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Crossed Wires

Can you uncross them in 3NT?

This lulu was shown to me by **Ernie Dietrich** at the March Trophy Sectional.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Double	Redouble	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Dummy: ♠ A93 ♥ A2 ♦ T863 ♣ AK98

4♥ led vs 3NT

Declarer: ♠ KJ52 ♥ J983 ♦ AQ4 ♣ Q2

You have seven top tricks and need two more. What are your best chances, and how do you plan to put them into action? Plan the play and turn to page 18 inside.

(Hint: if you duck you'll lose trick one.)

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It's Your Bid Problems

The *Matchpointer* is designed to look better without this strip. Cut the strip off, answer the problems, and send your solutions with optional brief comments to the editor. You lose nothing and gain a detailed table of contents, viewable from the cover. Try it; it works!

Name: _____

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

1. (Matchpoints, N-S vul.)

♠ — ♥ AK732 ♦ 64 ♣ QJ8652

As dealer what is your call?

2. (IMPs, both vul.)

♠ Q73 ♥ AT97532 ♦ J64 ♣ —

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

3. (Matchpoints, both vul.)

♠ — ♥ AKQJT9765 ♦ A32 ♣ A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♣
Pass	2NT*	Pass	???

*You've agreed to play partner's pet convention, and maybe this is the day for it. 2NT promises an ace and a king in the same suit.

4. (Swiss Teams, none vul.)

♠ Q98742 ♥ K ♦ A943 ♣ 94

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

5. (IMPs, E-W vul.)

♠ AQT96 ♥ 4 ♦ 9874 ♣ KJ3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
	2♦	Pass	2♥
	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass		Pass

What is your opening lead?

Deadline: July 12, 2002.

The "It's Your Bid" System (from the International Bidder's Club, a monthly on-line bidding contest at www.bridgespace.com) (Problems may include other conventions explained within the question text.)

- Natural, five-card majors. Limit raises.
- Over 1 in a major, 2 NT is game-forcing and shows 4-card support.
- Splinter bids: all double-jump shifts, by responder as well by opener.
- 2/1 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.

To enter: clip this portion of the cover and e-mail to ooga@shaw.ca, leave with your local club, or phone in your answers to 604/438-9735. Your name and flight is mandatory. Good luck!

Send us your problems for future issues!

Opening Lead by Bruce McIntyre

Yes, this issue is much, much later than expected.

In 1985 the Chicago Bears beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl, and on the following morning, the cold I'd had since the playoffs began had gone away. Since then, I get similar colds in December every time the Patriots make the NFL playoffs, which go away the day after they are eliminated. I began 2002 with a cold, so I checked the paper and discovered that they were in the playoffs again, so I knew who to root against.

The Patriots won the Super Bowl this year, so it's going to be a difficult year for me! Mistake number one was scheduling an end-of March *Matchpointer*, impossible with my current work schedule, where end-of-April is the slow period.

Anyhow, we have a big issue full of interesting items from many readers. I apologize for the delay, especially to Club

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Managers whose events in April ended up not being publicized here. Unit 430 players, I've discovered are patient and understanding about these delays, and I thank you for that, but I hope this won't happen again. With luck the "super-sized" *Matchpointer* issue will make up for the long delay.

At my request the Board has advanced me some money to help purchase a fine new computer system, which does a lot of the Unit Board work for me, as well as the *Matchpointer*. This issue came together very quickly once I had the time and health to get going on it. A few things were lost in the transfer, and a bunch of things had to be re-learned, but the *Matchpointer* work is getting easier because of technology. Trophy race standings, word processing and home office desktop publishing are obvious examples, but the Internet is becoming a major source of help, for news, winners, last minute help, interesting problems for *It's Your Bid*, and countless others. Enjoy the ride!

—*MacBruce*

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President's Farewell

by Bruce McIntyre

My term as Unit President ends at the July Board meeting, before the next issue. I'll be running for a Board position again, to continue editing the *Matchpointer* without the responsibilities of the presidency. How have I done as President of Unit 430? I would say: fair.

Board Meetings were quicker and more efficient on my watch than in the past, because I distribute a very detailed agenda for each one, while still allowing unforeseen items time for consideration.

For some time we had few if any announcements at tournaments. While nobody wants to hear plug after plug for Unit events while waiting to begin play, there are so many people who work hard to make tournaments come together, it's important to recognize them. And of course it is important to recognize winners of major events too. I hope I've begun, or perhaps re-begun, a tradition here.

During my term as President, the Board began three seats short! We were some very overloaded Board Members after 2000-01, but people began to volunteer again. Now we have a full slate of people on the Unit Board (which I hope continues when we nominate more people next month at the AGM).

Fact is, a President is only as good as the Board Members listed under the President's name. I've been very fortunate (or maybe lucky!) to see two full years of very dedicated people on the Board when I was President.

So why only fair? I have an orange book from the ACBL which describes things a good President of a Unit will do. I haven't done many of them—there's always been a *Matchpointer* to put together or a meeting to plan an agenda for, or other distractions. I hope the new President will have the time and energy to look to the orange book for suggestions that will work in Greater Vancouver.

One of its first suggestions is that the Unit President have an "overall vision" of where he wants to take the Unit. My overall vision in year one was to keep from losing Board Members through overwork, and in year two I am trying (not very successfully, as the lateness of this issue attests) to keep up. I don't know that a President should judge his Board's actions by whether they fit his "vision"—it seems better to steer the Board's deliberations without judgment, so that actions logically follow facts. A President's role, to me, is to *preside*, not to dictate. It's possible that a little dictating might have gotten different, maybe better results, but at what cost to the others on the Board? I look at Board Members as volunteers trying to promote bridge, not as "bridge politicians" trying to swing issues their way with rhetoric and bunkum.

I have received a lot of support as President, from Board Members, from tournament volunteers and Unit employees and directors and club managers—and from players, from expert to newcomer. I took the microphone at the September 2001 sectional and introduced myself before a quick announcement—and there was scattered applause. I wondered what I'd done then—now I wonder if I've done enough. Your polite applause (or even just a hush to let me know you're listening) when I'm introduced is still there. Thanks for that. I hope you'll treat the next President as well.

—Bruce McIntyre

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A Zero Tolerance Policy

Does Unit 430 Need One?

The Toronto Unit introduced the concept of Zero Tolerance (ZT) in the mid-1990s in an attempt to eliminate or at least reduce the incidence of unpleasant or rude behaviour at the bridge table, thus assuring a social climate that promotes enjoyable bridge. The ACBL was soon to follow, first introducing the concept at NABCs, and since encouraging its use to Districts for their Regionals, to Units for Sectionals, and now, with the Club Star Program requiring a Zero Tolerance Policy of some sort for recognition, to clubs as well.

For those who are not familiar, ZT does not relate to bidding and play infractions and other similar contraventions of the rules of the game. It applies rather to the behavioral side of the game. While the term 'Zero Tolerance' may suggest to some readers that there would be rigid enforcement of sanctions for minor infractions, this is not the case. As discussed below, Directors apply common sense administrative decisions to the facts of a particular situation. What the term "Zero Tolerance" does mean is that if there has been inappropriate behavior, penalties will be applied without going through one or more 'warning' stages first.

Amongst the reasons cited by the ACBL for implementing ZT were the decline in attendance at tournaments and other sanctioned events, and the effect which unacceptable behavior has on newer players. The ACBL was and still is anxious to attract new players, given the ongoing aging of the current membership. Many of these players, who are hesitant to play in tournaments anyway, found it a very unpleasant experience to be intimidated and subjected to some of the unacceptable actions outlined below.

Subsequently the ACBL adopted ZT for application at National Tournaments (NABCs) and events, and many Districts (including District 19, of which Unit 430 is part) have also adopted ZT for application in Regional tournaments under their sanction. As a result, those who travel to these tournaments are accustomed to ZT being in place.

naments and other sanctioned events which the Unit runs (such as the IMP League, STaC and qualification tournaments for national events). Whether ZT would be applicable during club games would be the decision of each club owner or director.

For bridge players who make the game as pleasant as possible for their opponents, and who show respect for partner, opponents and Directors (i.e. by far the majority of players I have encountered locally), ZT is of no consequence and requires no behavior adjustment. For others, it appears (from reports I have received) that the threat of real penalties under ZT has brought inappropriate behavior under control and reduced the number of unpleasant incidents. While researching this piece, I heard from a regular tournament player at the recent Portland Regional how much he felt the behavior of players had improved since ZT was introduced. Particularly reduced are the intimidation tactics some players employed, and also the berating of each other by partners.

"For bridge players who make the game as pleasant as possible (i.e. by far the majority of players I have encountered locally), ...Zero Tolerance is of no consequence and requires no behavior adjustment."

Amongst the actions that are considered 'unacceptable' under the ZT policy are any that make bridge less enjoyable for others, including:

—disputing a Director's ruling during the game. [Ensuring that the Director understands the pertinent facts is OK, disputing his/her ruling is wrong.]

—objecting to a call for the Director. [Some players

think a Director call is an accusation, when it is really only a request for assistance because something has happened or may have happened which requires an arbiter.]

—publicly criticizing partner and others. [This is usually non-productive, and in many instances you will find that partner would have been less likely to have erred if you had taken alternative action.]

—discussing hands at length after a round has been called. [Discussion at the table is fine as long as time permits, but discussion should never hold up incoming or outgoing players.]

—gloating over good results. [Be careful that positive comments concerning partner's play do not constitute disrespect to the opponents.]

—making negative comments concerning anyone's play, including that of partner. [If your opponent misplays the hand and has to draw trumps from the top, dropping your offside singleton king, grit your teeth and move on to the next hand. If the king



The Unit 430 Board is considering the implementation of a ZT policy for Unit Sectional tour-

had been in partner's hand, you would be taking your undeserved top to the bank.]

—badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence. [No discussion of these behaviors is necessary, and particularly watch the insinuations and the implications of the words you use. Whether or not ZT is in effect, it is a punishable offense to insinuate that a player's actions are ethically improper, except in the presence of a Tournament Official or Director.]

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the Director should be called *immediately*. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the Director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

On the other hand, actions that are 'encouraged' are anything that makes bridge more enjoyable for others, including:

- greeting others in a friendly manner
- praising the play or defense of opponents (hold the praise of partner until the opponents have left the table)
- making your convention card clear and readily available to opponents
- communicating clearly all information concerning your bidding system and agreements and defensive carding practices when asked to do so by the opponents
- being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.

How would a ZT policy be implemented at a Unit 430 tournament or other sanctioned event? At the start of each event, the Director would make an announcement that the tournament will be observing Zero Tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Players will be requested to call the Director whenever behavior is not consistent with the guidelines set out above. As an aside, one of the biggest benefits of a ZT policy is that it lets players know that they do not have to tolerate inappropriate actions or tactics, and that they are encouraged to complain when these actions occur.

The Director, when called, will make an assessment of the situation, and if it is established that there was unacceptable behavior, an immediate ¼ board disciplinary penalty (3 IMPS in team games) will be assigned to all offenders. This may involve any one or even all four players at the table, regardless of who initiated the unacceptable conduct. In other words, two 'wrongs' don't make a 'right', and retaliatory behavior is a punishable offense. There is provision for disqualification for repeated offenses by the same player in an event.

Warnings are strongly discouraged and will be given only when there is no clear violation or where the Director cannot determine the facts. Frivolous accusations will also be considered as offenses.

While a Director's decision to impose a disciplinary penalty is final, all such decisions may be appealed, as may those relating to play oriented infractions. An Appeals Committee may not overturn the Director's decision, but may recommend that the Director reconsider the imposition of a penalty.

Previous issues of *The Matchpointer* (August 1997 and June 1998) have discussed ZT at greater length than this article permits. Those wishing more background information should refer to those issues.

Why does Unit 430 not already have a ZT Policy in place? After much debate in 1997 and 1998, a vote was held at the 1998 Annual General Meeting, and those present at that meeting rejected the implementation of ZT at Unit events. Four years later, the issue has resurfaced, perhaps brought on by the successful implementation of ZT at the National and District events, and the apparently positive effect this has had on players' enjoyment of these events.

Some of the fears concerning a ZT policy implementation in 1998 were that administration of it could be too stringent and possibly inconsistent, and that innocuous comments could be taken out of context. We have competent experienced Directors at our Unit 430 tournaments who are able to sort out an unintended offense for which an apology is extended from an arrogant attempt to 'push the envelope' of acceptable behavior. Invocation of the most severe penalty involved (expulsion from an event) is an extremely rare occurrence, and the actions in such a case would usually have resulted in severe penalties with or without a ZT program in place.

Now that ZT is an accepted fact at most tournaments, and now that bridge players are generally comfortable with the administration of the ZT programs already in place, the Unit Board believes that the time is appropriate to bring Unit 430 policies up-to-date and implement a ZT policy. At the Victoria Day Sectional in May, players in Unit 430 will be asked to approve the implementation of a ZT policy for Unit tournaments and sanctioned events.

If you have questions or concerns regarding ZT, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Unit Board for additional input. A listing of the Unit Board members may be found on page 46 of this issue of *The Matchpointer*.

—Peter Morse



Congratulations!

Unit 430 Honour Roll

Since the last issue of the *Matchpointer*, several local players have been honoured in various ways which don't come around all too often. We touched on some but not all of these at the March Sectional, but further mention needs to be made here.

Cam Doner became the first Unit 430 member to earn 10,000 masterpoints. In the past year or so I have been able to use more tournament records from the ACBL Web Page, instead of the old method of printing whatever winners I was able to personally find out about. In the profusion of events these days and the avalanche of masterpoint-limited games it is sometimes not so clear from the *Matchpointer* listings alone just how much success Cam is having on the tournament trail, until you note his annual point totals in the Mini-McKenney races (Cam won over 741 masterpoints in 2001!). A closer look at the winner's list from Regionals and especially NABCs reveals that Cam is winning often, at the highest levels, and playing with (and against) the best players in the ACBL.

And yet, less than twenty years ago the *Matchpointer* has Cam playing in the Future Stars tournament. While players like you and I are helped along in our masterpoint quests by stratification, bracketed knockouts, and masterpoint or age-limited games, Cam has won 10,000 points playing exclusively in Flight A and the top bracket of unlimited knockouts, with excellent partners and even with clients who needed an oxygen mask to breathe in that crowd! His dedication to the craft of winning bridge is incredible: probably there has not been a nearby Regional or an NABC anywhere in the past five years without Cam's name showing up in the Daily Bulletins somewhere.

One thing missing from Cam's list of accomplishments is an unlimited NABC championship, the final requirement for the elusive title of Grand Life Master. Good things happen to good people. He'll make it.

Samantha Nystrom became a Life Master at the Richmond Regional, a few days before her 18th birthday. Unit 430's youngest-ever Life Master (we don't know who held the previous record but some records are so self-evident you don't bother checking!) has plans for the future, as you'll read in David Schmidt's *Meet The Players* feature in this issue.

Julien Lévesque was named to the ACBL Goodwill Committee, largely as a result of his efforts in setting up and running the Charity Fund Raising Games in support of the Red Cross Disaster

Relief Fund. For one hectic week in the scary days following the September attacks, Julien virtually single-handedly set up the pair of charity games that raised over two thousand Canadian dollars for charity. It may not have been the biggest game, and it may not have been the first such game. But it was a great success, and the timing of the event just eleven days after the tragedy, made it for many the first such event they attended, bridge or otherwise.

Julien has been a hard-working member of the Unit Board for two years, and has handled the Membership and Education job with vigour. His major asset in this Internet age seems to be the telephone, which gets results. But there are rumblings that he is about to invade the Internet, even speculation that the Internet will not survive the encounter. Julien has an ever-growing fan base, many of which helped out financially to allow him to take the recent Teachers Accreditation Program, given recently by Dee Berry.

Connie Delisle was named the Fifth Chair Foundation's 2001 Volunteer of the Year. Connie, who goes by her Internet handle "Lucy," has been a supporter and volunteer for the Foundation since its beginning. The Foundation is a non-profit group formed to teach contract bridge on the Internet. Instruction is provided exclusively through volunteer effort. For several years, Connie has been logging countless pro bono hours tutoring newcomer and intermediate players on OKBridge.

This is the text of the letter from Fifth Chair Foundation President Dawn Charles:

Dear Connie a.k.a. Lucy,

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Fifth Chair Foundation, I want to congratulate you on being named the Foundation's Volunteer of the Year for 2001!

Your dedication and commitment to learners, exhibited by answering countless inquiries to the Foundation's AskAnything web page, is exemplary.

Not only are you providing a valuable service to the learning community, but by generously sharing your vast knowledge and expertise with a new generation of players you have become a model for learners who will one day be in the position to follow your outstanding example and share with others.

The Board has asked me to express its sincere appreciation for all your efforts on behalf of Fifth Chair. I also feel the many novices you have helped over the past few years would want me to express their gratitude you have helped so many of them along the way to being better bridge players.

Unit 430 congratulates all of these honorees!



Samantha Nystrom

Life Master at 17!

Samantha Nystrom has a record achievement. At the Vancouver Regional in January, Nystrom became the youngest ever Unit 430 member to become a Life Master. She reached the mark some wait a lifetime to achieve just days before her eighteenth birthday.

Nystrom didn't just stumble over the 300 point mark, she did it in dramatic fashion, winning both the Tuesday Open Pairs and the Saturday Flight X Stratiflighted Pairs, both with Mark Eddy as her partner. Two Regional victories in open fields proved she earned her designation.

Her bridge career began about five years ago.

"My mother went to freshen up her bridge at night school and I decided to go along," she says.

It was about a year before she started playing at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

"My mom went to the club right away and played in the Wednesday day game. She told me about the Thursday night rookie game and eventually I started playing in it about once a month."

The youngster received lots of encouragement at the club.

"Brian Russell took a shine to me and I started playing with him in the open games. That's when I really got hooked," she says, adding "I was lucky. I was young and got to play with a lot of partners I would learn from."

Although she likes playing with "everybody," Russell, whom she lists as her favorite partner, Eddy and Eugene Chan are three players she has relied on most.

King Boru's

by Finnegan O'Blarney

Hello, it is m'self again, Finnigan O'Blarney, from Inishfree at King Boru's. And I just celebrated me merry birthday at Imbalc, that's February the first, to you noncelts!

So me loving wife Danae fixed me for a might of a surprise on that very day. Here I was, as usual, at me favorite

Meet The Players



by David Schmidt

"I played a lot of games," she says, noting once she started playing in the Tuesday night open game, "I stopped playing in the restricted events."

She started playing a lot of fancy systems but went back to a more standard system about a year ago.

"I thought I would play less conventions and try to end up in the right contracts."

She lists endurance and the ability not to get frustrated by a bad hand as necessary attributes

of success. Another is focus.

"Try to remember every card means something."

Unlike many of her peers, Nystrom does not spend much time on the Internet or watching television.

"I like socializing in person and I like reading (but not bridge books)," she says.

Now that she has reached Life Master, Nystrom plans to play less club bridge and concentrate on tournaments "where I can really compete." She has set some lofty goals.

"I want to be on the junior team and would eventually like to represent Canada in the Bermuda Bowl."

She took the first step in that journey at the end of April, travelling to Kimberley to play with Ian Boyd.

"It's easier to get onto the junior team when you have a partner," she notes, adding "he's the only other bridge player under 25 in Western Canada."

A sad state of affairs. Unfortunately, like us, Nystrom has no answer when asked how bridge clubs can attract more younger players.

"I have a few friends who have promised to come out this summer but I don't know how to get other young people out. I've tried but it's hard to get them away from TVs and computers."

tavern, whilst across the ocean and beyond, a fine lad was quitting work for the day; as he walked out his office door, in the King Boru's side door he comes looking a bit starled.

"Ah, m'lad," says I. "Let me welcome you at King Boru's, the finest tavern in this man's eye."

Looking around and somewhat nonplussed he asks "Where am I, and how did I get here? And who are you?"

So as to make him at ease,

firstly I got the lad a fine glass of whiskey: *Irish Mist*. And formally introduced m'self: "Finnigan O'Blarney's m'name, your host after a fashion. And as how ye got here, it's me wife's doing, how she does it, she never told your host."

"Finnigan O'Blarney, you are? My name is Mike Hargreaves, and as you know I've tried the side door but it leads to the women's

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powder room, and as fine a host you are, unless you get me back to where I belong I'll..." and here the lad went into some detail about how frustrated and surprised he was to be where he was, and the words themselves are too hot for me typewriter, so but I'll let you imagine them, dear reader.

So before the lad gave himself a heart attack, your humble host himself, me that is, proceeded to explain to the lad what was what, before he caused offense to the patronage of this fine and most venerated establishment, and called for a full round of drinks on the poor lad's behalf as I winked at him to play along, with me merry smile. Just as I finished, lo and behold!! What we hear is a sound that always brings m'self to tears of Irish joy—in the near distance that of pipers, fye, lyre, lute and cittern and of wondrous songs of old, and sing along we did. As we did so Mike was instructed on the go as how to address the ladies. And ha! what quick learner he was, this fine lad, and made a point of being Canadian and not Irish.

(Ye must understand it's an Irish thing.)

After a mere ten minutes of waiting, in through the front door walked five fully adorned and kilted musicians all in step and tempo singin' the praises and virtues of Ireland the Emerald Isle of yore, then they made room for the Lady Treylane and Dame O'Shea. To whom I introduced Mr. Hargreaves from Canada. After the formal introductions, Lady Treylane treated us all to performance from not only her students, but herself and Dame O'Shea played and sang with all the skills and presence that their abilities and grace justify them as two of the greatest bards of their time. And as if that was not enough; they even gave us the honor of the Celtic Sword Victory Dance! It made me poor Irish heart cry, yet done they were not, as Lady Treylane whipped out two deck of cards and said those magical words to me ears: "Rubber bridge—ten Euros per point!" "Done and done!" was me reply.

