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## Declare Or Defend?

by Greg Morse

Would you rather declare or defend?

If you are a Defender, turn to page 29.

If you are a Declarer, turn to page 6.

If you are a Dummy, well, there are other pages. Open the *Matchpointer* and read something else!

It's the same deal from different viewpoints, so no credit for getting the second one you turn to correct! Make your choice and turn the page...

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## It's Your Bid Problems

The *It's Your Bid* system is on the back of this *detachable* strip. No time to go out and get problems this time but the Winter 2002 issue is only six weeks away. If you forgot to answer this set here is your chance. (Note: #5 was revised.)

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

Pseudonym: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to comment anonymously)

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

### 1. (IMPs, N-S vul.)

♠ KJ7 ♥ QJ83 ♦ A6 ♣ KQ54

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	???

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

♠ K9 ♥ — ♦ JT6 ♣ AKQJT843

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

### 3. (IMP League, none vul.)

♠ — ♥ AT8643 ♦ 6 ♣ KQ8642

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2♣	3♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	???

### 4. (Matchpoints, N-S vul.)

♠ J53 ♥ — ♦ AQT53 ♣ AK843

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♥	4♠	5♥	???

### 5. (revised) (IMPs, E-W vul.)

♠ AQ2 ♥ KQ8654 ♦ 632 ♣ 5

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

What is your opening lead?

Deadline: December 6, 2002.

**The "It's Your Bid" System** (originally from the International Bidder's Club, a former monthly on-line bidding contest.) (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.
- Splitter 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. 2NT=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 answers only to 604/438-9735. Your name and flight is mandatory. Good luck! Send us your problems for future issues!



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## Opening Lead by Bruce McIntyre

October is a busy time for me and I'm amazed that this came to as many as 36 pages when it was all done in about four days.

The photos inside are a first attempt and I hope they come out reasonably well. Digital photography looks easy until you realize that the potential losses from camera to computer to the software program that produces the *Matchpointer* to laser printer to photocopier are many. At this point what's on my screen looks rather good. I hope it stays that way after printing and photocopying.

The photography is only one of a number of things I hope to introduce to the *Matchpointer* over the next two or three issues. One is a Unit player ranking system which differs from the ACBL masterpoint system in that points earned decay over time, so a player with 1000 rating points who stops playing (or stops winning) will have 250 points after a year of inactivity

or poor results. The system's scope is local Unit events only, sectionals, IMP League, Monthly Unit Games, and other events run by Unit 430. Keeping the system current will require a lot of data entry: so far I have all the winners from the year 2000 entered (coincidentally, there are about 2000 of them, some appearing multiple times) and I am working on 2001. When the entered names reach the current date you'll see the rankings in the *Matchpointer* along with reminders that in **this** system, you have to keep playing and winning to keep your position!

Perhaps one of the things we should have asked on the Unit Survey was how many people have Internet access. At some point a considerable amount of the *Matchpointer* will have to go online just to keep up with the times. I want to do this, but I want to plan it carefully, so that whatever goes "up" doesn't go stale.

Good luck to all IMP League players. I'm leaving town until the post-prognosticatorial tempers cool!  
—McBruce

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# President's Message

by Peter Morse

This September's Evergreen Sectional at the Days Hotel in Surrey was notable for a number of reasons, not all of which were positive. As for one of the positives, the results at the bridge table, these are summarized elsewhere in this edition of the *Matchpointer*.

This playing site has never been ideal with its low ceiling, parking problems, the considerable walk to smoking locations and the usual noisy party in the next room on Saturday night. Also, the costs for coffee (and Sunday morning refreshments) are much greater than those we customarily experience at our other playing sites where the Unit is responsible for providing these amenities, necessitating a charge for coffee.

But this year we had additional problems, scrambling to find the necessary amount of space on Friday morning and moving one section of the Saturday pair event to an upper floor, when part of our space had been previously committed to another party for the evening session. This was all accomplished by the directing staff and support team with a minimum disturbance to bridge players. In addition, some players found parking tickets on their cars, but we understand that the hotel front desk staff took care of these. Finally, a number of players expressed their displeasure concerning various aspects of the site, including those mentioned above.

It is unlikely that Unit 430 will be returning to this playing site in future (see further discussion of this below). However, there are a limited number of sites available to us, and they are not always avail-

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Unit 430 relies on income from *Entertainment* books to help fund local bridge players of all levels competing in the national finals of ACBL and CBF multi-level events. Jennifer Ballantyne has been organizing this unique, win-win fundraiser for more than two decades, and because we are no longer the only group selling these books, we had been selling less each year. Last year, many players made an effort to help local bridge by purchasing their book(s) from Unit 430. We thank them all!

The 2003 book is now available. Coupons inside can be used immediately and do not expire until the end of next year. For just \$46.00, you get a book of coupons that pays for itself in a few weeks, and the money raised goes directly into the Unit's subsidy fund (not into Unit profits).

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Books will be available at the November Sectional.

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Dates covered:

October 18—December 31, 2002.

able for the dates and times we want or for the prices that our playing fees will support. For instance, we require a fair-sized space, for three or four full days. While this can often be obtained at larger hotels, the room rental costs there are at least double what we presently pay, and would necessitate an increase in playing fees. Also, hotels and places like the Sunrise Center in Cloverdale do not obtain enough ancillary business (such as room rentals and/or restaurant and bar purchases) from bridge players to make it an attractive booking for them for an entire weekend.

While the Unit Board members responsible for tournaments (Diane Ayukawa and Samantha Nystrom and their predecessors) have checked out many alternative sites, we would appreciate any suggestions that members of the Vancouver bridge community may have.

Other notable events at this Sectional included our Player Survey (to be discussed below) and the introduction of a daily 50/50 Draw, which managed to raise about \$200 for the Unit, to be used to offset the Unit 430 share of the cost of hosting the Canadian Bridge Federation Bridge Week next year (June 2 - 8, 2003) in Penticton. It is likely that there will be 50/50 Draws at future Unit 430 Sectionals. The winners this time were Elaine Ryan of Vancouver, and Leroy Abinanti and Dick Yarrington, both from the Seattle area, who took some dollarettes home with them.

The Player Survey attracted 80 responses, which is a good response rate for a voluntary survey of this type, particularly given that there were only about 200 players present each day. Roughly half of those completing the forms supplied their name (it was optional) and almost all indicated the range in which their masterpoint total currently falls. There were a considerable number of replies from all masterpoint levels, which was what we had been hoping for. Thanks to all who gave us their views on Playing Sites, the Proposed Zero Tolerance Policy and the location, timing and structure of the Monthly Unit Game.

**Playing Sites:** Both Bonsor Recreation Center and the Operating Engineers' Hall were the most popular, receiving roughly 50 first and second place votes each. The Days Hotel received only 25 first or second place votes, and more importantly, received 6 write in comments ranging from 'no' to 'never again'. There were a considerable number of alternative sites suggested such as the Sunrise Center in Cloverdale, the Richmond Curling Club, Golf Clubs and even the 'Pink Palace' out by the Peace arch crossing, a site used in days past.

**Other Tournament Issues:** Eleven survey forms contained comments to the effect that the time between sessions was too long and should be shortened. I received similar comments from at least the same number of people (maybe the same ones?— I don't think so). The Unit Board will look at this issue, but it may be too late to change the starting times for those next two Sectionals for which flyers have already been released. There is also some limitation where many entries must be sold for the evening session, as typically happens on the Friday of our Sectionals. The directing staff needs time to finish up the afternoon's scoring, find time for dinner and then be ready to sell entries at least 30 minutes in advance of the evening session. But we hear the general sentiment!

**Zero Tolerance Policy:** This question was investigating whether there was support in principle for the draft Unit 430 Zero Tolerance Policy set out on pages 40 and 41 of the Summer 2002 *Matchpointer*. The answer from the survey was a resounding 'YES' as 63 positive votes were received compared to 5 negative votes. 12 survey forms did not express an opinion on this topic. The Unit Board then adopted the ZT Policy at its October meeting, with an effective date of November 1, 2002. Thus the adopted policy, which may be found on page 40-41 of the Summer 2002 edition of the *Matchpointer*, will be in effect starting with the 2002 Roundup Sectional.

**Monthly Unit Games:** While the questions in this section offered multiple options, enough useful information was obtained to enable the Unit Board to narrow the list of alternative times, sites and formats. The responses indicated that the Vancouver Bridge Centre was the preferred site with 42 votes compared to 16 for the Richmond Rod & Gun Club, the site used for 2002 games. Other miscellaneous sites received 7 votes.

As for the preferred time for the game, Saturday evening received 30 votes, Saturday afternoon had 19 and Sunday evening (used for 2001 and 2002 MUGs) received only 12 votes. This suggests that a shift to Saturday may result in increased attendance.

As for alternatives to the traditional matchpoint pair game, none of the suggested alternatives received enough votes to suggest a full change in format, but perhaps the occasional variation will help to change the image of the MUG. Twenty-eight players supported the introduction of an IMP Pairs scoring format, 15 supported a Swiss Teams format, while 13 supported the concept of bi-monthly two-session games.

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# Prognosticatorial A/X

## by the Hideous Hog In Training

Asked at the last minute to do the pre-season predictions for Flight A and X, I could not refuse to wield my prognosticatorial axe (get it, axe, for A/X?) with pride and venom.

Flight A this year has eight teams, and all of them would be easy picks for the pennant race in Flight X. In a short season, it will all come down to a very few hands in a few crucial matches, and although anything can happen, the predictions must favour the previous winners for the four playoff spots. Average is 105 VPs in seven matches, and I expect that will be about what is needed to survive.

**1. Ballantyne (143 VPs).** (Aidan Ballantyne, Bryan Maksymetz, Don Sache, Gord McOrmond, Doug Hansford, Katrin Litwin.) A difficult choice given the stars on some of the other squads, but even if you get past the front line of Ballantyne, Maksymetz, and McOrmond with their long history of successes in events of all types, the defence of Hansford and Sache is formidable and Litwin will shine between the pipes. The final round match with Divinsky will be a great playoff prelude.

**2. Divinsky (142 VPs).** (Nathan Divinsky, Gord Davis, Dan Jacob, Don Brazeau, Larry Hicks, John Hurdle.) The defending champions will be in the hunt for the number one seed up until the last regular season game against Ballantyne, in which anything may happen.

**3. Lindsay (121 VPs).** (Cam Lindsay, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Cam Doner.) No weaknesses here except for the fact that bench scoring will be abysmal until the free-agent deal are negotiated.

