start, the first two games are half price for all 0-100 pairs!

Was that a party or what? 42 tables for the Unit Christmas Party, thanks to Julien Lévesque and his "cast of thousands." Thanks to Louis Landau for ten years of service as Unit Game Director, who is stepping aside—a classy gesture—to let Richard Dunn get some extra directing experience. Thanks also to Jude Goodwin-Hanson, for her many years of service to Unit 430 and DINO and the ACBL.

Happy Holidays, and good reading!

—Bruce McIntyre



The popular **Entertainment 2001** books are still available. Even the Internet claims that the Vancouver book is sold out, but Jenny is an "Entertainment" insider and can grab a few more if necessary, but you might have to hurry. Call today! Help out Unit 430 a bit by buying an Entertainment book! They contain hundreds of discounts and two-fers. Coupons in the 2001 books can be used immediately. You'll save on food, accommodation, and more, in Vancouver, Victoria, Washington State and beyond. All proceeds from the sale of these books go directly into supporting bridge players, of all levels, representing Unit 430 at National Championships.

To reserve your copy, call: Jennifer Ballantyne 438-3095

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A Christmas Carl

by Bruce McIntyre

Three people stood in the cold outside a club waiting for the Director to arrive to open up. The man talking, Carl Curtis, was trying to tell the other fifty-something man about a slam that he had defeated because declarer missed an extra chance. To Carl it was elementary, but to his friend Reggie it wasn't so obvious.

"Let me try," said the younger man politely. "If you finesse the club at trick two," he began, and a few sentences later Reggie saw the light. "Not a bad way of putting it," said Carl to the newcomer. "How long have you played?"

"About fifteen years, on and off, but tonight is my first try at duplicate." A car approached and soon they were inside. Carl and Reggie faced the newcomer in round ten, a few hours later.

"Well, that was lucky," said Carl after the first hand. "We can't make 3NT if Bob leads a diamond instead."

"But your partner bid diamonds," protested the newcomer.

"Ah, you didn't see my alert card I guess. It was a conventional call."

Carl and Reggie won by half a board. The newcomer, Bob, nearly broke average with a partner from the club's pool of habitually partnerless people. Bob could play well enough, but was dizzied by the conventions and treatments and bid-boxes and alerts and skip bid warnings—and especially by the hostility of many players when he committed an unknowing offense against the rules. "It sure is a different game here. I thought reading a few books about duplicate would be enough."

On the way out, Carl saw the newcomer carrying a bunch of ACBL flyers for newer players as he got into his car. Reggie stopped his car in front of Carl and rolled down the window. "Carl," said Reggie, "what about helping us out a bit on the Unit Board? We sure could use you and it wouldn't take too much of your time."

"I don't know, Reggie. Seems like you guys are working pretty hard—I just don't have the time for a commitment like that. You should ask that new guy; he seems pretty keen."

But Bob, the newcomer, didn't come back.

Two weeks later Carl fell asleep in his easy chair after eating alone, with the previous night's hand records in his lap. Maybe there was a way to make 6♣ on board fourteen, but an hour-long search had not turned up any routes not requiring a defensive slipup. It was just after midnight when Carl woke up. He saw blurrily across the room the Christmas tree the wife had put up the week before. He remembered his promise to rewire the Christmas lights on the house before she got back from her visit to her sister's. When was she coming back anyhow...the twentieth? What was today then? He saw the date on the hand records from the night before and added a day.

"So, it's the eighteenth," he murmured.

"No," said a kindly voice. "It's the nineteenth."

Carl looked up. Near the window was a man wearing a tuxedo, a smile and a dull aura. Carl thought the face was familiar. The near-recognition, the calming tone of the voice and smile, and the aura kept Carl from reacting as though it were a house invasion in progress.

"Hi there," said the apparition. "Call me Charlie."

"I must be dreaming—Charlie? Charles Goren! You died over ten years ago—this must be what you looked like in the fifties." Carl pinched himself and nothing happened except that he felt it.

"What's the paper? Looks like bridge deals." The ghost approached with interest, walking right through the TV set, but Carl was picking up the hand records from the floor and didn't notice.

"Can you see a legit way to make 6♣ on this?" he asked, handing the paper to Charlie. Charlie tried to grab the sheet but of course it fell through his hands, fluttered down through his left leg and bounced off the coffee table leg and back through his right leg before coming to rest on the floor underneath his shoe which had not moved.

Carl sat back in the chair.

"I've got some things to show you," said Charlie.

"It's after midnight and it's snowing outside," said Carl. "I don't care if you're the ghost of Christmas past, present and future—I'm not going anywhere."

"No need," laughed Charlie. "This is the twenty-first century, where technology is the trump suit! Just sit comfortably and close your eyes."

A sparkled stream from the star atop the Christmas tree made its way toward Charlie and from him to Carl, who closed his eyes instinctively as the metallic-

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looking speckles approached. He felt a strong pang of vertigo for a few seconds, but it eventually faded and he opened his eyes—or he thought he did. Perhaps in reality he was still back in his easy chair. But he saw—well, something. And he felt the floor under his feet.

"This is your first duplicate bridge tournament," said Charlie. "We're back about twenty-five years. There's you and Reggie buying your entry, and here's the playing room." The doors opened and a hotel ballroom appeared with a great number of tables.

"What is it, a Regional?" Carl watched Reggie lead the way to a table and saw at least three sections.

"Goodness no!" laughed Charlie. "This is a Unit Christmas Party game. A Regional back then wouldn't fit in this room!"

Carl looked around the room and saw several people he'd known then and many he hadn't seen for some time. "Almost half the people in here are dead now," he mused, as he watched himself deal a hand into an aluminum board.

"There'll be 51 tables in play," said Charlie easily. "47 of the 204 players have died since. Not even close to half. A lot still live in the area, but don't play as often as they used to, if at all."

Carl watched the first hand end in 1♥ doubled. "That was a negative double, and Reggie passed it!" he said. "Not alerted either."

"Not back then—you didn't start playing negative doubles until a few years later. Negative doubles weren't part of the alert system then. See, you're getting 800."

The declarer looked at Reggie and said "nice pass" with a smile. "Why isn't he calling the Director? Did you see how long it took for me to figure out to duck the first club? He might get it ruled back to 500 or 300."

"Nobody did that sort of thing then. Your duck was normal, and you guys were new, so it took a bit longer to figure out whether to duck or not. Why make a fuss about it? Listen now, they're making an announcement."

Time had passed and the Unit President was thanking all of the people on the Unit Board and the various people who had helped out. He stopped in the middle and asked for applause to be held until the end. Then he announced all of the winners at the last Sectional.

"This'll take forever," muttered Carl. It took twenty-five seconds: just three pairs and a team. "No stratified games or multiple events back then," said Charlie. "The whole room usually played the same event."

They watched as more time passed quickly and now the Director was announcing some tournaments and club events. They watched as the Director added up the scores by hand on a large sheet with many people gathered around watching. When Carl and Reggie's line was added, people looked around because they'd done better than expected for rookies. There was a big cheer when one pair took the lead and a bigger one when another beat them by a matchpoint and a half.

Charlie and Carl left with the crowd, following the younger versions of Carl and Reggie. They got into the back seat of Carl's car without opening the door, and when the younger Carl started the engine, everything went black for a second. In the back seat, Carl closed his eyes and felt more vertigo.

When he opened his eyes again, he was back in the club playing against the newcomer, Bob, who no one had seen for two weeks. He was just rebidding INT when he noticed Charlie sitting between him and Bob.

Reggie rebid 2♦. Without thinking, Carl pulled the alert card a few inches out of the box and replaced it silently. The next player passed and Carl bid 3NT. The newcomer led the unbid major, presenting Carl with a free finesse for his ninth trick.

"Carl," whispered Charlie, "come away from the table for a second. I need to talk to you."

Carl got up and moved towards the side of the room where Charlie was. Looking back, he saw that he was still at the table explaining how a diamond lead would beat 3NT.

"You knew the guy was new and you never even tried to let him know that 2♦ didn't promise diamonds," said Charlie in a confused tone. "Why didn't you help him out a bit?"

"The Laws say I don't—"

"Forget the Laws, Carl. We're talking about a new player here, one that would never imagine calling the Director because you forgot to verbally alert 2♦—which the regulations require, by the way. Your lack of fairness got you the top you needed to win the event here. Can you not see that?"

Carl looked at the floor. "Yes, yes, I can. It wasn't deliberate. If I'd realized what the problem was at

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the time, I'd have said something, maybe called the Director."

"OK," said Charlie. "It wasn't deliberate, fair enough. You were angry with Reggie for blowing a trick the previous round and you weren't all there. But watch what happens to Bob." And he walked through a wall, holding his hand out for Carl to follow.

They were in the parking lot. Again time had advanced and again Reggie was asking him to join the Unit Board as a volunteer. Carl watched himself respond and then Charlie beckoned him to hurry off towards the street. "Ever been on the Unit Board, Carl?" Charlie asked.

"Nah. Thought about it some time ago, but in the past few years they've had trouble finding people. Reggie's been a member for years. He's an optimist, says that even though they're a few people short they can make it work. He works hard—they all do. I don't have the time for it. They have so much to do they'd all unload their extra stuff on me and I'd be overwhelmed like Reggie is."

Crossing several miles in a second, Charlie had reached a window and was motioning Carl to look through it into the living room of a home. Inside, Carl saw Bob sitting in a rocking chair looking at the pamphlets from the ACBL. Across the room, three teenagers were playing cards. The newcomer was looking only at the first few words of each pamphlet, and then skimming quickly before discarding it and flipping to the next. *Conventions and Treatments. When to call the Director. What is a Skip Bid Warning? Why are they Necessary? Proper Use Of Bid-Boxes. The Novice's Guide to ACBL Survival.* On the end table beside him, under the lamp, were library books on bridge, most written twenty years ago. Bob took a deep breath and reached for the first pamphlet, as though ready to tackle one of the pamphlets in earnest, when the youngest of the children called out to him.

"Daddy, come be my spades partner," she said.

"No fair," said her older sister. "Dad always knows where all the cards are."

"He won't play," said the boy. "He keeps threatening to teach us that bridge game. Have you learned how to play it yet, Dad?"

Carl turned away as Bob dropped the pamphlets into the garbage. "Forget bridge. Deal the cards. I'm in." Carl closed his eyes.

"Carl," said Charlie gently. "It's not all your

fault. Duplicate bridge has always required a little study to understand, and even in my day there were those who played just for fun, as Bob will sometimes with other bridge-playing friends."

"How can we not see that the entry level is too high for people new to duplicate? Our game is no longer accessible to newcomers without hours of study. How'd we get to this point?"

"But I talked to him—he had potential, good card-sense," said Carl. "How can we not see that the entry level is too high for people new to duplicate? Even what's called a novice game has conventions and alerts and skips and Director calls. That's what scares people off, not the rudeness or the competitiveness or anything like that. Our game is no longer accessible to newcomers without hours of study. How'd we get to this point? Where are you taking me now?"

Charlie was "walking" back towards Carl's home. At six blocks per second it didn't take long, but neither somehow did it feel rushed.

Back in Carl's living room, things had changed. The photo of Carl's wife and kids were quite different, the Christmas tree had a few unfamiliar ornaments, and the furniture surrounding Carl's easy chair had been moved around. Carl approached his chair and suddenly stopped, falling to his knees.

"That's my—Charlie, that's my father there in my chair. My father died last May. What's going on here? What have you done?"

"Carl," said Charlie. "Look again. That is not your father."

That picture on the mantel—the people looking so much older than Carl remembered. The phone rang and the person in Carl's chair answered it.

"Hello," he said. "Yes. This is Carl Curtis...Nice of you to offer the ride...Yes, you have the address right...OK, in fifteen minutes? See you then."

Carl and Charlie watched as the figure looked about for a convention card holder (convention cards apparently were now double-sided and had four different colours), then went outside to wait for the ride. The phone rang just as he locked the front door, but he ignored it. A woman in her late thirties pulled up in something that apparently was a car. Carl and Charlie sneaked into the back seats as the figure got into the front.

"Glad to meet you, Mr. Curtis. It's good that we spades players and you bridge players can now share a hall for our tournaments."

"Have you ever played bridge, Cheryl?"

"My dad tried lots of times to teach us but my brother and sister and I preferred spades. They're similar games I guess, but spades is easier so more people can learn. There's also..."