Then I grinned at the lad Hargreaves. "My honors, me choice o' partner." As I patted me guest on the shoulder and asked him not to worry, and just enjoy the game, he even started to say that he had no such money. I said, "so sure are you? Why not look into your slacks!" So he did, and find money he did, thanks to me wife there was some 10,000 Euros! He looked up to m'self as to wonder how I knew. "That would be tellin'!" says I. Game on!!!

As the time went, so went the whiskey and the bidding was fierce and tight as well as the play, eventually it was time for the final hand, by that time we were vulnerable vs. not, and down 670

Final Board	Dir: North Vul: Both	F. O'Blarney	Dream hand at King Boru's
WEST		♠ 763 ♥ AQT6 ♦ 54 ♣ 8543	EAST
♠ T92 ♥ K8543 ♦ 63 ♣ QT7		M. Hargreaves	♠ — ♥ 7 ♦ KQJT9872 ♣ KJ96
		♠ AKQJ854 ♥ J92 ♦ A ♣ A2	

points. Seated North, I was:

WEST	FINNEGAN	EAST	HARGREAVES
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	3♦	4♦
Pass	4♥	5♣	6♣
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
7♣	7♣	All Pass	

Our visitor had to cuebid twice just to make sure I kept the auction open for himself! It might have been the whiskey but I thought having the ace of hearts instead of the king or worse was worth a push to the grand. The six o' diamonds was the opening lead.

Seeing that the contract stood to make on a marked finesse, the dear lad won with the ace, paused a moment, then ordered a round for everyone, sayin' "really fine whiskey you have here. And never better have I had before; so as it is getting late, I'll just pull trumps and claim on the heart finesse, since East at the most can have one small heart after passing to start and then bidding like that. My club loser will go on the fourth heart, as long as I don't lead the deuce until the third round."

Such an elegant claim and analysis! Like I said earlier, such a fine lad. So from being down by 670 we went up to win by 1440! At 10 Euros per point that was a mighty sum o' €14,400—but it was time for me guest to leave back the way he came...

It was discovered that at a later time that day, Mr. Hargreaves woke up in his office, after dreaming of winning the Open Pairs I at the 2004 NABC, to the sweet smell of Irish stew and fine whiskey and also found on his desk a bubbling cauldron of Irish stew, a case of the finest Irish whiskey, and finally a note:

"To Mike (Michelly O') Hargreaves—dreams are what may come...Finnigan O'Blarney!"

To the fine readership, please always remember: Bridge is more than just a game but also a social event; to some it means the meeting o' new friends, to others it is the glue that binds their own sanity; and not all writings must be about a specific hand nor competition-specific, but must also reflect the social aspect of bridge.

Whiskey, barkeep!

—Finnigan O'Blarney



Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney

The Final 2001 Standings

These are the players from Unit 430 who have won the most masterpoints at club games (the Ace of Clubs list, which includes all clubs in the ACBL) and won the most masterpoints anywhere you can get them (the Mini-McKenney list).

Over the years I have developed a set of standard announcements about these lists designed to deflect

questions. Please read before you ask, and then ask Memphis (it's free, see below):

—I think that all clubs have met the ACBL deadline for submitting 2001 results, but this is unconfirmed. Unfortunately, if the results were late, there is little that can be done about it.

—Whichever category you were in on January 1, 2001 is the category you're stuck in for the year 2001 race. There are additional silver, red, and gold point requirements for most ranks up to Life Master, so your total may not quite get you into the rank you expect.

<p>Unit 430 Ace Of Clubs Final 2001 Standings (points won at club games only)</p> <p><u>Rookie (0-5)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Marla Gropper, Vancouver..... 49.492. Leonard Wild, West Van.39.293. Rosalee Hardin, Vancouver38.58 <p><u>Junior Master (5-20)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. William Gibson, West Van. 31.672. Norma Doucette, Vancouver .30.803. Arun Chopra, Surrey21.95 <p><u>Club Master (20-50)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kazuko Koda, Vancouver 61.772. David Breton, Burnaby.....39.383. Myra Johnston, Vancouver.....39.18 <p><u>Sectional Master (50-100)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Richard Smillie, North Van. . 105.542. Debbie Williams, Langley.....77.053. Suzette Behar, West Van.59.01 <p><u>Regional Master (100-200)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby. 68.182. Andrew Zorawski, Burnaby....65.563. Betty Reynolds, Vancouver65.16 <p><u>NABC Master (200-300)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Julien Lévesque, Vancouver.... 64.462. Ewa Wroblewicz, New West. 64.113. John Ashwell, Vancouver54.18 <p><u>Life Master (300-500)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kenny Chan, Vancouver..... 67.182. Vicki Croome, Surrey62.423. Tomie Yamanouchi, Burnaby .58.64	<p><u>Bronze Life Master (500-1000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amir Alibhai, North Van. 119.492. Peter Morse, North Van.92.873. Kathy Bye, Burnaby.....85.74 <p><u>Silver Life Master (1000-2500)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. John Horne, Surrey..... 144.522. Bonnie Anderson, Vanc.....130.713. Al French, North Van. 129.90 <p><u>Gold Life Master (2500-5000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam..... 155.012. Pat Landau, North Van. 130.673. Mary Fines, North Van. 128.67 <p><u>Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Laurence Betts, Burnaby.....47.132. Marylou Bert, Ferndale WA.....20.683. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver .16.95	<p><u>Sectional Master (50-100)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Debbie Williams, Langley..... 145.502. Richard Smillie, North Van. .126.113. Greg Barszcs, Vancouver71.63 <p><u>Regional Master (100-200)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alice Thomas, Langley..... 170.592. Gary Thomas, Langley.....151.773. Colin Ransom, West Van. ...142.89 <p><u>NABC Master (200-300)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carol-Ann Halliday, N. Van. 127.342. Ewa Wroblewicz, N. West. .105.333. Waldemar Jez. New West.97.87 <p><u>Life Master (300-500)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kenny Chan, Vancouver 151.612. Vicki Croome, Surrey.....134.673. Anita Morse, North Van. 105.15 <p><u>Bronze Life Master (500-1000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Peter Morse, North Van. 318.572. Kathy Bye, Burnaby.....171.853. Les Baldys, Maple Ridge159.52 <p><u>Silver Life Master (1000-2500)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Al French, North Van. 290.152. Ben Takemori, Vancouver....269.743. Dennis Groden, West Van. .257.92 <p><u>Gold Life Master (2500-5000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bryan Maksymetz, Coq. 365.622. Michael Yuen, Vancouver 303.703. Gerry McCully, New West...228.59 <p><u>Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cam Doner, Richmond..... 741.422. Dan Jacob, Burnaby352.263. Aidan Ballantyne, Vanc.248.48
<p>Unit 430 Mini-McKenney Final 2001 Standings (points won from all ACBL sources)</p> <p><u>Rookie (0-5)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Marla Gropper, Vancouver72.092. Rosalee Hardin, Vancouver....63.403. Peggy Winter, Surrey51.53 <p><u>Junior Master (5-20)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Catherine McKinnon, Vanc.50.522. Arun Chopra, Surrey47.853. Norma Doucette, Vancouver .46.31 <p><u>Club Master (20-50)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kazuko Koda, Vancouver.....111.822. David Breton, Burnaby.....75.713. Mary June Young, North Van. 51.92		

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Matchpointer Mailbag

A farewell, beer cards, slow teams

From Ron Borg: Hi Bruce: Julien, as only he can do, has pestered Dan Jacob and I to give the *Matchpointer* a write-up of the last bridge win by **Paul Waters**, the Swiss Teams at the recent Vancouver Regional. Here goes.

On some days you get to eat the bear. Dan Jacob and I were teamed with Paul and Carol Waters in the Swiss Teams at the recent Vancouver Regional. We started in a round robin, and would not make our first comparison until after the second round. Dan and I made some losing decisions in those first two matches, and I estimated that we were down a few in one match and about even in the other. Fortunately, our teammates had bid and made a slam that the opponents had not found at our table in each set. On one, Paul held this hand vulnerable versus not:

♠ Txx ♥ xxx ♦ xx ♣ AKQxx

Carol opened 1♠, there was a 2♥ overcall, and Paul bid 2♣. The next hand bid 3♥, and Carol bid 4♦. This came around to Paul, who had a decision to make. What would you do? Many would bid 4♠, not wanting to risk going down at the five level. Paul bid 5♣, a high level and well-judged action in a disciplined partnership. Carol held this hand:

♠ AKQxxx ♥ — ♦ AJxxx ♣ Jx

...and now had an easy 6♣ call. We won both matches, the slams being the difference.

Dan and I had a lucky third set. We won that one and the next, to go into the dinner break with a small lead on the field.

The first match after dinner can sometimes be a killer, and so it proved with us. The opponents at our table made a couple of winning bidding decisions that I could not expect to be duplicated at the other table. We had lost our first match. But we stormed back in the next round with a blitz, and were back in the thick of the action. A 1 IMP loss in the seventh match found us one Victory Point behind the leaders. We would play them in the last round. For practical purposes it was for the championship, barring a blitz by one of the other teams. It was a good team we faced. Two young Turks from out-of-town who were on the tournament trail, and a couple of local stalwarts. We faced the young Turks.

At our table the Bridge was good, neither side making any fatal errors. It was anyone's match, depending on what happened at the other table. We returned to our home table to compare. On the first six boards we had five pushes and a one IMP win, when we made an overtrick while Paul and Carol held the contract to the minimum. If we

could hold that lead on the last board, we would win by one Victory Point.

On the last board, Dan and I had stopped in 1NT with 15 HCP opposite 8. The opponents picked us clean and held us to our contract. At the Waters' table the opponents had pushed to 2NT, not unreasonably. So the tournament would be decided on a part score. If the opponents made 2NT they would win 1 IMP, the match would be a tie, and we would lose by 1 Victory Point. Down one!

In the lobby, later, I congratulated Paul and Carol on how well they had played throughout, which they truly had. This got from Paul a quiet, shy smile, and then he toodled off on his scooter.

Thank you for sending the farewell article, Ron. This seems a good place to extend the sympathies of the Unit Board to the friends and family of **Paul Waters**, whose battle with ALS ended a few weeks ago. As well, the Board would like to extend sympathies to **Ted Worsfold**, whose brother **Bill Worsfold**, a Unit 430 Board Member in the late seventies, has died.

BED	39
For alternative defenses to an opposing 1NT opening, see DEFENSE TO ONE NOTRUMP.	
BED. See GO TO BED.	
BEER CARD. The ♠7 under certain special circumstances. If declarer wins the trick 13 with the ♠7 in a successful contract, he claims "Beer Card" and his partner must buy him a beer. You cannot claim "Beer Card" if you go down. If a defender wins the last trick with the ♠7 and declarer has been set, the defender may also claim "Beer Card" and his partner must buy him a beer. A defender cannot claim "Beer Card" if declarer makes his contract. Greg Morse got help from Jeff Goldsmith and Sheri Wineshok and unearthed the Beer Card history. The ♠7 has a special role in a Danish game called "Borna-Loma". Partly because of this, bridge players in Copenhagen were the first bridge players to use the Beer Card term. It became quite common in Europe and reached London by the Eighties. The term was imported into North America by the American Junior team after they made a visit to Poland for a Junior Bridge Camp. It has since spread around the world, mostly via World Junior Championships.	
BELIEVES IN BEER. Support for the American Junior team.	

From Greg Morse: It's official!! The *Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, 6th Edition* has now endorsed the **BEER CARD!** Look for the **BEER** under the **BED**. And the next time you claim the beer card, pull out a copy of this article, and insist that your partner buy you a beer!

Wow! Good to have an IMP league teammate who has his name in the *Bridge Encyclopedia!* (That's probably worth a beer.)

From Diane Ayukawa: Thanks to the following people who assisted at the partnership desk during the Vancouver Regional. **Charlotte Alekson, Kathy Bye, Clay Connolly, Carol-Ann Halliday, Christa Mead, Gerald Paul, Jackie Phillips, Betty Reynolds, Joan Richards, Roberta Richards, Gail Watson, Bobby Wood.** Your assistance was appreciated very much!!

Well done, volunteers! It would be a shame for me to miss this opportunity to extend a similar thank you to the people who voluntarily brought goodies and snacks to the Trophy Sectional at the Engineer's Hall. A few months ago I got a ride to the SkyTrain from the Sur-Del club from **Mike Moffatt** and **Vicki Croome**, and during the ride Vicki asked why our



Sectionals don't have the hospitality of other nearby tournaments. The rumour is that Vicki did some telephone work and organized a concerted effort by some players to correct this problem, and the Board is very grateful to Vicki and to all of the contributors. If only they would leave their names so that I could get them some applause when I make announcements!

From Arun Chopra:

Slow Play at Teams

For late play at teams, the present scenario seems to be—just do nothing. Simply ignore the unplayed board and score the rest. The reason apparently has more to do with convenience than anything else, because it is very difficult for the Director to establish who is at fault, unless it is a case of late arrival at the venue. In actual play, however, either or both pairs on a table might be at fault; one pair may be slow on one board and the other may be slow on a subsequent one. Hence to apportion blame on either side would be impossible. However, if the un-played board is a swing board, the result on that board (since it has been played on the other side) could be decisive and could dramatically change the result of the match one way or the other. Therefore, ignoring it would be most unfair to the side with the advantage on that board. To address the claim of the aggrieved team, I suggest the following:

1. Establish an appeals sub-committee at the outset of the tournament consisting of four players exclusively to go into such cases, if any, after each round. The committee could split in two to expedite results in case more than one instance occurs at a time.

2. Players on the concerned table must summon the Director if time is running out and two or more boards are remaining. If a board remains unplayed after expiry of time, the Director should instruct the teams not to compare scores.

3. The committee should be presented with the unplayed board for scrutiny before the score from the other side is obtained and it should assess the par contract and likely result. The board should be scored accordingly (on the unplayed side only), and the two sides should then be allowed to compare scores.

4. Both sides should each be penalized 10% of the total VPs split (2 VPs on a 20-0 scale, or 2.5 on a 25-0 scale), for slow play.

In my opinion this approach, though by no means perfect, would be more logical and fair and reflect more accurately on the result of the match. I invite reader's comments on this issue, and also some feedback from the ACBL if there has been any debate or regulation in this regard.

There is a regulation in the ACBL Handbook specifying that the non-offending side receives 3 IMPs for every board removed from a match due to slow play.

Trouble is, of course, that one cannot usually determine objectively which team is at fault. Your proposal would call for four players to decide a most likely result at the other table, to protect a team which had made a good score on a board and fear losing it if the other table is slow. The questions would be *Is such a process legal?* and *Is it likely to solve the problem?* I am not sure about the first but I suspect that the process is "not illegal," meaning that it could be done without contravening the Laws, as long as players were informed of the procedure.

A decent committee, assembled from the players playing other matches, could determine a "par" result on a deal in about five minutes. But would it be a fair solution? Matches would often turn on the uncompleted board, and the committee's determination will be a poor second to taking the five minutes and having the board actually played. In most team events this doesn't cost much; the latest scoring software automatically makes the pairings and many of the teams for the next round can start early while waiting for the late match result.

I suggest watching the time closely and calling the Director when there is a clear problem. If you are one of the last tables to call a caddy, and the caddy brings back one board and you have played and passed four, call the Director and ask him to stand at the other table and monitor the play pace. If your side is not at fault, you will receive the 3 IMP penalty on boards that don't get played.

Perhaps readers will comment further in the next issue.

From Alice Thomas: Accolades to the local bridge clubs who offer stratified games as a staple, not a speciality.

Let me explain.

In the bridge world, Gary and I are relative novices. We took up bridge when we retired and soon thereafter we joined the ACBL. February marked the beginning of our third year as bridge fanatics. We love bridge! We actually joined ACBL when we were on holidays. All the games were stratified and what a thrill it was to earn the tiniest bit of black points. .0000009 got us excited. We had a new goal: *Life Master* here we come! (We had convinced ourselves it was a healthy, fun and...gosh, skiing or golf would cost just as much or more.)

When we arrived home and sorted out what was required we noted that 50 black points were needed which could be earned by playing (and winning) at local clubs. We had absolutely no objection to this: local clubs would naturally like to encourage playing/paying members.

Then came a bit of rocky road. Not all clubs

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Relativity

by Arun Chopra

Everything in the universe, Einstein said, is relative. Time, space, matter, energy—all are transitory and interdependent. As we all know, it applies equally to bridge as well: all is never what it appears to be.

Suppose as dealer (West) you pick up:

♠ AKQJ ♥ AKQJ ♦ K ♣ AKQJ

How many tricks do you think this hand is worth?

As many as the opponents allow you to make, would be my answer.

"It depends on what partner has", you would say condescendingly. "If he has the A♦, we take thirteen tricks." Well, sure, on any nice Mothers Day that's what would happen. But suppose it were September 11th and the bidding went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♣	2♥*	5♣	6♦

(*exclusion two-suiter: spades and diamonds)

Now what is it worth? Still thirteen tricks? An

awkward hand to bid at the best of times; you don't know about partner's A♦ and there's no way to find out. Suppose, instead, the bidding has gone thus:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♣	2♥*	5♣	7♦

It's pretty certain now where the A♦ is! You get ready to call the ambulance and double with vengeance. However, the lead of the A♠ starts the freefall and a couple of minutes later declarer is claiming thirteen tricks! The full hand:

Bad Dir: West Board Vul: N-S	NORTH	7♦* by South Lead: A♠
	♠ T875432 ♥ — ♦ J98754 ♣ —	
WEST	EAST	
♠ AKQJ ♥ AKQJ ♦ K ♣ AKQJ	♠ 96 ♥ 82 ♦ Q ♣ T8765432	
	SOUTH	
	♠ — ♥ T976543 ♦ AT632 ♣ 9	

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were stratified. Well now, how were we to get those black points? The clubs closest to us were stratified once a month. Why were not all clubs stratified? I asked about and got a variety of answers: "not enough C players, there would be less points for winners, some club managers don't know how to do this, it's been like this for years" By far, the most common answer was along the line of "When we were getting our Life Masters we had to play against Goren.....and it is good for you to have to play against top level players..." with the hint of the attitude of: "...quit, you're b—"

HEY, just a minute! We are sorry it was so tough for you. Does it seem like we are not struggling? Yes, of course it's good for us play against top players. We would be playing against the same opposition in stratified games. At the NABC as newcomers we are made to feel special;

"Welcome to the world of bridge!" At home, at the regular club games it's....stratified once a month. Kind of a let down.

Then we found some clubs that stratified on a regular basis. The VBC. Gilbert Lambert's clubs and Louis Landau's North Shore clubs. Not only did we have a chance at winning points but somehow we felt more welcomed, more encouraged and more understood. If local clubs lobbied and got the requirement of 50 black points, doesn't it seem logical that they would have in place some form of encouragement to the players trying to earn those black points?

This past Sunday, February 3rd, Ernie Dietrich announced that from now on, all of his games on Sunday would be stratified. Super! All else being equal, which clubs do you think new bridge players will be choosing to go to on a regular basis? Even after Life Master has been achieved?

Please Note: I have not yet met a club director in our Unit I did not

like. They are all fine, hard working people. By sharing how 'new-to-bridge' players feel I hope they reconsider stratifying on a regular basis. There may be excellent reasons why they do not and if so, I would welcome a response.

Well, the idea that stratifying a game reduces the masterpoints to the Flight A winners is completely wrong. It doesn't. Stratifying adds awards to those pairs who do well within their masterpoint-limited group, without taking anything away from any other pairs. There are only two reasons I can think of not to stratify a club game:

1. It's sometimes a little difficult to figure out who wins what with the various strats, if your club doesn't use ACBLScore—but nobody to my knowledge in Unit 430 scores by hand anymore.

2. Stratify (along its variants strat, stratification, StratiFlighted) is one of those words that the Matchpointer editor simply cannot type. Luckily the computer is smart enough to realize what I mean!



Suddenly, your hand is worth zero tricks. (Incidentally, this also answers the question in the previous *Matchpointer*: you don't need six points to make a grand slam; only five.)

So then, the hand is relative not only to partner's values but also depends on the bidding sequence and the opponents' distribution.

Now let's say that you are in third position with the same hand and the bidding has gone:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		4♣	4NT*

(* unusual two-suiter; 5♣ would be ambiguous)

You would try 6♣ at least, and opponents are unlikely to find the diamond fit at that level. You are back to twelve tricks. Your hand value, thus, is also relative to your turn in the bidding sequence and whether you end up as declarer or defender.

Finally, let us interchange the clubs with the diamonds in each hand, so that your hand and your partner's become:

You: ♠ AKQJ ♥ AKQJ ♦ AKQJ ♣ K

Partner: ♠ 96 ♥ 82 ♦ T8765432 ♣ Q

Now you outrank the opponents and can bid 6♦ over 6♣. Of course, if the 7♣ bid still comes, your next call should be to 911, and your next of kin, in that order.

Thus, the trick winning potential is also relative to the rank of the suit in which you have a fit versus that of the opponent's fit.

And we haven't even started talking about vulnerability or the scoring (IMPs, matchpoints or rubber) yet!

So what's the point here?

The point is very simple—that the vast majority of bridge players lean so much on point count valuation that they lose perspective. If any further evidence is needed, just consider the convention card itself—even that talks only in terms of points!

So the next time you pick up a lot of picture cards don't jump into your Ferrari and start revving the engine. Consider the traffic, because the '61 Ford pickup in the next lane could leave you way behind.

Like the smart investor, learn to ascertain the true value of your portfolio by keeping your ear to the ground. Its value is changing all the time.

Remember, it's all relative.

Rod Coote and **Greg Morse** also sent in deals on which the declaring side can make a grand slam despite a combined total of only five HCP. Both involve eleven-card trump fits with the king and queen of trumps splitting 1-1 and voids doing the rest of the magic. The "Famous Ronald Bragman Deal" is a six HCP total for declarer and defense, but it is on a nine-card trump fit, with the missing KJ97 all in one hand but outside.