**4. Foster (106 VPs).** (Rhonda Foster, Marcia Christie, Carol Waters, June Pocock, Gerry McCully, Richard Christie.) Carol Waters and June Pocock have been added to increase the chances that matches will get played. The other four will increase the chances that those played will be won. We predict the Pocock phone lines will be bugged by both Larry and June to gain insight into pre-game strategy discussions before the crucial House match.

**5. House (104 VPs).** (Dave House, Martin Henneberger, Larry Pocock, Mark Eddy, Gray

McMullin.) Anything can happen and even from a pre-season ranking of fifth, just a few VPs out of the playoffs, this team could easily finish higher. Some may contend that in any given match certain members of this squad might finish higher than others.

**6. Fouks (96 VPs).** (Les Fouks, Howard Rubin, Sid Segal, Ken Lochang, Arun Chopra, Mike Yuen.) It's a fine looking team except for the addition of the Tuna, who has proven he can win at this level, but whose team invariably shows up with several, sometimes many, different people than are actually listed on the entry form.

**7. Russell (95 VPs).** (Brian Russell, Steve Clements, Andrew Ross, Samantha Nystrom, Kelvin Raywood.) Brian "Creeper" Russell says that about seven of their multi-IMP losses last year were due to a few freak hands that turned a close one into a blow-out, which is interesting since they only lost six. Replacing Mark Eddy with Clements and Raywood may help them "creep" back into contention, but unfortunately there are few easy matches this year.

**8. Phelan (93 VPs).** (Gary Phelan, Dan Watson, Pete Walton, Grace Jeklin, Ron Fox, Sherman Kwan.) Even though listed at the bottom, the difference between eighth and fourth is only 13 VPs, the difference between a tie and a blowout. I expect no teams to be eliminated before March.

In Flight X there is a new wrinkle this year: revenge matches! Six teams have entered, and a double round-robin has been set up, so that the whole sequence of opponents repeats beginning in late January. With ten matches, 150 VPs is average, but we think that a bit less may suffice if our choice for first place performs as expected.

**1. Bodlak (207 VPs).** (Stan Bodlak, Pearl Minkoff, Sandi White, David Walker, Cheryl Brander, Christina Jacob.) This team was rolling along with victory after victory last year until they met the Polish Club. In the regular season the Poles cut their unbeaten streak and in the final the Poles opened a big lead in the first half, before the defending champs made the big comeback. We expect this team to be a lock by January, because the only Polish name in Flight X this year is...Bodlak.

**2. Skoropada (172 VPs).** (Garry Skoropada, Dan

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*(President's Message, cont. from page 4)*

The Unit Board will consider this information, and some other alternatives suggested by individual Board members at future meet-

ings. The Survey concept was helpful in letting the Unit Board know where many players stood on the issues put forward. Thanks again to those who completed the survey forms. And for those who didn't, I hope you will do so the

next time you have the chance. It only took a couple of minutes to fill in the form, and your opinions do matter and do guide the Unit Board.

—Peter Morse

Webster, Flora Tereposky, Larry Chow, Brad Fletcher.) Team Mileage missed the playoffs by a hair last year after a poor start. This year they'll be ready, and if not, they'll still have the revenge matches. I wonder if they'll be pressing for a home and home series.

**3. Morse (151 VPs).** (Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Mike Moffatt, Vicki Croome.) The new Unit President will find it easy going until the first major political scandal of the year, which likely will not involve him directly, but you know how dedicated people are—just ask McBruce how many times he won while holding high office. (Or even low office.) For a four-some, the ten-match season may be a little long, but they'll probably survive.

**4. French (143 VPs).** (Al French, John Demeulemeester, Bernice French, Pat Jones.) Another four-

some which will be on the bubble when the heat is on in March. The key to double round-robins is finding the right lineup for the revenge round, having seen the opposition once before. With only four the choices are limited. Still, there is the free agent market.

**5. Tjebbes (116 VPs).** (Maarten Tjebbes, Jim Kerr, Gary Gilraine, Faye Gilraine, John Berry.) How will the wisdom-laden fifth wheel, the eminent Mr. Berry, fit in here? If this team finds a way to roll with five (perhaps six), their chances may improve markedly.

**6. Isfeld (111 VPs).** (Dianne Isfeld, Gus Axen, Nigel Fullbrook, Julien Lévesque, Geoff Fetterley, Greg Lam.) We've no idea who is playing what system with whom on this squad. Rumour has it that the man with the loudest laugh on the night in question gets to play with Dianne. What scares me about this team's chances is the non-laughter at the other table.

### Cover Hand Declarer Problem

So, you're a declarer. (I thought so.)

Matchpoints, both vulnerable. You deal and pick up this South hand:

♠ AKJ4 ♥ 86 ♦ AQJT6 ♣ JT

It is the last hand of the night and you are in contention for the overall award, and the Pot-o'-\$\$\$\$ at the VBC. The auction goes:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH (YOU)
Pass	Pass	1NT (10-14)	1♦
2♠	3♦	Double	2♦ End

The opening lead is the diamond two. This is what you see.

Dummy: ♠ 6 ♥ Q9742 ♦ 9543 ♣ Q43

2♦ led vs 3♦\*

Declarer (you): ♠ AKJ4 ♥ 86 ♦ AQJT6 ♣ JT

You play small from dummy and win the first trick in your hand with the T♦. If the diamonds are 2-2 you have no problem, but what is your best play if the diamonds are 1-3 and the spades are 3-5?

(Answer, page 14.)

### Cover Hand Defender Answer

To make life easy on your partner, go up with the A♠. Declarer's shape is almost surely 4-2-5-2 or possibly 4-3-5-1. (Partner should not have six spades since he did not preempt, and with 5-4 in the majors, and a stiff diamond, he might have bid more aggressively.)

Declarer would not have played this way if he had three losing spades and the K♣. So he probably has the K♣. If he has the

K♣ as well you are not beating this. So fly with the A♣, cash your A♥ (denying the king so partner is forced to return a spade) and lead to partner's (hoped for) K♣ to get your spade ruff, *then* cash the K♥ for the setting trick.

If Declarer is 4-3-5-1, and can ruff your club return, you might still get two more heart tricks if partner can contribute the ♥JTx or ♥Jxx. If declarer believes your A♥ falsecard he may misguess and go up with the Q♥ after leading a

heart from his hand.

If you duck the club, declarer may make the hand. Even if partner can win this trick, he will have to guess to lead a spade for you to ruff, rather than trying for three heart tricks. If he returns a heart, you will never get him in again to lead spades.

Be sure to congratulate partner on his trump lead; anything else makes life much easier for declarer.

(The complete deal, page 15.)

# Prognosticatorial B

## by "Bottom Board"

Buoyed by the success of last year's predictions (three of the four playoff positions picked correctly, with the one interloper having added a significant talent to their pre-season roster), "Bottom Board" will now crash and burn, overwhelmed by the large number of teams—twelve—in the B League this year.

There is a wide disparity of talent, including at least two teams that should be playing in a higher league, along with several graduates from the C League and some new teams. There could be a number of blitzes, and any of the bottom four that beat a top four team will indeed have a victory to savour.

**1. Robson (250 VPs).** (Sandra Robson, Don Sharp, Les Baldys, Patti Adams, Betty Jackson.) Last year, this team finished first as the BALDYS team, but it appears that since they lost the playoff final (by 2 IMPs), the captain has been demoted. Tough crew! This team is better suited to the X Division and would appear to have only one or two roadblocks to an undefeated season.

**2. Hira (230 VPs).** (Ram Hira, Marion Crowhurst, Jeremy Crowhurst, Chester Michno, Nurdin Kassam, Don Keith.) Another experienced team 'playing down' which should win a lot of matches. Meets ROBSON in their last match, which could decide first place.

**3. Morse (205 VPs).** (Greg Morse, Andy Hellqvist, Bruce McIntyre, Richard Dunn.) A playoff team last year, and they should be again this year. The consistent play of Morse-Hellqvist will complement (offset?) the extravagances of McIntyre-Dunn.

**4. Lai (195 VPs).** (Samuel Lai, Kam Tang, Andrew Nalos, Kenny Chan, Hong King Ho, Ted Lai.) Team that just missed the playoffs last year has been bolstered by an experienced threesome and will have some of the newer teams struggling to compete against Precision bidding.

**5. Jez (190 VPs).** (Waldemar Jez, Ewa Wroblewicz, Jan Ochnio, Anna Ochnio, Marek Rojewski.) Jez and Wroblewicz step down a division, after advancing to the 'X' League final last year. While less experienced than last year's team, this group from the Polski Klub Brydzowy will still do well, and could go far in the playoffs.

**6. Meyer (185 VPs).** (Larry Meyer, Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita, Ted Trerise.) This veteran team made the playoffs last year, and have won this division twice before. Should make the playoffs again and could finish several places higher.

**7. Carr (165 VPs).** (Stuart Carr, Brian Ransom, Colin Ransom, Doreen Ransom, Barry Yamanouchi, Cathy Miller.) Last year's Flight C champs step up a division, and should do well, challenging for a playoff position.

**8. Paul (135 VPs).** (Gerald Paul, Gary Thomas, Alice Thomas, Charlotte Alekson, Bob Jess, Jim Balcom) A merger of two teams from last year's C Division has three regular partnerships and includes a couple of recent LMs and several closing in on this goal. Will need some breaks to make the playoffs.

**9. McAllister (125 VPs).** (Neil McAllister, Maureen McAllister, Harold McAllister, Linda Morgan, Joan Campbell.) Combination of experienced players and relative newcomers should edge ahead of some of the less experienced teams below.

**10. Breton (110 VPs).** (David Breton, Ryan Park, David Payne, Phil Westreich, Manuel Zahariev.) Breton returns from last year's B League champions, having ditched Brad Bart and Kelvin Raywood, and brings with him four members of the SFU community. To quote last year's analysis - 'it's never a good idea to underrate the combination of youthful energy and smarts.'

**11. Christensen (100 VPs).** (Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell, Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Bev Hall.) Four VBC regulars have added help from the North Shore, and should win a few matches, but may also struggle against the top teams. By the way, where are all those other North Shore players?

**12. Monty (90 VPs).** (Lawrence Monty, Bill Mansfield, Victor Finberg, Cliff Finberg, Kite Finberg.) While Victor Finberg was a member of the victorious BART team last year, the remainder of this team is unknown to this writer. Which probably means this ranking is ridiculous. With one exception, they start with a tough schedule.

## Flight C Deadline Nears

### Non LM Teams wanted for C League

The deadline for Flight C team signup is October 31, but in early November you may still be able to sneak in under the wire. As in Flight B, the Flight C matches will feature pre-duplicated boards and hand-records on the Tuesday default nights, although teams may play their matches on other nights. Entry fee for Flight C teams is \$24. With many of last year's C League teams moving up to Flight B, there may be room for a rookie team to go all the way!