Mr. Curtis smiled. "Also what, Cheryl? You can tell me—I may be old, but I'm not oversensitive."

"Well, there's that thing where you call the Director, and that stuff about how sometimes you're not allowed to think too long, and so many rules."

"I guess we get used to it. What happens in spades when you can figure out who's got an important card just because of how long they think?"

"Nothing much, nobody really cares."

They had arrived at the tournament, held in the same room as the Unit Game where Carl had started so many years ago. But this time the bridge game was only seven tables at the end of a huge room of fifty or more tables of spades players.

Charlie and Carl looked around the room for a while. Many of the spades players were young and vibrant, a sharp contrast with the bridge end of the room with its odd metal duplicate boards and bid-boxes. Charlie and Carl moved towards the bridge players and saw Mr. Curtis sitting North at table four. His opponents were discussing conventions, but the South seat was empty. The Director, in her fifties the youngest person in the bridge end of the room, approached and asked Mr. Curtis to follow her. She took him aside as Carl and Charlie watched.

"Carl, we tried to call you. Maybe you should sit down."

"What is it?" asked Mr. Curtis. "What's the matter? Reggie stuck doing more last-minute volunteer work for the Unit?"

"Well, no. Reggie won't be here tonight. He...he passed away in his sleep yesterday evening." Mr. Curtis sat down. "We'll refund your entry fee and this gentleman is without a partner in the spades tournament and can drive you home."

The other man approached. "Mr. Curtis, I'm very sorry for your loss. I played against you and Reggie once many years ago before my kids turned me into a mere spades player."

Carl began to tremble. A chair was sitting up against the wall. He lowered himself into it and passed through. He found himself on the floor looking up with the chair seat through his neck. Charlie helped him up.

"Yes, I remember, I think," Mr. Curtis was saying. "Bob, wasn't it?"

"That's right! It's true. Bridge players do have better memories!"

"Played much bridge in the last two decades, Bob? I remember you had pretty good card sense."

"I've read a little, but I've hardly played. I'm probably worse than I was."

"Well, we're both here. Care to give it a try?"

Carl turned to Charlie. "No! Don't let this hap-

pen! You can't! I can't bear it! Isn't it enough to see bridge dwindle into nothing, clinging to life by joining with this trivial parlour game? Do I also have to witness the final humiliation of this poor nice man by me twenty-five years from now? As soon as Bob so much as blows a trick, he'll...I'll...I don't even want to see it. Charlie—enough!" His voice, unheard by the players, had reached a desperate shriek. "Take me back! Take me back! Please, Charlie—take me back!"

Carl awoke with a start. An eerie light filled his bedroom, and in it he could see that he had slept, alone, like a tennis ball in a long, fierce rally. Outside, the first snowfall of the year had blanketed the ground with a light dusting, explaining the brightness. It was almost ten on a Saturday morning.

Carl got dressed, rewired the Christmas lights outside, and drove to the club, where the Saturday afternoon novice game was about to start. He grabbed some ACBL material, looked up a name on the computer, bought copies of two of his three favorite bridge books, and drove to Reggie's place, stopping once along the way.

Reggie was watching a football game. Carl hit the mute button. "Reggie, don't you have a list of things you need to get done for your Unit work?"

"Yeah, I guess so, but I'll get to it. Put the sound back on."

"Not until you let me help. And not just for today. You wanted a volunteer—you got one."

Reggie turned to Carl, grabbed the remote out of his hands—and grinned like never before.

Carl drove back to the club after lunch and filled in for three rounds in the novice game. There were three insufficient bids, five failures to alert, one muffed explanation, and his nervous partner once redoubled in response to Carl's takeout double. Carl let it all pass without trying to gain an advantage. He even praised his partner and the opponents, and gave some pointers on how to improve their play.

Carl got home late in the afternoon, as the temperature began to drop below freezing. The Christmas lights looked great. Inside, he tried passing his hand through the chair but failed. A light snow began to fall outside. The phone rang.

"Hello? Yes, this is Carl Curtis. Call me Carl... You're very welcome, Bob—don't hesitate to call me with any questions you have about how this crazy game works...Let's have a game sometime, Bob, OK? Got kids? Really? Great time to get them started—I'll help you if you want...What's that? How did I know you'd given up on the pamphlets? Well, let's just say I had a hunch. And hey, Bob, by the way... Merry Christmas!"

Prognosticatorial C

by Dr. Kent Bidwell

I've been very busy ever since the Spring NABC in March 1999. Beneath the glamour and glitz of a major bridge tournament is an enormous amount of stress for tournament organizers, players, directors, and all related non-bridge playing spouses, family, friends and co-workers. My caseload "quoubled" (that's short-hand for quadrupled doubled or 8 times for the mathematically challenged). Y2K anxiety and the Jan 2000 Richmond Regional generated another round of double overtime. With everyone not sure whether it was the end of or the beginning of a new millennium, the clinic was on overload. Then one day, my overworked secretary accidentally mistyped "milliendium" and a wave of great relief was felt throughout. Thank goodness the milliendium is just about over. I'm not complaining, since the extra credits into my pension plan mean a more comfortable retirement, and that day is fast approaching.

Australia proved that identifying special talents at an early age translated into Olympic gold medals. Our Canadian government said "Why not?" and so decided to spend some of our accumulating surplus to buy into the Australian program. Unfortunately, until bridge becomes an Olympic sport, we won't get access to the Australian methods. Don't laugh, bridge is making inroads on becoming an Olympic sport, and that eventuality will probably come sooner than us getting a third bridge to the North Shore. Until then, we'll have to use more traditional methods to evaluate this year's crop of aspiring talent.

Horseracing aficionados will appreciate that predicting Flight C is like handicapping horse

aces for two year olds. Most have little in the way of previous performance to judge by. At least in horse racing, there is a plethora of information available, the stable's record of success (or lack thereof), the horses' pedigree, morning workouts, jockey stats, and any actual race data to look at. Notwithstanding the available information, experts' predictions are often no better than that of any punter tossing a coin or throwing darts. One of my more vocal colleagues insists that, when it comes to science versus voodoo, that voodoo wins every time. Accordingly, we will predict this year's Flight C Imp League with the best combination of science and voodoo that is available:

AGE: younger horses usually cannot beat older horses.

EXPERIENCE: horses that have raced generally beat horses that have not.

WINNINGS: horses that have won more purse money ought to be better than horses that have won less.

VOODOO: need we say more?

8. Ho (Watched Breton surge past, 48-98, in the first straight.)

Ian Ho would be a most popular fellow with a couple more Ho's. **Ross Lam** won the VBC edition of the Erin Berry Canada-wide Rookie Master Game. **Mike Ludkovski** is learning...to eat Chinese food with his teammates. **Yi Yang** is their secret weapon, so secret nobody yet knows anything. **Phillippe Westreich** sounds like a writer of mystery novels. Maybe it's getting late and I'm confused.

RATINGS	Winnings: 8
Age: 8	Voodoo: 40
Experience: 7	TOTAL: 63

One thing about college kids, they learn quickly. And they hate losing. Teams that play them early in the season will be luckier than

those that play them later.

7. Barr (Well back in the pack at the first turn after losing a close one, 72-80 to Breton, then passed on the outside 55-98 by Erickson.)

Janice Barr is new to the Imp League but watch out once acclimated...**Ruth Winkler** is back this year with an entirely different team. **Chloe Clark** is Barr's regular partner. They could wreck havoc on opposing teams. **Dawn Smith** will benefit from last year's experience. Is this a new Dawn? **Bonnie Purcell** survived a season in the Flight B Valley Division and survivors know how to fight back. **Gerry Purcell** can deliver a knock-out punch to opponents.....and revive them afterwards!

RATINGS	Winnings: 8
Age: 11	Voodoo: 35
Experience: 10	TOTAL: 64

Previous experience helps. Could get on a hot streak once they find the winning way.

6. Rusinek (Bumped out of the gate, losing 59-85 to Ochnio.)

Maggie Rusinek won the Friday night Open IMP Pairs with M. Rojewski at the Round-Up Sectional. **Mark Rojewski** is very capable but needs to be careful about getting "speeding" tickets. See above. **Adam Moszczynski** is most friendly and congenial at the table. Don't get him riled. **Tadeusz Smaruj** if translated into English might mean table smarts. We hope this is true. **Jerzy Ambroziewicz** is this team's X Factor (or should we say ZZZ Factor?) **Krzysztof Barski** would probably prefer just to be called Kris. A heck of a lot easier to spell!

RATINGS	Winnings: 13
Age: 10	Voodoo: 37
Experience: 9	TOTAL: 69

Beauty and charm are always good attributes. Expect this team to

win their share.

5. Cross (Tough post position; lost 40-72 to Bohdanowicz in their opener.)

Brian Cross will benefit from last years experience in the league. **Eda Kadar** won this event last year and is trying for 2 in a row. **Peggy Ross** is keen to make her mark in the bridge world. **Karin Dunlop** is from West Vancouver and is no stranger to "bridge". **Carol-Ann Halliday** won more masterpoints at the Round-Up Sectional than anyone else in this field.

RATINGS	Winnings: 10
Age: 11	Voodoo: 42
Experience: 8	TOTAL: 71

A rough start but this team will contend for a play-off spot. AB's lessons will help.

4. Bohdanowicz (Quick out of the gate: they beat Cross 72-40 in their opener.)

Krystina Bohdanowicz won the North American 49'er Pairs at the Vancouver NABC last March. **Matt Bohdanowicz** is a diligent student of the game but we are not sure what he actually reads. **Victor Finberg** is the X Factor on this team. Candidate for Rookie of the Year? **Veronica Peacock** has been around the bridge world for a long time and will not be intimidated. **Margaret Krucik** can hold her own in this field, not to be treated lightly. **Bob Faraci** could have been an NHL star. Too bad body checks are not allowed in bridge.

RATINGS	Winnings: 12
Age: 11	Voodoo: 39
Experience: 10	TOTAL: 72

This team is off to a good start and may surprise. But the IMP League season is long and front

runners seldom win the big races.

3. Breton (Very quick out of the gate with wins over Barr by 80-72, and Ho by 98-48.)

David Breton seems to have learned that Aces beat Kings. For that he gets to be captain! **Reza Naserasr**...Just raise me, I'll make it! Yes Sir! No Sir! **Jeremy Bell** actually is an actuary and High Card Points were devised by a Canadian actuary. **Ryan Park** once finished "in the money" at an NAOP NLM District Final. **Norman Dreger** along with Park lost the semi-finals last year and will want to do better. **Chris Seltenrich** was the captain of last year's team that included Park and Dreger.

RATINGS	Winnings: 12
Age: 8	Voodoo: 43
Experience: 11	TOTAL: 74

Youth is a wonderful thing. But lessons in life don't come easy. You can't always get what you want!

2. Erickson (Outran Barr 98-55 on the opening straight.)

Lynn Erickson can show you where the bridge books are located in any library! **Ture Erickson** tells good jokes. A useful talent that will help team chemistry. **Anna Eastwood**, anna Blackwood, anna slam, anna pull trumps, anna claim. We win. You lose! **Terry Eastwood** will probably invent a new ace asking sequence and name it...Westwood?? **Gary Thomas** and Alice currently rank 15th (ACBL-wide) in Mini-McKenney Rookie of the Year Race. **Alice Thomas**...The "better half" in this spousal partnership? See above.

RATINGS	Winnings: 13
Age: 11	Voodoo: 38
Experience: 13	TOTAL: 75

These guys (and girls) can play! I could be in trouble calling them girls but what the heck, they look like winners.

1. Ochnio (Outran Rusinek in the opening straight, 85-59.)

Jan Ochnio has that winning aura at the bridge table. Worth 10 imps just being there. **Krystyna Piotrowska** is so nice to opponents that she's worth 10 imps just being there. **Anna Ochnio** is worth 10 imps just being there...just being there...**Barbara Jedrzejska**...10 imps...10 imps...10 imps. **Marek Gruszowski** was on a team that went undefeated during the season last year but lost in the Finals. **Ryszard Wojtowicz** likewise has unfinished business and will not be satisfied with another bridesmaid finish.