TAP Lessons at VBC

Teacher's Accreditation Program

Unit 430 hosted a Teachers Accreditation Course at the Vancouver Bridge Centre April 20-21. Seattle's **Dee Berry** gave the course to fifteen future teachers. **Julien Lévesque** and **Carol-Ann Halliday** did most of the organizational work for the Unit. The Unit contributed \$25 to each student upon successful completion of the course, and a further \$25 when they teach their first class.

The complete list of students: **Carol-Ann Halliday**, **Sachi Yamakami**, **Sima Sadri**, **Kathy Miller**, **Veronica Peacock**, **Julien Lévesque**, **Theresa Kong**, **June Young**, **Pradyumna Gorkhali**, **Christa Mead**, **Barry Cormie**, **Alice Thomas**, **Don Keith**, **Dauna Gustavson**, and **Farhad Ghahreman**. The first five listed donated part of their subsidy to **Julien Lévesque** (**Eugene Chan** of the VBC also donated to this cause) to allow him to take the US\$125 course despite a limited budget.

The future teachers received a large package of course materials and ten hours of instruction followed by an open book exam. Results will be back in a week or so. The course highlights were on effective bridge teaching methods, how to best relate to students, and how to teach the ACBL Club Series course and use the materials that go with it. The Club series is a program which assumes no knowledge of the game and teaches how bridge is played and gives students beginner-level pointers on hand evaluation, basic bidding, play and defense. Club Series students work from a study book of over 300 pages. Also included in the course are materials such as special decks of cards which contain codes on their backs to allow preset hands to be easily dealt.

In a quick interview for the *Matchpointer*, **Julien** said that many of the future teachers learned not only valuable pointers for teaching, but solidified their knowledge of bridge fundamentals during the course. Unit 430 wishes all of these future teachers the best in their efforts to help spread our game to new players!



Calcutta Surprise

by David Grannis

"You really ought to take it up, you know. Why, for a bird of your brain there would be nothing to it."

Chuck Duck was trying to persuade his cousin Gladstone to learn bridge. Not that he believed what he was telling Gladstone. The reality was that he considered the gander something of a dim bulb, totally incapable of mastering the complexities of the game. However, all he would have to do was master the rudiments, and he would do just fine.

For Gladstone, Chuck had observed, was the most phenomenally lucky gander in all creation. Why, when he went shopping he just took a dollar, bought a scratch-and-win, and paid for the groceries with the proceeds. When he tried to get a quarter back from a pay phone, there was invariably a cascade reminiscent of a Vegas slot machine. Traffic lights turned green as he approached. The lovely Glenda had responded "yes" to his proposal. All his life Chuck had seen examples of his cousin's phenomenal luck. If it carried over to cards, there was a pretty penny to be made by backing Gladstone in the Calcutta at the Aviary Club. All he had to do was persuade him to give it a try.

"What do you say, good buddy? Give it a go?"

"Why not? If it's as easy as you say it might be a lark. I'll get Glenda to show me the ropes."

So Glenda taught Gladstone how to play, and by the time of the Calcutta he understood the basics. About the finer points, and particularly about bidding conventions, he had only the foggiest notion. Still, he seemed supremely confident as Chuck and he placed large bets on Gladstone and the partner he had drawn. This was Don Condor, a very solid player. Even so, the long odds Chuck and Gladstone were getting attested to the view among the wagers that Don could hardly be expected to soar like an eagle with an albatross such as Gladstone around his neck.

On the first hand the opposition bid a small slam in diamonds. Gladstone led his singleton, as Glenda had told him this was often a good lead against a trump contract. Of course Glenda had been referring to non-trump singletons, and Gladstone's singleton was trump, but such details were lost on Gladstone. As it happened the trump lead prevented the crossruff necessary for the contract to make. At the other tables the slam would either not be bid or would make on another lead, so Gladstone garnered a top board and a compliment for his inspired play at trick one.

On the second hand Gladstone drew a Yarborough, and the opposition bid to a game in notrump. In third seat, he followed suit on the first trick, and whenever he could after that. The opposition finessed through him, and he played low, as did his partner. They repeated the finesse and his partner rose with the king, destroying communications between the hands, and dooming the contract. Gladstone got an

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Nominating Time

Annual General Meeting, May 18

The Annual General Meeting of Unit 430 will be held following the Saturday afternoon session of the Victoria Day Sectional, at the Bonsor Community Centre. For those who can not play in the first session but wish to attend, the meeting should start at about 4:15pm. For those concerned about their dinner break, the meeting should take about 30-45 minutes, leaving over two hours until the second session's adjusted 7:30 starting time.

Three items have already been placed on the agenda, along with the usual quick reports from the various Unit officers. The Board has re-

quested a discussion on the Zero Tolerance issue, with a view to forming a subcommittee (including supporters and critics) to find a ZT flavour that will work for Unit events. In addition, the Board has requested that the motion passed at last year's AGM, to make the starting times at Unit Sectionals "consistent" be reviewed.

The final item is the nomination of new members to the Unit Board for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2002. Nominations for new members to the Board are open, and any member of Unit 430 can nominate another member to the Board in two ways.

1. You may nominate the person at the AGM when nominations from the floor are called for. The nomination will not be accepted unless you have the agreement of the nominee in writing, or the nominee



average plus for doing nothing more than following suit.

And so it went. Hand after hand Gladstone either did the right thing for the wrong reason, or he did nothing at all. When the results were posted with only one round to go, Don and Gladstone were at 64%. There was only one problem: Evan Raven and Joey Jay were at 65%.

As it happened, the two leading pairs played each other the last round, and split on the first two boards. The match would be decided on the final hand.

The spectators jockeyed for position as the players picked up their cards. Between them, this is what they saw:

Big Dir: West Dummy Vul: none	Don Condor ♠ J 8 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 9 8 7 3 ♣ J 9 6 2	6NT by West Lead: 9♦
Joey Jay ♠ 6 5 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ Q J T 4 ♣ 8 5 4	Gladstone Duck ♠ 9 7 ♥ A 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ 7 3	Evan Raven ♠ AKQT ♥ KQT ♦ AK ♣ AKQT

At most tables East had opened 2♣ (after two passes) and West had made a negative response. East then bid 3NT, ending the bidding. South's usual lead was the 6♥, taken by East's king. East then cashed

the two top diamonds and played the Q♥. Most Souths by then had seen what was going on and held up the ace, keeping East to two overtricks.

However, the audacious young Joey Jay decided his diamond holding provided a probable entry to dummy and a trick or two, so he made the positive waiting response of two diamonds. Evan then bid 2♣, and Joey 2NT, which Evan raised to 6NT. Don led the 9♦, captured in dummy. Joey then cashed dummy's other top diamond and played the K♥. Gladstone paused for a moment, then played low. Joey then played the Q♥, and Gladstone again played low. Don played a diamond on the second heart. Joey then cashed the top three spades, Gladstone tossing a diamond on the third. Now there was only one chance left. Joey played the T♣ to Don's jack. If Don returned his last diamond, the slam would come home, but the wily condor returned a club, dooming the slam and giving his side a clear top.

As they were collecting their winnings Chuck asked Gladstone why he had held up his A♥ instead of taking the king or queen.

"I knew that if Joey only played one more heart, I would get four heart tricks instead of just one," Gladstone explained. "But then he never touched the suit again until the last trick. Just my rotten luck, I guess."

"Right," Chuck said as they counted their wads of bills, "nobody should have your rotten luck."

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election will be held and the top six will be members of the Unit Board for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 years.

Who would make a good nominee? If you've read this far, you would! Board members spend one evening each month at Board Meetings to discuss Unit business. Your skill at bridge is not relevant if you are considering a spot on the Board: a knack for endplaying opponents at the table is not as important as a willingness to take a few hours each month to do the tasks assigned to you. Nobody is ever asked to do the impossible or even the improbable. Like any other organized volunteer effort, it is a chance to do something for an activity you enjoy participating in. We hope you'll consider it!



Hit Parade

HHIT's Karaoke Inspiration

The Hideous Hog (in Training) is finally back in town after winning enough money at *Who Wants To Be A Bridge Millionaire* to tour the world for six months, solving a bridge murder mystery in England during the trip. When we caught up with him, we asked him what had happened to his blond *Millionaire* accomplice.

"Accomplice? Is that how you've presented this to the *Matchpointer* readership? I told you, they insinuated that we were colluding, but that was only because they could not stop me from winning the big prize. How could I possibly plan strategy with somebody with the brains of...Where's that *Matchpointer* issue?—McBruce, if you've misreported this, I'll..."

"Calm down," I said. "I was just teasing. Now tell us what happened to Blondie. That's what our readers really want to know."

There was a long silence.

"I've never understood women," began HHIT after a grumpy minute. "They get upset over the smallest little joke, at the most unexpected of times."

Eventually we uncovered the details.

"We were in the south of France, and looking for a karaoke bar. (Not that I felt the urge to sing, but apparently if your blonde hair comes from a bottle, life is not worth living without the occasional evening of singing while impaired in front of strangers.) We didn't find one until we played a club game in Bordeaux one afternoon. I had a difficult time just getting us to average with her asking everyone in awful French where the nearest karaoke bar was, and then, realizing that they had no idea what she meant, trying to explain in awful French and pantomime what she meant.

"Anyhow, once they figured out what she was looking for, they went out of their way to organize an excursion there. The whole bridge club came, it seemed, and I paid for most of the booze. She very badly sang some songs to great applause, missing and flubbing complete lines of lyrics, but since few spoke much English, nobody noticed. Then they wanted me to sing one.

"You know the old Lerner and Lowe show tune, *If Ever I Would Leave You?* It comes from the musical *Camelot*. It's a song where the singer assures his girl that he wouldn't leave her in summer, couldn't leave her in autumn, never would in winter, nor in spring-time, and thus... Well, anyway, once I discovered that they had a karaoke version of the tune,

I was inspired enough to come up with brand new words for the song on the spot, suitable for a bridge audience and completely in keeping with my own theory of bidding."

This we had to get written down. This was what the Hideous Hog In Training sang, to the tune of *If Ever I Would Leave You*:

If ever I would raise you
It never would be notrump
Knowing how in notrump
You butcher the play
You try to ruff losers
Forgetting what's high
What? Let you play notrump?
No, my dear, not I

If ever I would raise you
It couldn't be a minor
Game in either minor
Requires one more
You seldom make ten tricks
You'd never make more
I'll just bid my own suit
That's what bidding's for

How could I think of raising
Bids of two or three or four?
They'd only double and if I
Raise you'd go down even more...

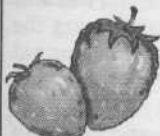
If ever I would raise you
It wouldn't be a major
Best to first bid notrump
And make it a force
So, keep raising my suits
Just forget about yours
'Cause never would I raise you
Of course!

"I do have a reasonably good singing voice," said the Hog, "and the people there applauded wildly when I was done, even though they probably didn't understand the lyrics, much less the inspired changes I'd made. Blondie went to the powder room and didn't return for an hour. She then poured her drink over my head and clung to a series of young French fellows on the dance floor for the next two hours, and when it was time to leave I couldn't find her. I had a fun night convincing the hotel guy that I was the other occupant of the room, but when I finally got in, only my things were left. Some women have just no sense of humour!"



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-Lynda Cole

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

First, a few hands from the Richmond Regional:

You hold as East (Wednesday evening), love all...

♠ A ♥ AKQ93 ♦ AKQJ65 ♣ 4

...and partner, bless her, opens 3♣, pass to you!

The popular choice was 6♦. At my table I received the lead of a heart, and when dummy came down with an unexpected ace, prepared a speech about the fact that she did not raise me to seven. When diamonds turned out to be 5-1, the speech had to be revised to admiration for partner showing proper restraint. As soon as the hand was over, South berated herself for not leading a trump and she was right—the preempt shows shortness elsewhere and preventing any ruffs would have been a good idea. Also, the lead of the ten cannot possibly cost!

Some played the hand in 4♣ which should make five without a trump lead, four with a trump lead. Someone played this in 7NT, which is of course hopeless! The full deal:

Board 24	Dir: West Vul: None	NORTH	Richmond Regional, Wednesday Eve.
WEST		♠ KJ43 ♥ JT75 ♦ T ♣ K986	EAST
♠ QT97652 ♥ 4 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ53		SOUTH	♠ A ♥ AKQ93 ♦ AKQJ65 ♣ 4
		♠ 8 ♥ 862 ♦ 98732 ♣ QT72	

The next hand is from Saturday evening.
You hold, sitting North:

♠ J64 ♥ KQJ52 ♦ AT52 ♣ 6

It goes pass, 1♣ by partner (limited to 15 HCP), 3NT by West, who happened to be Dick Yarrington. It is not difficult to picture his hand: A♣ and tons of clubs (there are not enough points in the deck for him to have the A♥ as well). I now called 4♣ and this was passed around to Dick who bid 5♣, confirming the assessment of the hand. Now partner made a fine bid of 5♣, which is down one if you ruff the second club with the J♣, down two if you ruff low. 5♣ is course stone cold (some made it doubled)—and so is of course 3NT, even on a diamond lead (they make five on any other lead). The full deal:

Board 6	Dir: West Vul: None	NORTH	Richmond Regional, Saturday Evening
WEST		♠ J64 ♥ KQJ52 ♦ AT52 ♣ 6	EAST
♠ A ♥ 43 ♦ 7 ♣ AKJT87432		SOUTH	♠ 975 ♥ A9876 ♦ 8643 ♣ Q
		♠ KQT832 ♥ T ♦ KQJ9 ♣ 95	

From the same session comes the misfit of the tournament:

(See hand record at top of next page)

North opened 2♥, pass, 3NT by South (!), 4♣ by West (!!!). Pass, pass, double—down 800! It seems both South and West had a healthy portion of Wheaties for breakfast. South is down three if West

(continued from cover page)

This is the complete hand from the cover:

Did your plan work? Ernie's didn't. Double dummy you can make nine tricks by ducking at trick one, losing to a heart honour, then winning the low heart return in dummy. A successful fi-

nesse in diamonds followed by the 9♥ drops East's remaining honour, and now you have three clubs, two diamonds, two spades and the ace and jack of hearts. I gave you a chance because I forgot

what Ernie said his opening lead was. I doubt it can even be made on a diamond lead.

If you made it, you weren't listening to the bidding. Or you peeked. West for all his bidding

must have the bulk of the missing high cards, even the K♦, so a different line of play seems to be called for based on the opponent's bidding.

Now, here's the real test. Having presumably discovered that your line leads to down one, or maybe even down two, are you looking at West's hand with that suspicion that something is fishy? Fair enough—West certainly got away with a brazen psyche. Did East field the psychic takeout double?

Cover Hand	Dir: West Vul: N-S	NORTH	3NT by South Lead: 4♥
WEST		♠ A93 ♥ A2 ♦ T863 ♣ AK98	EAST
♠ QT83 ♥ T754 ♦ 2 ♣ J765		SOUTH	♠ 74 ♥ KQ6 ♦ KJ975 ♣ T43
		♠ KJ52 ♥ J983 ♦ AQ4 ♣ Q2	



Board Dir: North
17 Vul: None

NORTH

♠ —
♥ AKT542
♦ 7542
♣ J84

Richmond Regional,
Saturday Evening

EAST

♠ 43
♥ QJ963
♦ 3
♣ AQT97

WEST

♠ J98762
♥ —
♦ AQJT96
♣ 3

SOUTH

♠ AKQT5
♥ 87
♦ K8
♣ K652

you now bid 6♣? Surely if he can find two calls he can be expected to hold both major suit aces, particularly since he has nothing in the minors? Wrong! He opened light with:

♠ QJ964 ♥ AQJ97 ♦ 3 ♣ 93

At our table it went slightly differently: I bid 4NT over 3♦—not a very good call, but all I need to know is the number of aces in his hand. After partner passed the 5♦ call by West, showing one keycard, you can imagine my next call—which led to down one! Wrong ace, as usual!

Live and learn? Or *déjà vu*? I had already finished this article when I picked this up in the Swiss Teams at the sectional:

♠ AQJTxxx ♥ Ax ♦ AQx ♣ x

Partner opened (you guessed it!) 1♠!! 2NT on my right—even better, now the AQ♦ are two sure tricks (how right I was). 4NT by me (at the other table they jumped to 6♣, which I do not necessarily agree with).

5♣ by LHO, 5♥ by partner (showing two keycards, easily identified as the K♣ and A♣). RHO now bid 7♣. What is your bid? I went to 7♣ as partner had to have the K♥ on that auction. This turned +800 and a five IMP loss into -50 and a fourteen IMP loss. I got no sympathy from my teammates, but is it my fault partner turned up with the wrong king?? Her hand:

♠ Kxxxx ♥ Qxxx ♦ Kx ♣ Ax

finds the lead of the 3♣—unlikely. Down two on a spade lead. A rescue to 5♦ is also a disaster—you only have seven tricks.

And finally a tale of woe from Portland:

♠ KT832 ♥ — ♦ Q ♣ AKQJ764

Holding this hand white vs. red you hear partner open 1♠!! Visions of a slam dance before your eyes—but East bids 3♦. What do you bid? 4♦ seems to be a good call, 5♦ by West. Let's say partner finds 5♥, do

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Surely after the redouble East has no bid.

You have to admit that West's second bid of 1♥ is reasonable—he certainly does not want to defend 1♦ redoubled with that hand.

Once North cuebids 2♥, do we really expect East to venture into this auction with a mere nine count? His best suit, diamonds, were bid on his left and partner showed shortness.

What should East do over 3NT? Would you have played the hand differently if he had doubled? Perhaps, but still, playing East for KQx♥ would not enter your mind. You're still probably going down.

And don't even think of claiming that East should bid at the four level in this auction, after North has redoubled and then cuebid.

Welcome to the wacky world of psychic bidding. There's nothing illegal about East or West's actions. You may feel victimized, but when West chose to psyche the takeout double, he bought a ticket for a long-shot horse...and won. You have to accept that he got lucky and move on. As consolation, think about this: maybe he took a wild, desperate chance against you because he thought that was the only way to get a

chance at a good score against somebody of your calibre. So don't get grumpy. Tell him how well the psyche worked. Maybe he'll psyche again and you'll beat him for 1400. You won't get this chance if you make a federal case out of it.

Ernie took his poor score for this board and by the time he caught up to me with the pickup slip he thought it was the funniest thing he'd seen. "Even the spot cards are placed so that you can't get home!" he laughed. That's the attitude to take. (I bet he got the matchpoints back.) Bravo!





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Trophy Sectional Top 40

Maksymetz, Coles take the early lead

Following is the top 40 players from the Trophy Sectional in early March. I didn't have enough time to figure out who is eligible for the Under 200 or the Leo

Steil Trophy races, but once we get a second Unit Sectional behind us we'll have the usual list of leaders in all four trophy races in the next *Matchpointer* issue, along with the Victoria Day Sectional Top Ten.

I'll leave it to eager *Matchpointer* readers to work out the early top ten (hint, they're all women) in the Edie Bonnell Trophy race...

1. Bryan Maksymetz25.32	16. Gilbert Lambert 10.61	31. Vicki Croome..... 7.38
2. Lynda Cole19.86	17. Arun Chopra..... 10.51	31. Mike Moffatt..... 7.38
2. Ralph Cole19.86	18. Jay Brandt..... 9.83	33. Ron Fox..... 7.09
4. Dennis Groden17.00	18. Gay Parrish 9.83	33. Sherman Kwan 7.09
5. Doug Fraser16.39	20. Dan Groves 9.27	35. John Horne..... 7.07
5. Sandra Fraser.....16.39	20. Sharon Erwin 9.27	35. Debbie Williams..... 7.07
7. Sheila Sache15.24	22. Ron Groome..... 9.14	37. Carol-Ann Halliday 7.01
8. Dan Jacob15.08	22. Jean Groome 9.14	37. Priscilla Brown 7.01
9. Don Sache14.72	24. Greg Arbour 9.02	39. Don Keith..... 6.69
9. Doug Hansford.....14.72	25. Kenny Chan..... 8.83	40. Narinder Malhotra 6.65
11. Mike Hargreaves.....12.97	26. Marylou Varga 8.61	
12. Christa Mead.....11.78	27. H.K. Ho..... 8.51	907.94 masterpoints were won by
13. Peter Morse.....11.47	28. Terry Gould..... 8.44	314 players (a further 60 people
13. Claire Burns.....11.47	29. Ben Takemori 7.90	played but did not win any) at the
15. Katrin Litwin.....11.11	30. Sandra Robson 7.83	2002 Trophy Sectional.



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seeding teams by masterpoints, ensuring that the novice teams play the pros in the first round, the new experimental format called for a completely random draw. This increased the chances to get some gold points for teams lacking tournament pros, and the attendance increased. (Bracketed KOs were several years in the future and some people still claim that it was better the old way where you could enter a KO and expect to play a team of pros. With brackets you need to have several Gold Life Masters to even hope to be in the top bracket.)

Dave's team of under 200 players won their first match Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening drew their next opponent: **Mike Passell, George Landreth, Ross Rainwater and John Anderson**. A win against this team was so improbable that the House team decided more practice was called for, and played the midnight Speedball Swiss, ending at about 3am with gametime less than six hours away. All four had now played over 100 boards in four straight sessions.

Behind only 44-42 at the half, the House team rallied in the second half to win 80-62!

Doug Hawkes of Victoria issued a challenge to Vancouver players: form a team, get a ferry and come and play "spectator bridge" against the Victoria squad and their fans. A \$40 entry fee covered the expenses (lunch and a commemorative T-shirt), with a \$200 prize to any successful challenge. One such match had already been played with the mainlanders losing 143-79 in front of a large partisan crowd. (Names omitted to protect the guilty.)