# The Chair Affair

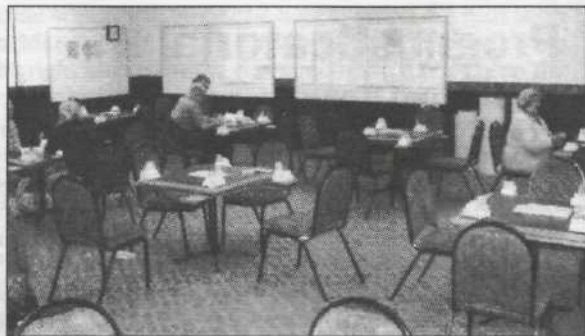
## Photo Gallery by McBruce's New Toy

The Chair Affair raised over \$8,000 for the VBC funds for new chairs—minus twenty-five chickens. The existing chairs at the VBC have endured major stress since they were bought used in 1992, with up to 12 or more sessions per week. Metal fatigue is a major problem with many and over time the bottoms have degenerated to the point where moving them damages the carpet.

The search is now underway to find good chairs at an affordable cost. VBC sources expect to make a purchase soon, and the new chairs should begin replacing the old within the next few months.

The staff of the Vancouver Bridge Centre wanted to make sure that this *Matchpointer* article thanks all players, donators and bidders for their generosity. A 26-table game was held on September 21, with a pre-game auction during which many local players were bought for Unit Games and sectionals by eager buyers. Also up for bids were services, travel, a sailing trip, a studio apartment in Florence, Italy, and more, with dozens of other items on the silent auction list. A delicious gourmet dinner was cooked by a dedicated group of Chair Affair culinary experts, and the bridge game was won with a 72% game by Marina Page and Kathy Bye. The 50-50 draw was won by Norma Doucette, whose purchase of \$100 worth of tickets netted a \$705 profit!

Many at the event were seeing the newly-renovated Vancouver Bridge Centre for the first time, and with luck the digital photos I took will allow all *Matchpointer* readers the opportunity to see the improvements that have been made.



Above: the new-look Vancouver Bridge Centre before a regular game, and (below) the same room as set up for the Chair Affair.



Ev Hodge was bought for \$500 by Judy Strebinger on behalf of a 'secret admirer.' Was it Jenny Ballantyne?



Above: the new-look Vancouver Bridge Centre during the gourmet dinner at the Chair Affair on September 21.





Brian, the Laird of Russell, shows off, uh, the new VBC kitchen tiles. Under the kilt.



Above: organizers Christa Mead and (head turned) Carol-Ann Halliday. Below: the new smoking patio.



Left to right: Ken "Tuna" Lochang makes a very rare speech, Eugene Chan makes a less rare speech, and the first of several lines of food in the front room (after most of it had been eaten.)



# Matchpointer Mailbag

## How can a pass be forcing?

**From Alice Thomas:** I have a request. Could you have some learned bridge player write an article on a Forcing Pass? I have climbed the bridge hill far enough to recognize it (in most cases, I think), but like Jill I tumble down the hill if I have to decide to use it or bid, and what to do and why, if my partner makes a forcing pass. One player said, for example, a forcing pass generally promises first round control in the opponent's bid suit, except if first round control has already been revealed. Then the forcing pass would suggest a good source of tricks and other good controls. Is this an accepted guideline? I can find very little written about the forcing pass.

I'm not very learned, but *Matchpointer* readers waste no time in telling me when I flunk.

As far as I know, forcing passes are a competitive tool designed to help partner know when to bid on and when to double an apparent sacrifice.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	??

Even if North-South are playing that 3♠ is preemptive, the 4♠ call by North clearly shows that North-South have the values for game, and this in turn means that 5♥ cannot be allowed to be played undoubled. If South bids on here, that is a strong indication that South's hand is more offensive than defensive: controls (aces and kings rather than queens and

jacks), extra trumps possibly, distributional values. If South doubles, this is only a fairly strong indication of defensive values (since North can still overrule by bidding on): more HCP in queens and jacks, minimum length and/or poor quality trump support, flat distribution, possibly even a potential trump trick in the opponent's suit.

When South passes, the auction is forcing on North since the values previously shown have indicated that North-South have game-going values. Letting the auction end at 5♥ undoubled is not a competitive option. So the forcing pass here tells North that South does not have a strongly offensive hand and does not have a fairly strongly defensive hand. The decision what to do is left to North.

Generally the strategy after partner makes a forcing pass is to double with any hand that is iffy, but vulnerability can enter into it. At unfavourable vulnerability you're unlikely to get 800 very often to outdo 620 or 650, but when non-vul you only need 500. In IMPs there is an additional consideration: if you double and they make it on a very unbalanced hand, it costs far more than just a single zero in a matchpoint game. So here the "bid on" option is a little less volatile, even if it tends to show a loss over doubling in the long run.

One tactic that can be used by both sides is to bid side suits once an "our suit vs your suit" auction develops. (Example: change East's 5♥ bid above to 5♣.) Side suits in these auctions usually say "I mean to bid our suit, but if they outbid us this is the suit I would like to see led." Or, by the player who expects to be on opening lead if the opponents declare, the side suit bid might mean "I have most of my side values in this suit; if you do too, we might well think about bidding one more (in our real suit) here." As to what doubles and forcing passes of these bids mean, this is a matter for experience and partnership agreement.

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## Give Me A Hand

### by Joerg Schneider

First, an observation to the article in the last *Matchpointer*: *No Assumptions* by H.K. Ho. I find their sequence quite interesting since I play Precision with my regular partner Pat Stapff.

Here are the hands again:

North: ♠ AKQ8653 ♥ AQ62 ♦ J ♣ A

South: ♠ 7 ♥ JT9543 ♦ A9843 ♣ 2

NORTH	SOUTH
1♠ (16+)	2♥ (4-7 HCP, six hearts)
4NT (RKC-1430)	5♣ (1 or 4, obviously 1)
6♥	

It does not matter whether South's keycard is the K♥ or the A♦, 6♥ must be on ice, and there was never any ambiguity or assumption to be made by either side. I think the cause of the catastrophe was the attempt to show both suits at once rather than stressing the good six-card major with a useful outside ace.

The way we play it, the auction would be:



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ing several matches in the regular season—the final regular season results were not published until the September issue (and there was a *Matchpointer* every month in those days). The ACBL sent a threatening letter and the Unit Board decided to cancel the play-offs and institute tougher penalties for teams playing late matches.

In 1977 Unit 430 was the Class AAA Rating Unit (1,000 or more members) with the highest growth rate. We're still an AAA Unit, but the rating system may have changed in a quarter-century.

**30 years ago in the Matchpointer**  
(Sept., Oct. 1972, Jim Donaldson, editor)

Jim Donaldson's arrival as editor was accompanied in September by either a very good proportional-spaced typewriter, or, more likely, professional typesetting. Among the people winning bridge events thirty years ago you might recognize today: **Mike Wilson, Derek Ward, George Bell, John Anthony, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Anne Nagy, Laurence Betts, Mike Dimich, Sid Segal, Andrew Ross, Finn Schultz, Allan Graves, and Jennifer Paynter**, who became a Life Master in 1972.

The September issue features this stern admonishment from the editor: "Not one article was sent to "Bridge Tips" by our Life Masters. WHY? Did you feel your article might not be published? This editor will publish all articles received!" **Jim Donaldson** decided to start the ball rolling by writing an article on splinters, one of the two conventions that he felt a partnership should adopt if limited to only two. (The other: Stayman.)

In the October issue, finally an article was received, by "Anonymous." There is also this rather curious sentence:

"Sorry I could not get hold of the Seattle Regional

Now a funny episode which happened at Albert's Wednesday night game. You pick up:

♠ J ♡ xx ♦ AKQTxxx ♣ JTx

...and open 3NT—the gambling variety. Partner jumps to 6NT. The lead is the K♠ and partner puts down:

♠ Ax ♡ AKJxx ♦ — ♣ AKxxx

It turns out partner meant to bid 6♦ and pulled the wrong card from the box. Not to worry! You take the A♠ and play the A♣ and the queen comes tumbling down! Diamonds are 3-3 and you make all 13 tricks. Don't forget to now congratulate partner for a

or Vancouver Sectional results, but these are in the future." Jim meant the printing of the results, not the actual events! I think.

**35 years ago in the Matchpointer**  
(November 30, 1967, Tony Marsh, editor)

The *Matchpointer* in 1967 was typed on a sheet of legal sized paper. Included are the tournament results, the dates of coming Unit games, Unit game results, a few odds and ends, and congratulations to **Ron and Sandra Borg, and Jim Dickie and Sheila Binnie**, for two 1967 bridge weddings.

The 1967 Fall Sectional was a success. Attendance is only given for the Friday Afternoon Men's Pairs (24 pairs), Women's Pairs (42 pairs), and the Friday evening Mixed Pairs (76 pairs). **Howard McAllister** won the 49ers game, playing with—wait for it—**Allan Graves!** Other names you may recognize from the winners lists: **Odleaf Skonnard, Aase Haines, Ev and Mitch Hodge, Liz Hicks, Flora Tereposky, Joni Johnston, Stan Bodlak, Buddy Crapko.**

The Unit President in both 1967 and 1972 was **Henry Smilie**. And I thought two years was a long time...

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 including several from the 1960s. Donations to this collection of any issues, especially those prior to 1973 are happily accepted: we'll copy them and return them to you if you'd like to keep the original.

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fine bid!

This is reminiscent of a hand Mike Lawrence once held. Playing in 7NT he could get to dummy's six good spades (opposite his void) only if the J♥ was singleton in either opponents hand. This being matchpoints, he figured that those in 6NT would go down more trying to take this 10% shot, so he played safely for down only one by playing low away from his AKQ♥ towards dummy's ♥T9. It is reported that the J♥ was the fastest card RHO ever played and that when Mike learned it was indeed a singleton he tore up all his cards and his bid-box cards as well, making it rather difficult for the next North player to bid his 26 half-cards accurately! —*Joerg Schneider*



# Single-Winner Games

by Bruce McIntyre

At your weekly club game, do most of the people sit the same way each week? Is the North-South field generally stronger or more experienced as a whole than the East-West field? This is probably true for many clubs, not just here but throughout the ACBL and the world. The people who play (and win) most often find a lucky spot for them and try to get it as often as they can.