RATINGS	Winnings: 10
Age: 11	Voodoo: 43
Experience: 12	TOTAL: 76

Conclusion: It will be an exciting playoff, with the expected seeds Ochnio taking first, Erickson second and Breton third. The last playoff spot is up for grabs. The nod goes to Cross over Bohdanowicz but not if Cross's superstar Halliday remains on injury reserve. Expect Ochnio and Breton to meet in the final. With equal voodoo ratings on both teams, the title goes to Ochnio for having the foresight to appoint as team captain someone with the shortest name on the team. Such demonstrated smarts is the reason for their 10 imp advantage...10 imps...10 imps...10 imps...Enough already!!

[Updated standings will appear in the Matchpointer next issue.]

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

This hand occurred at Hazel's Tuesday night game.

Board 13	Dir: North Vul: Both	NORTH ♠ AKQT9x ♥ AQx ♦ AJ ♣ xxx	6♥ by South Lead: small spade
WEST		SOUTH	EAST
♠ Jxxxx ♥ — ♦ Qxxx ♣ Jxxx		♠ xx ♥ KJ8xx ♦ KTxx ♣ Ax	♠ x ♥ T9xxx ♦ xx ♣ KQxxx

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

You win with a picture and play A♥ and West shows out. Can the hand still be made?

Yes, but careful timing is required. And you should make the reasonable assumption that the spade

lead was from Jxx(x)(x). It cannot be a singleton: with twelve cards in the minors surely he would have found a bid!

Play four rounds of trumps and then play a spade to the nine, East ruffing. The return is the K♣, win it and play a diamond to the jack. West, who has to hang on to all of his spades, is now down to Qxx of diamonds and the rest is plain sailing: cash the Ace-King of spades, throwing a club and a diamond from hand, cash the diamond ace and claim! The important thing is to start hearts from the top in dummy.

Here is a bidding challenge for you and your favorite partner, from Saturday evening at Everett Regional (Board 26, East deals, both vulnerable):

West (You)	East (Partner—dealer)
♠ T65	♠ A4
♥ —	♥ AKT954
♦ KQ974	♦ A2
♣ JT873	♣ AKQ

Diamonds are 3-3 and one hand holds QJ3 of hearts, so you can make 7♣, 7♦. Or 7NT. We were in 6♥, not best, but it also makes. Did you and your partner get to a makeable grand?

Credits Due

by Julien Lévesque

Hey, 42 tables for the Unit's Christmas Party Game! That's 168 players (including three complimentary players) plus six workers, and all had a good time. But this kind of turnout cannot happen without good help. Let's give credit where credit is due.

The musicians were Marie Cahill on the piano and Bruce McIntyre, our M.C., on what he calls a wind synthesizer. The ticket sellers were Ernie Dietrich, the Vancouver Bridge Centre, Louis Landau, David Schmidt, Garry Skoropada, Thony Stiennon, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn, Anne Nagy, Wal-

demar Jez, and Norma Saltzberg. Mary Fines helped distribute tickets to the sellers, Larry Chow provided extra tables, and Dave Schmidt provided the transport for them (Larry was out of town). Thanks to everyone who helped with the setup and takedown.

Louis Landau, Richard Dunn, Audrey Loy and caddies Olivia and Dancet made a great on-site staff to work with. Sam Nystrom, Dianne Isfeld, Diane Ayukawa, and Larry Pocock (who volunteered his help when we needed an extra person) all collected tickets at the buffet table, helping to keep order and make sure everyone got a fair shot at the goodies, both at the buffet and later in the door prize draw. Gladys Mackie helped me a

lot with ideas and suggestions.

One sad note: On the Sunday prior to the event, Norma Saltzberg, one of our best ticket sellers, lost some of the proceeds when a burglar got into her home. Norma took charge of the loss and personally replaced the stolen funds. That's a class act.

If I forgot anyone, please remind me. Everyone did a great job: thank you!

—Julien Lévesque

[I'd be remiss if I didn't include an editor's note for the purpose of noting that the biggest thanks are due to M. Lévesque *lui-même* (himself). If you see him at the table, tell him how much you enjoyed the party and he'll blush and maybe give you a good board!]

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Final 2000 Sectional Trophy Race Standings

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Gord McOrmond.....	109.11
2. Mike Hargreaves.....	90.24
3. Dan Jacob.....	73.06
4. Aidan Ballantyne.....	65.93
5. Bill Goldstone.....	51.98
6. Rhonda Foster.....	45.92
7. Gerry McCully.....	45.87
8. Larry Hicks.....	44.75
9. Marcia Christie.....	42.99
10. Katrin Litwin.....	39.82
11. Mike Wilson.....	36.43
12. Richard Christie.....	35.76
13. Ben Takemori.....	35.29
14. Bryan Maksymetz.....	33.72
15. Peter Morse.....	33.15
15. Claire Burns.....	33.15
17. Tai Eng.....	31.33
18. Audrey Norman.....	30.93
19. Jim Norman.....	30.48
20. Delphine Tablotney.....	28.74
21. John Lien.....	28.52
22. Martin Henneberger.....	28.49
23. Waldemar Jez.....	27.49
24. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	27.31
25. Danny Lee.....	27.09
26. Dan Watson.....	27.08
27. Bruce McIntyre.....	26.92
28. Dianne Isfeld.....	26.89
29. Ernie Dietrich.....	25.93
30. Peter Herold.....	25.86

4379.59 silver points were won by 623 players (a further 121 played but did not win any) at open Sectionals in Unit 430 during 2000.

Edie Bonnell Trophy

1. Rhonda Foster.....	45.92
2. Marcia Christie.....	42.99
3. Katrin Litwin.....	39.82
4. Claire Burns.....	33.15
5. Audrey Norman.....	30.93
6. Delphine Tablotney.....	28.74
7. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	27.31
8. Dianne Isfeld.....	26.89
9. Trudy Hurdle.....	24.45
10. Marylou Bert.....	24.26
11. Kathy Bye.....	22.84
12. Rhoda Tafler.....	22.66
13. Daisy Neilson.....	21.60
14. Julia Barsel.....	19.84
15. Phyllis Gerber.....	19.55

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	27.31
2. Brian Cross.....	21.48
3. Julia Barsel.....	19.84
4. Judy Murphy.....	18.95
5. David Hooley.....	18.58
6. Rae Fee.....	17.05
7. Mark Rojewski.....	15.59
8. Eda Kadar.....	15.44
9. William Sit.....	14.65
10. Greg Barszcz.....	12.28
11. Betty Reynolds.....	11.31
12. Andrew Zorawski.....	11.12
13. Charlotte Alekson.....	10.09
14. Samantha Nystrom.....	9.58
15. Norma McNamara.....	9.55

Leo Steil Trophy

1. Richard Christie.....	35.76
2. Peter Morse.....	33.15
2. Claire Burns.....	33.15
4. Ernie Dietrich.....	25.93
5. Amirali Alibhai.....	25.05
6. Marylou Bert.....	24.26
7. Wilf May.....	23.49
8. Phyllis Gerber.....	19.55
9. Santokh Sian.....	17.93
10. Garry Skoropada.....	17.42
11. Haiderali Nazak.....	17.31
12. Kathy Adachi.....	16.83
13. William Sit.....	14.65
14. Pat Landau.....	13.96
15. H. K. Ho.....	12.28

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

Round-Up Sectional Top 10

1. Gord McOrmond.....	28.25
2. Aidan Ballantyne.....	26.57
3. Dan Jacob.....	20.86
4. Rhonda Foster.....	20.71
5. Gerry McCully.....	20.71
6. Ben Takemori.....	18.98
7. Larry Hicks.....	14.25
8. Tai Eng.....	13.09
9. Mike Takemori.....	13.08
10. Mike Hargreaves.....	13.04

928.57 silver points were won by 298 players (a further 67 played but did not win any) at the 2000 Round-Up Sectional.

Deciding the Champions

Kingmakers, absences and recounts.

Unit 430's four trophies for Sectional supremacy all came down to the final tournament of the year, as they usually do.

The Phil Wood duel was decided on Saturday. Gord McOrmond, last year's winner, led Mike Hargreaves by 3.66 points. Hargreaves played with Dan Jacob in an attempt to overtake before Sunday, when all three were playing in the Swiss with Aidan Ballantyne and Larry Hicks. McOrmond found Ballantyne available (his partner Katrin Litwin was out of town) and when they won the Flight A pairs (Jacob and Hargreaves were fourth), it was over. The all stars triumphed on Sunday and at the end of the victory lap,

McOrmond had 109.11 points for 2000, which we think is probably a new record.

With leader Katrin Litwin away for the weekend, possibilities opened up for at least a half-dozen women to take the Edie Bonnell trophy from further down the list. Rhonda Foster finished second in the Saturday pairs and got into the overalls on Sunday to win by 3.43 points over Marcia Christie.

Carol-Ann Halliday's team had a killer final session in the Swiss to win strats B and C, and the Under 200 trophy over Brian Cross (one of Carol-Ann's afternoon victims, we understand) by nearly six points.

The Leo Steil trophy appeared to have been won by the duo of Peter Morse and Claire Burns until somebody mailed me a copy of Richard Christie's birth certificate.

Congratulations to all trophy winners!

Player Data

compiled by Julien Lévesque

Based on the data made available by Memphis, here is a list of those who have achieved masterpoint milestones since Oct. 1, 1999, and those who, in October 2000, were approaching one.

Among our players are two within striking range of the 10,000 masterpoint club. Cam Doner, B. C.'s top masterpoint holder, is approaching 9,000 masterpoints and Aidan Ballantyne is a few big wins behind. Cam still needs a top-flight NABC win to fulfill the requirements for Grand Life Master (we don't think this will be a major obstacle). Aidan has a National NAOP championship in his trophy case and has passed that hurdle.

NEW LIFE MASTERS:

Gloria Allan, Priscilla Brown, Kenny Chan, Vicki Croome, Bev Cullen, Margaret Eyre, William Ge, Lorraine Hardy, Betty Harrold, Alex Jack, Tom Markham, Zreen Marzban, Nando Pieralli, Anita Morse, Gladys Ness, Marti Oppenheimer, Brenda Prestage, Jacques Printz, Kathleen Roberts, Anne Scott, Alice Smith, Gail Watson, Joan Sobeniak, Ruby Van Ziffle, Marylou Varga.

GETTING CLOSE: Probably several players, but the lists don't say who has the required red, silver and gold points. (You need 50 silver and 50 gold or red—at least 25 of these must be gold.)

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS (500 MP):

Enid Bye, Margaret Cairn, Tove Chen, Ken Cowherd, Marion Crowhurst, John Demeulemeester, Mark Eddy, Aase Haines, Harold Hansen, Ruby Jackson, Nomi Kaplan, Don Keith, Bill Osten, Eleanor Webb, Dan Webster.

GETTING CLOSE: Maria Abzinger, Barbara Allard, Richard Anderson, Roger Cheung, Mary Courbould, Shirley Goldman, Christina Jacob, Nick Parker, Ronald Pratt, Gloria Prescott, Hoshang Shroff, Rani Shroff, Doe Stockdale, R.C. Vasea, Sky Williamson, Tomie Yamanouchi.

NEW BRONZE NON-LIFE MASTER (500 MP):

Bob Butler.

GETTING CLOSE: Ted Jellema, Lois Mazuren, Jo-Anne Modesto.

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS (1,000 MP):

Claire Burns, Nathan Divinsky, Hazel Dressler, Insa Fricker, Yuko Fujieda, Ram Hira, John Horne,

Trudy Hurdle, Marianne Hutton, Louis Landau, Danny Lee, John Lien, Maree Logan, Ken Lochang, Ben Takemori.

GETTING CLOSE: Judy Acheson, Dianne Ayukawa, Les Baldys, Lotte Elias, Angela Fenton, Donna Freeze, Felipe Hernandez, Eleanor Kaufmann, Pauline McClafferty, Shirley McKinney, Elizabeth Michno, Toyo Nunoda, Sandra Robson, Julie Smith, Mary Sutherland, Tony Remedios, Ted Trerise, Joyce Turner.

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS (2,500 MP):

Ina Anderson, Jennifer Ballantyne, Don Sache, Delphine Tablotney.

GETTING CLOSE: Doug Cowan, Dave House, John Hurdle, Katrin Litwin, Joyce Peters, Sheila Sache, Joerg Schneider.

NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS (5,000 MP):

(None in the past year.)

GETTING CLOSE: Kathy Adachi, Jim Dickie, Larry Hicks, Ev Hodge, Wilf May.

To everyone on the lists, congratulations and best of luck (skill included) in reaching your next plateau. Have a great year!