On March 14, 1982, **Jim Donaldson's** sixteen month battle with cancer came to an end. An inspiration to many Vancouver players, Donaldson was one of Unit 430's best and most successful players of the sixties and seventies. His convention "Donaldson over Notrump" is still seen frequently on convention cards. He is most often remembered for his temperament and composure, which brought out the best in his partners.

25 years ago in the Matchpointer (February 1977, Gary Post, editor)

The January 1977 Vancouver Regional was a great success, with a total attendance of 2,405 tables. For the first time the event was organized by local volunteers and the result was the largest Northwest Regional to date.

Jim McCully issued a challenge to the entire Unit, claiming, Babe Ruth-style, that he would win the Unit Game Trophy in 1977, "taking time off his busy schedule." With a 177½ and a 172 in the first two games of the year getting only section

awards, this seemed possible, but there was still a lot of work to be done. Stay tuned.

Laurence Betts and future editor **Lauren Miller** revived *It's Your Bid* (which had run in some of the 60s issues I've seen) and offered a one year subscription to the *Matchpointer* for the highest scorer of the first set. These days, that joke needs explaining. This was when the *Matchpointer* was mailed to everyone, so there were no subscriptions. It's clear something was going on when they announce that second place wins a two-year subscription...

30 years ago in the Matchpointer (Jan., Mar., Apr. 1972, several editors)

The January issue Unit Board phone list lists **Mike Strebinger** as *Matchpointer* editor and then lists **Roland Divers** and **Art Whitaker** below him without a title. There is no February issue but there are issues from March through June by **Rosamunde Brennan**. The issues are two to three pages long, printed on one side only. The 1972 set is the first I have except for a few from the 60s and I note that some time between 1969 and 1972 the words *Match Pointer* were fused into *Matchpointer*.

The early 1970s issues are mostly a list of Unit Board members and winners and even then there are familiar names: **Judy Strebinger, Sandra Borg, Don Fraser, Don Brazeau** on the 1971-72 Unit Board. A few pairs are designated as Mr. & Mrs., of course with the one over-possessive initial only—one of these which I'll have to ask about is **Mr. & Mrs. M. Hodge**.

The May issue features an article by "Nate Divinsky" (and I bet they'd have printed "Dr. Nathan Divinsky" if they knew he was married to a future Prime Minister) on the probabilities of suit splits and the likelihood of being dealt a hand with x high-card points are listed. Describing the accompanying deal, the good doctor picks up a 16 count and to his surprise, his "contumacious" partner bids 1♥. The rest is interesting, but I would be astonished if the word *contumacious* has appeared anywhere in the thirty years of *Matchpointers* since! (Look it up. It's worth it.)

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, especially those prior to 1972 are happily accepted: we'll copy them and return them to you. Really, if you have some old issues, don't be *contumacious*: dig them out and send them along! (You didn't look it up, did you. OK: it means "obstinately disobedient or insubordinate: recalcitrant.")



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District-wide STaC, May 6-12.

Get ready to win silver points—it's STaC time again. Virtually all clubs in Unit 430 will be running games in the Sixth Annual Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs—known affectionately as "the STaC."

Club games will be a bit more expensive, but the potential rewards will be huge. If you play in a STaC game at your local club and place, you'll win 50-300% more masterpoints than a normal club game would award. If you are a non-Life Master, the masterpoints you win will be counted towards that elusive silver point total. Except for STaC games, silver points can only be won at Sectionals, so this is a great way to clear a hurdle on the road to Life Master.

But the fun doesn't end there. Your club manager will send the results to the Director-in-Charge, who takes all of the results from a given session, in clubs throughout British Columbia, Alaska, and Washington that have agreed to participate. If you have one of the highest scores in your strat, you could win even more silver points for a District-wide overall than the recap sheet on the wall gives you for your score at the club! How much more? You'd be amazed:

—On Monday, May 28, 2001, **Gordon Burns** and **Michael Stickland** scored a Flight B and C win with 62.04% at the Vancouver Bridge Club morning game, probably worth about 1-1.4 points at a regular club game, maybe 2 or 3 at a STaC game. But they beat all other B pairs in the District for Monday morning, and this was worth not 1 or 1.5 or 2 or 3...but eight silver points!

—That evening, **Bonnie Anderson** and **Olive Perdue** had a big game, scoring 66.88%. This would get you 1.5 or so in a regular game, maybe as much as 3 points in a STaC game. But they beat 167 other pairs that played Monday night, and the overall was 13.22 silver points! Bonnie went on to win 24.11 silver points in a single week. In 2000, Steve Mansfield of Seattle was on fire the whole week, scoring over 44 silver points before the STaC ended.

So get ready to win big—you *can* do it. Make sure your club is running the game(s) (if not, club managers can still get the information needed in time by contacting STaC Co-Ordinator **Carol-Ann Halliday** at 604/990-8888), and call your friends and make sure they play too. (The more tables there are, the more people win, and the higher the awards.) Not only is it a great chance to win points, but it is a way to show the rest of District 19 what strong players Unit 430 has—at all levels. Bridge is good here; let's show 'em!

North Shore Winter Club Bridge

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

Louis Landau 604/984-8309 Bernice Mulock 604/987-8289

Squamish Bridge Club

1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish
Mondays at 7:00 pm

Monthly Handicap & Trophy Race Games
Don Lecky 604/892-9027

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 604/792-4389

Partners always guaranteed!

Chilliwack

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

June 1: Club Championship

February Club Championship Winners:
Louise Percher/Dennis Huber

Maple Ridge

Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Centre
12148 224th Street
Wednesdays, 7:30pm
June 5: Club Championship
March Club Championship Winners:
Garry Skoropada/John Richoux

Mission

Masonic Hall, 3319 First Avenue
(next to Scotiabank)
Thursdays, 7:30pm
June 6: Club Championship
March Club Championship Winners:
Charlie McPherson/Fred Brown

FOR SALE due to ill health—two Duplicate Bridge Clubs: Maple Ridge Duplicate Bridge Club & Mission Duplicate Bridge Club. Both clubs are ACBL-sanctioned and both feature nice playing areas.



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Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: April 25, 2002. 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
	10:30	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Adventures In Duplicate: 0-100 MP, stratified</i>
	10:45	BBY	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified
	7:00	SQU	E. Tenta	Don Lecky 892-9027	Open, monthly handicap and trophy race games.
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:15	SRY	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (1st Monday stratified)
	7:15	VBC	B. Bart	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Non Life Masters Stratified (to 500 MP)</i>
	7:30	HBN	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	7:30	CWK	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open (last Monday stratified)
Tue	10:30	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Open Day-time Stratified: optional \$2 lunch</i>
	11:00	S-W	F. Schultz	Finn Schultz 534-5025	Open stratified
	7:00	VBC	A. Ballantyne	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>"Bragging Rights" Open Stratified (new time)</i>
	7:30	NSW	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	7:30	BBY	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified
Wed	10:00	VCR	L. Landau	Louis Landau 984-8309	Open stratified
	10:30	HAS	M. Scott	Marianne Scott 298-3932	Open (first Wednesday stratified)
	10:30	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Intermediate: 0-300 MP, stratified</i>
	7:00	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564	Open; Stratified by number of Life Masters
	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
	7:00	VBC	M. Eddy	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Novice/Beginner: 0-20 MP</i>
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	MIS	B. Percher	Bob Percher 792-4389	Open stratified
	7:30	ARB	A. Nagy	Jean Terry 733-2807	Now open to all
	7:30	VBC	G. Davis	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified
Fri	10:30	VBC	B. Russell	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified <i>Opt. \$2 Soup & Bun</i>
	10:30	LAD	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Bi-weekly: see next page for dates
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Waldemar Jez 527-8854	Alternate Fridays, non-ACBL. See next page for dates.
	7:30	S-D	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Optional Lucky Number Jackpot</i> Open
Sat	check	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Occasional special games.
Sun	1:00	RMD	E. Dietrich	Ernie Dietrich 936-2298	Open stratified (hand records at special games)
	1:00	VBC	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:00	RMD	R. Dunn	Monthly Unit Game (see p. 44)	Open stratified. New site for 2002.

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

Special Events at Clubs

May 1—July 31, 2002.

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
May 1	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game
May 3	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
May 6	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game (may be rescheduled for STaC)
May 6-12			Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC. Most local clubs will run STaC games (extra silver points). If your club has not received STaC materials, contact Carol-Ann Halliday for details (cah@radiant.net, 604/990-8888)
May 10	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
May 12	7:00	RMD	May Monthly Unit Game.

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
May 13	7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams
May 15	7:30	C.R	Club championship Game
May 17-20			2002 Victoria Day Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre (most clubs closed)
May 20	10:00	VCR	Victoria Day Holiday Pairs
May 20	7:00	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
May 23	7:15	NWR	Club Championship Game
May 24	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
May 27	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
May 29	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
May 31	7:30	PKB	Turniej Co 2 Tygodnie
Jun 1	7:30	CWK	Club Championship Game
Jun 2	1:00	RMD	Club Championship Game
Jun 3	7:00	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
Jun 3	7:15	TSW	Upgraded Club Championship Game (Club Anniversary!)
Jun 3	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
Jun 4	7:30	BBY	NAOP Qualifying Game
Jun 5	7:15	WRK	Club Championship (tentative)
Jun 5	10:30	HAS	Monthly Stratified Game
Jun 5	7:30	M-R	Club Championship Game
Jun 6	7:30	MIS	Club Championship Game
Jun 7	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
Jun 9	7:00	RMD	June Monthly Unit Game
Jun 10-16			<i>Penticton Regional (some clubs closed)</i>
Jun 10	10:45	BBY	Only BBY game this week
Jun 10	—	TSW	Closed (Penticton)
Jun 11	—	BBY	Closed (Penticton)
Jun 12	10:30	HAS	Club Championship Game
Jun 12	7:15	VCR	Club Championship Game
Jun 13	—	NWR	Closed (Penticton)
Jun 14	10:30	S-D	Closed (Penticton)
Jun 15	7:30	PKB	Turniej Co 2 Tygodnie
Jun 17	7:00	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
Jun 19	7:15	WRK	NAOP Qualifying Game
Jun 21	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
Jun 24	7:00	SQU	Final game before summer closure (unconfirmed, please check)
Jun 24	7:15	TSW	Club Championship Game
Jun 24	7:15	SRY	NAOP Qualifying Game
Jun 24	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
Jun 25	11:00	S-W	Club Championship Game
Jun 26	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
Jun 27	7:15	NWR	Swiss Teams
Jun 28	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly game (last game before summer closure)
Jul 1	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
Jul 3	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
Jul 3	10:30	HAS	Monthly Stratified Game
Jul 5	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
Jul 8	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game
Jul 11	7:15	NWR	NAOP Qualifying Game

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
Jul 14	7:00	RMD	July Monthly Unit Game
Jul 19	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
Jul 19	7:15	S-D	International Fund Game (hand records)
Jul 21	1:00	RMD	International Fund Game
Jul 29	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
Jul 31	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game

SPECIAL ALERT! Please note that club events are subject to change, especially events on this second page of the listings, which are in some cases scheduled three months or more ahead. Events may be added or deleted from this list at any time. The best action is to call the club manager if you have any questions about the club schedule. Club contacts' phone numbers are on page 20. VBC events were not received at press time.

Hastings Bridge Club

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

Marianne Scott 604/298-3932

Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp

First Wednesday each month stratified

May 8: STaC (silver points!)

June 12: Club Championship

Arbutus Village Bridge Club

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

OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS coffee, tea, cookies

Thursdays at 7:30 pm sharp Jean Tarry 604/733-2807

Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, ph. 604/255-2564
lessons, books, seminars

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	10:30am	Improve Your Duplicate, 0-50 MP
	7:15pm	Non-Life Masters (max 500 MP)
Tuesday	10:30am	Open Day-Time Stratified
	7:00pm	Bragging Rights Open
Wednesday	10:30 am	Intermediate, 0-300 MP
	7:00 pm	Open (Stratified by # of LMs)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Novice/Beginner Game 0-50 MP
	7:30 pm	Open Evening Stratified
Friday	10:30 am	Open Day-Time Stratified
	7:30 pm	Open (Optional Lucky # Jackpot)
Saturday	7:00 pm	Occasional Special Events
Sunday	1:00 pm	Open Stratified, occasionally Teams

*Weekday Afternoon Games include Optional \$2 Lunch
Masterpoint-limited Games include pre-game Mini-Lesson
Please contact the club for upcoming special games*

East Richmond Bridge Club

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

Ernie Dietrich 604/936-2298

\$5.00 entry includes lunch *Sundays at 1:00 pm*

All games stratified, hand records for special games

May 12: STaC Game (silver points)

June 2: Club Championship

July 21: International Fund Game

Recent Winners:

ACBL-wide Charity Game: Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld

Junior Fund Game: Don Keith/Kathy Bye

Club Championship: Tove Chen/Thony Remedios

Current Club Masterpoint Leader: Kenny Chan

SUBURBIA CLUBS **Gilbert Lambert 604/524-6617** All games stratified.

Burnaby (am)

1491 Carleton Ave.

North Burnaby

Mondays, 10:45 am

May 6: STaC (Silver points!)

Closed May 20 (Sectional)

Monday game during Penticton week, June 10 is ON.

Burnaby (pm)

1491 Carleton Ave.

North Burnaby

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

May 7: STaC (Silver points!)

June 4: NAOP Qualifying

Closed June 11

(See you in Penticton!)

New Westminster

Century House, 620 8th St.

New Westminster

Thursdays, 7:15 pm

May 9: STaC (Silver points!)

May 23: Club Championship

June 13: closed. June 27: teams.

July 11: NAOP Qualifying

Sur-Del

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church

11601 82nd Ave., N. Delta

Fridays, 7:30 pm

May 10: STaC (Silver points!)

Closed May 17, June 14

June 28: Club Championship

July 19: International Fund Game

mate (names withheld to protect the guilty) got a heart lead, and counted eight likely tricks. He surveyed the possibilities and decided his best chance was to steal a diamond trick by leading low to the jack at trick two, before the defenders could work out what was happening. The opening leader was very quick to pounce. A push.

In 1987 with the Haida Club by now well-settled at Broadway and Cambie, the best post-game analysis was up the street at the Jolly Alderman, and in the Spring 1987 issue the blank page at the back of a menu from the Jolly was photocopied. You have to see this to believe it. There are hands scrawled all over the page, in every conceivable space, size and orientation. But in retrospect, I wonder if the Jolly didn't just make sure the bridge people got the same menus night after night and just replaced the blank page at the back end once a month or so. At least this would protect the napkins and coasters.

In the April 1987 issue, the highlight was news from down under: **Alana Skuce** and **Peter Herold** won the Open Pairs at the Australian National Championships in Canberra. Twenty-eight of the 228 pairs entered qualified for the final two sessions. The *Canberra Times* reported that "Skuce and Herold were comfortably ahead and the end of the first final session and then did well enough to stave off challenges from some of the top names in Australian bridge!"

20 years ago in the Matchpointer
(Jan., March 1982, Aidan Ballantyne, editor)

The NAOP in 1982 was unstratified and called the Grand National Pairs. In 1982 the top three at the District Final would qualify for the National Final in Niagara Falls. But the top two Canadian pairs would represent B.C. at the World Bridge Olympiad in Biarritz, France, the next fall. **Gord McOrmond** and **Dan Jacob** won the event, with Victoria's **Don Gray** and **Eric Goodwin** taking third. **George** and **Carolyn Steiner** of Seattle were second. Gord McOrmond wrote that it was a bumpy road to the victory. None of the three sessions were easy. An example:

Dummy: ♠ J986 ♥ Txxx ♦ J9 ♣ K98x

DAN JACOB

2♣ led

(1NT-all pass)

GORD MCORMOND

♠ xxx

♥ K97

♦ 832

♣ QJxx

Doug Andrews won the Q♣ in his hand and floated the T♣ around to my queen. What should I return?

A passive return could be right but my past experience is that this defense only confuses partner and usually he becomes endplayed. Therefore I narrowed my alternatives down to a heart or a diamond. The heart looked too obvious so the Master Technician (that's me) carefully counted out Doug's hand. He appeared to have two spades and three clubs, leaving eight red cards which I decided were probably 4-4. I didn't want to set up declarer's heart suit so I decided to shift to a diamond. But not just any diamond; the 8 was too valuable to waste and the 2 was too encouraging. Confidently I placed the 3♦ on the table. Dan won the king and returned the 4♦, the jack winning in dummy. Declarer promptly cashed the A-K♣ (oops, partner had led from T72), then the A-K♠, and finally the J♠ to claim seven tricks. Of course, if I had returned anything else we would have taken four hearts, two diamonds and a club for down one.

"What are you doing over there?" Dan asked.

"What do you mean? My return was inspired! Why didn't you just lead your fourth best heart?" I countered.

"I'd never lead a heart from AQxx. My natural lead is a low diamond which immediately gives up the seventh trick. My lead was inspired."

Obviously an example of two much inspiration on one deal.

Fortunately for our partnership we had run out of rounds to play. There was nothing to do but hope that our game had matchpointed well. As it turned out all the leaders had collapsed and we won handily by over a board.

Later that evening, Ted Horning, the Canadian bridge columnist, phoned enquiring about some good hands from our victory. Oh boy, it was a chance to get our names in print, but what could I give him?

"Of course, Ted, there were lots of interesting deals, and some we had to handle with plenty of technique and the occasional flash of inspiration. For example, on one hand when we were defending INT, Dan made an inspired lead and I followed it up with a brilliant shift...er, no, I don't think your readers would be interested in that deal. Maybe a bidding problem..."

The *It's Your Bid* responses, scored by **Allan Graves**, were introduced by editor **Aidan Ballantyne** as follows: "This is the complete unexpurgated version. Parental discretion is advised." B.C. Censor's warning - contains course language and occasional suggestive paragraphs." Viewed from a 20-years later standpoint there is little objectionable in Allan's comments, except that he disappeared before totaling the scores of the responders leaving the editor to weakly ask who was claiming victory!

In the March issue, a **Dave House** article described the new Random Draw Morning Knockout Teams at the Victoria Regional. Instead of



It's Your Bid

Responses and Scores

A last minute e-mail to a few dozen people resulted in a flood of responses, and as a result we have 23 entries this time. (If you would like to be on the e-mail list in July when I troll for more last-minute responses, let me know.) Of the 23 responses, 8 were in Flight A, 6 in Flight B, and 9 in Flight C.

The scoring system for the contest takes Flight A responses as ten points, Flight B as three, and Flight C as one. The response with the most points is given the award of

100, and the other awards are decided accordingly to their relative popularity with the consensus choice. In the third question the second best option attracted 28 voting points, compared to 35 voting points for the consensus bid. 25 is 80% of 35, so the award for the second best bid is 80 out of 100 points.

Why score by popularity (weighted slightly by flighting)? Because it is objective! In other bidding contests, a judge is hired to collect the votes and decide which answers get how many points. The judge does so partly by popularity, partly by the comments, perhaps a

little by the actual result at the table, and sometimes by the responses of those whose opinions he respects.

I think it's better to limit my role as judge to ensuring that the flights are correct and let the formula decide the results. Sometimes this will go against the table result, but we all know that what is right in theory may not always work in practice! Your mileage may vary.

Nobody scored a perfect 500 this time, but there were some close calls and some—let us say—interesting calls. Who and what were they? Let's find out:

1. (Matchpoints, E-W vul.)
 ♠ 43 ♥ AJ984 ♦ KJ642 ♣ A

	WEST	NORTH	McBRUCE	SOUTH
				1♥
Pass	3♥	3♣	4♣	
4♣	Pass	Pass	???	

The key hint here seemed to be that McBruce was East, although the "let's kill him" reaction was not quite universal:

Alice Thomas: 5♥. It's our hand. Partner does not have much in clubs so expect hir will have a diamond trick. (Hir? —McB) Opponents may make 4♣ if they have the A♦ and a spade/club fit. I find it often a disaster to double on distributional hands.

Harold Hanson: 5♥. Partner didn't double 4♣, so I bid 5♥ which should have a good play. Partner is short in spades and has values. I'll double 5♣.

Larry Meyer: Double. Partner gave me a limit raise, so the hand belongs to us—they can not play the hand undoubled. I doubt we can take eleven tricks in any strain. I am very nervous about doubling given that McBruce will be declarer, and that I will probably give him a trick on my opening trump lead. (Larry, Larry, Larry. Instead of trying to get big points by doubling, you are trying to get a few points in the quiz by flattery? I'll think about it. —McB)

The Hideous Hog (in Training): Double. That McBruce is colour-blind. He probably thinks we're vulnerable and he's not.

Julien Lévesque: Double. 5♥ could be there, just as likely 4♣ is going for 500+. Partner did not raise to 4♥ over 1♥, so I double.

Gilbert Lambert: Double. To make 5♥ I need pard to have KQ♥ and the A♣. If he does have them I can lead A♣, underlead a heart and get a club ruff, underlead a diamond and get another club ruff for 500!

Greg Morse: Double. To me, forcing pass, 5♦, or 5♥ should show at most one loser in their suit. Yes, we are probably fixed, but we may as well stay fixed.

Call	A	B	C	Total Votes	Total Points	Award
Double	5	4	6	15	68	100
5♥	2	2	3	7	45	43
4♥	1	0	0	1	10	15

Source: This is the only one I got a source for, the others seem to have all been lost in the transfer of files from the old to the new computer. It figures, because I was off the deep end on this hand when I played it in an online tournament. I held:

♠ KQT9 ♥ — ♦ T9753 ♣ J973

Scoff if you want about the quality of this vulnerable 3♣ overall, but you must admit that I at least know the caliber of play online—when all the dust settled we had scored +300. But I think the Hog was right and I did misread the colours...