The trouble is that this tendency creates a problem, one that the rest of the world recognizes and we in the ACBL do not. If the North-South field is stronger than the East-West field, you get better bang for your buck by sitting East-West. As East-West, your scores are only compared with the scores of the other East-West pairs, not those of the more experienced North-South players. You might have a harder time getting good scores against some of the more experienced North-South pairs, but so will the other East-West players. And a fairly good pair, by playing East-West, will be able to put their card-reading skills to better use playing against pairs whose bidding and defense can be trusted a little more. It's not so significant an advantage that you would notice it during a single session or even a few sessions, but play East-West for three months at one of these games and then switch to North-South and you will likely win more masterpoints as East-West.

As I hinted above, the rest of the world has a solution to the problem. It does not involve choosing a Howell movement, or making people accustomed to North-South play East-West, or seeding pairs as is done at tournaments. What the rest of the world does is to choose a movement known in the ACBL as a Scrambled Mitchell. In the rest of the world it's simply a Mitchell with *arrow switches*.

Imagine that you sit down to play and the Director distributes the boards and says "shuffle, deal, and play, but wait for my announcement before scoring up the first board or proceeding to the second." You bid the first board and the Director asks for attention as partner makes an opening lead.

"Good evening everyone, we have thirteen tables tonight, and it is a club championship game, so we are going to play a special Mitchell movement where we produce one winner. I would like all of the East-West pairs to take the table number they are starting at and add thirteen. The sum will be your pair number for tonight."

Some mumbling while people add. "North-South will keep the table number as their pair number as usual and will stay at their table all night as

they normally do. The East-West pairs, numbers fourteen through twenty-six, will move up one table after each round, and the boards will move down, just like every other night. Please remember to score on the correct line, and to use the revised East-West pair numbers."

Play continues and nothing different happens for the first ten rounds. The right hand column of the travellers has some higher-than usual numbers, but that's the only different thing so far. During round eleven the Director comes to every table in turn and asks that players and boards be moved at the end of the round, but to wait for his instructions before beginning the second-last round. He announces a final quick hospitality break and asks that nobody begin play in round twelve until instructions are given.

When players and boards have moved for round twelve, the Director makes this announcement: "For this round, take the boards at your table and turn them ninety degrees clockwise so that the East player has the North cards. Play the boards with the arrow switch. For the arrow switch round, the East player will be a temporary North. Score the board on the lowest line, entering the North-South pair number as some number fourteen through twenty-six, and record the East-West pair number as some number one through thirteen. When you finish your boards, turn them back the normal way and wait again for my instructions."

This is a bit weird but is done, a few East-West pairs (who temporarily are playing the North-South cards) have a little trouble scoring due to inexperience with the slips, but the real North (playing West for this round) helps out.

"Everyone finished the arrow switch round?" says the Director. "OK, for the last round, boards go lower as usual, original North-South pairs, pairs one through nine, stay at the table, and original East-West pairs, pairs ten through eighteen, go up one table. Once again, in the final round, play and score the boards with an arrow switch. In this round, the boards will be scored on the second-lowest line."

The final round is also played with an arrow switch, and completed slips look like this:

[see top right column of next page]

When the scores come out, the eighteen pairs are all ranked together, not split into N-S lists and E-W lists. It's like a Howell without all the confusion.

And...it's fairer to all pairs. Close examination of the boards will show that each pair played the same direction as each other pair almost exactly the same number of times. Why is this so important? Consider the regular eight table movement and imagine that the Amazing Kreskin and Spock from *Star Trek* are playing at table one N-S. The other fifteen pairs in the

game are all average players; they get average when playing one another, but they always get a bottom from the mind-melders. This is the final score:

1	Kreskin and Spock	100.00%
2/10	All E-W Pairs	50.00%
11/18	Other N-S Pairs	42.86%

If Kreskin and Spock bring their mind-reading friends and four mind-reading pairs all sit N-S, this is the final score:

1/4	Mind-readers	78.57%
5/13	All E-W Pairs	50.00%
14/18	Other N-S Pairs	21.42%

It's an exaggerated simplification, of course, but even if the mind-readers get only 60% on the round while others break even against one another it still costs about 5% to sit North-South. Try having a fairly good game and taking 5% away from it. It's a significant penalty.

Now, watch what happens when Kreskin and Spock arrive the next week and they play the arrow switch movement:

1	Pair 1: Kreskin/Spock	100.00%
2/3	Pair 9 and Pair 10	50.00%
4/17	Pairs 2-7, 11-16	46.43%
18	Pair 8	42.86%

A few E-W pairs got slightly lucky and one N-S pair was a bit unlucky in the matchups, but fourteen pairs were matched up in such a way that the advantages and disadvantages were equal. In a normal game where the best players are not mind-readers and average only 60%, the differences due to which way you sit are virtually nil.

The wizards who create duplicate movements have come up with solutions that do even better in equalizing the inequities, but they involve complicated combinations of some tables switching for some rounds. The rules of thumb that have emerged to provide a balance between simplicity of movement and fairness are these:

—Perform the arrow switch at all tables in about 1/8 of the boards: the last round when rounds are

NS#	Contract	+ Result -	EW#
1	4♠N	620	21
2	4♠N+1	650	23
3	4♠N	620	25
4	4♠N+2	680	14
5	4♠N+1	650	16
6	4♠N	620	18
7	4♠N-1	100	20
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10	4♠*N+1	990	26
11	4♠N-2	200	15
12	4♠N	620	17
13	4♠N	620	19
.			
22	4♠N+1	650	8
24	4♠N+1	650	9

three or four boards, the last two rounds when playing a two board round.

—Make the arrow switch rounds the final rounds of the evening, so that an announcement can be made reminding players what is about to happen.

There are other advantages to holding a one-winner game. The winner generally wins more masterpoints (having finished higher than the entire field, not just half the field), and there are no "lucky night" awards when a fourth place North-South score gets masterpoints but a better score that happens to be sixth East-West does not.

There are disadvantages: ACBLScore is not quite set up to run these movements yet. There are a few Scrambled Mitchells a Director can select from the list of special movements, but they make arrow switches in one-third of the rounds. The rest of the world knows this to be both inefficient from a fairness standpoint, and inelegant from a simplicity standpoint. Another idea used in the rest of the world is to always add thirty to E-W pair numbers rather than the highest N-S pair number. This means E-W 1 will always be number 31, making things easier. In ACBL-land this will not work as well, since we pre-number our travelling scoreslips and get North to score on North's line number. (Elsewhere, they score round one on line one, round two on line two, etc., filling in the North-South pair number.) One way around this would be to use pickup slips.

Arrow switch movements, once fully supported by ACBLScore, would lead to fairer results, give less experienced players a few chances to learn how to score, without abandoning the convenience of Mitchell movements and player seating preferences. It's something to think about at many weekly games.

### South-West Duplicate Bridge Club

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November 19: Membership Game

Club Championship Winners (tie!): Ernie Dietrich/  
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# King Boru's Calcutta

## Part Two, by Finnegan O'Blarney



So there I am again, good old **Finnigan O'Blarney** at the King Boru Tavern in Innish-free Ireland, just as you can see plain as day in the picture. When last I wrote t'was about what was to happen at our very own individual Calcutta, done the proper Irish way.

The barkeep had been chased off to the Reeks and it was me brother's doing by proxy of his newest Fianna, a lad called **Chris Diamond**. So as the turnout was of a fair size only—a mere total of 128 players showed up, and thrice that many to bid—to me poor wife's dismay, who had to open the backdoor as to have a proper space to play, but bless her heart for letting us use the old Tuath that she inherited some time ago, for the longest time t'was her refuge from the children of Woodden, but gladly she made her offering, provided on the condition that all who enter behave as would a proper Irish only do. "It's an Irish thing after all."

Barkeep—whiskey!!

So provide security she did, along with the service, by summoning to herself some of her children, the Tuatha da Danae they are known as. Then the auction began, and for reason known to herself only she didn't on your humble self but purchase the VBC janitor of all the things to do. "He's not a Celt, I know, m'dear but he's just so polite," she told myself. On the other coin's side purchase C'Helain, me favorite nephew she did, and lightened the mood by bidding two tons of mutton manure on Arawn, me brother, and a good laugh was had by all save maybe one. It's an Irish thing, you see. As it turns out, me old foe **Herken Toltopen** won the bid for m'self for only

€7500 (for you far off readers the odd symbol's meanin' Euros), whilst me dear brother went to the fine **Lady Dee Berry**, who liked his spunk, for the reasonable amount of €8350.

"On with the fun and games, gentle folks," everyone heard **Lady Treylane** announce for one and all to hear. "And may the best playing drunkard win this contest, for it is hunt or feast as you all know by now, for should Arawn win this bet it is a hunting we will go. And yes, gentle folks, should the screams from the livery room be bothersome, please do not fret—it's but some of the Tuathas playing darts on a brand new target, just an Al'Quaida, and yes we do have a full team of doctors on hand for instant replays should a bulls-eye be scored from ten paces or more away. So, before the start of the contest—for indeed we Irish do take our things seriously—while Lady Berry and **Laird Russell** do make ready with a new ditty, shall I sing and properly so: it's called *Youhou O Osama, Where Art Thou?*"

And sing and favor us all with her singular voice she did, whilst playing the harp to a most delighted audience. Then, upon seeing the lad **Chris Diamond**, walk to him I did, and bid him the best of luck whilst giving the lad one of me very own shamrocks. Then went to the bar for a sniff of whiskey or two.

One hour later t'was time to start the contest...

Things were going along just fine in phase one, me own score standing at third place, ahead of me brother by 854 IMPS, who was having a wee bit of a hard time, struggling in 42nd place going into the last board of phase one, when his random partner for the last board turned out to be the rabid bidder **Gunter VanKanken**, who himself was on the cups of being sent off to drink that most vile thing "ewe's milk," you'll recall, the penalty for endin' the phase one in the bottom quarter.

### Cover Hand Declarer Answer

You cash the A♠ and lead the J♣. RHO wins and continues a trump, which you win with the queen as LHO shows out.

Now lead the T♣. RHO wins, and the opponents cash two heart tricks before exiting with the K♦ which you win with the ace.

Now ruff a spade in dummy, pitch your J♠ on the Q♣ and claim.

If you had tried for two

spade ruffs in dummy you would go down. Say the play after the opening trump lead goes, A♠, spade ruff, diamond to the jack, spade ruff. Now you have no entry to your hand to draw the last trump! When LHO gets in with the K♣ he will return a spade to his partner who will ruff your K♣.

If, after the first spade ruff, you try to get back to your hand in clubs, RHO must fly with the A♣ and lead another trump. If you win in hand and ruff a spade, same

problem, no entry back to hand to enjoy the K♠, and the defense is poised to come in with the K♣ and lead a spade to ruff it out. You must lose two clubs, two hearts, and a spade ruff.