Matchpointer Mailbag

[This letter comes to us from **Harry Friedman**, who asked that it be printed in this issue. Harry didn't write it...]

When I was healthy and going along my merry way I took my good health for granted. So, when I fell quite ill and did not feel good at all, I realized how fortunate I had been to have had excellent health most of my life.

My doctor told me that I had only a 50% chance to survive my extensive surgery (triple by-pass and

valve replacements). When I woke up after my surgery I realized how very fortunate I was to have survived. I spent several days in intensive care feeling pretty rotten. But in all my misery I found to my delight and surprise how many caring friends I really had. So many people wrote to me and visited me. It was quite overwhelming. This gave me such a boost that it made me recover much faster. In fact, I showed my doctor my letters and he was certainly pleased that so many people had wished me well.

I would like to give everyone who wrote to me and visited me a *heartfelt Thank You*.

—Finn Schultz

Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney

Standings as of November 1, 2000

Here are the most recently received results from Mem-

phis in the masterpoint races, covering results received in Memphis up to November 1, 2000. Categories are those you began in at the start of 2000. Some of the categories have requirements for red and/or gold points, beyond the basic point range listed below.

UNIT 430 ACE OF CLUBS LEADERS (masterpoints won at club games only)

Rookie (0-5)	
1. Greg Barszsz	29.48
2. Julia Barsel	11.93
3. Adam Moczczynski	9.72
Junior Master (5-20)	
1. Barry Yamanouchi	25.53
2. Yvonne Drane	18.49
3. Stuart Carr	19.07
Club Master (20-50)	
1. Suzette Behar	40.10
3. Janice Barr	29.17
2. Debbie Williams	27.51
Sectional Master (50-100)	
1. Richard Smillie	47.98
2. Samantha Nystrom	43.28
3. Theresa Kong	34.10
Regional Master (100-200)	
1. Bob Butler	48.61
2. Ken Cowherd	41.67
3. Andrew Lee	40.63
NABC Master (200-300)	
1. Harry Friedman	61.20
2. Vicki Croome	58.16
3. Julien Lévesque	44.18
Life Master (300-500)	
1. Harold Hansen	52.63
2. Mark Eddy	49.28
3. unknown, list from ACBL wrong	

Bronze Life Master (500-1000)	
1. Amir Alibhai	65.29
2. Mike Moffatt	59.71
3. Bev Kanee	56.42
Silver Life Master (1000-2500)	
1. Dave House	103.78
2. Bonnie Anderson	72.90
3. Sandi White	71.55
Gold Life Master (2500-5000)	
1. Mary Fines	98.23
2. Ernie Dietrich	95.38
3. Wilf May	78.85
Diamond Life Master (5000-10000)	
1. Laurence Betts	24.42
2. Aidan Ballantyne	11.41
3. Gord McOrmond	5.29

UNIT 430 MINI-MCKENNEY LEADERS (masterpoints won from all sources)

Rookie (0-5)	
1. Alice Thomas	81.69
1. Gary Thomas	81.69
3. Julia Barsel	62.08
Junior Master (5-20)	
1. David Hooey	62.16
2. Ture Erickson	45.00
3. Stuart Carr	37.10
Club Master (20-50)	
1. Colin Ransom	63.61
2. Doreen Ransom	61.46
3. Lynn Erickson	56.33

Sectional Master (50-100)	
1. Brian Cross	102.76
2. Betty Reynolds	84.59
3. Samantha Nystrom	70.98
Regional Master (100-200)	
1. Carol-Ann Halliday	114.28
2. Andrew Lee	75.21
3. Kathleen Orr	72.54
NABC Master (200-300)	
1. Vicki Croome	163.83
2. Marti Oppenheimer	110.37
3. Kenny Chan	106.10
Life Master (300-500)	
1. Tove Chen	118.26
2. Harold Hansen	110.59
3. Marion Crowhurst	84.92
Bronze Life Master (500-1000)	
1. Peter Morse	243.36
2. Mike Moffatt	242.64
3. Claire Burns	231.61
Silver Life Master (1000-2500)	
1. Larry Chow	236.13
2. Al French	224.53
3. Katrin Litwin	220.84
Gold Life Master (2500-5000)	
1. Mike Wilson	232.14
2. Kathy Adachi	220.76
3. Larry Hicks	192.40
Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000)	
1. Cam Doner	222.18
2. Aidan Ballantyne	199.17
3. Peter Herold	176.25

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won the Monthly Unit Game race.

The January sectional had an unusual schedule (looked at from today's viewpoint) and two sites, the Richmond Inn being unavailable on the Friday night. The two session pair event was on Sunday, with Saturday being a one session pair game followed by a one session Swiss. The top eight teams from the Saturday evening Swiss were invited to participate in a knockout for the Benny Lapidus trophy on Sunday, concurrent with the pairs game.

The SFU Bridge Club had scheduled a tournament on March 3, 1976—for prizes. Top pairs in both directions would receive 12" black & white T.V.s; second place pairs in both directions would receive \$50! A

further \$50 cash was earmarked for the top SFU pair (if not high enough to win one of the other prizes). At \$3.00 a person (\$2.00 for SFU students and staff), the organizers must have had deep pockets or an expectation of a huge turnout. Did it fly? We'll see next time. (How much would one of those T.V.s have been worth in 1975?)

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 also has a collection of old *Matchpointer* issues, and donations to this collection of any issues prior to 1973 are happily accepted: we'll copy them and return them to you.

Don't Give Me A Break...Please

by Richard Dunn

Webster's defines communication as the act of transmitting and receiving information. In the bridge world, Law 73 addresses this issue and paragraph A (1) states: "Communication between partners during the auction and play shall be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves."

Paragraph C says that knowledge gained

from your partner as a result of a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, special emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation is **UI**. (This means *unauthorized information*, not unemployment insurance!)

Therefore, we should try very hard not to pass on **UI** and, when we have it, we must be very careful to ensure that our subsequent action is not influenced by this information. At the 1999 NABC in Boston the appeals committee heard 56 cases. Of these, a total of 23 (41%) were filed under the topic, "Break In Tempo."

Let us consider one aspect of Law 73, **UI** from haste or hesitation. "A break in tempo occurs when players depart from their usual speed in making a call." Let us say that you usually study your cards for approximately five seconds before passing or making a bid. Your partner opens and RHO makes an overcall, you study your cards for five seconds and pass. No problem so far. LHO passes, your partner doubles, and RHO passes. You now have to decide whether to bid or pass. If you decide to pass then you should do so after about five seconds to avoid a break in tempo.

The issue here is that if you make your pass immediately you have indicated that you have **nothing** to think about. If you pause for longer than your normal period and then pass, you have indicated that you do have **something** to think about. In both cases, your partner has **UI** and must proceed very carefully.

Another example. Partner opens 1♥, RHO overcalls 1♣, you pass, LHO passes, partner bids 2♥ and RHO bids 2♣. Now what? You have basically four choices of action: bid a new suit, raise partner's suit, double, or pass.

If you pick one of the first two then you can take as much time as you like in your decision, probably without creating a problem. However, if you take a

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March 19: ACBL Charity Game

long time to think and then double or pass, you are essentially indicating that you are not sure whether to defend or declare this hand, and partner should make the decision.

This is, without doubt, transmittal of **UI**! No Law prevents you from thinking for some time. But partner is not allowed to change his mind, based on your break in tempo.

So let us review the obligations of your partner, recognizing that he now has information he is not entitled to:

The simple answer is for partner to ignore the **UI** and bid his hand normally. The more technical answer is contained in Law 73, paragraph (F) 1, the crux of which is that a player "may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably be suggested over another by partners transmittal of **UI**."

So whatever partner decides to do, he may have to justify his decision to a director, should your opposition complain about the result. The standard here is not "would partner have bid differently minus the **UI**?" The standard is "is it possible partner might have done something different?"

A final thought. You open 1♥, LHO overcalls 1♣ and partner goes into the tank for a long time before passing. RHO then passes. I have heard a number of players say that they will bar themselves from bidding believing that this is the ethical thing to do. While their hearts may well be in the right place, their actions are not. If you clearly would have made another bid you **must** make it. It is possible your partner has a huge spade stack and wants you to pass knowing that the spade contract will go down. In this case barring yourself from the auction will result in the opponents being damaged rather than being helped, and a director call may result in your side getting a bad result. If your bid is borderline, you probably should pass, since the logical alternative "demonstrably suggested" by the slow pass from partner is to bid.

One of the attributes that distinguish the expert player from others is his/her demeanor at the table. In other words it is their "Table Presence". What does this mean? Simply put, the experts will make all their bids and plays calmly and smoothly and **in tempo**, giving away no information other than that implied by the bid or card played.

It takes time and effort to develop table presence but if we wish to avoid director rulings against us for **UI** then this is an area of our game that we must improve upon, hence the title:

Don't give me a break...Please!

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New Westminster

Thursdays 7:15 pm

February 1: Swiss Teams

March 1: Club Championship

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Fridays 7:30 pm

Feb. 2: Club Championship

March 2: Swiss Teams

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Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: October 29, 2000. Not including invitation-only clubs.

Day	Time	Club	Director	Club Contact/Phone Number	Game Details
Mon	10:00	VCR	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	10:45	BBY	H. Dressler	Hazel Dressler 524-4445	Open stratified
	7:15	SRY	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (1st Monday stratified)
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Open (last Monday stratified)
	7:30	CWK	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open (last Monday stratified)
	7:30	SQU	W. Jonat	Lorraine Hurren 898-2702	Open, monthly handicap and trophy race games.
	7:30	HBN	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	7:30	VBC	B. Bart	Club telephone 255-2564	0-300 MP, stratified
	Tue	10:30	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564
11:00		S-W	F. Schultz	Finn Schultz 534-5025	Open stratified (?)
7:30		NSW	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
7:30		BBY	H. Dressler	Hazel Dressler 524-4445	Open stratified
7:30		VBC	A. Ballantyne	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified
Wed	10:00	VCR	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	10:30	HAS	M. Scott	Marianne Scott 298-3932	Open stratified
	10:30	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564	0-200 MP, stratified
	7:00	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified
	7:15	WRK	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (last Wednesday stratified)
	7:15	VCR	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	7:30	C.R	A. Yallouz	Albert Yallouz 321-1891	Open stratified
	7:30	M-R	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open stratified
Thu	11:00	JCC	C. Delisle	Connie Delisle 263-9196	Open stratified
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 535-8286	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	MIS	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open stratified
	7:30	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	0-20 MP
	7:30	VBC	G. Davis	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified
Fri	10:30	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified
	7:30	ABB	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open stratified
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Waldemar Jez 527-8854	Alternate Fridays, non-ACBL. See club ad for dates.
	7:30	S-D	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 535-8286	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Open (last Friday: TGIF Party)
Sun	1:00	RMD	E. Dietrich	Ernie Dietrich 936-2298	Open (1st Sunday stratified)
	1:00	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified, monthly team games
	7:00	VBC	R. Dunn	Monthly Unit Game (see page 28)	Open stratified, separate 99er game.