2. (Matchpoints, both vul.)
 ♠ — ♥ T3 ♦ QJ8752 ♣ Q9652

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

The penal-takeout double. What does it mean?

The Hideous Hog (in Training): Pass. I don't know what partner has, but if he didn't want to defend he had at least three possible suits to bid.

Alice Thomas: Pass. Partner must have something in spades and a strong hand. Hir didn't show support for either of my suits thus must have something in spades. (But if you refer to partner as "hir" can you trust "hir" doubles? --McB)

Phillipe Westreich: Pass. Did partner's second double mean something conventional? Because I've said about as much as I can about my hand at this point.

Gilbert Lambert: Pass. I have shown my hand.

Larry Meyer: 4♣. My 3♣ bid showed values which happen to be distributional, not high cards, so pard would be disappointed at my contribution to the defense. Bid out my shape—if pard goes back to hearts, at least I have a useful doubleton.

Harold Hanson: 4♥. Better chance for +620 than +200.

Julien Lévesque: Big hand, big suit: my T♥ is magic. Bid 4♥ without a blink.

Greg Morse: 4♥. If partner's doubles are at all disciplined, this is still for takeout. Pard must have a moose, and must be looking for slam.

Call	A	B	C	Total Votes	Total Points	Award
4♥	2	4	3	9	35	100
4♣	3	1	1	5	34	97
Pass	2	1	5	8	28	80
5♣	1	0	0	1	10	29

Leaderboard: Two B's, three C's and only one A have 200 so far.

3. (Matchpoints, none vul.)
 ♠ 753 ♥ K975 ♦ 62 ♣ A732

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass*
3♣	4♥	4♣	???

*You "forgot" to double. What now?

Okay, shoot me for including a problem involving a bad bid earlier in the auction. But since it happens to most of us from time to time, can we recover?

Greg Morse: Double. Apply the LAW.

Harold Hanson: Double. This should give us a plus score. Partner still has a bid.

John Reay: What now? 6♥!

Julien Lévesque: Okay, this is an oops, time to catch up and shut it down. Bid 6♥, while I curse very quietly about this auction.

Larry Meyer: 5♥. Pard bid 4♥ all by himself, and unbeknownst to him I have king-fourth of hearts and an outside ace? If the state of the match is such that we really need a good board—try 6♥. Pard is likely void in spades, so both my high cards are working.

The Hideous Hog (In Training): 5♥. It's marginal as a negative double. This is the good side of passing on the first round: when partner bids 4♥ by himself it's clear to bid on with this hand.

Gilbert Lambert: 5♥. We have no defense against 4♠.

Alice Thomas: 5♥. Partner goes to 4♥ on hir own, so my four hearts and seven points are going to put a smile on hir face and plus on our side. (There's that word again, twice! --McB)

Call	A	B	C	Total Votes	Total Points	Award
5♥	5	4	6	15	68	100
6♥	2	1	1	4	24	35
Double	1	1	1	3	14	21
5♠	0	0	1	1	1	1

Leaderboard: David Breton and Kirkland's Dece Berry have 300. Gerald Paul, Phillippe Westreich and Grant Fraser have the Flight C lead with 280.

4. (IMPS, none vul.)
 ♠ T ♥ K6 ♦ KQ943 ♣ AKT94

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	3♣	Pass	???

Hey, a problem that gets every possible response from 3NT thru 4NT has to be a good one!

Gilbert Lambert: 4♦. Forcing. If partner rebids 4♠ I will bid 6♣!

The Hideous Hog (In Training): 4NT. When in doubt, bid Blackwood. I'm probably settling on 6NT unless we're missing two keycards.

Julien Lévesque: 4NT. With a minimum partner will correct or pass, with a normal holding, a slamming we go. (Excuse me there, Dr. J: is 4NT Blackwood or not? It is unless partner bids 5♣? —McB)

Alice Thomas: 4♥. We have game, maybe slam. A cue bid will ask partner to describe (here it comes again! —McB) hir hand.

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John Reay: 4♥. I'll pass 4♣ if partner bids it.

Harold Hanson: 3NT. Might be our only chance for a plus score.

Larry Meyer: 3NT. Follow the rule that when faced with a choice of bids, one of which is 3NT, bid 3NT.

Call	A	B	C	Total Votes	Total Points	Award
3NT	3	4	2	9	44	100
4NT	2	1	0	3	23	52
4♦	2	0	2	4	22	50
4♥	1	1	1	3	14	32
4♣	0	0	3	3	3	7
4♠	0	0	1	1	1	2

Leaderboard: David Breton and Dee Berry are still perfect atop Flights B and A respectively. Larry Meyer is close behind at 397. In Flight C the leader is Phillippe Westreich with 380.

5. (IMPs, E-W vul.)

♠ QJT53 ♥ 4 ♦ 76 ♣ QT962

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	Double	3NT	4♣
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

What is your opening lead?

Is this inspiration or perspiration? Can you tell what is happening or is it a pure guess?

John Reay: 9♣ (0 or 2 higher). East is prepared for a spade lead.

Alice Thomas: T♣. This may be the only way to set this contract, hoping East has Jxxx in clubs. East is expecting a spade lead, and has bid confidently.

Greg Morse: 5♠. Is pard's double conventional or just "I don't think they can make it?" For some partnerships the double commands the lead of (our suit/dummy's suit). Here a heart lead cannot be right. East must be counting on hearts as a source of tricks. Perhaps he has Jxx? In any case pard must have a solid heart stopper (Ax(x) or better) and at least Kxx in spades. Even if declarer has Axxx in spades we should come to a heart, two spades, and at least one minor suit trick.

Julien Lévesque: 5♠. Partner has spades and an outside entry. This lead unblocks while keeping the heart switch for later, if that's what partner wanted.

Harold Hanson: Q♣. Partner's double doesn't discourage a spade lead.

Larry Meyer: Q♣. Sounds like East is counting on running seven hearts and three fast tricks elsewhere. Pard sees four tricks of his own—it will be a race. I take his double to mean spade support for me (consistent with his first double), so I'm leading them even though East bid notrump.

Gilbert Lambert: Q♣. Partner wants me to lead my suit, not hearts.

Lead	A	B	C	Total Votes	Total Points	Award
Q♣	4	1	2	7	45	100
T♣ (or 9)	2	0	2	4	22	49
Low ♥	1	2	1	4	17	38
Low ♠	1	2	0	3	16	36
Low ♣	0	1	3	4	6	13
Low ♦	0	0	1	1	1	2

Leaderboard: Larry Meyer wins again, with a terrific score of 497! David Breton was second in A with 438, Dee Berry third with 436. Completing the top ten were the Hog-In-Training (432), Gilbert Lambert (430), Brad Bart (396), Stuart Carr (393), Grant Fraser (387), Peter Morse (384), and Phillippe Westreich (382).

In Flight B Larry and David have the top two spots, with Stuart Carr third. Stuart wins Flight C in a photo-finish with Grant Fraser and Phillippe Westreich. Larry wins two Sectional free plays, Stuart wins two Monthly Unit Game free plays, and David wins one of each! Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all of the responders.

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probably need two, because find the K♥ onside is your only hope and you need three heart tricks; thus, two heart finesses. Your first entry is the T♠.

Jim Donaldson won the Fall NABC Open Swiss Teams in 1977.

10 years ago in the Matchpointer (March 1992, David Schmidt, editor)

David Schmidt's *For Openers* column on the inside front cover contained a tribute to **Sheila Giroto** (last seen with a different surname), who had won a Flight B Swiss Team event at four consecutive DINO Regionals. David suspected part of the reason for this success was "because she enjoys the game and makes sure her partners do too. We can all learn something from that."

The *Meet The Players* "Who Am I?" Quiz: *Clue #1: I began playing bridge in Uganda in the 1940s. My first duplicate game was in 1965 and I emigrated to Canada in 1972.*

In the spring of 1992 grand plans were being made for a new kind of bridge club in Vancouver. A full page ad for the new Vancouver Bridge Centre (coming soon!) let people know what was on the horizon.

In other Unit news, the Unit subsidy fund paid out \$3101 in subsidy money in 1991-92. A new sectional site was booked for the November 1992 tournament: the Pink Palace in White Rock.

Clue #2: I began playing more bridge in 1991 after retiring from my career as a kitchen cabinet maker.

Eugene Chan had traveled to the NABC in Indianapolis to take the ACBL Certified Director with Intermediate/Novice Accreditation course. Those taking the course received all kinds of instruction from the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and directing to marketing and organizing a bridge club. Those taking the course directed six sessions of novice games under supervision from experienced ACBL staff, and Eugene's experiences and encounters in the novice game as a Director were more entertaining than those he had as a player in the cut-throat open competitions. We're soon coming up on the VBC's ten year anniversary, and perhaps this trip was one of the most important factors in the club's lasting success.

Clue #3: I won almost 65 masterpoints at the 1992 Vancouver Regional, with six overall placings in six days.

Two grand slams were featured. The **Hideoos Hog (in Training)** wanted to know what your bid is opposite partner's first seat vulnerable 3♠, playing in the IMP League. Here's your hand:

♠ AKQJ4 ♥ A ♦ AQT ♣ AK7

7NT is the obvious call, made for a big swing by his partner **Ruth Risto**...but would you open 3♣ with this hand?

♠ — ♥ T863 ♦ J94 ♣ QJT842

HHIT's argument was this: even if partner will open 3♣ with this hand, 7NT is a sound bet at IMPs. If there are only six club winners, there are chances for a thirteenth in spades or diamonds...or even hearts, if one player holds the KQJ♥ and the K♦.

Clue #4: My most frequent partners: Nurdin Kassam, and Ram Hira. I prefer Acol, four-card majors and weak notrumps. (In 1992, anyhow.)

A second grand slam was this one.

WEST	EAST
♠ AKJxx	♠ Qxxxx
♥ —	♥ Ax
♦ Ax	♦ KQxx
♣ AKQxxx	♣ Jx

Mary Fines reported that she and **Tom Cross** played this hand, and with talented bidders like that you'd expect them to get to at least 7NT, but actually they played in 4♠! West decided not to open 2♣ but instead bid 1♠. Unfortunately North was the dealer, and the bid was cancelled and North opened 3♥! East was barred from the auction, so West decided to take a flyer and "try" 4♣. I see I have forgotten to write down just who opened out of turn, and maybe that's a good thing.

Answer to the Meet The Players "Who Am I" quiz: Haiderali Nazak!

15 years ago in the Matchpointer (February and April 1987, Lauren Miller, editor)

A new March Madness event at the Port Coquitlam Bridge Club: a sixteen-team month-long knockout. Winners advanced, losers played in the match-point game for the rest of March, presumably while laying odds on the chances of the surviving teams.

A new club opened in Richmond called the Grand Slam Bridge Club. The club schedule had games every night of the week and many afternoons. The playing area boasted enough room for seventy tables. I was around back then but I missed this. I wonder why it didn't last.

♠ A432 ♥ 542 ♦ AQT98 ♣ Q

Holding this hand and hearing the 1♦ - 1♥, INT - 3NT, **Gord McOrmond** found himself on lead. He chose to begin with the A♦ and found the Jx in dummy. The queen pinned the jack, and although declarer, holding Kxxx, won the king (ducking wouldn't gain), soon Gord was in with the ace of spades and the rest of the diamonds quickly followed for down one. At the other table Gord's team-

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Flight A IMP League (Almost) Final Standings

Maksymetz take #1 seed into playoffs against Lindsay, Ballantyne, Divinsky

This report includes all reported matches thru April 25, 2002.

For match scores, schedules, contact information, and current standings, visit Brad Bart's excellent IMP League Web Page at <http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/IMPS>

The ten teams in Flight A are nearly finished a complete round-robin of nine matches, and the top four teams make the playoffs. There is no masterpoint limit in Flight A. The Goldstone and Foster teams were disqualified for excessive accumulation of late matches.

MP Seed rankings are the ranks given by the anonymous *Matchpointer* prognosticator from the October issue. Octane Level is an indicator of the average margin: lower number indicate teams that play a lot of close matches. The probabilities in the rightmost columns were generated by a computer program called Whizbang that simulated the remaining matches in the season 100,000 times, using results so far and the preseason predictions to set predicted team strengths. Whizbang is limited to matches in the regular season and refuses to predict playoff results.

The only remaining match with a bearing on the playoff seedings is the Lindsay-House match. Lindsay needs 11 or 12 VPs to get to third place, and 13 or more to get to second place.

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Late Matches	MP Seed	Whizbang's probability of finishing		
								1st	Top Two	Playoffs
MAKSYMETZ	8-1-0	193	21.44	+29.33	40.3	0	8th	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%
LINDSAY	6-2-0	149	18.63	+18.63	38.6	0	2nd	0.000%	80.202%	100.000%
BALLANTYNE	7-2-0	161	17.89	+8.78	18.6	0	4th	0.000%	19.798%	100.000%
DIVINSKY	6-3-0	159	17.67	+13.44	32.3	0	1st	0.000%	0.000%	100.000%
HOUSE	5-3-0	112	14.00	-10.00	32.9	0	6th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
TAKEMORI	3-5-0	100	12.50	-8.88	29.0	1	7th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
STREBINGER	2-5-0	78	11.14	-16.14	29.9	1	9th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
RUSSELL	2-6-0	73	9.13	-30.88	43.9	0	10th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
(FOSTER)	2-7-0	64	7.11	-1.56	15.0	0	3rd	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
(GOLDSTONE)	1-8-0	18	2.00	-6.56	9.0	0	5th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

FLIGHT A PLAYOFF TEAMS

♣ Aidan BALLANTYNE, Katrin Litwin, Mike Wilson, Peter MacLean, Audrey & Jim Norman.

♥ Nathan DIVINSKY, Gord Davis, Dan Jacob, Don Brazeau, Larry Hicks, John Hurdle.

♦ Cam LINDSAY, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Dave Waterman, Martin O'Reilly, Cam Doner.

♣ Bryan MAKSYMETZ, Gord & Doreen McOrmond, Don Sache, Jean Groome, Doug Hansford.

FLIGHT X ROSTERS OF TEAMS IN THE HUNT

♣ Stan BODLAK, Pearl Minkoff, Sandi White, David Walker, Cheryl Brander, Christina Jacob.

♥ Dianne ISFELD, Tove Chen, Nigel Fulbrook, Gus Axen, Diane Ayukawa, Jeremy Crowhurst.

♦ Waldemar JEZ, Gregorz Barszcs, Ewa Wroblewicz, Andrej Zorawski.

♣ Mike MOFFATT, John Horne, Debbie Williams, Vicki Croome.

♣ Tom PREDIGER, Ken Lochang, Arun Chopra, Fred Brown.

♥ Sheila SACHE, Gilbert Lambert, Ron Fox, Sherman Kwan, Terry & Fran Gould.

♦ Garry SKOROPADA, Larry Chow, Dan Webster, Brad Fletcher, Flora Tereposky.

Flight X IMP League (Almost) Final Standings

Jez and Sache take top spots, five teams fight for third and fourth

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The nine teams in Flight X are nearly finished a complete round-robin of eight matches, and the top four teams make the playoffs. All players in Flight X must be under 5000 MP as of September 1, 2001.

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Three remaining matches will decide the playoff teams: Isfeld-Moffatt, Isfeld-Sache, and Bodlak-Danielsen. Bodlak needs 9 VPs against Danielsen to pass Skoropada, 17 to pass Prediger, and 21 to pass the highest possible total of Moffatt. If Bodlak fails to pass Prediger with 17 VPs and Moffatt gets less than 26 VP against Isfeld, Prediger will be in. Isfeld needs 54 out of 60 VPs in their final two matches to clinch a playoff spot, but as little as 44 may be enough. Moffatt needs Danielsen to beat Bodlak plus a win against Isfeld to get in. Skoropada needs a Danielsen win and further help in two other matches to squeak in. Sache and Jez will finish 1-2, with Sache taking top spot if they score 12 VPs or more in their final match against Isfeld.

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Late Matches	MP Seed	Whizbang's probability of finishing		
								1st	Top Two	Playoffs
SACHE	6-1-0	148	21.14	+24.29	30.3	0	3rd	88.610%	100.000%	100.000%
JEZ	6-1-1	159	19.88	+22.50	49.2	0	8th	11.390%	100.000%	100.000%
PREDIGER	4-4-0	125	15.63	+1.88	19.1	0	9th	0.000%	0.000%	81.568%
BODLAK	4-3-0	108	15.43	-0.86	29.4	0	1st	0.000%	0.000%	83.611%
SKOROPADA	3-5-0	117	14.63	+2.00	26.1	0	4th	0.000%	0.000%	3.415%
MOFFATT	3-4-0	99	14.14	-4.14	41.9	1	5th	0.000%	0.000%	21.105%
ISFELD	3-3-0	84	14.00	-4.83	27.1	1	6th	0.000%	0.000%	10.301%
MORSE	2-5-1	94	11.75	-11.38	27.5	0	2nd	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
DANIELSEN	1-6-0	48	6.86	-32.29	43.1	0	7th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

"Bottom Board" wins

A rough year for Prognosticators

There may be a position or two flipped, but it is beginning to look like a very bad year for the anonymous (lucky for them) IMP League prognosticators. These marks are not by the French figure skating judge. The math trick of correlation co-efficients ranks predictors from +100% (a perfect prediction) to -100% (you got it, but backwards).

By far the worst score was turned in by "not Vince McMahon," trying to make sense out of Flight X. He would have done better to reverse his order of finish,

scoring a pathetic -6.67%!

A slightly better performance was turned in by Finnegan O'Blarney, predicting Flight C. But +20.00% is nothing to drink a whiskey about.

A bit better than that was "Sources Unknown," predicting Flight A. He scored +21.21%, but we must give him credit for predicting a forfeit, something not been done before.

The best predictor was "Bottom Board," predicting Flight X. His picks scored +50.00% on the scale, exactly halfway between "perfect" and "no apparent relation." Still, predictions in all flights last year were higher. Were the prognosticators out to lunch or were the players just unpredictable?



Flight B IMP League (Almost) Final Standings

Two B teams (Baldys and Bart) in playoffs, five others fight for final two spots

This report includes all reported matches thru December 10, 2001.

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The nine teams in Flight B are nearly finished a complete round-robin of nine matches, and the top four teams make the playoffs. All players in Flight B must be under 1500 MP as of September 1, 2001.

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Baldys and Bart have clinched the 1-2 spots and now await the dogfight for third and fourth. The two matches remaining are Meyer-Angus and Morse-Tjebbes. Meyer needs 10 VPs vs Angus to get in, but with luck 7 VPs will suffice. Morse needs 13 VPs vs Tjebbes to survive, but with luck 11 VP will suffice. Angus needs 21 VPs vs Meyer to clinch a spot, but with luck 18 will suffice. Lai needs a big Tjebbes win over Morse plus a little help in the other match to squeak in. But not too big: Tjebbes needs 29 or 30VP against Morse, plus some help in the other match to defy the long odds.

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Late Matches	MP Seed	Whizbang's probability of finishing		
								1st	Top Two	Playoffs
BALDYS	6-2-0	154	19.25	+19.75	45.4	0	1st	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%
BART	4-3-1	144	18.00	+15.50	28.1	0	7th	0.000%	100.000%	100.000%
MEYER	3-4-0	111	15.86	+8.57	35.8	0	3rd	0.000%	0.000%	77.004%
MORSE	5-2-0	107	15.29	-6.57	38.0	0	4th	0.000%	0.000%	73.372%
LAI	4-4-0	118	14.75	-2.50	30.7	0	8th	0.000%	0.000%	18.241%
ANGUS	3-4-0	100	14.29	-2.57	43.0	0	2nd	0.000%	0.000%	28.453%
CROSS	2-5-1	110	13.75	-0.13	23.6	0	6th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
TJEBBES	3-4-0	89	12.71	-7.86	29.4	0	5th	0.000%	0.000%	2.930%
FETTERLEY	3-5-0	87	10.88	-25.25	43.2	0	9th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

FLIGHT B TEAM ROSTERS OF TEAMS IN THE HUNT

♠ Monica ANGUS, Kathy Bye, Claire Way, Kenny Chan, H.K. Ho, Julia Barsel.

♥ Les BALDYS, Don Sharp, Parti Adams, Sandra Robson, Betty Jackson.

♦ Brad BART, David Breton, Ross Lam, Victor Finberg, Kelvin Raywood.

♣ Samuel LAI, Kam Tang, Andrew Nalos, Grant Gayman, Wayne Ni, Vincent Ho.

♠ Larry MEYER, Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takishita, Ted Trerise.

♥ Greg MORSE, Andy Hellqvist, Richard Dunn, Bruce McIntyre.

♦ Maarten TJEBBES, Jim Kerr, Gary & Faye Gilraine.

FLIGHT C PLAYOFF TEAM ROSTERS

♠ Stuart CARR, Brian, Colin & Doreen Ransom, Barry Yamanoichi, Cathy Miller.

♥ Judy CHRISTENSEN, Dawn Smith, Susan Mitchell, Janice Barr, Ruth Winkler, Chloe Clark.

Third Place:

♦ Bernie HOESCHEN, Adelina Wong-Chor, Myra Johnston, Yvonne Drane, Marlene Powell, Gail Heuchart.

Flight C IMP League Final Standings

Carr takes chequered flag, Christensen over Hoeschen in semi-final.

This report includes all reported matches thru December 10, 2001.

For match scores, schedules, contact information, and current standings, visit Brad Bart's excellent IMP League Web Page at <http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/IMPS>

The six teams in Flight C played a complete round-robin of five matches, and the top three teams make the playoffs. All players in Flight C must be under 500 MP and non-Life Masters as of September 1, 2001.