The way to make the hand is to set up a club winner. Give yourself credit if this was your primary plan.

(The complete deal, page 15)

Sitting in the East seat, I held:

♠ Q876542 ♥ K ♦ QJ ♣ QJT

Arawn on my right opened 2♦, which we were told was a balanced hand of 18-19, or perhaps a hand with 16-17 and a 6 card suit, or a 4-4-4-1 hand with 16-20 and both majors. Both sides were vulnerable, but that didn't stop me from overcalling 4♣. The rabid bidder VanKanken made a cue bid of 5♣ anyhow—and then me own partner raised me to 6♣! Now me brother passed and the rabid one alerted the pass! He said it showed the suited kind of 2♦ opener and the suit wasn't hearts, as though he were seeing right through the backs of the cards! I passed and VanKanken now bid himself 6NT. And my brother alerted this, as though just sittin' down to play they knew all about what they were about all the time. This bid asked Arawn to bid the suit below his long suit, passing if it were clubs. My partner was too dizzy to bid and my brother Arawn bid 7♣, showin' a diamond suit. It seemed time for action, but when I doubled, vanKanken quickly redoubled and my partner turned a bright shade o'green as he bid 7♣ with a shudder. But VanKanken wasn't yet done, when it came back to him, he bid the notrump grand slam and there it ended without even a double.

What an auction!

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>timid partner</i>	<i>A. O'Blarney</i>	<i>Finnegan O'B.</i>	<i>G. VanKanken</i>
	2♦	4♣	5♣
6♣	Pass	Pass	6NT
Pass	7♣	Double	Redouble
7♣	Pass	Pass	7NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Me partner led the 4♣.

Upon seeing the dummy the rabid bidder looked at our agreement card to check the fact that we use 3rd/5th card leads, not that it really mattered as sweat started to bead on his forehead realizing that they were a level too high, and that going down would mean that he'd be off to drink *ewe's milk* along with

Board 13	Dir: North Vul: Both	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ KJ4 ♥ 72 ♦ AKT654 ♣ A8	7NT by North Lead: 4♣
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ 9 ♥ J98653 ♦ 2 ♣ 76432		♠ AT ♥ AQT4 ♦ 9873 ♣ K95	♠ Q876532 ♥ K ♦ QJ ♣ QJT

getting me dear brother of mine a likely candidate to go fishing for carps on the Shannon, not that I would greatly mind. But seeing that a wee bit of work can bring home the contract with the right timing, he rose with the A♣ then led the 4♣ to the ten and unblocked the A♣. Now VanKanken played the 9♦ to the ace, and played off the entire diamond suit throwing away two hearts. At this point he knew that my partner started with eleven cards in the rounded suits, so after cashing the K♣, throwing away his last small club, he claimed as the heart finesse was marked. I paused for a small moment, then inserted me cards into the board pocket, and said "N-S plus 2220, well played," and as I walked off to the bar I realized that this hand had gained me brother 372 IMPs!

And that I just lost just as many!

And that me lead on Arawn was now a slim margin of 110 IMPs! It all makes me dizzy.

As I reached the bar, me brother's outfitter started to measure me for a **sipe** suit and also took a print of me hand grip for a smart grip. Of all the gall and presumption, but I guess it's fair since I've had him measured for the busboy uniform. In the meantime on to phase two, time to quench me thirst.

Barkeep—whiskey!

## East Richmond Bridge Club

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Nov 10, Dec 15: Closed (Sectional, building unavailable)

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December 8: ACBL-wide Charity Game

December 22: Christmas Party

### Recent Winners:

International Fund Game: Bev Kanee/Toyo Nunoda

Club Championship: Pat & Cliff Glen

John Horne/Debbie Williams are still

1-2 in the 2002 club masterpoint race...

Board 7	Cover Hand	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ 6 ♥ Q9742 ♦ 9543 ♣ Q43	3♦* by South Lead: 2♦
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ Q9543 ♥ JT3 ♦ 2 ♣ K652		♠ AKJ4 ♥ 86 ♦ AQJT6 ♣ JT	♠ T87 ♥ AK5 ♦ K87 ♣ A987

the comment that Dianne (soon to be our next LM) will have a tough time topping this. But I have heard she already has plans in the works.

"My friends helped me greatly in becoming a Life Master. A special thank you to **Liz Hicks** who put me over in the Ladies Pairs in Penticton."

Another interesting letter, from Western Canada's first Life Master, **Adrian Hicks**: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated the night of my 80th birthday. And a special thank you to **Anne Nagy** for arranging the party. I would still like to know how **Queen Elizabeth** got all her information about me! At the same time I wish to thank the six girls who gave me a party in Penticton at the Regional. It sure is great to have such good friends. Thanks again!"

Quoting is fun: this is from **Doug Cowan's** report on the 1987 Nanaimo Seniors Regional: "I always try to keep my alcoholic consumption to a minimum between sessions, usually allowing myself one beer, or a glass of wine. However between sessions on Saturday, I was invited on a boat cruise with the tournament organizers, directors and other DINO officials. Needless to say, I exceeded my self-imposed limit and came back to roll a 65% game that night [with **Pat Glen**, while **Cliff Glen** and **Don Fraser** won the event!]. So much for sobriety."

#### 20 years ago in the Matchpointer

(Sept.-Oct. 1982, **Sandy McIlwain**, editor)

Nothing further on the Victoria Challenge, although the 1982 IMP League team rosters include the Victoria team of **Doug Hawkes**. The Flight B League seems like a pretty tough league viewed from twenty years on: **Anne** and **Terry Scott**, **Nick Parker**, **Julie** and **Doug Cowan**, **Gord Davis**, new Life Masters **Catriona Brown** and **Thony Stiennon**, **Ron Groome**, **Pat** and **Louis Landau**. That's Flight B!

The column was not reprinted, but **Greg Arbour** was noted for his fine play in a **Charles Goren** — **Omar Sharif** column—except that he was listed as **Greg Arbour** of *Montreal*.

The forerunner of the NAOP, the Grand National Pairs (no flights) produced a list of 216 eligible players after qualifying games were held at ten different clubs. We're lucky if we get five clubs to run the games today, although the VBC usually runs nine games. The largest game was at the Burnaby club, then directed by **Don Fraser** and managed by **Pat Carruthers**, where 34 tables turned out.

The 1983 conditions for the CNTC were that once you had qualified, you were not allowed to play in any further qualifying events. This seems odd

and not a very good way to build for attendance.

Four results from the Edmonton Regional are followed by the line "Guess who submitted these?" Sure enough, each result contains the name **Doug Andrews**.

#### 25 years ago in the Matchpointer

(Sept., Oct. 1977, **Gary Harper**, editor)

The Vancouver Bridge Club's last listed address was 535 Howe Street (4th floor), with nightly games and on Wednesdays at noon. **Adrian Hicks** was the director and **June Budd Hicks** was his able assistant for many years, with **Mo** and **Jo Jacobs** the club owners—and on Wednesday, September 7, 1977, after a wild Calcutta pairs event following a Swiss Teams which attracted 75 people to the club, the Vancouver Bridge Club closed for the last time.

This is reported in the October issue, along with a letter from Adrian and June Budd thanking bridge players for the new trophy named after them, presented at the September sectional ten days later. I checked the September issue and there is no mention of this trophy, which leads me to suspect that it was kept a secret from the honorees until the very day of the event, when many bridge players, telephoned in advance, turned out to applaud Adrian and June Budd for their years of service. **Sandra Borg** and **Sherman Kwan**, who also won the Friday evening mixed pairs, were the first winners of the Adrian and June Budd Hicks trophy (Adrian commented in the letter that Sandra and Sherman "should have a saliva test before they begin play"), which we still play for today at the first sectional of the year.

The name Vancouver Bridge Club was bound to live on, of course, and the game now run by **Louis Landau** three times a week in West Vancouver has its history downtown. They're doing just fine today, too!

New Unit President **Cliff Forrester** wrote a fairly lengthy President's Message in the October issue, hitting some very familiar themes:

"The Unit Board, as usual, received complaints on conduct at the recent Richmond Sectional. It has instructed the Conduct and Ethics Committee to take a firmer stand on violations."

Accompanying this quote was an article about Prision's Law—the better the players, the less successful a bridge club will be and vice versa. "Is there any reason," wrote author Jerry Prision in an ACBL publication for Club Managers, "why a player, when he crosses the line of success as to ability, also has to cross another line with regard to table manners?"

In August 1977 the IMP League which began in September 1976 was still not complete! We're not talking about a few playoff matches here, we're talk-

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# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## News From South Surrey

### Kay Lyons Memorial Trophy Game

On November 25<sup>th</sup> 2002, a special commemorative game will be held in honour of Kay Lyons, who passed away in March of this year. Kay was instrumental in starting the Monday night non-smoking club in South Surrey in 1986. She worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this non-profit club, contributing her time and dedication on the executive year after

year. She was also active on the executive of the Wednesday night White Rock Duplicate bridge club. Kay will be remembered by all who knew her at bridge as a *classy* lady, a wonderful partner, keenly competitive yet always good-natured.

This Trophy game will be held annually at the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club, coinciding with a club championship game. First and second overall will be awarded **free plays** at the club that can be used at any regular game. The winning pair will have their names engraved on the trophy. —Liz Stoneman

### South Surrey Bridge Club

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

Director: Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300  
Partnerships: Dot Carnegie 535-8286

Mondays at 7:15 pm

First Monday of each month Stratified  
Computer Scoring Partners Guaranteed

November 4: Membership (with Trophy) Game

November 11: Closed for Round-Up Sectional

November 18: District-wide Charity Game (hand records)

November 25: Kay Lyons Memorial Trophy Club Championship Game (free play prizes as well)

Club Champ. Winners: John Lien/Liz Stoneman 70.83%

Stratified Winners: Brian & Joni Johnston 70.49%

### 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 games last Wednesday of each month

October 30: CBF Rookie/Master game + regular game

November 6: Club Championship Game

**Swiss Team Winners:** Gay Parrish,

Jay Brandt, John Lien, Hal Gloff

**Club Championship:** Chris Robbins/Ron McConnell

**Big Game:** Judy Acheson/Maggie Warren (67.36%)

**Club Appreciation:** Wilf May/Kathy Adachi (64.81%)

### Cent. Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond  
(Rod & Gun Club)

coffee & goodies computer scoring

Albert Yallouz 604/321-1891

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

All games stratified

November 13: Club Championship

December 18: Christmas Party

Aug. 21 Club Championship Winners:

Kam Tang/Hsiang Li 67.56%

Sept 25. Charity Game Winners:

Olive MacDonald/Jeanne Bentley 67.31%

Oct. 9 Club Appreciation Winners:

William Ge/Danny Lee 64.96%

## SUBURBIA CLUBS Gilbert Lambert 604/524-6617

All games stratified.