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

December 18, 2000—March 31, 2001

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
18 Dec	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
18 Dec	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
22 Dec	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
24 Dec	1:00	RMD	Christmas Eve Game
24 Dec	1:00	VBC	Closed for Christmas Eve
31 Dec	1:00	RMD	New Year's Eve Game
31 Dec	1:00	VBC	Closed for New Year's Eve
1 Jan	10:00	VCR	John Reeve Individual Tournament
1 Jan	7:30	VBC	Open New Year's Day (0-300)
5 Jan	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
6 Jan	7:30	VBC	Monthly Individual Game

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

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NWR	New-West BC	15
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	18
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S-D	Sur-Del BC	15
S-W	South-West DBC	10
SRY	South Surrey BC	20
SQU	Squamish DBC	18
TSW	Tswassen BC	14
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	15
VCR	Vancouver Bridge Club	18
WRK	White Rock BC	20

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
7 Jan	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
7 Jan	7:00	VBC	Monthly Unit Game (note new day and start time)
8 Jan	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
8 Jan	7:30	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
10 Jan	7:30	VBC	Hand Record Club Championship
13 Jan	1:00	VBC	CNTC Club Qualifying Game
15 Jan	10:30	VBC	New Game: Introduction to Duplicate (0-20 MP)
15 Jan	7:15	SRY	Club Championship Game
17 Jan	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
19 Jan	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
19 Jan	7:30	S-D	Club closed for Sectional
19-21 Jan			Trophy Sectional at Burnaby Engineers Hall, most clubs closed
21 Jan	1:00	RMD	Club closed for Sectional
22 Jan	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game
22 Jan	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
23 Jan	10:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
23 Jan	7:30	VBC	Sectional Winners Play Free!
24 Jan	7:15	WRK	Club Championship
26 Jan	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Game
28 Jan	1:00	VBC	Mish Mash Swiss Teams
29 Jan	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
31 Jan	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
1 Feb	7:15	NWR	Swiss Teams
2 Feb	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
2 Feb	7:30	S-D	Club Championship Game
3 Feb	7:30	VBC	Monthly Individual Game
4 Feb	1:00	RMD	Monthly Stratified Game
4 Feb	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
4 Feb	7:00	VBC	Monthly Unit Game
5 Feb	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
5 Feb	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
5 Feb	7:30	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
5 Feb	7:30	VBC	GNT Club Qualifying Game
5 Feb	7:30	VBC	0-300 Swiss Teams
7 Feb	7:30	VBC	Monthly Hand Record Game
13 Feb	7:30	VBC	Winner-take-all Club Championship
14 Feb	10:00	VCR	Valentine's Day Club Championship
14 Feb	7:15	C.R	Club Championship Game
15 Feb	7:30	VBC	0-20 Club Championship
15 Feb	7:30	VBC	Open Club Championship
16 Feb	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
17 Feb	7:30	VBC	Goofy Pairs Calcutta
18 Feb	1:00	VBC	Junior Development Fund Game
19 Feb	7:15	TSW	Master/Novice Game
19 Feb	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
23 Feb	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Game
25 Feb	1:00	VBC	GNT Qualifying Swiss Teams
25 Feb	7:00	VBC	Monthly Unit Game (note unusual date)

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
26 Feb	10:00	VCR	ACBL Senior's Game
26 Feb	7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams
26 Feb	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
28 Feb	10:30	VBC	0-200 Club Championship Game
28 Feb	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
1 Mar	7:15	NWR	Club Championship Game
2 Mar	10:30	VBC	Soup Kitchen Club Championship
2 Mar	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
2 Mar	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
3-4 Mar		VBC	Future Stars Sectional (Sat. 1:00, 7:30; Sun. 11:00, 5:00)
4 Mar	1:00	RMD	Stratified Club Championship
4 Mar	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
5 Mar	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
5 Mar	7:30	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
7 Mar	7:15	VCR	Club Championship Game
11 Mar	1:00	RMD	Monthly Stratified Game
12 Mar	7:30	VBC	GNT Club Qualifying Swiss
14 Mar	7:15	WRK	Club Championship Game
16 Mar	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
16 Mar	7:30	VBC	Lucky Number Club Championship
17 Mar	7:00	VBC	St. Patrick's Day Rubber Bridge Tournament

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
19 Mar	7:15	TSW	ACBL Charity Game
19 Mar	7:30	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
20 Mar	7:30	VBC	ACBL-wide Charity Game
21 Mar	7:15	WRK	Swiss Teams
25 Mar	1:00	RMD	ACBL Charity Game
25 Mar	1:00	VBC	Mish Mash Swiss Teams
26 Mar	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
26 Mar	7:30	VBC	0-300 Club Championship
27 Mar	10:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points
27 Mar	7:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points
28 Mar	10:30	HAS	Club Championship Game
28 Mar	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
28 Mar	7:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points
29 Mar	7:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points
30 Mar	10:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points
30 Mar	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
30 Mar	7:30	VBC	STaC Game—silver points

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
1 Apr	1:00	RMD	Monthly Stratified Game
1 Apr	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
1 Apr	7:00	VBC	April Fools Monthly Unit Game

Vancouver Bridge Club

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Louis Landau 984-8309

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Wednesday 7:15 pm stratified

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Club Championship Games:

Monday January 22
Wednesday, February 14 (am)
Wednesday March 7 (pm)

Holiday Monday Party Games:

Jan 1: John Reeve
Individual Tournament

Handicap Games:

Wednesday January 17
Monday February 5

Closed December 25
Merry Christmas!

North Shore Winter Club Bridge

1325 E. Keith Road,
North Vancouver
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
(pairs)

Louis Landau 984-8309

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Anne Nagy 271-0720

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1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish
Mondays at 7:30 pm

Monthly Handicap & Trophy Race Games

Lorraine Hurren 898-2702

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Hollyburn Country Club "Bridge with a view"

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

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Grand National Pairs (this is what the NAOP was called before stratification) District Final in New Westminster at the November Sectional, earning a free trip to represent the District at the Portland Nationals in the Spring. **Ron Borg** and **Mike Strebinger** were fourth, and by virtue of being the top B.C. pair, won the right to represent Canada (along with other pairs from other regions) at the World Pair Olympiad in Miami in the Fall of 1986. Editor **Lauren Miller** quipped: "No, that was not a misprint: first place goes to Portland, fourth place to Miami. Having bombed out in the Unit Stage, I figure I'm in line for Tahiti."

20 years ago in the Matchpointer
(December 1980, **Aidan Ballantyne**, editor)

Lots of great stuff in this issue, IMP League prognostications, interesting hands, even an article from a *Matchpointer* subscriber in Brisbane, Australia! But also included is a *Matchpointer* classic, which deserves a full reprint. It's unattributed, so **Mr. Ballantyne** is the leading suspect.

THE COOPER CONVENTION

If you play in an aggressive partnership which tries to buy the hand at all cost, then you'll find that you seem to be the dummy more than your fair share, especially playing with a hand-hog. Of course, it's not much fun being the dummy, as The Laws have more or less roboticized dummy's role. The convention described here (developed by **Peter Cooper**, not D.B.) is designed to involve dummy in the hand, as play develops. The basic idea is that declarer can communicate to dummy, by means of calling for unnaturally high cards or by some related method of signaling, how the hand is progressing and whether declarer is expecting good things or not.

The convention finds its origins in the "Dummy Falscards" which Peter used when he first started playing bridge at the clubs. He found, to his amazement, that if a weak opponent led an ace or a king in a suit in which he had quick losers, then initiating an echo with dummy's worthless cards was often enough to persuade the opponent to shift! The psychology behind this is presently being investigated by a PhD student at UBC. The convention also has its origins in a *Bridge World* article ("The Congratulatory Jack") which describes a legitimate means of signaling emotion at the table, rather than just card holdings.

It is up to the individual partnerships to devise a specific method of signaling dummy, but here are a few examples: Calling for the jack from a holding of QJTx could mean "The contract is making," whereas calling for the ten could mean "overtricks, partner!"

Meaningless echoes with small cards can also be used to mean that things are going well and a good result is anticipated.

It is the duty of the declarer to pass on good news as soon as possible. This allows dummy to relax and save himself for the next hand, even though in certain partnerships, he may be dummy once again. And if the good news never comes? Well, dummy is an emotional wreck by the end of the hand, but at least he'll feel he participated in the action...

Here is a sample of the Cooper Convention in action. As the eventual dummy, both vulnerable at matchpoints, you hold:

♠ 8642 ♥ 2 ♦ Q987652 ♣ 2

You hear partner open 1♣, pass on your right. You automatically reject the forcing raise in favour of the more constructive raise to 2♣. LHO jumps to 4♥, partner tries 5♣, and RHO comes to life with 5♥. Your defensive abilities have always been in question so to make sure your side buys the hand you bid 6♣. This goes around to RHO who sacrifices in 7♥, taking out some insurance. Of course, you still have no defense so you get a piece of the rock yourself by competing to 7♠. Oddly enough, it goes double on your left. You're not playing for money, so there doesn't seem to be any point in redoubling. The person on your right pulls out various cards and finally tables the king of hearts. This is overtaken, but partner ruffs with the jack of spades. He now plays the ace of spades (both follow with the queen falling), and lays down the ace of diamonds. The king is played on your right, and partner studiously calls for the eight of diamonds. Aha! We're making this one! Partner's hand:

♠ AKJT753 ♥ — ♦ A ♣ Axxxx

Funny, the last time you held four deuces you bid and made a grand slam too! (Thank you, **Peter Walton**, for lending this hand from your collection.) After ruffing high, partner has three spade entries to set up and cash the diamonds. He doesn't need a club break. "I should have redoubled, but you always put down such bad dummies," says pard.

25 years ago in the Matchpointer
(late 1975/early 1976, **Gary Harper**, editor)

A postal strike reduced the *Matchpointer* to a one page information bulletin, distributed to clubs in November 1975. A makeup issue was published in early 1976 when the strike ended.

Among the highlights from the make-up issue: **Paul Hagen** won the Phil Wood Trophy, edging **Ron Borg** by 4.08 masterpoints. In 1975 there was just the one trophy. **Karen Wallace** was eighth, leading all women and all under 200 players. **Jim Donaldson**

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"Blue-Eyed Pairs or Redhead Teams or Non-Coffee Drinkers Sectionals." About the argument that such events are "more sociable," Lauren responded, "being a member of the male, under 55, Flight A population, I am predictably loathe to believe that my peer group is nastier than others." He urged that efforts be concentrated on humanizing the open events "rather than continuing this relentless march towards apartheid."

The march continued. Stratification was still about three years in the future.

The 1985 Future Stars tournament attendance was up 18% over the previous year, to about 100 tables or so. **Ken Lochang** and **Paul Sontag** won the Saturday afternoon pairs; **John Mullen** and **A. (Andy?) Hell-**

quist won the evening game. Check out the names on the leader board: **Sheila Giroto**, **June Stenning**, **Susan McBride**, **Cam Doner**, **Brian Russell**, **Mike Manica**, **Audrey Loy**, **Debbie King**—these people *didn't* win! On Sunday the team of **Dick Simpson**, **Fred Powell**, **Peter Wong** and **Rod Coote** went 8-0 in the Swiss, holding off challenges from Manica and **Rob Crawford** on one team, and Cam Doner, **Dave Glen** and Brian Russell on another!

The 1985 trophies: **Dan Jacob** edged **Bob Connop** by 1.41 for the Phil Wood, **Susan Peters** edged **Sandra Borg** by 1.08 for the Edie Bonnell, and **Dave Glen** beat **Paul Sontag** (who won the Unit Game Trophy) by 7.61 for the Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy.

Washington pairs took the top three places at the
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South Surrey Bridge Club

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January 15: Quarterly Club Championship
February 26: Swiss Teams

Winners ACBL Charity: Dave Pritchard/Brad Barton
Club Appreciation: Rita Hasselbach/Joyce Rhodes
Club Championship: Rita Hasselbach/Isobel Chernoff
Teams: Daisy Neilson, Lotte Elias,
Maggie Warren, Pat Wotherspoon
Big Game: Gilbert Lambert/Dot Carnegie, 69.55%

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

Jan 24, Mar 14: Club Championship Games

Jan 31, Feb 28: Stratified Games

March 21: Swiss Teams

Big Game: Gilbert Lambert/Sheila Sache 69.07%

Other Winners:

Club Championship: Ted Worsfeld/Garry Scollon
Club Appreciation Game: Ted Worsfeld/Finn Schultz
Rookie/Master Game: Grace Madsen/Esther Freeman
CBF Charity Game: Walter Pinsker/John Horne
Membership Game: Isobel Chernoff/Pat Wotherspoon

Hastings Bridge Club

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Marlaine Scott 298-3932

Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp

March 28: Club Championship

Recent Winners:

Club Championship: William Phelan/Harold Hansen

Club Appreciation: Beryl Hamilton/Jill Wainborn

Membership Game:

Grace Wakabayashi/Arlene Browning

East Richmond Bridge Club

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

Open Dec. 24 and 31! Closed Jan 21 (Sectional).

March 4: Stratified Club Championship

March 25: ACBL-wide Charity Game

Recent Winners:

Club Appreciation Game: Paul & Carol Waters, 70.19%

ACBL Charity: Sandi White/Delphine Tablotney, 69.04%

Membership Game: Louis Landau/Hazel Dressler

Current 2000 Club Masterpoint Leader:

Delphine Tablotney (thanks to Sandi and Rhoda)

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Mission

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Thursdays, 7:30pm

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road
Fridays, 7:30pm

Flight A IMP League Standings

Includes reported matches thru December 7, 2000.