MP Seed rankings are the ranks given by the anonymous *Matchpointer* prognosticator last issue. Octane Level is an indicator of the average margin: lower numbers indicate teams that play a lot of close matches. The probabilities in the rightmost columns were generated by a computer program called Whizbang that simulated the remaining matches in the season 100,000 times, using results so far and the preseason predictions to set predicted team strengths. (This didn't take very long once all the match results were in, but Whizbang insists on doing all four divisions at once just to show off.) Whizbang is limited to matches in the regular season and refuses to predict playoff results.

In the final standings, the tie for third place went to Christensen over Thomas because Christensen had more match wins. Christensen defeated Hoeschen in the semi-final, so the Flight C final is Carr vs Christensen.

Team Captain	Record W-L-T	Total VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Octane Level	Late Matches	MP Seed	Whizbang's probability of finishing		
								1st	Top Two	Playoffs
CARR	4-1-0	98	19.60	+17.60	24.9	0	2nd	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%
HOESCHEN	3-2-0	80	16.00	+0.20	41.5	0	4th	0.000%	100.000%	100.000%
CHRISTENSEN	3-2-0	74	14.80	-5.00	42.4	0	5th	0.000%	0.000%	100.000%
THOMAS	2-3-0	74	14.80	+2.00	29.0	0	1st	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
POGGEMILLER	2-3-0	62	12.40	-8.60	14.9	0	6th	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
ALEKSON	1-4-0	62	12.40	-6.20	10.3	0	3rd	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

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first two rounds of a fictional Stratified Pairs. In round one, four experienced players get through a tempo break problem without trouble. In round two a similar tempo break happens but the new East-West is a novice pair, and for some reason the reaction this time is very different.

The Club News Yellow Pages was "blanketed" with news about the Magic Carpet Committee. The lease successfully renewed, the VBC had turned its attention to fund-raising for a new carpet. A big fifth anniversary party was scheduled for early July, with items donated including yacht cruises, dinner evenings, and fine art pieces.

The Flight A IMP League playoffs were down to three teams, with Martin Johnson's team awaiting the winner of the match between Ken Lochang and Cam Doner. Doner finished first in the regular season by 1 VP despite being picked eighth of the fourteen squads. The Johnson and Lochang teams were picked for tenth and eleventh, so the prognosticator

had a bit of a tough year. Could it be an IMP League final between VBC executives "Tuna" Lochang and (playing on Martin Johnson's team) Eugene Chan?

In Flight B, an eight team Valley League and an eight team City League had played their semi-finals and finals leaving the regular season city champs, captained by Larry Meyer, to face the valley champs led by Dan Webster, who had finished fourth and scored two upset playoff wins already to get to the final. Larry Meyer's article described a wild match in which City led Valley at one point by forty IMPs to nil, but the 41 IMP halftime lead, 45 IMPs after 21 boards (comparing from Larry's order of play) evaporated in the final set, the Valley squad scoring a big penalty, two game swings, and a slam swing in the final four boards. When the smoke cleared and the scoring was done, Meyer's team had prevailed over 28 boards...by 88 IMPs to 86!

The answer to the *Give Me A Hand* deal is that you must pitch away the K♠! If you don't, you'll have only one entry to finesse hearts, and you will

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Special Events News

by Larry Meyer

The GNT, CNTC, and CWTC have all held their District or Zone Finals since the last issue, and the NAOP is about to get underway for 2002-03, after the 2001-02 National Finals were decided at the Spring NABC in Houston.

GNT: A new wrinkle this year had the unlimited flight and the 0-2000 B Flight held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, with the 0-5000 Flight A and the non-Life Master Flight C held two weeks later in Renton and Bellevue.

In the SuperFlight, the winners were the Seattle-area team of **Ray Miller, Dave Setterholm, Emery Selymes, Steve Campau, Rod Caldwell, and Ken Christiansen**, who came from behind to defeat a strong squad led by **Paul Soloway**.

In Flight A, the winners were **Dave Grubbs, Baluso Rao, Steve Handley** and **Howard Epley**.

In Flight B, three members of the Anaheim GNT-B champions of two years ago won the right to try for a repeat! **Vicki Croome** joined **Mike Moffatt, Tai Eng** and **Insa Fricker** on the winning squad, defeating **Kel Raywood, Eugene Chan, Mark Eddy** and **Samantha Nystrom** in the final.

In Flight C the champions were **David Roselle, Theresa Venhula, Kurt Kosty, and Tom Stever**. The four winning squads will represent District 19 at the Summer NABC in Washington DC.

CNTC: Six teams played in the BC Zone Final held at the VBC on March 30. Winners were the Victoria team of **Mike Roberts, Duncan Smith, David Todd, and Scott Morrison**. The second team representing BC will be **Larry & June Pocock, Martin Henneberger, and Dave House**.

CWTC: Three teams played in the BC Zone Final held at the VBC March 31. The winners were the team of **June Pocock, Carol-Ann Halliday, Samantha Nystrom, and Catherine McKinnon**. National finals of the CNTC and CWTC will be held at Bridge Week, June 18-25 in Edmonton.

NAOP: Chris Maylin and Chris Robbins were third at the Flight C National final in Houston in March. Chris Times Two were just a few matchpoints out of first and less than a full matchpoint behind the runners-up!

The club qualifying period for the 2002-03 NAOP is from June 1 to August 31. 2002 District NAOP conditions were not received by press time, but traditionally clubs may schedule up to three qualifying games for every regular weekly session that they run. These can be stratified (all flights) or limited to Flight C only, or Flight B and C only. Flight B is 0-2000, Flight C is non-Life Masters up to 500 MP.

Unit 430 NAOP Club Qualifying Games scheduled (so far):

Tuesday, June 4	7:30	Burnaby
Wednesday, June 19	7:15	White Rock
Monday, June 24	7:15	South Surrey
Thursday, July 11	7:15	New Westminster

The Unit hopes that all clubs will schedule at least one qualifying game. The sanction fee (especially after exchange rates are calculated) is higher, but with increased turnout through proper promotion, the event can be a big summer highlight at your club. Players can not only earn the right to compete in the Unit Final in the fall (and perhaps go further from there!), but they also can win greatly increased masterpoint awards—we've seen three or four points awarded to the overall winners in club qualifying games, and of course that means higher awards right down the line.

So, if your club doesn't have an NAOP game scheduled yet, ask them to set a date! It could be—don't laugh, it's happened before!—the beginning of a national championship!

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May 13: Swiss Teams

May 20: Club Closed (sectional)

June 24: NAOP Qualifying Game

Winners:

Club Championship: Ron McConnell/Bachan Buttar

Junior Fund Game: John Lien/John Horne

Teams: John Lien, Judy Acheson,

Daisy Neilson, Maggie Warren

Big Game: Lynn Cartwright (new to the club!), 68.75%



Special Events in a Box

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EVENT	Qualifying Club Level Games	Unit Final	District or Zone Final	National Final	Subsidies Available
COPC Canadian Open Pairs Championship	Watch for club qualifying games this fall for the 2003 COPC.	No Unit or Zone Final. Any two CBF members may play in the National Final, but if you don't qualify at the club level, buy-in fee is \$100.		Canadian Bridge Federation 2002 Bridge Week: <i>Edmonton AB</i> June 18-25	About \$1100 in Unit subsidy fund, also a CBF subsidy.
CNTC Canadian National Team Championship Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-1000	Watch for club qualifying games this fall for the 2003 CNTC.	none	See list of winners in the accompanying article.	COPC: June 22-23 CNTC Flight A: June 18-25	\$219 in Unit subsidy fund, also a CBF subsidy.
CWTC Canadian Women's Teams Championship	There are no club or unit qualifying games. Any team of female CBF members may enter the Zone Final.		See list of winners in the accompanying article.	CNTC Flight B: June 18-22 CWTC: June 18-22	\$214 in Unit subsidy fund. No CBF subsidy.
GNT Grand National Teams Championship Flight Unlimited Flight A 0-5000 Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Watch for club qualifying games in fall and winter 2002 for the 2003 GNT.	none	See list of winners in the accompanying article.	Summer NABC: Washington DC July 18-28, 2002 (all flights).	\$400/team from DINO, \$168 in Unit subsidy.
NAOP North American Open Pairs Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Club games may be run from June 1-August 31. Four are already scheduled; see accompanying article.	Fall 2002	Late 2002 (Seattle) Details TBA.	Chris Maylin & Chris Robbins finished third in the NAOP-C National Final in Houston!	Teams 3rd in District Final split \$416 Unit subsidy. (ACBL pays top two.)
CBF Canada West STaC: February 18-24 winners are listed on page 42-43 CBF Rookie Master Game: Wednesday, October 30, 2002.					

White Rock Bridge Club

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

Arlene Browning 1-604/870-9300

Partnerships: Dot Carnegie 604/535-8286

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Stratified last Wednesday of each month

May 8: STaC Game (silver points!)

June 5: Club Championship (tentative, please check with club to confirm)

July 17: NAOP Club Qualifying Game

Winners:

Club Championship: Sherman Kwan/Wilf May

Teams: Garry Scollon, Frances Gunn,

Avril Hodson, Harvey Sawyer

Junior Fund Game: Rekha Shah/Antoinette Sheffield

ACBL Charity Game: Mike Dorn Wiss/Felipe Hernandez

Big Game: Rita Hasselbach/Liz Stoneman, 67.36%



LOCAL WINNERS

VANCOUVER REGIONAL
RICHMOND, BC
JANUARY 7-13, 2002

A	B	C	<u>Monday Charity Pairs</u>
2/3	1/2	1	Wink & Ann Andres
2/3	1/2		Don Keith/Carol-Ann Halliday
4	3		John Demeulemeester/Audrey Loy
		5	John Lien/ Liz Stoneman
		6	2 William & Gary Ge
		3	Peter Wong/Fred Powell
		4	Evelynne & Herb Loomer
		5	Stephen Pickett/Veronica Peacock

D	E	F	<u>Tuesday Afternoon 99er Pairs</u>
1	1		Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michiyo Takeda
3	3		Jim & Daphne Shaw
4	4	1	Terry Wilkinson/Lidia Jacoli
5/6	5/6		Grant & Marge Krucik
5/6	5/6		Rowena Huberman/Sharon Chercover
		2	Donald & Dianne McDonald

A	B	C	<u>Tuesday Morning Continuous Pairs</u>
1			Julien Lévesque
2	1		Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak
		2	Claire Burns/Peter Morse

A	B	C	<u>Tuesday Aftn. Continuous Pairs</u>
1	1		Norma McNamara/John Berry
2	2		Jim Groves/Len Feeny
3	3	1	Shirley & William Miller
4	4	2	Brian & Doreen Ransom
5	5	3	Greg Lam/Julien Lévesque
6	6	4	Wuyen Ni/Vincent Ho
		5	Chloe Clark/Janice Barr
		6	Wyn & Paul Crawford

A	B	C	<u>Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs</u>
3	2		Jim McEvoy/Carol-Ann Halliday
4	3		Nick & Janis Parker
5	4		Len Feeny/Jim Groves
		5	2 Myra Johnston
		6	3 Charlotte Alekson/Gerald Paul
		5	Roland Chew/Harry Yee
		6	Veronica Peacock/Stephen Pickett

D	E	<u>Tuesday Eve 99er Pairs</u>
1	1	Anthony Gill/Armando Andreoli
3		Sima Sadi/Mary June Young
4/5		Jackie Phillips/Elliott Burnett
	3	Marg & Grant Krucik

A	B	C	<u>Tue-Wed Aft Senior Pairs</u>
1			Tom Cross
2	1		Stan Bodlak/David Walker
3			Pearl Minkoff/Bonnie Anderson
4	2		Claire Burns/Peter Morse
6			Beryl Hamilton/Jill Wainborn
		3	Gladys Mackie/Olive Macdonald
		6	Daisy Neilson/Myra Morgan
		1	Malcolm & Jeanne McDonald
		2	Allan Marr/Nelson Fong
		3	Joan Thornthwaite/Dave Pritchard
		4	Robertta Richards/Betty Reynolds

A	B	C	<u>Tue.-Wed. Aftn. Women's Pairs</u>
1			Jean Groome
2			Kathy Adachi/June Pocock
3			Catrina Henning/Pat Landau
4			Donna Morrison/Ev Hodge
5			Marcia Christie/Leslie Gold
6			Mary Fines/Helen Montgomery
	1	1	Bev Kanee/Tomie Yamanouchi
	3	2	Julia Barsel/Olga Guitelmakher
	4	3	Aase Haines/Myra Morgan
	5		Anne Scott/Kathy Bye

A	B	C	<u>Tue.-Wed. Afternoon Open Pairs</u>
1	1		Mark Eddy/Sam Nystrom
3			Steve Clements/Bruce Partridge
4			Jean Groome/Jenny Ballantyne
8			Sheila Sache/Gilbert Lambert
		3	Glenn Ponto/Melinda Ernsberger
		4	Chester Michno/Harry Friedman
		6	Christa Mead/Don Keith
		1	Wink & Ann Andres
		2/3	Anne Smith/Norma Saltzberg
		2/3	Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse
		5	Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak

A	B	C	<u>Tue.-Wed. Evening Open Pairs</u>
2	1		Bill Osten
3			Les Fouks/Mike Yuen
6			Dennis Groden/Gilbert Lambert
7	2		Theo Deeder
8			Aidan Ballantyne/Kathy Litwin
		3	1 William & Gary Ge
		4	2 Wink & Ann Andres
		5	3 Greg Barszcs/Waldemar Jez
		4	Judy Murphy/Gail Watson
		5	Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
		6	Allan Marr/Nelson Fong

D	E	F	<u>1999er Pair Championship</u>
2	1		Marlene Powell/Myra Johnston
3			David Hoey
4			Bob Faraci/Kristina Bohdanowicz
3			Parvin Grigg/Sima Sadi
	4	2	James & Daphne Shaw
	3		Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michiyo Takeda

A	B	C	<u>Wednesday Aftn. Continuous Pairs</u>
1			Dee Segarich
2	1		Debbie Williams/John Horne
5	3		Marla Gropper/Nomi Kaplan
6	4		Diane Dean/Nancy Yoshida
		1	Tom Cotton/Charlotte Alekson
		3	Peggy Ross/Karin Dunlop

A	B	C	<u>Wed. Aftn. Cont. Pairs (Cont.)</u>
		4/5	Brian Cross
		4/5	Shirley & William Miller
		6/7	Richard & Eileen Fuller
		6/7	Rae Fee/Norma McNamara

A	B	C	<u>Wednesday Evening Cont. Pairs</u>
2	1	1	Peter Wong/Fred Powell
3	2		Douglas Scott/Margaret Green
5	3		Jack Hopwood/Hal Rodd
6	4	2	Carol-Ann Halliday
		5	Glenn Ponto/Melinda Ernsberger
		6	Debbie Williams/John Horne
		3	Tom Cotton/Charlotte Alekson
		5	Andrew Zorawski/Mark Rudjewski
		6	Ewa Wroblewicz/Jerry Mazur

Bracket	Rank	<u>Mon-Wed Knockout Teams</u>
I	1	Cam Doner
	2	Gerry McCully
	3/4	Mike & Ben Takemori, Jim Norman, Mike Dimich
II	1	Harold Hansen, Gary Phelan, Ron Fox, Sherman Kwan
	3/4	Alan Lee; Kathy Bye, Ewa Wroblewicz
	5/8	Barbara Allard, Jeanette Greenhut, Marla Gropper, Nomi Kaplan
III	2	John Beresford, Roy Goodman, Dolores Layton, Sohrah Radmard
	3/4	Brian Cross, Eda Kadar, Peggy Ross, Karin Dunlop
IV	2	Joanne McDonald, Mary McDermid, Ruth Norris, Kathy Brady
	3/4	Michael Ryan, Neil Cook, Soren Komerup, Jack Braverman; Yvonne Drane, Myra Johnston, Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell

A	B	C	<u>Thursday Afternoon Cont. Pairs</u>
1			Antoinette Sheffield/Bonnie Anderson
2	1		Nancy Yoshida/Kazuko Koda
3	2	1	Linda Morgan/Joan Campbell
4	3		Amir Alibhai/Rick Smillie
5			Donna Morrison/Helen Montgomery
6	4	2	Shirley & William Miller
		5	3 Gerald Paul/Brian Cross
		6	Jackie Phillips
		4	Veronica Peacock/Stephen Pickett
		5/6	Tony Shyu/Chang-Shan Chen
		5/6	Bob Faraci/Bill Henning

A	B	C	<u>Thursday Evening Cont. Pairs</u>
1			Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
2	1		Amirali Alibhai/Richard Smillie
3	2		Insa Fricker/Susan McBride
4	3	1	Carol-Ann Halliday
5			Nadine McInnis/Gladys Mackie
6	4	2	Grant Gayman/Trent Appelle
		5	3 Marla Gropper/Rosalee Hardin
		6	4 Tony Y. N. Shyu/Chang-Shan Chen
		5	Kathy Orr/Anne Knowlan

Rank	Tue.-Thu. Conti. Pairs	Overalls
3/4	Rick Smillie, Amir Alibhai	
5/6	Delphine Tablotney, Phyllis Gerber	

A	X	Thursday Flight A/X Swiss Teams
1		Carol & Paul Waters/Ron Borg, Dan Jacob

2/3	1	Gord Davis, Ben & Mike Takemori, Andrew Ross
4		Michael Yuen, Gerry McCully
5		Kathy Adachi
6/7	2	John & Trudy Hurdle, Audrey & Jim Norman
6/7		Jane Pockock, Mike Dimich, Dave House
8		Bruce Partridge, Steve Clements
9		Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert, Don Sache, Doug Hansford
3		Gray McMullin, Martin Henneberger
4		John Lien, Liz Stoneman

B	C	D	Thursday Ftl. B/C/D Swiss Teams
4			Grace Jeklin, Ron Fox, Dennis Groden, Sherman Kwan
6			Ram Hira, Don Keith, Brad Barton, David Pritchard
7			Debbie Williams, John Horne, Chris Maylin

3	1	Terry Val Jean, Garry Scollon, Craig Dunning, Norman Delaire
5		Joan Sobieniak, Sharon Hughes, Margaret Elhigott, Jane Craig
6	3	Judi Wilson, Brenda Cameron, Doreen & Colin Ransom
4		Samantha Nystrom, Catherine McKinnon
5		Ted Worsfold, Bill Mcmartin

D	E	Thursday Aft. 199er Swiss Teams
1	1	Beverley Hall, Edite Philippotts, Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell
2		Bonnie & Gerry Purcell, Janice Barr, Chloe Clark
4	2	Marla Gropper, Rosalee Hardin, Rowen Huberman, Sharon Cherverover

D	E	Thursday Eve. 199er Swiss Teams
1		Pauline & John Kay, Grant & Margaret Krucik
2		Bonnie & Gerry Purcell, Chloe Clark, Janice Barr
3		Neil Cook, Soren Kornerup, Don Stewart, J.L. Davidson
1		Donald & Dianne McDonald

D	E	Friday Afternoon 99er Pairs
1/2	1	Jim Shaw/Daphne Shaw
1/2		Sachi Yamakami/Mrs. Yamakami
3/4	2/3	Lidia Jacoli/Terry Wilkinson
3/4	2/3	Grant & Margaret Krucik

A	B	C	Friday Evening Swiss Teams
1	1		Alex Chuang, David Huang
3			Sandra Borg, Ray Clemmons, Sherman Kwan, Ron Fox

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs
1	1		Nancy Yoshida/Diane Dean
2	2		Amirali Alibhai/Rick Smillie
3	3	1	Marla Gropper/Rosalee Hardin
4	4	2	Gerald-Paul/Clay Connolly
5	5	3	Carol-Ann Halliday
6	6	4	Bob Morris/Aziz Azizi

A	B	C	Friday Evening Continuous Pairs
2	1		Ture Erickson/Herby Lum
5	4		Ken Lochang/Mark Eddy
6	5	3	Peggy Winter/Marie Cahill
6/7	4		Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell
6/7			Kathy Bye/John Demeulemeester

A	B	C	Friday Evening Swiss Teams (cont.)
4			Tom Cross
6/7	3/4	2	Bonnie & Gerry Purcell, Chloe Clark, Janice Barr
5	3		Peggy Ross, Greg Lam, Roberta Richards, Karin Dunlop

D	E	Friday Evening 99er Pairs
2	2	Armando Andreoli
3		Rosalee & Earl Hardin

A	B	C	Friday Open Pairs
1			Sandra Fraser/Dan Jacob
2			Marcia Christie/Rhonda Foster
3			David House/Martin Henneberger
4			Michael Yuen
5	1		Dennis McMahon/John Reay
3			Olive Macdonald/Ted Trites
4			Nick & Janis Parker
5			Jo-Anne Modesto/Ted Jellema
6			Jill Wainborn
2			Allan Marr/Nelson Fong
3			Linda & Les Ellis
4			Bernard Hoeschen/Bob Sturgess

A	B	Lucky Draw Sat. Morning Swiss
2		Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Gilbert Lambert, Sandra Robson

Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockout Teams
I	1	Dave House, Ben Takemori, Martin Henneberger, June Pockock
	3/4	Cam Doner, Gerry McCully
II	1	Kathy Bye
	2	Bachan Buttar, Rae Fee, Amirali Alibhai
	3/4	Barbara Allard, Jeanette Greenhut, Brad Barton
III	1	Brian, Colin & Doreen Ransom, Betty Reynolds, Kazuko Koda
	2	Ghoadi Ahmadi
	3/4	Gail Watson, Fred Powell, Roberta Richards, Bobby Wood

Bracket	Rank	Weekend Knockout Teams
I	1	Gerry McCully
	3/4	Bernice & Al French
II	1	Debbie Williams, John Horne, Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome
	2	Lotte Elias, Tom Cotton, Avril Hodson, Gail Perrin