### Burnaby (am)

1491 Carleton Ave.

North Burnaby

Mondays, 10:45 am

Closed November 11

November 18: DINO Charity  
Week Game

Nov 26: Club Championship

Dec 9: Christmas Pot Luck

### Burnaby (pm)

1491 Carleton Ave.

North Burnaby

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Closed Dec 24, Dec 31

Nov 19: Membership Game

Nov 25: Club Championship

December 17: Christmas  
Party (Pot Luck)

### New Westminster

Century House, 620 8th St.

New Westminster

Thursdays, 7:15 pm

Nov 21: DINO Charity Game

Nov 28: Membership Game

Dec 5: Club Championship

Dec 12: Christmas Pot Luck

December 26: Closed

### Sur-Del

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church

11601 82nd Ave., N. Delta

Fridays, 7:30 pm

Nov 22: Ken Holland Mem.

Trophy Game (DINO Charity)

Nov 29: Memb. Game Dec 6:

Christmas Party Dec 13: QCC

Closed November 1, 8

# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: October 21, 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>Introduction to Duplicate: 0-50 MP</i>
	10:45	BBY	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified
	7:00	SQU	E. Tenta	Don Lecky 892-9027	Open, monthly handicap, trophy race games.
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:15	SRV	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (first 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: 0-50 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 &amp; Bun</i>
	10:30	LAD	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Bi-weekly: See page 20 for dates.
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Waldemar Jez 527-8854	Alternate Fridays, non-ACBL. Dates, p. 11.
	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	C. Miller	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:00	RMD	R. Dunn	Monthly Unit Game (see p. ??)	Open stratified.

Please check the listings on the next page for special events and club closures before attending club games. Errors in this table? Changes? Let me know!

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## Special Events at Clubs

October 29—December 31, 2002.

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
29 Oct	10:30	VBC	Club Appreciation Game
30 Oct	7:00	VBC	CBF Rookie/Master Game (pre-registration may be required)
30 Oct	7:15	WRK	CBF Rookie/Master Game plus regular game
1 Nov	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
1 Nov	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
1 Nov	—	S-D	Closed
3 Nov	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
3 Nov	7:30	RMD	November Monthly Unit Game
4 Nov	7:00	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
4 Nov	7:15	SRY	Trophy Membership Game

## Club Abbreviations and Ad Locations

Abbr	Club Name	Page
ARB	Arbutus Village Bridge Club	20
BBY	Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club	17
C.R	Central Richmond Bridge Club	17
CWK	Chilliwack Duplicate Bridge Club	25
HAS	Hastings Bridge Club	22
HBN	Hollyburn Bridge Club	10
JCC	Jewish Comm. Ctr. DBridge Club	21
LAD	Tswwassen B. C. (Ladner location)	20
MIS	Mission Duplicate Bridge Club	25
M-R	Maple Ridge Duplicate Bridge Club	25
NWR	New-West Bridge Club	17
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	21
PKB	Polish Bridge Club (non-ACBL)	11
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SRY	South Surrey Bridge Club	17
SQU	Squamish Duplicate Bridge Club	20
TSW	Tswwassen Bridge Club	20
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WRK	White Rock Bridge Club	17

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
6 Nov	10:30	HAS	Monthly Stratified Game
6 Nov	7:00	VBC	Monthly Hand Records Game
6 Nov	7:15	WRK	Club Championship Game
8-11 Nov			<b>Round-Up Sectional at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby, including NAOP District Finals in A, B and C on November 9. Most clubs closed.</b>
11 Nov	10:00	VCR	Remembrance Day Holiday Pairs
11 Nov	—	BBY	Closed (holiday)
11 Nov	7:15	VBC	NLM Game (as usual)
12 Nov	7:00	VBC	Round-Up Sectional Winners Free Play Night
13 Nov	7:00	VBC	CNTC Club Qualifying Game
13 Nov	7:15	C.R	Club Championship Game
15 Nov	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
15 Nov	7:30	PKB	Turniej co 2 Tygodnie
17 Nov	11:30	VBC	Free Seminar for Prospective Club Directors (first of three sessions)
17 Nov	1:00	VBC	Last Chance COPC Club Qualifying Game
18-24 Nov			<b>DINO Charity Week. Regional free plays for high scorers in District 19. Contact your club for details.</b>
18 Nov	7:00	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
18 Nov	10:45	BBY	DINO Charity Week Game
18 Nov	7:15	SRY	DINO Charity Week Game
19 Nov	11:00	S-W	Membership Game
19 Nov	7:30	BBY	Membership Game
20 Nov	10:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-300 MP)
21 Nov	7:15	NWR	DINO Charity Week Game
22 Nov	10:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
22 Nov	7:30	S-D	DINO Charity Week Game for Ken Holland Trophy
24 Nov	11:30	VBC	Free Seminar for Prospective Club Directors (second of 3 sessions)
24 Nov	1:00	RMD	Membership Game
25 Nov	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
25 Nov	10:45	BBY	Club Championship Game
25 Nov	7:15	SRY	<b>Kay Lyons Trophy Game (p. 17)</b>
25 Nov	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
26 Nov	10:30	VBC	Club Championship Game
26 Nov	7:30	BBY	Club Championship Game
27 Nov	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
28 Nov	7:15	NWR	Membership Game
29 Nov	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
29 Nov	7:30	PKB	Turniej co 2 Tygodnie
29 Nov	7:30	S-D	Membership Game
1 Dec	11:30	NSW	<b>Charity Swiss Teams (2 sessions)</b>
1 Dec	11:30	VBC	Free Seminar for Prospective Club Directors (final session)
1 Dec	1:00	RMD	Club Championship

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(Special Events at Clubs, continued from page 19)

**SPECIAL ALERT!** Please note that club events are subject to change. Best plan is to call the club manager if you have any questions about the club schedule. Club contacts and phone numbers are on page ??.

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
1 Dec	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game
2 Dec	7:00	SQU	Monthly Handicap Game
2 Dec	7:15	SRV	Monthly Stratified Game
2 Dec	7:15	VBC	ACBL-wide Charity Game (open)
4 Dec	10:30	HAS	Club Championship (Stratified)
4 Dec	7:00	VBC	Monthly Hand Record Game
5 Dec	7:15	NWR	Club Championship Game
7 Dec	5:30	Unit	<b>Christmas Party at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby. 5:30 Happy Hour; 6:30 A "Real Meal" by Pat and Isabel and volunteers; 8:00 Monthly Unit Game Finale (with side 0-100 section). Full details, page ??.</b>
8 Dec	1:00	RMD	ACBL-wide Charity Game <i>As you make plans to attend the various holiday games and parties held at clubs, please remember that many clubs rely on volunteers and on pre-registration to ensure that the event is a success. Please contact the club manager in advance to find out whether pre-registration is required, and consider volunteering your services to help make the event a memorable one.</i>
9 Dec	10:45	BBY	Christmas Party Pot Luck Game
9 Dec	7:15	TSW	Christmas Party Game
9 Dec	7:15	VBC	Club Championship Game (NLM)
11 Dec	10:30	HAS	Christmas Party Game
11 Dec	10:30	VBC	Club Championship Game (0-300)
12 Dec	7:15	NWR	Christmas Party Pot Luck Game
13 Dec	10:30	LAD	Bi-weekly Game
13 Dec	7:30	PKB	Turniej co 2 Tygodnie
13 Dec	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
14 Dec	6:00	VBC	Annual Holiday Bash (Dinner 6:00, Bridge 7:30)
15 Dec	—	RMD	<b>Closed (building unavailable)</b>

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
16 Dec	10:00	VCR	Christmas Party Game
16 Dec	7:00	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
16 Dec	7:15	TSW	Membership Game
17 Dec	7:30	BBY	Christmas Party Pot Luck Game
18 Dec	7:15	VCR	Christmas Party Game
18 Dec	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
18 Dec	7:15	C.R	Christmas Party Game
22 Dec	1:00	RMD	Christmas Party Game <i>Club closures during the twelve days of Christmas should be finalized in the next issue of the Matchpointer. (Club Managers Alert: tell me!)</i>
23 Dec	7:15	TSW	Open despite holiday proximity
24 Dec	—	BBY	<b>Closed for holiday</b>
25 Dec	—	Merry	<b>Christmas! (most clubs closed)</b>
26 Dec	—	NWR	<b>Closed for holiday</b>
27 Dec	10:30	LAD	Open despite holiday proximity
27 Dec	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly game (if open)
27 Dec	7:30	VBC	Year-End Post-Game Pizza Party
30 Dec	7:15	TSW	Club Championship Game
30 Dec	7:30	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
31 Dec	—	BBY	<b>Closed for holiday</b>

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
1 Jan	10:30	VBC & TBA	2nd Annual New Year's Day Bridge Marathon, five 18-board sessions in approximately 12½ hours. Play as many as you like, one session or as many as five!
1 Jan	noon	VCR	John Reeve Individual Game

<p><b>TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB</b> <i>Tsawwassen Location:</i> South Delta Rec. Centre, 1720 56th Street <b>Mondays at 7:15 pm</b> <b>OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS</b> <b>Richard Dunn: 604/940-9809</b> e-mail: rmdunn@dccnet.com</p>	<p><b>Special Games:</b> December 9: Christmas Party Game December 16: Membership Game December 23: Club Open December 30: Club Championship</p> <p><b>Sept Club Championship Winners:</b> Fay-Lois Crawford/Edith Dubnick Their 62.73% game was the highest score in September-October.</p>	<p><b>Ladner Location:</b> Fisherman's Hall, 4481 Savoy St., Ladner <b>alternate Fridays at 10:30 am</b> <b>Nov. 1, 15, 29; Dec. 13, 27</b> <b>OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS</b> <b>TSW &amp; LAD Results &amp; information:</b> www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/</p>
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## Squamish Bridge Club

1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish  
Mondays at 7:00 pm  
Monthly Handicap & Trophy Race Games  
Don Lecky 604/892-9027

## 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

**Free Seminar for Prospective  
Club Directors, 11:30-12:30 on  
three Sundays, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1**  
Contact Eugene at the club for details.