Data obtained from the IMP League Web Page at <http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/IMPS>

27 match results out of 78 total matches have been reported. No team has any late matches to make up yet.

The 13 teams in Flight A play a complete round-robin of 12 matches, and the top six teams make the play-offs, with the top two earning a first-round bye. Predictions are by the *Matchpointer* prognosticator from last issue and by the only person to send in predictions, Harold Hansen. Octane Level is an indicator of how many IMPs get swung in matches involving this team: higher numbers indicate swing-dependent teams. In a typical match against this team, you need this many IMPs to have a 50% chance of winning. Team rosters include all players on the roster, even though some of them may not yet have played in a match.

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Predictions MP	H.H.	Team Roster
House	3-1-0	86	21.50	+39.50	63	4th	3rd	Dave House, Laurence Betts, Ron Ohmart, Martin Henneberger, Larry Pocock, Paul Sontag.
Foster	3-1-1	99	19.80	+23.20	57	7th	1st	Rhonda Foster, Richard & Marcia Christie, Gerry McCully, Greg Arbour, Felipe Hernandez.
Lindsay	4-1-0	98	19.60	+21.00	64	2nd	7th	Cam Lindsay, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Dave Waterman, Steve Vincent, Martin O'Reilly.
Strebinger	3-1-0	68	17.00	+4.25	56	11th	6th	Judy Strebinger, Jenny Ballantyne, Aban Gerrie, Linda Sims, Duane Tilden, Rhoda Tafler.
Divinsky	2-2-0	68	17.00	+10.50	72	1st	2nd	Nathan Divinsky, Gord Davis, Dan Jacob, Don Brazeau, Larry Hicks, Gord McOrmond.
Sache	2-1-0	50	16.67	+5.00	65	9th	5th	Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Wilf May, Brian Russell, June Pocock, Kathy Adachi.
Ballantyne	2-3-0	78	15.60	+10.00	67	3rd	4th	Aidan Ballantyne, Jim & Audrey Norman, Katrin Litwin, Bryan Maksymetz, Mike Yuen.
Goldstone	1-2-0	42	14.00	-6.33	65	6th	8th	Bill Goldstone, Mike Wilson, Peter Maclean, Steve Clements, Gray McMullin, Marylou Bert.
McClafferty	2-2-0	55	13.75	-11.50	62	12th	10th	Pauline McClafferty, Diane Ayukawa, Dennis McMahon, John Reay, Marguerite Chiarenza, Tove Chen.
Laudan	1-3-0	44	11.00	-17.25	67	10th	12th	Leslie Laudan, John Anthony, Jim LeNobel, Bill Osten, Barry Kirkham, Neil McAllister.
Watson	2-2-0	43	10.75	-13.75	62	8th	11th	Dan Watson, Pete Walton, Gary Phelan, Jean Groome, Paul & Carol Waters.
Bart	0-4-1	51	10.20	-19.40	57	5th	9th	Brad Bart, Mike & Ben Takemori, Chris Diamond, Tony Remedios, Gregorz Barszcz.
Moffatt	1-3-0	28	7.00	-41.50	70	13th	13th	Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Sandra Robson, Patti Adams, Ray Morrison, Insa Fricker.

Flight C has begun, with five of the 28 matches played when we checked on December 7th. The predictions and information about each team, as well as how they fared in their opening matches, is part of Dr. Kent Bidwell's C League Prognosticatorial on page 8.

Flight B IMP League Standings

Includes reported matches thru December 7, 2000.

Data obtained from the IMP League Web Page at <http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/IMPS>

30 match results out of 84 total matches have been reported. No team has any late matches to make up yet.

The 7 teams in each Flight B division play a double round-robin of 12 matches. The top two teams make the playoffs, with division winners playing against the second place team in the other division in round one. In addition, five teams in each division are also eligible for the separate and simultaneous B2 playoffs, which involve the top two B2-eligible teams in each division.

Teams ineligible for the B2 playoffs are indicated with SMALL CAPS. The names of the divisions are those applied by the *Matchpointer* prognosticator. Predictions are by the anonymous *Matchpointer* prognosticator from the October issue and by the only person to send in predictions, Harold Hansen. Octane Level is an indicator of how many IMPs get swung in matches involving this team: higher numbers indicate swing-dependent teams. In a typical match against this team, you need this many IMPs to have a 50% chance of winning. Team rosters include all players on the roster, even though some of them may not yet have played in a match.

The "Ugly" Division

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Predictions		Team Roster
						MP	H.H.	
SKOROPADA	4-0-0	79	19.75	+14.25	63	2nd	2nd	Garry Skoropada, Flora Tereposky, Brad Fletcher, Mark Eddy, Dan Webster.
Sumner	2-1-0	50	16.67	+4.63	57	5th	3rd	Ric Sumner, Pat Jones, John Horne, Tom Cotton.
Jez	3-2-0	80	16.00	+2.80	57	4th	5th	Waldemar Jez, Ewa Wroblewicz, Andrej Zorawski, Armando Andreoli, Kel Raywood, Geoff Fetterley.
Kwan	2-2-0	64	16.00	+8.25	70	1st	1st	Sherman Kwan, Danny Lee, John Whittlesey, Ron Fox.
Dunn	2-3-0	78	15.60	+6.20	58	6th	4th	Richard Dunn, Bruce McIntyre, Greg Morse, Any Hellquist.
ANGUS	2-2-0	62	15.50	+2.50	56	3rd	3rd	Monica Angus, Julia Barsel, Andrej Artamonov, Sheila Sache, Gilbert Lambert.
Lévesque	0-5-0	37	7.40	-31.80	68	7th	7th	Julien Lévesque, Greg Lam, Marti Oppenheimer, Judy Murphy, Nigel Fulbrook.

The "Bad" Division

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Predictions		Team Roster
						MP	H.H.	
BODLAK	4-0-0	86	21.50	+21.00	53	1st	1st	Stan Bodlak, Pearl Minkoff, Sandi White, David Walker, Cheryl Brander, Christina Jacob.
Lai	3-1-1	90	18.00	+10.80	64	7th	2nd	Samuel Lai, Kam Tang, Anderw Nalos, Grant Gayman, Li Sho, Vincent Ho.
Crowhurst	2-1-1	68	17.00	+6.25	67	5th	6th	Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst, Kathy Bye, H.K. Ho, Kenny Chan, Aase Haines.
Danielsen	2-2-0	62	15.50	+3.50	55	2nd	4th	Ken Danielsen, Ron Groome, Pat Wotherspoon, Elaine Levins, Chris Maylin, Chris Robbins.
Morse	1-3-0	47	11.75	-9.75	50	4th	3rd	Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Ozzie & Shirley Isfeld.
ISFELD	1-3-0	45	11.25	-13.75	54	3rd	5th	Dianne Isfeld, Brian Badger, Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff, Joan Richards, Gus Axen.
Meyer	1-4-0	52	10.40	-16.60	56	6th	7th	Larry Meyer, Rod Coote, Rick Hogarth, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita.



Winners

August-October 2000

LOCAL WINNERS

ROUND-UP SECTIONAL
SURREY, NOVEMBER 3 - 5

A B C Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs (24 tables)

- 1 **John Demeulemeester/Al French**
2 Ben Takemori/Dianne Isfeld
3 **Tai Eng/Harry Friedman**
4 2 Bernice Selander/Daisy Neilson
5 June Pocock/Ric Sumner
6 3 Gilbert Lambert/John Horne
4 Gladys Mackie/John Currie
5 Anne Scott/Kathy Bye
6 Don Keith/Christa Mead
1 **Edite Phillpotts/Beverley Hall**
2 Brian Cross/Eda Kadar
3 Doreen & Colin Ransom
4 Carol-Ann Halliday/Clarence Dodd
5 Norma McNamara/Marlene Barber

A B C Friday Afternoon Senior's Pairs (11 tables)

- 1 **Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney**
2 1 **Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren**
3 Donna Morrison/Helen Montgomery
4 Joan Richards/Marge Neate
5 2 Bev Kanee/Gloria Prescott
6 3 Haiderali Nazak/Amir Mitha
4 Harold Hansen/Ian Hayter
5 Eleanor Kaufmann/Leszek Baldys
1 **Bachan Buttar/Rae Fee**
2 Renee & Warren Sweeney

D E F Friday Afternoon Future Masters (5 tables)

- 1 1 **Sachi Yamakami/Mona Blusson**
2 Nizar & Zainool Esmail
3 2 Charlotte Alekson/Grace Madsen
4/5/3/4/1/2 **Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell**
4/5/3/4/1/2 **Bruno & Margaret Moras**

D E F Friday Evening Future Masters (6 tables)

- 1 **Veronica Peacock/Mateusz Bohdanowicz**
2 1 1 **Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell**
3 Gaby Uranyi/Verna Vass
4 2 2 Sam Yamanouchi/Lynn Humphries
3 Margaret & Bruno Moras

A B C Friday Evening IMP Pairs (42 tables)

- 1 1 1 **Maggie Rusinek/Mark Rojewski**
2 Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
3 Aidan Ballantyne/Gord Davis
4 2 John Lien/Liz Stoneman
5 Pearl Minkoff/David Walker
6 Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld
3 Mike Moffatt/Dan Webster
4 Dan Watson/Harold Hansen
5/6 John Currie/Sandra Robson
5/6 Paul & Carol Waters
2 Linda & Les Ellis
3 Carol-Ann Halliday/Julien Lévesque
4 Jane Fyfe/Carol York
5 Kathy Orr/Anne Knowlan
6 Alice & Gary Thomas

D E Saturday Afternoon Future Masters (5 tables)

- 1 **Janice Barr/Chloe Clark**
2/3 Bonnie & Gerry Purcell
2/3 1 **Jim & Daphne Shaw**
4 2 Jacqueline Phillips/Linda Wormworth

D E Saturday Evening Future Masters (5 tables)

- 1 **Chloe Clark/Janice Barr**
2/3 Gaby Uranyi/Verna Vass
2/3 1 **Sachi Yamakami/Cathy Miller**
4 Bruno & Margaret Moras
3 Jacqueline Phillips/Linda Wormworth

Saturday 2-session Flight A Open Pairs (14, 15 tables)

1. **Gord McOrmond/Aidan Ballantyne**
2. Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
3. Bryan Maksymetz/Michael Yuen
4. Dan Jacob/Mike Hargreaves
5. Aban & Bob Gerrie
6. Pete Walton/Dan Watson
7. Trudy & John Hurdle

Saturday 2-session Flight B Open Pairs (16, 17 tables)

1. **Tai Eng/Insa Fricker**
2. Marylou Varga/Daisy Neilson
3. Linda Morgan/Neil McAllister
4. Danny Lee/John Whittlesey
5. Joan Brooks/Garry Scollon
6. Diane Ayukawa/Bruce McIntyre

Saturday 2-session Flight C Open Pairs (11, 11 tables)

1. **Ghods Ahmad/Betty Reynolds**
2. Clay Connolly/Charlotte Alekson
3. Sid Robinson/Norma Saltzberg
4. Linda & Les Ellis
5. Carol York/Jane Fyfe
6. Merlyn Smith/Karin Dunlop

A B C Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams (47 teams)

- 1 **Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Mike Hargreaves, Gord McOrmond, Aidan Ballantyne**
2 Mike Takemori, Ben Takemori, Martin O'Reilly, John Bryden

A B C Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams (cont.)

- 3 Richard Christie, Jim Norman, Audrey Norman, Marcia Christie
- 4 John Hurdle, Trudy Hurdle, Elaine Ryan, Rhoda Tafler
- 5 Bill Goldstone, Steve Clements, Anthony Remedios, Greg Barszcz
- 6/7 **1 1** **David Hooey, Frank Cheng, Carol-Ann Halliday, Samantha Nystrom**
- 6/7 Felipe Hernandez, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Gregory Arbour
- 2 John Lien, Claire Burns, John Horne, Peter Morse
- 3 Ric Sumner, Jane Craig, Margaret Elligott, Pat Jones
- 4 Kenny Chan, Ted Lai, Danny Lee, William Ge
- 5 **2** Rae Fee, Bachan Buttar, Greg Morse, Andy Hellquist
- 6 Larry Meyer, Rick Hoggarth, Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie

OUT-OF-TOWN WINNERS

CALGARY REGIONAL
CALGARY, JULY 24-30

(Yup, ran out of room and time last issue: apologies to the winners who we missed out. Thanks to Diane Isfeld for providing these results many moons ago.)