Bracket	Rank	Weekend Knockout Teams (Cont.)
	3/4	Hing Kong Ho, Kenny Chan
III	1	Isabel Chernoff, Marlene Barber, Chris Maylin, Norma McNamara
	3/4	Ted Worsfold, Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Ted Trerise
	5/8	Judi Wilson, Brenda Cameron
IV	1	Lynn Erickson, Eda Kadar
	3/4	Alice & Gary Thomas, Beverley Hall, Edite Philippotts, Yvonne Drane, Myra Johnston, Adelina Wong-Chor, Gail Heuchert

E	F	99ers Pairs Championship
1	1	Grant & Margaret Krucik
3		Zaimool Esmail/Nizar Esmail
4	3	Sima Sadri/Solveig Karlgren
5	4	Jim & Daphne Shaw
6		Jacqueline Phillips/Linda Wormworth
	5	Teddie Steede-Mechler/Mike Pope

A	X	Saturday Flight A Open Pairs
1		Paul Sontag/Greg Arbour
2		Mike Dimich/Bradley Bart
3	1	Mark Eddy, Samantha Nystrom
5	2	John Lien
6	3	Ken Lochang/Steve Clements
	4	Gary Phelan/Dan Watson

B	C	D	Saturday Flight B/C/D Open Pairs
3/4	1		Judy & Jim Anderson
	5		Glenn Ponto/Melinda Ernberger
	3	1	Andy Hellquist/Greg Morse
	3		Gypsy Sturrock/Shirley Laidlaw
	4		Maureen Crompton/Bobby Wood
	6		David Huang/Alex Chuang

A	B	C	Saturday Afternoon Cont. Pairs
1			Phyllis Gerber, Aase Haines
2	1		Brian & Colin Ransom
3	2		Barry & Tomie Yamanouchi
4	3		Amirali Alibhai/Rick Smillie
5	4	2	Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell
6	3		Andrew Zorawski/Jerzy Mazur
	4		Marla Gropper/Rosalee Hardin
	5		Freda Cryer/Julianne Wooden
	6/7		Bob Sturgess/Noorali Dhanani
	6/7		Greg Lam/Lila Jay

A	B	C	Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs
1	1	1	Alice & Gary Thomas, Langley BC
3			Stella Alliston/Bonnie Anderson
6			Ernie Dietrich/Sefton Levine
	6		H.K. Ho/Kenny Chan
	2		Chloe Clark/Janice Barr
	3		Charlotte Aleksong/Gerald Paul

Rank	Fri.-Sat. Continuous Pairs Overalls
1/2	Rick Smillie
1/2	Amir Alibhai
3/4	Aase Haines
3/4	Phyllis Gerber
5	Nancy Yoshida

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A	X	Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams	
1		Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin	
2		Dan Jacob, Cam Doner	
3		Bryan Maksymetz	
4		Paul & Carol Waters, Laurence Betts, Dave House	
5/6	1	John & Trudy Hurdle, Marcia & Richard Christie	
10/11		Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson	
10/11		Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster	
3		Jim & Audrey Norman	
4		Monica Angus, Julia Barsel, Kathy Bye	
B	C	D	Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams
1			Tai Eng, Vicki Croome, Mike Moffatt, Insa Fricker
2			Debbie Williams, John Horne, Sandra Robson, Jeanette Greenhut
3	1		Brad Bart, David Breton, Ross Lam, Kelvin Raywood
4	2	1	Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Rod Coote
5/6	3		William & Gary Ge
7	4		David Huang, Alex Chuang
8			Glenn Ponto, Melinda Ernsberger
5	2		Pauline Kay, Jill Wilson, Joan Campbell, Janet Alexander
7			Cathy Miller, Samantha Nystrom, Tomie Yamanouchi, Stuart Carr
3			Ray Clemmons
4			Isabel Chernoff, Chris Maylin, Chris Robbins, Joan Brooks
5/6			Judy Murphy, Greg Lam, Gail Watson, Nando Pieralli
5/6			Michael & Pat Stickland, Marg Elligott, Gordon Burns
A	B	C	Sunday Senior Swiss Teams
1			Kathy Adachi, Wilf May, Sherman Kwan, Ron Fox
2			Brad Barton, David Pritchard
3			Phyllis Gerber, Delphine Tablotney, Stella Alliston, Helen Montgomery
4			Louis & Pat Landau, Geraldine Lacroix, Ev Hodge
5/7			Pearl Minkoff, Stan Bodlak, David Walker, Sheryl Brander, Joerg Schneider, Ernie Dietrich, Dot Carnegie, Pat Staff, Tom Cross
1			Mariann Hutton, Rekha Shah, Gypsy Sturrock, Antoinette Sheffield
2			Maggie Warren, Judy Acheson, Arlene Browning, Daisy Neilson

A B C Sunday Senior Swiss Teams cont.

1			Eileen Sands, Aase Haines, Bernice Mulock, Eleanor Webb
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**2002 TROPHY SECTIONAL
BURNABY BC, MARCH 1-3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 288 1/2 TABLES**

A B C Fri. Aftn. Open Pairs (34 tables)

1	1		Claire Burns/Peter Morse
2	2		Arun Chopra/Narinder Malhotra
3			Don Keith/Christa Mead
4	3		Alex Kiper/Dennis Groden
5			Ralph & Lynda Cole
6	4		James Lenobel/William Osten
5			Marion Crowhurst/Joan Richards
6			Amirali Alibhai/Richard Smillie
	1		Kazuko Koda/Doreen Ransom
	2		Garry Scollon/Norman Delaire
	3		Roberta Richards/Veronica Peacock
	4		Bonnie & Gerald Purcell
	5		Dorothy & Don Macleod
	6		Edite Phillpotts/Beverley Hall

D E Friday Aftn. 99er Pairs (3 tables)

1	1		Elaine Quinn/Patricia Chen
2	2		Gary Macdonald/Ireta Fisher

Fri. Eve. Henry Smilie Trophy

Mixed Board-a-Match (17 teams)

1/2			Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin, Doreen & Gord McOrmond
1/2			Don Sache, Grace Jeklin, Sheila Sache, Doug Hansford
3/4			Marion & Jeremy Crowhurst, Doug Cowan, Marg Elligott
3/4			Sandra & Doug Fraser, Christina & Dan Jacob
5/7			Ev Hodge, Marge Neate, William Osten, James Lenobel
5/7			Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish, John Lien, Liz Stoneman
5/7	1		Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Terry & Anne Scott
	2		Debbie Williams, John Horne, Sandra Robson, Dennis Groden
	3/4		Don Keith, Bob Kiggins, Marylou Varga, Christa Mead
	3/4	1	Patricia & Michael Stickland, Gordon Burns, Sharon Hughes
	2		Kazuko Koda, Colin, Dorren & Brian Ransom

A B C Friday Eve. Side Game (23 pairs)

1	1		Ping Ding/Jane Fyfe
2	2		Anita Morse/John Demeulemeester
3			Catriona Henning/Rhoda Taffler
4	3	1	James Balcom/Robert Jess
5	4		Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist
6	5		Pat Wotherspoon/Elaime Levins
	6		Bev Kanee/Joan Campbell
	2		Anne Smith/Mary June Young
	3		Stuart Carr/Barry Yamanouchi
	4		Veronica Peacock/David Piper

Sat. Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy Open Pairs(48, 20 tables)

Rank	
1	Ralph Cole/Lynda Cole
2	Mike Hargreaves/Bryan Maksymetz
3	Jean & Ron Groome
4	Katrin Litwin/Ben Takemori
5	Les Fouks/Wilf May
6	Arun Chopra/Narinder Malmotra
7	David House/Laurence Betts
8	Ernie Dietrich/Julien Lévesque

Saturday Adrian & June Budd Hicks Consolation Pairs(26 tables)

Rank	
1	Donna Morrison/Mary Fines
2	Marge Neate/Monica Angus
3/4	Marvin Lee/Alan Lee
3/4	Linda Sims/Lauren Miller
5	Marylou Varga/Daisy Neilson
6	Dan Webster/Dennis Groden

Saturday two-session Future Master Pairs (7.7 tables)

D	E	
1	1	Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michio Takeda
2		Dawn Smith/Ruth Winkler
3		Beverley Hall/Edite Phillpotts
4	2	Dianne Sterling/Janet Banning
5	3	Mitsuko Iohara/Kazuko Ito
4		Mary Neilson/Carmen McKay

Sunday Willy Weinstein Trophy Flight A/X Swiss Teams(18 teams)

A	X	
1		Dan Jacob, Doug & Sandra Fraser, Greg Arbour, Bryan Maksymetz
2	1	Don & Sheila Sache, Doug Hansford, Dennis Groden
3	2	Terry Gould, Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish, Gilbert Lambert
4	3	Insa Fricker, Ron Fox, Sherman Kwan, Tai Eng
4		Harold Hansen, Dan Watson, Gary Phelan, Sandra Robson

Sunday Mary Clarke Trophy Ft. B/C/D Swiss Teams(32 teams)

B	C	D	
1	1		Dan Groves, Sharon Erwin, Kenny Chan, H.K. Ho
2	2		Priscilla Brown, Marylou Varga, Christa Mead, Carol-Ann Halliday
3			Debbie Williams, John Horne, Vicki Croome, Mike Moffatt
4	3		Amirali Alibhai, Richard Smillie, Robert Butler, Malcolm McDonald
5/6			Lotte Elias, Arlene Browning, Daisy Neilson, Joyce Rhodes
5/6			Wink & Ann Andres, Stephen Beaton, Anne Scott
4			Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Marti Oppenheimer, Greg Lam
5			Marla Gropper, Rosalee Hardin, Sharon Chercover, Nomi Kaplan
6			Brad Bart, David Breton, Kelvin Raywood, Ross Lam
1			Eda Kadar, Geoff Fetterley, Alice & Gary Thomas

Sunday Mary Clarke Trophy Fit. B/C/D Swiss Teams (cont.)			
B	C	D	
2			Charlotte Alekson, James Balcom, Gerald Paul, Robert Jess
3			Harvey & Jean Bridges, Edite Phillips, Beverley Hall
4			Wendy McKee, Sandy Williams, Jill Wilson, Pauline Kay

**2002 FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL
VANCOUVER BC, APRIL 13-14
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 66 TABLES**

A	B	C	Sat. Aftn. 199er Pairs (20 tables)
1	1		<i>Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik</i>
2	2	1	<i>Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell</i>
3	3		Sachi Yamakami/Mona Blusson
4	4		Roland Chew/Jeanette Chew
5			Gerald & Bonnie Purcell
6	5	2	Freda Cryer/Julianne Wooden
	6	3	Larry Jacobson/Mary Hewitt
		4	Rowena Huberman/Gladys Adilman
		5	Zahra Jafroudi/Ataollah Amiri

A	B	C	Sat. Eve. 199er Pairs (16 tables)
1			<i>Brian Ransom/Stuart Carr</i>
2	1	1	<i>Carole Harris/Sophie Cymbalista</i>
3	2		Yvonne Drane/Myra Johnston
4	3	2	Joyce Goddard/Nell Smitheringale
5	4		Bruce Partridge/Harry Kublik
6			Sachi Yamakami/Cathy Miller
	5	3	Jim Bodner/Lynn Humphries
	6	4	Larry Jacobson/Mary Hewitt

A	B	C	Sat. Aftn. 199er Pairs (18 tables)
1	1	1	<i>Jack Lee/Ken Ko</i>
2	2	2	Jim Graf/Rochelle Graf
3	3	3	Rowena Huberman/Gladys Adilman
4	4		John Emmerson/Cary Boyce
5			Dorothy & Don Macleod
6	5		Norma Doucette/Jean Steuart
	6	4	Joyce Goddard/Nell Smitheringale
		5	Margaret & Bruno Moras

Sunday Afternoon 199er Swiss Teams (12 teams)			
A	B	C	
1			<i>Stuart Carr, Kazuko Koda, Brian Ransom, Cathy Miller</i>
2	1	1	<i>Dianne Sterling, Susan O'Bryan, Laurie Scott, Janet Banning</i>
3	2		Bruno & Margaret Moras, David Piper, Sophie Cymbalista
4			Harvey & Jean Bridges, Dorothy & Don Macleod

(A list of the top ten masterpoint winners was unavailable at press time. It will appear next issue.)

OUT-OF-TOWN WINNERS

RENO REGIONAL RENO NV, DECEMBER 26-31

A	B	C	Thursday Morn. Continuous Pairs
5	2	1	<i>Ted & Jessie Vesak</i>

Bracket	Rank	Holiday Knockout Teams
III	3/4	Dennis Groden

A	B	C	Thursday Eve. Continuous Pairs
6	4		Sandra Robson

A	X	Thursday Flight A/X Swiss
5		John Whittlesey

D	E	F	Thursday Evening 199er Pairs
2			Marie Cahill/Peggy Winter

A	B	C	Friday Early Bird Continuous Pairs
3			Ted & Jessie Vesak

B	C	D	Friday Flight B/C/D Pairs
1			Dan Webster/Dennis Groden

D	E	F	Friday Evening 199er Pairs
4			Peggy Winter/Marie Cahill

A	B	C	Friday Evening Stratified Swiss
4/5			Brian Russell

D	E	F	Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs
5			Bonnie & Gerry Purcell

Bracket	Rank	Reno Knockout Teams
III	3/4	Larry Chow

A	B	C	Sun Morning Continuous Pairs
5	2		John Lien/Liz Stoneman
		4	Ted & Jessie Vesak

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
1			<i>Cam Doner</i>
		4	Dan Webster

A	B	C	Sunday Evening Swiss Teams
4/5	1		<i>John Lien, Liz Stoneman</i>

D	E	F	Sunday 199er Prize Pairs
5			Bonnie & Gerry Purcell

A	B	C	Sunday Open Pairs
4			Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin
		1	<i>John Whittlesey</i>
		5	Dan Webster

A	B	C	Monday Morning Continuous Pairs
1			<i>John Whittlesey</i>

A	B	C	Monday Aftn. Continuous Pairs
1			<i>John Whittlesey</i>

Rank	Year End Cont. Pairs Overalls
1/2	<i>John Whittlesey</i>

B	C	D	New Year's Eve B/C/D Swiss Teams
5			Liz Stoneman, John Lien

D	E	F	Monday Afternoon 199er Teams
2			Bonnie & Gerry Purcell

NEW YEARS SECTIONAL CALGARY AB, JANUARY 11-13

A	B	C	Saturday Evening Side Game
2			Ted Deeder

HAWAII REGIONAL HONOLULU HI, JANUARY 14-20

A	B	C	Tuesday Eve Continuous Pairs
2			Sheila Sache/Dennis Groden
4	3		Brian Russell

Bracket	Rank	Quick KO Teams I
I	3/4	Cam Doner, Mike Dorn Wiss

A	B	C	Open Swiss Teams
1			<i>Cam Doner</i>

A	B	C	Wednesday Eve. Continuous Pairs
6/7			Doris Frizzell/Gary Post

A	B	C	Wednesday Aftn. Continuous Pairs
3			Doris Frizzell/Gary Post

A	B	C	Morning Continuous Pairs Overalls
2			Dexter Fong

A	B	C	Thursday Open Pairs
8			Gary Post

A	B	C	Thursday Evening Cont. Pairs
3			Don & Sheila Sache
4	2		Dennis Groden/Palti Adams

A	B	C	Friday Evening Continuous Pairs
4			Doris Frizzell/Gary Post

A	B	C	Jim Hopkins Open Pairs
5			Marge Neale/Marion Crowhurst

A	B	C	Saturday Afternoon Cont. Pairs
1	1		<i>Jeremy & Marion Crowhurst</i>

A	B	C	Evening Continuous Pairs Overalls
6			Shiela Sache

Bracket	Rank	Weekend Knockout Teams
I	1	<i>Cam Doner</i>

A	B	C	Open Pairs
4			Doug Hansford/Dennis Groden

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A B C Sunday Morning Continuous Pairs
4 Dexter Fong

A X Flight A/X Swiss
1/2 *Cam Doner*

**PORT TOWNSEND SECTIONAL
PT. TOWNSEND WA, JANUARY 18-20**

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs
6 3 Larry Jacobson

**POWELL RIVER SECTIONAL
POWELL RIVER BC, FEBRUARY 1-3**

A B C Friday Evening Stratified Pairs
3 1 1 *Joy Wilson*

Rank Friday Evening 0-20 Pairs
2 Dorothy Fraser/Peggy Malcolm

A B C George Joneson Pairs
2 Terry & Anne Scott
5 1 1 *Fay & Mike McCarthy*
3 2 Joy Wilson

A B C Sunday Stratified Swiss
4/7 Anne & Terry Scott, Tom & Gerry Cross, Julie & Doug Cowan
4/7 2/4 1/2 *Andrew Hopkinson, Tom Wood*

**BELLINGHAM SECTIONAL
BELLINGHAM WA, FEBRUARY 8-10**

A B C Friday Afternoon Pairs
1 *Stella Alliston/Monica Angus*
6/7 Ev Hodge/Joan Richards

A B C Friday Evening Pairs
1 *Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster*
2 1 *John Lien*

Rank Friday Eve 99er Pairs
2 Bruno & Margaret Moras

D E F Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs
1 1 1 *Margaret & Bruno Moras*
3 2 Jacqueline Phillips/Linda Wormworth

A B C Saturday Open Pairs
5 Doug Hansford/Don Sache
6 2 Julia Barsel/Andrey Artamonov
3 Debbie Williams/John Horne
4 Rae Fee/Norma McNamara

A X Flight A/X Swiss Teams
5 2 Garry Skoropada, Dan Webster, Larry Chow

A B C Flight B/C Swiss Teams
3 Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Rangie Sylvestrie, Gail Watson
4 Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome, Terry & Frances Gould
6 Gladys Mackie, Daisy Neilson, Bernice Selander, Arlene Browning
1 *Dominique Baker, Linda Bell, Myra Johnston, Yvonne Drane*
2 Roberta Richards, Colin, Doreen & Brian Ransom

**SEATTLE SWEETHEART SECTIONAL
KENT WA, FEBRUARY 15-17**

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
3 1 *Tchavdar Dangaltchev*
A B C Saturday Stratified Pairs
6 Tchavdar Dangaltchev

**CBF WESTERN CANADA STAC
CLUBS THROUGHOUT WESTERN CANADA,
FEBRUARY 18-24**

A B C Monday Morning Open Pairs
1 1 *Bernice Mulock/Eileen Sands, VCR*
2 2 1 *Joyce Nesbit/Masie Hutchinson, VCR*
3 Tai Eng/Harry Friedman, BBY
4 Adam & Maria Dabrowski, VCR
5 3 Ann & Wink Andres, VCR
6 Dianne Isfeld/Barry Yamanouchi, BBY
4 Linda Morgan/Peggy Ross, VCR
5 *Charlotte Aleksen/Becky Fayetman, BBY*
6 Richard Sturgess/Noorali Dhahani, BBY
2 Jim Shaw/Dorothy Macleod, VCR
3 Farivar Sahihi/Zohreh Bassini, VCR
4 Marla Gropper/Rosalee Hardin, BBY
5 Bob Smith/Jon Ronnekleiv, BBY
6 Colin & Doreen Ransom, VCR

A B C Monday Evening Open Pairs
1 *Pat Landau/Jean Katz, HBN*
4 2 2 Roy Bishop/Bob Blake, VLT
6 4 3 Ethel Charest/Roberta Richards, VLT
5 Bernard Hoeschen/Gabriella Lieblich, VLT
(VLT = Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club)

A B C Monday Evening 299er Pairs
1 *David Grannis/Todd Schindeler, VBC*
2 1 1 *Trent Appelbe/Grant Gayman, VBC*
3 2 2 Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell, VBC

4 Theresa Kong/Clancy Dodd, VBC
5/6 Dominique Baker/Linda Bell, VBC
5/6 3 Sandra Poggemiller/Flora So, VBC
4 Harry Kublik/Bruce Partridge, VBC
5 Mandy Barros/David Piper, VBC
3 Dianne Sterling/Laurie Scott, VBC
4 Lorna Brewer/Carole Harris, VBC

A B C Tuesday Morning Open Pairs
1 1 1 *Ping Tang/Yue Su, VBC*
2 Mona Miller-Tait/Toyo Nunoda, VBC
3 2 2 Wayne Hart/Louise Kettleman, VBC
4 Ian Hayter/Sefton Levine, VBC
3 Chloe Clark/Janice Barr, VBC

A B C Tuesday Evening Open Pairs
2 John Berry/Andrew Ross, VBC
3 2 1 *John Beresford/Roy Goodman, NSW*
4 Amir Alibhai/Richard Smillie, NSW
5 3 2 Teresa Webb/Margaret Miller-Tait, NSW

4 3 Gerald Paul/Larry Gillott, BBY
5 Jo-Anne Modesto/Ted Jellema, BBY
A B C Wednesday Morning Open Pairs
1 *Marilyn Phillips/Barbara Green, VCR*
2 1 1 *Gordon Burns/Kay Funahashi, VCR*
3 2 2 Lois Carry/Paula Thompson, VCR
4 Yuko Fujieda/Richard Smillie, VCR
5 3 Peggy Ross/Karin Dunlop, VCR
6 Tai Eng/Robert Butler, VCR
4 Doreen Ransom/Betty Reynolds, VCR
5 3 Jim Shaw/Daphne Shaw, VCR
6 Priscilla Brown/Marylou Varga, VCR
4 John Hopkins/George Baldwin, VCR
5 Fatemeh Pazand/Farideh Bayati, VCR

A B C Wednesday Morning 299er Pairs
1 1 *Marla Gropper/Rosalee Hardin, VBC*
2 2 1 *Sima Sadrii/Sunnie Lyu, VBC*
3 Joan & Leo Dear, VBC
4 3 Diana Marr/Marilyn Martin, VBC
5 4 2 Una Jamieson/May Winram, VBC
6 Bonnie & Gerry Purcell, VBC
5 3 Mike Redding/Doug Hunter, VBC
6 4 Mary Moore/Audrey Fox, VBC
5 Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michiyo Takeda, VBC