**Thank you for your generosity at  
the recent Chair Affair event!**

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	10:30am	Introduction to Duplicate, 0-50 MP
	7:15pm	Non-Life Masters (max 500 MP)
Tuesday	10:30am	Open Day-Time Stratified
	7:00pm	Bragging Rights Open Stratified
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

*Optional Inexpensive Lunch At Weekday Afternoon Games*

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**Play Sunday Afternoons and welcome our  
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Connie Delisle 604/263-9196, or 604/671-3884 (cell)

Partnerships: Marge Groberman 604/266-7722

## North Shore Winter Club Bridge

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

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

27th Annual Swiss Team Championship Game

Sunday December 1, 11:30 am. \$62/team.

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# 2002 Sectional Trophy Race Standings

## Phil Wood Trophy

1. <i>Bryan Maksymetz</i> .....	76.23
2. Gerry McCully .....	46.76
3. Cam Doner .....	39.83
4. Rhonda Foster.....	38.19
5. Ron Borg .....	33.59
6. Dan Jacob.....	33.31
7. Dennis Groden .....	32.58
8. Tony Remedios.....	31.46
9. Craig Zastera.....	30.54
10. Ray Miller.....	30.10
11. John Horne.....	28.88
12. Gord McOrmond.....	27.90
13. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	27.56
14. Dan Watson .....	27.46
15. Katrin Litwin .....	26.69
16. Vicki Croome.....	26.50
17. Kenny Chan.....	26.45
18. Greg Arbour.....	26.13
19. Sheila Sache .....	25.84
20. Mark Eddy.....	25.73
21. Mike Moffatt.....	25.03
22. Don Sache.....	24.80
23. Sandra Robson.....	24.43
24. Don Keith.....	24.07
25. Ben Takemori.....	23.38
26. Balusu Rao.....	23.21
27. John Hurdle.....	23.18
28. Stan Christie .....	22.77
29. Doug Hansford .....	21.53
30. Doug Cowan .....	21.40

A total of 3270.60 masterpoints were won by 555 players (a further 59 played but did not win any) in the first three Unit 430 open Sectionals of 2002.

## Edie Bonnell Trophy

1. <i>Rhonda Foster</i> .....	38.19
2. Carol-Ann Halliday.....	27.56
3. Katrin Litwin .....	26.69
4. Vicki Croome.....	26.50
5. Sheila Sache.....	25.84
6. Sandra Robson.....	24.43
7. Lynda Cole .....	21.07
8. Trudy Hurdle .....	20.53
9. Jane Fyfe.....	20.17
10. Kathy Adachi .....	19.00
11. Debbie Williams .....	17.56
12. Christa Mead .....	16.55
13. Sandra Fraser .....	16.39
14. Diane Ayukawa.....	16.33
15. Claire Burns .....	16.30

## Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. <i>Bruce Partridge</i> .....	17.16
2. Denise Goodkey .....	15.45
3. David Hooey .....	13.00
4. Sima Sadri.....	11.51
5. Melinda Ernsberger .....	11.25
6. Charlotte Alekson.....	10.04
7. Felicity Fane.....	8.46
8. Andrew Nalos .....	7.71
9. David Huang .....	7.70
9. Alex Chuang .....	7.70
11. Mary June Young.....	7.56
12. Grant Gayman .....	6.96
13. Beverley Hall .....	6.82
13. Edite Phillpotts .....	6.82
15. Narinder Malhotra .....	6.65

You're eligible if you were an ACBL member under 200 masterpoints on January 1, 2002.

## Leo Steil Trophy

1. <i>Ron Borg</i> .....	33.59
2. Dennis Groden .....	32.58
3. John Horne .....	28.88
4. Greg Arbour.....	26.13
5. Don Sache .....	24.80
6. John Hurdle .....	23.18
7. Doug Cowan.....	21.40
8. Trudy Hurdle .....	20.53
9. H. K. Ho .....	20.35
10. Les Fouks.....	20.32
11. Ralph Cole.....	19.86
12. Kathy Adachi.....	19.00
13. Gilbert Lambert.....	18.67
14. Bob Kiggins .....	18.16
15. Gary Phelan .....	17.87

As usual, there may be players missing from this list, or players on it who are younger than our sources think. To be eligible you must be an ACBL member born before 1947.

## Evergreen Sectional Top 10

1. <i>Ray Miller</i> .....	30.10
1. <i>Craig Zastera</i> .....	30.10
3. Bryan Maksymetz .....	25.91
4. Stan Christie.....	22.77
4. Balusu Rao.....	22.77
6. Ron Borg.....	22.09
7. Bruce Partridge .....	15.41
8. Tony Remedios .....	14.52
9. Ben Takemori .....	14.44
10. Cam Doner.....	14.33

A total of 817.77 masterpoints were won by 100 different players at the Evergreen Sectional.

## Vancouver Bridge Club

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

**Louis Landau 604/984-8309**

All games non-smoking.  
Computer scoring.

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

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

### Club Championship Games:

Wednesday, November 20 (am)  
Wednesday, December 18 (pm)

### Holiday Monday Party Games:

Mon, Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Pairs

### Handicap Games:

Monday, November 25

### Club Christmas Parties:

Monday, December 16  
Wednesday, December 18 (pm)

### Other Special Events:

John Reeve Individual Tournament  
Wednesday January 1 (noon)

## Hastings Bridge Club

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

**Marianne Scott 604/298-3932**

Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp

First Wednesday each month stratified

December 4: Club Championship

December 11: Christmas Party

### Membership Game Winners:

Rosalyn Richardson/Arlene Browning  
Charity Game Winners (tie!):  
Arlene Browning/Grace Wakabayashi,  
Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney

# Memberships

## Recover your points free!

If your ACBL membership has expired and you haven't renewed, you should take note that there is no better time to rejoin than the present. Until the end of 2002, the ACBL is running a Membership Amnesty program.

The Membership Amnesty program dispenses with all of the fuss about recording masterpoints for players whose membership was not up to date. In the past, a player paying the membership fee

to renew his membership would receive a card from the ACBL listing the points won while a non-member, and there would be a price attached to have these points recorded. Until the end of 2002, there will be no charge for recording masterpoints won while in membership purgatory.

ACBL memberships can be paid in several different ways. The ACBL Membership Assistance Department (1-800-467-2623) will take a credit card number over the telephone. Memberships can be purchased online at the ACBL web site at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org). And you can

purchase or renew a membership at any local tournament.

The advantages of ACBL membership are:

—slightly lowered entry fees at tournaments

—eligibility for masterpoint races

—the ACBL *Bulletin*

—a portion of your membership is returned to the Unit to help support the organizational costs of local bridge events

So if your membership has run out, consider renewing between now and December. There's never been a better time to do so.

*(Only Yesterday, continued from page 31)*

faced the third-place team of non-playing captain **Aidan Ballantyne** (**Rhonda Betts**, **Marcia Christie**, **Connie Delisle**, **Lynn Fleming**, **Leslie Gold**, **Connie McAvoy**) in the semi-final. Stenning won by 50 IMPs but then lost to the heavily favoured team from Quebec in the final.

*The Meet The Players subject: Peter Herold.*

### 15 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

(October 1987, **Jude Goodwin-Hanson**, editor)

With everyone talking about the snazzy new graphics Jude's skills had brought to the *Matchpointer*, including an excellent portrait of **Aidan Ballantyne**, I daresay that many missed the fact that Jude is also an excellent writer. This issue-opening passage from the fall of 1987 is the most poetic I have read in any issue since I began doing these reviews:

"It is October and even the die-hard sandal fanatics must admit that fall is upon us. Gone are the long warm evenings of summer bridge, windows and doors open to sunset and between-round strollers. Now we begin to nestle into the cozy halo of an autumn game, tucked into clubs and halls while the world outside turns leaves to gold and skies to grey. Funny how the game picks up as winter looms. The memory of minus 1100 can no longer be forgotten on the hot sands of a sunlit beach, in cool waters or under green trees. As the season turns, the rains and the cold offer little in the way of comfort or escape from a disastrous slam or desultory round. This is the time when we shake the rust off our cards and the sand from our brains and grasp the game seriously once again. Players bear down and concentrate on the task at hand and the events to come. The air takes on an edge as crisp as the fall outside as goals are set and distances

calculated. By spring the apex will be reached and today the climbers ready themselves for the trek. Page 7 of this issue lists upcoming events...some near, some far, all awaiting the flash of your mighty sword."

**Alana Skuce**, **Rob Crawford**, **Paul Sontag** and **Anne Scott** became Life Masters, along with **Gladys Mackie** who submitted this report:

"I would like to submit a story about my electrifying New Life Masters party. Present were **Bev Cullen**, **Mary Courbould**, **Grace Wakabayashi**, **Berle Hamilton**, **Tomie Yamanouchi**, **Jill Wainborn**, **Ione Smithe**, **Norma Skene**, **Pat Carruthers**, and **Arlene Browning**. Absent due to work, travel or distance were **Dianne Wilson**, **Roy Richardson** and **Nadine McInnes**. This special group of ladies traditionally get together for a champagne bridge party hosted by the new Life Master. At last it was my turn!

"We started gathering at my home at 10:00 am on July 24th. We hadn't all been together since Penticton, so we were slow to get going. We had to move the party indoors, as a storm was blowing and at 11:20 am my home was struck by lightning!

"Bridge players are oblivious to everything, but this stopped us cold. (Besides, some of us had to change our underwear.)

"I took this lightning strike as a message that perhaps somebody up there didn't take too kindly to my becoming a LM. However, I rather like **Gary Phelan's** interpretation of the incident: 'God came to your party.'

"Needless to say, there followed much excitement. With the power out, we were forced to switch early from coffee to champagne. Four firemen checked out the damage. Norma invited them to make up a fourth table! Pat Carruthers made

*(continued on page 16)*



# Sectional Events

## Who picks them and how?

(The following article arose out of a response to a series of questions from a Unit member, one of our more experienced players, a Gold Life Master. The inquiry and the response have been edited somewhat, without changing the intent of the questions being asked.)

**The inquiry:** I would like to point out something about the recent Evergreen Sectional. All the events on both the Saturday and Sunday were Stratiflighted, which means that if I decided to play on either Saturday or Sunday I had no choice but to play against only the other A/X players. As I have over 3000 master points, I am used to competing in the highest stratification. However, most of my partners, who do not have as many MP as I do, are unwilling to play with me in these events.

As an example I would have liked to play with my daughter, who has a grand total of about 10 MP. For obvious reasons this is a non-starter, and I am sure you would agree. Further, at least two partners decided not to play with me after earlier agreeing to play. When they found out the format of the events, they asked me to let them off the hook.

It is not that I object to playing against top players. This is part of the game and I enjoy the challenge. What I am complaining about is that every event on the weekend is StratiFlighted and so it becomes virtually impossible for me to play with people with whom I enjoy playing, as they don't want to play in a section where everyone else has this large amount of master points.