Kickoff Knockout Teams, Bracket 2

- 5/8. Don Sharp

Kickoff Knockout Teams, Bracket 3

- 3/4. Judy Murphy, Marti Oppenheimer

Tuesday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A2. Al French
- B4C1. Bobby Wood/Betty Reynolds.

Tuesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- AB5C3. Karin Dunlop/Peggy Ross
- A6. Catriona and Bill Henning

Tuesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A2. Phyllis Gerber/Helen Montgomery
- C5/6. Bobby Wood/Betty Reynolds

Wednesday Senior Swiss Teams

- A2. Al French, Bob Kiggins, Phyllis Gerber, Helen Montgomery

Wednesday Afternoon 99er Teams

- 1. Herb Brown**
- 2/5. Alice and Gary Thomas

Wednesday Evening 99er Teams

- 2/5. Alice and Gary Thomas; tied with Herb Brown

Wednesday Open Swiss Teams

- A10/12 Michael Yuen

Wednesday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A1. **John Lien/Liz Stoneman**

Wednesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- C6. David Dilkes/Morrison Smeltzer

Midweek Bracketed Knockouts, Bracket 2

- 3/4. Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Don Sharp; tied with Brian Badger, Norma Saltzberg

Midweek Bracketed Knockouts, Bracket 4

- 1. Kathleen Orr**
- 5/8. Bobby Wood, Betty Reynolds, Peggy Ross, Karin Dunlop.

Thursday StratiFlighted Pairs

- A7. Michael Yuen
- B5. Diane Ayukawa/Richard Dunn
- C4. Maureen Crompton

Thursday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A2. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
- B4/5. Judy Murphy/Marti Oppenheimer

Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A1. **Mary Fines/Ev Hodge**

Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs

- A5. Joan Steuart
- B5. Tom Markham
- C5. Betty Reynolds/Bobby Wood

Friday Open Pairs

- A2. Rhonda Foster

Friday Women's Pairs

- A1. **Phyllis Gerber, Helen Montgomery**

Friday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A2. Al French
- A5. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A6B4C2. Maureen Crompton

Friday Evening Continuous Pairs

- A3. Gerry McCully

Saturday Stratified Pairs

- A3. Rhonda Foster
- A4. Gerry McCully

Saturday Senior's Stratified Pairs

- A4. Donna Morrison/Ev Hodge

Saturday Evening 99er Pairs

- D3/4. Herb Brown

Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams, Bracket 1

- 1. Michael Yuen**

Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams, Bracket 2

- 3/4. Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Don Sharp

Saturday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A3B2C1. **Bobby Wood/Betty Reynolds**

- A4B3C2. Maureen Crompton

Morning Continuous Pairs Overall

- 1/2. John Lien, Liz Stoneman**

- 5/6. Al French

Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A3. Joan Steuart
- A4BC2. Raymond Clemons

- B4C3. Maureen Crompton/Betty Reynolds

Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs

- A6. Brian Badger/Norma Saltzberg
- C6. Alice & Gary Thomas

Evening Continuous Pairs Overall

- 6/7. Gerry McCully

Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams, Bracket 2

- 1. Don Sharp, Claire Burns, Peter Morse**

- 3/4. Larry Chow

Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams, Bracket 3

- 3/4. Karin Dunlop/Peggy Ross

Flight A Swiss Teams

- AX1. **Phyllis Gerber/Helen Montgomery**
- A3. Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully

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**PUGET SOUND REGIONAL
EVERETT WA, JULY 24-30**

Monday Charity Stratified Pairs

- A2. Brian Russell
B3. Claire Burns/Peter Morse

Monday-Tuesday Bracketed Knockouts, Bracket 1

2. Cam Doner
3/4. Jean Groome

Monday-Tuesday Bracketed Knockout, Bracket 4

1. **Alice & Gary Thomas**
Tuesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs
B6/7. Shirley & William Miller; Roberta Richards/Kazuko
C2/3. Koda

Tuesday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A3/4B2. Betty Reynolds/Roberta Richards
Tuesday Senior Stratified Pairs

- A5. Marge Neate/Donna Morrison
Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs

- A1. **Brian Russell**
A5. Larry Chow

Wednesday Evening Continuous Pairs

- B6C2. Alice & Gary Thomas
C3. Lynn Erickson

Wednesday Stratified Swiss

- A4/5. Al & Bernice French
B3C1. **Ted Worsfeld**

Wednesday Senior's Swiss Teams

- A6/7. Marge Neate, Ev Hodge, Donna Morrison, Bonnie Anderson
C1. **Bobby Wood, Betty Reynolds, Roberta Richards, Kazuko Koda**

Thursday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A2. Al French

Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- B6C3. Alice & Gary Thomas

Thursday Stratified Pairs

- A4X1. **Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff**

- A5. Cam Doner
X2. John Lien
X3. Al & Bernice French

Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs

- B5/6. Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome
C2/3. Lynn Erickson

Friday Morning Continuous Pairs

- A1. **Cam Doner**

Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- A4B3C2. Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
A5B4C3. Doreen & Colin Ransom
B6C4. Shirley & William Miller

Friday Stratified Pairs

- B2. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld
C3. Lynn Erickson
C6. Rudy Notzl

Friday Evening Continuous Pairs

- A6B4C1. **Norma Saltzberg/Maureen Crompton**
Wed.-Thurs. Bracketed Knockouts, Bracket 3

2. Marina Page, Isabel Chernoff, Joan Brooks
3/4. Mike Moffatt, Andy Hellquist, Vicki Croome, Greg Morse
Wed.-Thurs. Bracketed Knockouts, Bracket 4

2. Alice & Gary Thomas
3/4. Lynn Erickson

Saturday Morning Continuous Pairs

- BC2. Bobby Wood/Kazuko Koda
BC4. Maureen Crompton/Norma Saltzberg
Saturday Morning Afternoon Pairs

- C3. Doreen & Colin Ransom
Saturday Stratified Pairs, Flight A/X

- A8. Peter Herold
X7. **Jim & Audrey Norman**

Saturday Stratified Pairs, Flight B/C/D

- B1. **Ron Fox/Sherman Kwan**
B2. Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld
B5. Ron Groome
B7. Claire Burns/Peter Morse
C4. Diane Ayukawa/Richard Dunn

Saturday evening Continuous Pairs

- A6B3C1. **Betty Reynolds/Kazuko Koda**
B4. Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome

- C2/3. Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse
Sunday Flight A/X Stratified Swiss

- A1. **Aidan Ballantyne**

- A2. Katrin Litwin
A4. Cam Doner
X1. **John Lien**

Sunday Flight B/C/D Stratified Swiss

- B1. **Insa Fricker, Tai Eng, Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome**
B2. **Ken Lochang, Joan Stewart, Maureen Crompton**
B3/4. Rom Groome, Diane Ayukawa, Richard Dunn
B6. Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld
D4. Peggy Ross, Kazuko Koda, Betty Reynolds, Karin Dunlop

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**15 years ago in the Matchpointer
(December 1985, Lauren Miller, editor)**

Another feature of many December *Matchpointer* issues: promos for the Vancouver Regional, which has usually taken place in late January. The 1986 Committee named all of the side games (this was before the Continuous Pairs replaced them). They were the Tillicum and Centennial Pairs (Tuesday), the Expo '86 and Canada Place Pairs (Wednesday), the A.L.

R.T and B.C. Place Pairs (Thursday), and the Tall Ships and Grey Cup Pairs (Saturday). Not sure why there were no side games on Friday.

Doug Cowan reviewed the Yakima Regional, which included an age-flighted pairs, where Flight B was limited to 55 years or older. The success of this event prompted District 19 to schedule Senior's Regionals. Editor **Lauren Miller** objected to this whole trend, wondering why schedules don't also include the

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Special Events in a Box

EVENT	Club Level Qualifying Games	Unit Final	District or Zone Final	National Final	Subsidies Available
COPC Canadian Open Pairs Championship	Complete. Brad Bart and Mike Dimich have the highest reported score.	none	None. Any player qualifying at the club level may play in the National Final.	CBF Bridge Week Montréal Québec August 5-12, 2001 COPC: Aug. 8-9	\$1009.67 to high Q-score from Unit, also a CBF subsidy.
CNTC Canadian National Team Championship Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-2000	VBC, Jan. 13, last chance, 1 session. Flt. A unlimited Flight B 0-1000	none	Spring 2001 Date and time TBA	CBF Bridge Week Montréal Québec August 5-12, 2001 CNTC: Aug. 5-12	\$209.22 in Unit fund, also a CBF subsidy.
CWTC Canadian Women's Teams Championship	none	none	Spring 2001 Date and time TBA	CBF Bridge Week Montréal Québec August 5-12, 2001 COPC: Aug. 5-9	\$94.95 in Unit fund. No CBF subsidy.
GNT Grand National Teams Champ. Flight unlimited Flight A 0-5000 Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Feb 5 (7:30), Feb 25 (1:00), Mar 12 (7:30), all at VBC, all 1 session.	none	April 20-22 Bellvue WA	Summer NABC, Toronto, ON July 19-29, 2001.	\$400/team from DINO, not much left in Unit subsidy.
NAOP North American Open Pairs Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Qualifying for 2001 begins in June.	Fall 2001 Date and time TBA	December 1, 2001 Tacoma Sectional.	Spring NABC Kansas City KS, Mar. 15-25, 2001. Houston TX, Mar. 7-17, 2002.	Teams 3rd in district final split \$500. ACBL pays top two.

Cathy Miller and Sachi Yamakami racked up the highest score in District 19 in the North American 49ers Pairs. Beating all other 49ers in DINO netted them each \$75.00 of ACBL scrip (that's American dollars)!

CBF Rookie Master Games: Wed. April 25, Thu. October 25, 2001; Thu. April 25, Wed. October 30, 2002.

For more information on special events, contact Unit Special Events Co-Ordinator Larry Meyer (271-8692).

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An occasional contributor going by the name of

Board 3	Dir: South Vul: E-W	NORTH	3♣ by South Lead: 7♥
WEST	♠ A9 ♥ Q987 ♦ 52 ♣ QT2	♠ JT63 ♥ A ♦ AQJ9 ♣ K973	EAST
	SOUTH	♠ K8742 ♥ JT8 ♦ T5 ♣ 864	♠ Q5 ♥ K5432 ♦ K74 ♣ AJ5

Marshall Smiles appears with a funny story every few issues in the late 80s—early 90s issues. I've worked out who it is, but in the hope that "Marshall" will send me some more funny stories for print, I'll not name him (or her)—yet. Mr. Smiles described the play in 3♣ like this: "7♥ to the ace. J♠, covered by the rest of the family. Instead of the dreaded club shift, another small heart, ruffed. The spade ten picked up the trumps and the stage was set for the end play: A♠, followed by the Queen, etc., until the king comes up. East has no return to prevent an overtrick. My BOWLS TIP: If winning a finesse won't help, hope to lose it, especially if it will produce an end play."

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Monthly Unit Games

House wins; 2001 information

Dave House won the Monthly Unit Game race, taking the lead after the April game and holding off a charging **Waldemar Jez**, who won the big 42 table Unit Christmas Party game to finish within a point and a half, winning Flight B. **Vicki Croome** won the Flight C race by finishing third overall. Dave House won the October game and finished second overall three times and third once to amass his point total.

The prizes are free plays to 2001 Unit Games: a year's pass to Dave and six free plays to Waldemar and Vicki. Meanwhile, we have news for 2001.

Monthly Unit Games in 2001 will take place at the VBC on Sunday nights (usually the first Sunday of the month), starting at 7:00pm, under the direction of **Richard Dunn**. At the Unit Christmas Party, **Louis**

Landau was presented with a gift from the Unit for ten years of directing Monthly Unit Games! Louis very graciously agreed to step aside so that one of our newer tournament directors could get some directing experience, and deserved the gift, the round of applause, and more. Also honoured on the same evening was **Jude Goodwin-Hanson**, about to take a break after serving the Unit and the District with promotional material through her graphic artistry.

A few tweaks are in store for 2001. The strats will be adjusted to unlimited, 0-2000, and 0-500/non-Life Master (in line with the current NAOP limits). In addition, we will run a **separate section** for players with less than 100 masterpoints. To help encourage 0-100 players to come out and try the new game, we'll begin the year with a pair of **two-for-one 99er games**, on January 7, and February 4. Points won in the 0-100 section **will** be counted toward the Monthly Unit Game trophy race. See you in 2001!