A B C Wednesday Evening Open Pairs
3 2 Andy Hellqvist/Greg Morse, C.R
4 Marg Elligott/Doug Cowan, VBC
5 3 Kenny Chan, Marvin Lee, VBC
6 Jack Hopwood/Hal Rodd
4 Jim Lenobel/Barry Kirkham, VBC
4 Eda Kadar/Bob Faraci, VBC

A B C Thursday Evening Open Pairs

5 Pirtpal Gill/Albert Yalouz, ARB
4 Ethel Charest/Lucy Bigio, ARB

A B C Friday Morning Open Pairs

1 **Melinda Ernsburger/Glenn Ponto, VBC**

2/3 Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda, VBC
2/3 Greg Arbour/Julien Lévesque, VBC
4 Ian Hayter/Sefton Levine, VBC
5 Corrine Tapley/Ken Lochang, VBC
6 Gilbert Lambert/Sandra Robson, VBC

1 1 **Nooralí Dhanani/Nizar Esmail, VBC**

2/4 2/4 Dominique Baker/Linda Bell, VBC
2/4 2/4 Brian Ransom/Colin Ransom, VBC
2/4 2/4 Yue Su/Ping Tang, VBC
5 Jean Katz/Bernice Mulock, VBC
6 5 Doreen Ransom/Kazuko Koda, VBC

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs

3/4 Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully, VBC
3/4 Larry Pocock/Dave House, VBC
5 Bill Osten/Jim Lenobel, VBC
6 Les Fouks/Nathan Divinsky, VBC
3 Don Keith/Marion Crowhurst, VBC
4/5 Barry Kirkham/Michael Hurley, VBC
4 Julia Barsel/Olga Gultelmakher, VBC

A B C Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

2 1 1 **Maria Gropper/Rosalee Hardin, VBC**
4 2 2 Jamie Marrin/Kristina Bohdanowicz, VBC
6 4 3 Glenna Kari/Bob Faraci, VBC

A B C Saturday Evening Swiss Teams

1 1 **Colin & Brian Ransom, Betty Reynolds, Kazuko Koda**
2 2 Carol-Ann Halliday, Hoshang Shroff, Armando Andreoli, Tony Gill
3 Sarah Butler, Catherine McKinnon, Ken Lochang, Gord Davis

**PORTLAND REGIONAL
PORTLAND OR, FEBRUARY 18-24**

Bracket Rank Quick Knockout Teams

1 3/4 Cam Doner
II 1 **Larry Chow**

A B C Thurs. Morning Continuous Pairs

1 Tom Cross/Peter Morse

A B C Thurs. Afternoon Continuous Pairs

3 2 Peter Morse

A B C Thurs. Evening Continuous Pairs

5 3 Peter Morse

A B C Senior Swiss Teams

1 **Tom Cross**
2 Al & Bernice French, Pat Stapf, Joerg Schneider

A B C Open Swiss Teams

3 Cam Doner

Rank Morning Continuous Pairs Overall

6 Peter Morse

A B C Saturday Morning Zip Swiss

3/4 Joerg Schneider, Al French, Peter Morse

Bracket Rank Early Bird KO

1 3/4 Cam Doner

A B C Saturday Aftn. Continuous Pairs

2 Bachan Buttar

A B C Flight A/X Swiss

2/4 Cam Doner

A B C Sunday Senior Swiss

1/2 Al & Bernice French

**2002 ACBL SPRING NABC
HOUSTON TX, MARCH 6-16**

A B C Mildred Klarfield Pairs

4 Peter Morse

Bracket Rank Shawn Quinn KO

1 3/4 Bryan Maksymetz

A B C Mel Bason & Kay Jones B-A-M

1/3 **Kathy Bye**

A B C Paul Lewis B/C/D Swiss

4 Kathy Bye

A B C Monday Aftn. Continuous Pairs

6 2 Glenn Ponto

A B C Monday Evening Continuous Pairs

4 Glenn Ponto/Melinda Ernsberger

Bracket Rank Compact Consolation KO Teams

IV 2 Kathy Bye

Bracket Rank Mon-Thu Morning Knockouts

III 3/4 Kathy Bye

A B C Wed. Morning Continuous Pairs

1 1 **Peter Morse**

Bracket Rank Bobby Nail Knockouts

V 5/8 Kathy Bye

Rank Open Pairs II

16 Brian Maksymetz
23 Grace Jeklin

A B C Friday Open Pairs

19 Cam Doner

A B C Friday Evening Continuous Pairs

5/6 4/5 Glenn Ponto/Melinda Ernsberger

Bracket Rank Fri-Sat Compact Consolation KOs

I 1 **Peter Morse**

B C D Saturday Stratflighted B/C/D Pairs

1 **Anita & Peter Morse**

Rank Open Swiss Teams

14 Bryan Maksymetz
25 Cam Doner

Rank NAOP Flight C National Final

3 Chris Robbins/Chris Maylin

**WARM VALLEY SECTIONAL
DUNCAN BC, MARCH 22-24**

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

3 Larry Jacobsen

A B C Saturday Open Pairs

3 Dennis Groden

A B C Sunday Swiss Teams

2 Dennis Groden
4/5 Jim McEvoy

**FUN SECTIONAL
EVERETT-MARYSVILLE WA, MARCH 22-24**

A B C Sunday Swiss Teams

5/6 Dee Segarich

**EDMONTON 1999 SECTIONAL
EDMONTON AB, APRIL 6-7**

Rank Saturday Afternoon 1999 Pairs

2 James Lee

**VICTORIA SPRING SECTIONAL
ESQUIMALT BC, APRIL 12-14**

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

4 1 Rick Meade, Pat Galand

A B C Saturday Open Pairs

1 **Michael Yuen**
4 Doreen & Gord McOrmond

A X Flight A/X Swiss Teams

5 Audrey & Jim Norman, Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne

Rank Sunday Morning 0-100 Teams

3 Pat Galand, Rick Meade

TOURNAMENT TRAILBLAZERS ALERT:

It's unlikely that I will look at the Internet postings of results for tournaments *not* listed on the inside back cover of this issue, so if you play in one and win an overall award, let me know so I can include you!



Monthly Unit Games

2000 GNT-B Winners Take top spots

Three of the four players who won the Flight B GNT National Championship in Anaheim two years ago are atop the leader board of 2002 MUGs (Monthly Unit Games). **Gilbert Lambert** is the current leader, with **Tai Eng** and **Insa Fricker** close behind. (And the fourth, **Mike Moffatt**, is in the top ten.) Rounding out the top five are the winners of the "Christmas In February" party game, **Don Sache** and **Gord McOrmond**.

The potential masterpoint awards at these games are large enough that anyone can still win, even if you haven't been to a game at the new location yet. Come and join us on the *second Sunday* of the month (May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 are the next four games) at the Richmond Rod & Gun Club, well known site of the Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon Richmond games. In fact, the promotional sheet for the Monthly Unit Games includes a coupon you can use to save some money on dinner if you'd like to play a Sunday doubleheader!

Games as always are sectionally rated, with a non-Life Master strat (up to 500 MP), a 0-2000 strat, and an unlimited Flight A. Gametime is 7:00pm, and we are usually finished before 10:00pm. (We need a few more Flight C pairs to ensure that we can award overalls in Flight C; without the minimum of five, we can

only award section tops.) The new location is slowly building a player base, so announcements at club games in the days preceding the game would be a great help for the continuing success of the game.

Important notice: to avoid the necessity of a sit-out, we would like to have a nearby pair on call each month. If you and your partner live in Richmond and can attend the game on short notice if needed to fill a half-table, please let Unit Game Co-Ordinators **Isabel Chernoff** (604/531-6828) or **Pat Wotherspoon** (604/535-1964) know. The price will be unbeatable.

There is also a need for on-site standby players when one seat needs to be filled. You'd be surprised who you can get a chance to play with! (Your Unit President is embarrassed to have only barely cracked the top 20 on the list at right, having twice gotten into the game as a standby with excellent partners.) A stand-by needs to be at the site just before gametime, but occasionally will not get into the game. Call Pat or Isabel if you'd like to be a standby.

Five MUG sessions have so far been played this year, if you include the rescheduled Christmas Party, and four people (not including MUG Director **Richard Dunn**) have perfect attendance: **Tai Eng**, **Insa Fricker**, **Gilbert Lambert**, and **Sandra Robson**. Four others have played four of the five sessions so far: **Diane Ayukawa**, **Kristina Bohdanowicz**, **Pearl Min-koff**, and **Helen Montgomery**. We thank you for your support!

(Results on next page.)

(Only Yesterday, continued from page 46)

outs containing promotional material for both the club and the play went out to the VBC's mailing list, with the Arts Club paying part of the mailing cost. It seems to have been a useful plug for the Bridge Centre in the crucial final months before its first major lease decision.

Also in the March issue: **Doug Cowan** wrote an article about a 65% game in West Vancouver, during which he and **Julie Cowan** defended eighteen of twenty-three deals (one was passed out)! An analysis showed that even the ten times they went minus on defense they still scored 50%. (I wonder whether Doug and Julie were able to get people to overbid against them once the article appeared.)

The June issue reported that **Thony Stiennon** contacted fifteen bridge clubs and asked that special games be run in support of Jeanette and Steve Badger's two young daughters. Over two thousand dollars was raised to let the Badger's severely handicapped children attend summer camp. A list of the donating clubs accompanied a thank-you

note from the parents.

Felipe Hernandez wrote a fun article about his first NABC (Seattle 1993). With the Vancouver NABC less than two years away, the article helped to get across the idea of just how big an NABC is, and what we would be treated to in 1999.

From **Joerg Schnieder**'s *Give Me a Hand* feature:

Dummy: ♠ QT7 ♥ 743 ♦ 842 ♣ 7642

6♣ led vs 3NT

Declarer: ♠ K52 ♥ AQJ2 ♦ AK7 ♣ AK3

You duck in dummy and RHO wins the ace. Plan the play. (Answer below.)

How odd it is to re-read a Zero Tolerance article before Zero Tolerance was even mainstream! I wrote a piece for the June 1997 issue called *Play By Play*, which I think is better than the material I wrote later about ZT that the ACBL "borrowed" for their Zero Tolerance Directive. *Play By Play* is a recap of the

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A	B	January 20 Monthly Unit Game (8 tables)
1	1	John Horne/Gilbert Lambert
2	2	Anita & Peter Morse
3		Christina & Dan Jacob
4	3	Rhoda Taffer/Carel Wilkin
5/6	4/5	Insa Fricker/Tai Eng
5/6	4/5	Lenora Awram/Isabel Chernoff

A	B	February 10 Monthly Unit Game (8 tables)
1	1	Insa Fricker/Tai Eng
2	2	Sandra Robson/Gilbert Lambert
3		Helen Montgomery/Delphine Tablotney
4	3	Diane Ayukawa/Linda Wormworth
5		Dianne Isfeld/Evelyn Hodge
	4	Cathy Miller/Stuart Carr

A	B	C	February 16 "Christmas in February" rescheduled Christmas Party game (18 tables)
1			Gord McOrmond/Don Sache
2	1		Vicki Croome/Mike Moffatt
3	2		Bruce Partridge/Steve Clements
4	3		Anne & Terry Scott
5	4		Sandra Robson/John Horne
6	5		Melinda Ernsberger/Glenn Ponto
	6		Julie Smith/Jude Goodwin-Hanson
		1	Peggy Winter/Marie Cahill
		2	Julien Levesque/Kristina Bohdanowicz
		3	Bill Henning/W Henning

Rank	February 16 "Christmas in February" rescheduled Christmas Party 99er game(3 tables)
1	Jackie Phillips/Linda Wormworth
2	Lorna Brewer/Carole Harris

A	B	March 10 Monthly Unit Game (7 tables)
1	1	Liz Stoneman/John Lien
2	2	Diane Ayukawa/Jackie Phillips
3		Kathy Adachi/Jean Groome
4		Christina Jacob/Jennifer Ballantyne
5	3	Insa Fricker/Tai Eng
	4	Pearl Minkoff/Anne Nagy

A	B	April 14 Monthly Unit Game (8½ tables)
1	1	Mariann Hutton/Gypsy Sturrock
2	2	Bruce McIntyre/Ken Danielsen
3		Phyllis Gerber/Helen Montgomery
4	3	Maureen Crompton/Joyce Rhodes
5	4	Liz Stoneman/John Lien
	5	Sandra Robson/Gilbert Lambert

A	B	C	Monthly Unit Game Masterpoint Race Standings after April game	Pts.
1	1		Gilbert Lambert	5.41
2	2		Tai Eng	4.42
2	2		Insa Fricker	4.42
4			Gord McOrmond	4.39
4			Don Sache	4.39
6	5		Sandra Robson	4.25
7	6		John Horne	3.94
8	7		Diane Ayukawa	3.90
9	8		Mike Moffatt	3.29
9	8		Vicki Croome	3.29
11	10		John Lien	3.28
11	10		Liz Stoneman	3.28
13			Helen Montgomery	2.94
14	12	1	Jackie Phillips	2.73
15	13		Gypsy Sturrock	2.69
15	13		Mariann Hutton	2.69
17	15	2	Bruce Partridge	2.47
18			Steve Clements	2.47
19			Christina Jacob	2.45
20	3		Linda Wormworth	2.02
20			Bruce McIntyre	2.02
20			Ken Danielsen	2.02
23			Anita Morse	1.91
23			Peter Morse	1.91
25			Terry Scott	1.85
25			Anne Scott	1.85
4			Kristina Bohdanowicz	1.80
5			Marie Cahill	1.66
5			Peggy Winter	1.66
7			Carel Wilkin	1.16
8			Melinda Ernsberger	1.04
9			W. Henning	0.93
9			William Henning	0.93
11			Cathy Miller	0.82
11			Stuart Carr	0.82
13			Lorna Brewer	0.69
13			Carole Harris	0.69
15			Greg Barszcs	0.68
15			Waldemar Jez	0.68

128.26 masterpoints have been won by 80 players so far in Monthly Unit Games in 2002 (a further 50 played but did not win any).

Monthly Unit Game Schedule and Results online:
<http://www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/Schedule.htm>

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB

Tsawwassen Location:
 South Delta Rec. Centre
 1720 56th Street

Mondays at 7:15 pm

OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS

Special Games:

May 6: STaC (Silver Points!)
 May 20 Closed (sectional)

June 3: Upgraded Club Championship and Anniversary Game
 June 10: Closed (Penticton Regional)
 June 24: Club Championship

Club Championship Winners:

January: Jean & Ron Groome
 April: Sherman Kwan/Wilf May

Biggest Game so far in 2002 (Mar. 4):
 70.83% Sheila Sache/Gilbert Lambert

Ladner Location:

Fisherman's Hall,
 4481 Savoy St., Ladner

alternate Fridays at 10:30 am
 May 10, 24; June 7, 21; July 5, 19.

OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS

Biggest 2002 Game so far (Mar. 22):
 64.58%, Sheila Takasaki/Christine Naismith

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Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

I've heard some complaints lately about the difficulty of reading this feature as it winds its way back through the magazine. It's supposed to. Not only does it fill the available white space, the backtracking through the issue is supposed to be a metaphor for the way the narrative goes back through time. Just think of it that way—and watch those “continued on” tips!

Spring issues of the *Matchpointer* (at least this set) are a mixed bag. Many good hands, many good stories. Off we go into our past.

5 years ago in the Matchpointer (March, June 1997, Bruce McIntyre, editor)

The jury is still out after five years on the lead article from March 1997. Unlike most of the things I write in these pages, I heard virtually no comments on *Four Weekends* at all. (People tend not to say much when you're embarrassing yourself.) I won the Flight B strat of the Saturday Open Pairs in Bellingham and then won Flight B the following week in Seattle, playing with an OKBridge partner. There were a few interesting deals in the article, but it was clear to anyone

reading between the lines that there was more going on. That's all I'm going to say. If you must know, the issue is available at the public library. I can only plead guilty but at the time happily insane.

Late breaking news in March 1997 was that **Aidan Ballantyne** and **Gord McOrmond** won the 1997 Flight A NAOP at the Dallas NABC! They won at the club, Unit, and District levels, and led the Dallas event throughout. The June issue featured an instructive article from Aidan Ballantyne showcasing eight defensive problems from the four-session event. And the answer to this trivia question: until McOrmond and Ballantyne won the NAOP, who was the only member of Unit 430 to win an unlimited NABC championship? (Read on for the answer.)

In March 1997 the Arts Club Theatre staged a play by Carol Shields called *Thirteen Hands*, the story of four women who recount their lives as they play bridge. The VBC helped promote the event by staging two sessions of supervised play following a talk on bridge by **Dr. Nathan Divinsky**, held at the Arts Club's Upper Lobby. The event provided for cooperation between the Arts Club and the VBC, as mail-

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Unit Board Members

An Abbreviated List

Abbreviated in that all positions, possible e-mails and phone numbers are not listed for everyone. People with asterisks in front of their name are coming to the end of their two-year term (except for the President, who is stretching the rules by serving as President and Past-President (without election) simultaneously).

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Tournaments & Dates

May 1, 2002 – July 31, 2002

MAY 2002

- 3-5 Vernon Sectional
3-5 Qualicum Beach Sectional
3-5 Richland Sectional
6-12 **Unit 430-sponsored STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). Most Unit 430 clubs will participate.**
17-20 **Victoria Day Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby (including Unit 430 AGM on Saturday afternoon after the first session). Ad, p. 48.**
27-2 *Sacramento Regional*
31-2 Spokane Sectional

JUNE 2002

- 10-16 *Penticton Regional*
17-23 *Las Vegas Regional*

JUNE 2002 (CONT)

- 17-24 *CBF Bridge Week (finals of COPC, CNTC, CWTC) in Edmonton*
18-23 *Anchorage Regional*

JULY 2002

- 1-7 *Los Angeles Regional*
5-7 *Wenatchee Sectional*
8-14 *Edmonton Regional*
12 *Matchpointer* deadline (Summer issue covers events from July 19 thru October 31, 2002.)
19 *Matchpointer* Summer 2002 target release date (assuming current incompetent's reappointment)
18-28 *ACBL Summer NABC in Washington DC*

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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"

SUMMER: mid-July
FALL: mid-October
WINTER: mid-December
SPRING: mid-April

NEXT ISSUE: Summer 2002

Deadline: Friday, July 12, 2002.

**Dates Covered:
July 19-October 31, 2002.**

Unit 430 Main Events

A One Year Planner

2002 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)
Silver points at your local club!
May 6 – 12, 2002.

2002 Victoria Day Sectional
May 17 – 20, 2002 at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

Unit 430 Annual General Meeting
May 18, 2002, at the Victoria Day Sectional, after the first Saturday session (about 4:15 pm).

2002 Evergreen Sectional
September 13 – 15, 2002 at the Days Hotel (formerly Days Inn) in Surrey

2002 Round-Up Sectional
November 8 – 11, 2002, at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

2002 Unit Christmas Party
Saturday, December 7, 2002 at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby
(watch for details in future issues)

2003 Trophy Sectional
January 24-26, 2003 at the Engineers Hall, Burnaby

2003 Future Stars Sectional
March 8-9, 2003 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre
(date and site to be confirmed)

2nd Annual Canadian Bridge Federation Canada West STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)
More silver points at local clubs!
(dates for 2003 unconfirmed)

Most dates on this list come from tentative lists of tournaments on CBF, DING and ACBL Web Pages. Please check their accuracy before packing up and leaving town!

Vancouver ACBL Unit 430 invites you to the
Victoria Day Sectional



May 17-20, 2002
Bonsor Community Centre
6550 Bonsor, Burnaby



*"We are NOT
amused...
REDOUBLET"*

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ **EVENT SCHEDULE** ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

FRIDAY, MAY 17

FRIDAY AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00 PM

Open Stratified Pairs

unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300

Senior Stratified Pairs

unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

FRIDAY EVENING START TIME: 7:00 PM

Ben Lapidus Bracketed Knockout Teams

first of three sessions (two more Saturday)

Side Stratified IMP Pairs

unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

*** ACBL Members with 0-5 masterpoints play FREE! ***

SATURDAY, MAY 18

SATURDAY AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00 PM

Ben Lapidus Bracketed Knockout Teams

semi-finals in all brackets

Open Pairs Qualifying

not stratified; single session entries accepted

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

The Unit 430 Annual General Meeting will follow the Saturday afternoon session at about 4:15. If an election is necessary to choose Board members, ballots will be distributed at the meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING START TIME: 7:30 PM

(later than usual—the Annual General Meeting follows the afternoon session)

Ben Lapidus Bracketed Knockout Teams

final—top bracket winner wins the Ben Lapidus Trophy

Open Pairs Final

Consolation Pairs

not stratified; single session entries accepted

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

SUNDAY, MAY 19

SUNDAY AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs, first session

Single session entries accepted. Flight A/X: unlimited, 0-3000. Flight B/C/D: 750-1500, 300-750, 0-300

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

SUNDAY EVENING START TIME: 7:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs, second session

Single session entries accepted. Flight A/X: unlimited, 0-3000. Flight B/C/D: 750-1500, 300-750, 0-300

Future Masters Stratified Pairs

50-100, 20-50, 0-20

MONDAY (Victoria Day), MAY 20

MONDAY START TIMES: 10:30 AM, TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions, VPs)

Flight A/X: unlimited, 0-3000

Flight B/C: 300-1000, 0-300

Tournament Chairs: Eda Kadar, 604/733-0042, edakadar@telus.net **Diane Ayukawa,** 604/940-9809 rmdunn@dcc.net
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2002 Entry Fees: \$9.00 (paid ACBL members), \$9.50 (non-members, unpaid LMs). \$5.00 for Junior players (under 26) and/or full-time students (with student ID). ACBL Members with 0-5 MP play free in the Friday evening 0-100 game.

**Advance Notice: Round Up Sectional
November 8-11 at Days Inn Hotel, Surrey**