A	B	November 18, 2000	(13 tables)
1	1	Bev Kanee/Gloria Prescott	
2		Ken Lochang/Maureen Crompton	
3		Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld	
4	2	Tony Remedios/Tove Chen	
5	3	Victor Finberg/Kristina Bohdanowicz	
6	4	Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome	

Unit Christmas Party			
A	B	C	December 2, 2000 at Bonsor (42 tables)
1	1		Andrey Artamonov/Waldemar Jez
2			Anne Nagy/Pearl Minkoff
3			Dot Carnegie/Gilbert Lambert
4	2		Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome
5	3		Diane Ayukawa/Tove Chen
6			Jude Goodwin-Hanson/Julie Smith
	4		Tony Remedios/Larry Austin
	5		Sandra Hawk/Ruby Jackson
	6		Terry Scott/Marina Page
	1		Sam Nystrom/David Hooley
	2		Elliott Burnell/Kees De Lange
	3		Andrew Zorawski/Ewa Wroblewicz
	4		Peggy & Max Winter
	5		Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz
	6		Janice Barr/Chloe Clark

A	B	C	Final 2000 MUG standings	Pts.
1			Dave House	12.52
2	1		Waldemar Jez	11.06
3	2	1	Vicki Croome	9.78
4	2		Mike Moffatt	9.78
5	4		Tove Chen	9.02
6	5		Tony Remedios	8.17
7			Pearl Minkoff	7.94
7			Anne Nagy	7.94
9			Ev Hodge	7.89
10			Gord Davis	7.80

A	B	C	Final 2000 MUG standings (cont.)	Pts.
11	6	2	David Hooley	7.63
12	7	3	Andrey Artamonov	7.37
13	8		Kathy Bye	7.24
14	9	4	Greg Lam	6.64
15	10		Ken Lochang	5.82
16			Dianne Isfeld	5.73
17			Laurence Betts	5.46
18			Doug Cowan	5.45
18			Pat Landau	5.45
20			Mike Takemori	5.17
21	11		Tomie Yamanouchi	5.11
21	11		Toyo Nunoda	5.11
23			Donna Morrison	5.09
23	13	5	Samantha Nystrom	5.09
25	14		Gloria Prescott	5.00
	14		Bev Kanee	5.00
6			Carol-Ann Halliday	4.44
7			Kristina Bohdanowicz	4.00
8			Julia Barsel	3.12
8			Grzegorz Barszcz	3.12
10			Barry Yamanouchi	2.94
11			Matt Bohdanowicz	2.51
12			Maureen Crompton	2.45
13			Andrew Zorawski	2.39
13			Ewa Wroblewicz	2.39
15			Clare Way	1.32

400.68 masterpoints were won in 2000 by 172 players (a further 77 played but didn't win any) in Monthly Unit Games in 2000.

Perfect attendance in 2000: **Ev Hodge**, **Pat Landau**, **Donna Morrison**, and Director **Louis Landau**. **Doug Cowan** and **David Hooley** missed only one game, and **Bonnie Anderson**, **Les Baldys**, **Kristina Bohdanowicz**, **Kathy Bye**, and **Joerg Schneider** all missed but two.

FUTURE STARS 0-200 TOURNAMENT

MARCH 3-4, 2001

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE
2776 EAST BROADWAY



SATURDAY

- 1:00 pm **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session, 0-50, 50-100, 100-200
- 7:30 pm **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session, 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

SUNDAY

- 11:00 am **Stratified Open Pairs**
Single Session, 0-50, 50-100, 100-200
- 5:00 pm **Stratified Swiss Teams**
Single Session, 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

DOOR PRIZES TROPHIES COFFEE MINI-LESSONS GOODIES

Chairpersons: Eda Kadar 604/733-0042
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Director: Brian Russell

Entry: \$8.50/session, \$8.00 for ACBL Members.

ACBL Members with 0-5 MP play FREE on Saturday Afternoon

99ers ALERT: Monthly Unit Games will have separate under 100 sections in 2001. 99er pairs play for half price in the January 7 and February 4 games! Details, page 28.

Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

December *Matchpointer* issues generally appear just before people stop thinking about bridge and start thinking about malls. Tell me about it. Let's get going so I can start fighting the crowds before it's too late...

5 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

(December 1995, Bruce McIntyre, editor)

Anne Nagy was the subject of David Schmidt's *Meet The Players* feature. Tournament trail stories and memories of the Haida Club filled an entertaining page and a half. Anne and Andy became Life Masters in 1974 by getting a section top with Oswald Jacoby placing second in their section!

The **Hideous Hog In Training** wrote the Flight C IMP League predictions using a basketball theme, admitting openly that he "wrote the whole thing (minus the names) before getting the rosters. All I had to do was add a few nicknames." The Unit treasurer held his breath but there were no lawsuits from (to take a few examples) H.K. "Sky Hook" Ho, Richard "The Deed Is" Dunn, Anicet "Ford" Pinto, Shirley "Full Throttle" Fitterman, and Gina "In The Paint" Beland, who HHIT listed as a 7-foot center!

The final tallies in the trophy races showed Aidan Ballantyne, June Pocock, and Michael Neagu winning the Phil Wood, Edie Bonnell, and Phil Wood Under 200 Trophies by very large margins. Michael Neagu had more points than second and third place put together, and finished ninth in the open race.

Thony Stiennon's mid-November Swiss at the Sur-Del club had a new twist: the lights went out in the middle of round three. Within a quarter hour, the church deacon had brought candles to supplement the emergency lights and play continued, finishing only ten minutes later than usual. As I recall, an attempt was made to make the Sur-Del Candlelight Swiss Teams a yearly event, but players in the following year demanded that the lights be turned on once play began. Bridge players are no fun...

The space reserved for paid ads carried a one-time special: "Robert and Maria Sauve are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child. Eric Robert was born October 14, 1995, weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs, 13 oz. He is already learning the Big Club system..."

10 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

(December 1990, David Schmidt, editor)

[Thanks to the Vancouver Bridge Centre for finding a copy of this issue, which the library is missing for some reason.]

Larry Pocock's President's Message mentioned the recently concluded Future Stars Sectional, which drew a total of 99½ tables to the Oakridge Auditorium. The **Hideous Hog in Training**, in an article with less import than an average Seinfeld episode, mentions in passing the Awful Truth: the Oakridge Auditorium was booked for the same dates as the year before, but unfortunately the passing of a year had moved those dates to Sunday-Monday. When we arrived we discovered a wedding reception being prepared for the auditorium, so 32 tables of 99ers were directed to the Senior's center—and a good portion of a back corridor hallway at the Oakridge Mall! Some of the East-West moves literally required climbing over the sides of chairs. Few who played that day will ever forget it.

Of course, a turnout of 100 tables for four sessions is over twice as much as we get these days for Future Stars events, which is now a spring tournament and limited to under 200 points. Part of the reason is the automatic recording of club masterpoints, which advances players quicker than the old method of mailing in rating-point slips. Stratification, relatively new in 1990, has helped move people along much faster than before too. But we see a bright future—several clubs have a growing battalion of developing players, which bodes well for the continuation of the Future Stars Tournament and for local bridge in the long run.

Three close trophy races came down to the final Sectional for the final stretch. Richard Christie won the Phil Wood Trophy by 1.06 masterpoints over Peter Herold. June Stenning won the Board-A-Match teams and took the Edie Bonnell trophy by 1.87 points over Helen Fournier. (June also won the 1990 Unit Game race.) And Tai Eng won the Phil Wood Under 200 trophy by 2.46 masterpoints over Bev Taylor.

Leo Steil was the *Meet The Players* subject. Interviewer David Schmidt got the following gems from Unit 430's leading masterpoint holder:

"[Directors] invariably put me behind slow players. I catch them up."

"It used to be better years ago, more social. Nowadays, there are too many director calls and protests. They should ban all those smart-alecks."

"People criticize me for playing in the senior's events but everyone's doing it. Besides, the people are more sociable." What does Leo look for in a partner? "Pleasantness...even though I play with some partners who aren't."

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Tournaments & Dates

December 31, 2000—April 8, 2001

DECEMBER 2000

25 Christmas, clubs closed. To play bridge you'll have to go to...

25-31 *Reno Regional*

JANUARY 2001

7 **Monthly Unit Game (7:00, VBC)**

19-21 **Trophy Sectional at Engineer's Hall, Burnaby**

FEBRUARY 2001

31-4 Anchorage Sectional

2-4 Spokane Sectional

4 **Monthly Unit Game (7:00, VBC)**

9-11 Bellingham Sectional

16-18 Seattle Sectional

25 **"Slightly early"**

March Monthly Unit Game (7:00, VBC)

MARCH 2001

2-4 Duncan Sectional

2-4 Moses Lake Sectional

3-4 **Future Stars 0-200 Sectional, at VBC**

9 *Matchpointer* deadline (March issue covers events from March 16 through May 31.)

9-11 Everett Sectional

16 March *Matchpointer* hits the streets

16-18 Aberdeen Sectional

23-25 Yakima Sectional

APRIL 2001

26-1 *Seattle Unit-sponsored District Wide STaC*

1 **April Fools Monthly Unit Game (7:00, VBC)**

2-8 *Victoria Regional*

Unit 430 Main Events

A One Year Planner

2001 Trophy Sectional

January 19 - 21, 2001 at the Engineers Hall, Burnaby

2001 Future Stars Sectional

March 3-4, 2001 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

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 3:45 pm).

2001 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

Silver points at your local club! May 29 - June 4, 2001.

2001 Evergreen Sectional

Sept 7-9, 2001 at the Bonsor Community Centre, Burnaby (date and site unconfirmed)

2001 Round-Up Sectional

November 3 - 5, 2000, at the Day's Inn Hotel, Surrey (date unconfirmed)

2001 Unit Christmas Party

Saturday, November 24 at the Bonsor Community Centre, Burnaby

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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-March

Mid-May

Mid-August

Mid-October

Mid-December

NEXT ISSUE: March 2001

Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2001.

Dates Covered:

March 16—May 31, 2001.

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Sectional

ENGINEERS AUDITORIUM
4333 LEDGER AVE., BURNABY

Four Trophy Events! Four 0-100 sessions!
Presentation of 2000 Masterpoint Race Trophies
(Phil Wood, Under 200, Edie Bonnell, Leo Steil, Unit Games)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ **EVENT SCHEDULE** ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (starting time - 1:30 pm)

Open Stratified Pairs
(unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300)
Future Master Stratified Pairs
(50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

FRIDAY EVENING (starting time - 7:30 pm)

Henry Smilie Stratified
Mixed Board-A-Match
Teams (trophy event)
(unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300)
Side Stratified Pairs
(unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300)
Future Master Stratified Pairs
(50-100, 20-50, 0-20)
ACBL members with 0-5 play free!

Single-session entries will be
accepted for the Saturday events.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (starting time - noon)

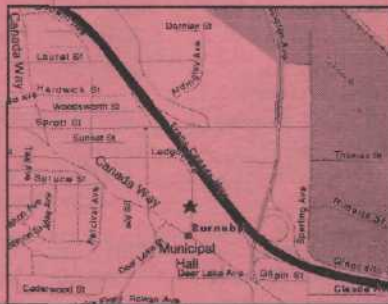
Adrian & June Budd Hicks
Open Pairs (trophy event)
(qualifying session)
Future Master Stratified
Pairs Championship
(50-100, 20-50, 0-20)
(first of two sessions)

SATURDAY EVENING (starting time - 6:30 pm)

Adrian & June Budd Hicks
Open Pairs (trophy event)
(final session)
Consolation Pairs
Future Master Stratified
Pairs Championship
(50-100, 20-50, 0-20)
(second of two sessions)

SUNDAY MORNING (starting time - 10:30 am)

Willie Weinstein Flight A
Stratified Swiss Teams
(trophy event)
(unlimited, 0-3000)
Mary Clarke Flight B
Stratified Swiss Teams
(trophy event)
(0-1500, 0-300)
Both events: Victory Points, two sessions.
Second session start time - TBA



Entry Fees: \$8.00 (paid ACBL Members), \$8.50 (non-members, unpaid LMs), \$3.00 discount for Junior players.

Advance Notice: Victoria Day Sectional
May 18-21, Bonsor Community Centre