My basic point is that there was no event that I could play in with a "Novice" level player at any time on Saturday and Sunday. All that was needed was to have what used to be known as "side events" and what are now called "continuous pairs" events. In other words, an "open" event should be arranged for at least some of the sessions to allow players like me to play with people that would not appreciate playing in an A/X only event.

I would seriously like to know the reason for the Unit Board deciding that every event on Saturday and Sunday in this Sectional is StratiFlighted. I look forward to your reply with interest.

**The President's Response:** Thank you for your letter inquiring into the rationale for the program at the recent Unit 430 Evergreen Sectional. I have taken a couple of weeks to reply as I had to do some research as to how the events for each Sectional are determined.

I have discovered that there is an overall

plan, covering each calendar year, which accommodates both a desired variety of events and our various Trophy events. This overall plan, or template, was put together a couple of years ago by a subcommittee of the Unit Board and is to be reviewed from time to time. I intend that we will look at it in during this Unit year, but overall I don't think it needs major change.

Before I get to the underlying data, I should point out that any player playing with you (or any player of your experience and accumulated MP) is only going to earn any MP awards by placing in the A stratification only, regardless of whether the event is Stratified or StratiFlighted. Also it should be noted that both events on the Friday of the recent Sectional were Stratified, enabling you to play comfortably with even the most inexperienced partner.

The difference between the Stratified events and the StratiFlighted events is that in the Stratified events, all pairs play in the same event and the event will include players from A, B and C strats, with each pair placed in the stratification based on the higher masterpoint holding of the pair. In the StratiFlighted events, those players whose masterpoint total is above a specified level (typically 1,500 MP in Unit 430 Sectionals) must play in the (separate) A/X event, along with their partner, who may or may not have 1,500 MP. In fact, other pairs, neither of who have 1,500 MP will frequently enter the A/X event, for the increased challenge and added experience of playing with the better players. Others, who feel very comfortable when playing against B and C players, find it a challenge when they step into the A/X events and prefer not to. The B/C/D event is there for these players, as long as they are playing with a partner who also meets the indicated masterpoint limit.

The rationale behind the StratiFlighted event is that the less experienced players should have the opportunity to play together, unfettered by the experts who intimidate some less experienced players, and make the game more difficult for them. Equally, many expert players would rather play only against the better players as it results in a more consistent game where, in theory, their superior ability will not be subject to the aberrations that a novice pair can often cause.

Those who have been playing for many years can recall when events were neither Stratified nor StratiFlighted. In the distant past, there was typically one Pairs event, with a qualifying round in the afternoon, and a consolation event in the evening for those who did not qualify for the final. All placings were determined across the field regardless of the masterpoint levels of the players. In part, this was due to the manual scoring that was done, with Directors entering the



scores from pick-up slips manually on a large sheet, and manually scoring the matchpoints for each board, and then adding up each pair's total score. Needless to say, there were many nights when the total did not balance, resulting in added work and checking.

As computers advanced, the number of events and stratifications that could be accommodated increased to the situation we have today. One of the initial stratifications involved the novices, typically in the 0-100 or 0-200 range. It was not long before the Stratified events came along, and then the StratiFlighted ones. It is perhaps worthy of mention that Unit 430 Sectionals are typically stratified at 0-300 MP, 300-1,500 MP, and unlimited MP. In some other units, usually the smaller ones, the cutoff for the A stratification is often 1,000 or 1,250 MP. This is usually a function of the range of masterpoint holdings in that Unit.

So, in setting up the events in Unit 430, we have a balance of Stratified and StratiFlighted events, spread across the four Sectional tournaments that we hold annually. Looking at the Pair events, there are twelve Stratified events comprising fourteen sessions (ten one-session events and two two-session events). There are only three StratiFlighted Pair events, comprising six sessions (all three are two session events). As for Swiss Team events, there is one Stratified event (two sessions) and three StratiFlighted events (six sessions).

There are also two Knockout Teams events that are bracketed based on the combined masterpoint holdings of the teams, and thus could be considered to be StratiFlighted, with the stratification level based on the number of entries and the respective masterpoint holdings of the players. Finally there is a Board-a-Match Team event that is also Stratified.

With the events described above spread over four Sectionals, the balance that exists may not be perfect in each Sectional. But I feel there is a reasonable balance there over the full year. We may want to consider changing one of the Swiss Teams events from StratiFlighted to Stratified, but it is probably in Swiss Teams that strati-flighting is most justified, based on comments I have received from B and C players, after

they have had the misfortune of doing well for a couple of rounds, and then running into two or three A teams in later rounds.

Few if any Sectional tournaments offer Continuous Pairs/Side Game events, although these games are usually available at Regional and National tournaments. I imagine this has to do with the expected small participation (most players play in both sessions) and the fact that those players who wish to play only one of the two sessions can be accommodated in the two-session event, with eligibility for session awards but not overall awards.

I have been to Regional tournaments (having Side Games) where the table count per day was similar to that at our recent Sectional, and it should be possible to add the occasional side game to our Sectional schedule. But there are sometimes other restrictions such as the number of directing staff necessary. Also, where the two session game is Stratified, offering a coincident side game would result in two identical competitions taking place, resulting in possible 'cherry picking' of the weaker field to compete in. I have frequently noted professional players and their less experienced clients playing both Side Games in a day at a Regional, rather than competing in the stronger two session game. However, when the main pairs event is StratiFlighted, these arguments perhaps have less weight. We will think about this further and may reflect a change the next time the main pairs event is Stratified. However, no change is likely for the next two Unit 430 Sectionals since the schedules are already set.

A similar question that could be asked is why we have only Swiss Teams events on the final day of the Sectional. Why not have side pair games as well? The reasons here are stronger given the different natures of the two events, regarding timing issues and noise levels (the room gets very noisy in the interval surrounding the end of one match and the start of another). Also it divides the attentions of the directors who get very occupied as the various rounds of the Swiss Teams event end. However, we will reflect further on this issue also.

## The Valley Clubs

**Bob Percher 604/792-4389**

**Partners always guaranteed!**

### Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre  
9400 College Street  
Mondays, 7:30pm

Stratified games last  
Monday of each month

### Maple Ridge

Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Centre  
12148 224th Street  
Wednesdays, 7:30pm

### Mission

Masonic Hall, 3319 First Avenue  
(next to Scotiabank)  
Thursdays, 7:30pm

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.



# Winners

September-October 2002

## LOCAL WINNERS

2002 EVERGREEN SECTIONAL  
SURREY BC, SEPTEMBER 13-15  
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### Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs (39 tables)

A	B	C	
1	1		<b>Ping Ding/Jane Fyfe</b>
2			Ina Andersen/Kathy Adachi
3			Larry Chow/Rhonda Foster
4/5			Debbie Williams/John Horne
4/5			Andrew Ross/John Hurdle
6	2		Marg Elligott/Jane Craig
3	1		<b>Bruce Partridge/Harry Kublik</b>
4	2		Garry Scollon/Craig Dunning
5			Amir Alibhai/Rick Smillie
6			Marjorie Mason/Gypsy Sturrock
3			Gerry & Bonnie Purcell
4			Jim Balcom/Bob Jess
5			Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michiyo Takeda
6			Barbara & Marke Antonsen

### Friday Evening Stratified Mixed Pairs Uean Turnbull Trophy (27 tables)

A	B	C	
1	1		<b>Tony Remedios/Tove Chen</b>
2			Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin
3	2		Ping Ding/Jane Fyfe
4			Ina Andersen/Danny Lee
5			Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully
6			Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
3			Dan Webster/Sandra Robson
4			Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome
5			Gary & Alice Thomas
6			Kazuko Koda/Colin Ransom
1			<b>Jane &amp; Howard Shimokura</b>
2			Daniela Zezulka/Gerry Ferguson
3			Eda Kadar/Tom Williams
4			Peggy Winter/Fred Spencer
5			Alice & Bill Butler

### Friday Evening Side Stratified Pairs (16 tables)

A	B	C	
1			<b>Bruce Partridge/Steve Clements</b>
2			Mike Dimich/Don Brazeau
3			Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
4	1		<b>Joan &amp; Alice Steuart</b>
5	2	1	<b>Garry Scollon/Craig Dunning</b>
6	3	2	Pete Malone/Peggy Schindeler
4			Rangie Sylvestre/Gail Watson
5			Peggy Ross/Joan Campbell
6			Barbara Green/Linda Orr

### Saturday Afternoon Future Masters Pairs (5 tables)

D	E	F	
1			Felicity Fane/Sima Sadri
2			Peggy Winter/Fred Spencer
3			Brian Hall/Jim Verner
4			Gaby Uranyi/Verna Vass

(not enough pairs for overalls in lower strats)

### Saturday 2-session StratiFlighted Pairs Flight A/X (21,22 tables)

A	X	
1		<b>Ray Miller/Craig Zastera</b>
2		Bryan Maksymetz/Ron Borg
3		Balusu Rao/Stam Christie
4		Cam Doner/Dick Yarrington
5	1	<b>Gary Phelan/Dan Watson</b>
6		Lauren Miller/Linda Sims
7		Tony Remedios/Gerry McCully
8	2	Sherman Kwan/Ron Fox
3		Dianne Isfeld/Ben Takemori
4		John Anthony/Bill Osten
5		Dennis Groden/Gilbert Lambert
6		David Schmidt/Diane Bishoff

### Saturday 2-session StratiFlighted Pairs Flight B/C/D (31,33 1/2 tables)

B	C	D	
1			<b>Bruce McIntyre/Diane Ayukawa</b>
2			Bob Kiggins/Don Keith
3	1		<b>Kenny Chan/Ted Lai</b>
4			Jeremy & Marion Crowhurst
5			Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome
6	2		Carol-Ann Halliday/Anita Morse
3			Kazuko Koda/Colin Ransom
4			Waldemar Jez/Roman Weroch
5	1		<b>Anna &amp; Jan Ochnio</b>
6			Wink & Ann Andres
2			Ross Lam/David Breton
3			Tom Williams/Jean Wilkinson
4			Bruce Partridge/Brian Ransom
5			Malcolm & Jeanne McDonald
6			Eda Kadar/Andrew Nalos

### Sunday 2-session StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight A/X (22 teams)

A	X	
1/2		<b>Ray Miller, Craig Zastera, Balusu Rao, Stam Christie</b>
1/2		<b>Bryan Maksymetz, Mike &amp; Ben Takemori, Gord McOrmond, Ron Borg</b>
3/5		Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Audrey & Jim Norman
3/5		Cam Doner, Greg Arbour, Gerry McCully, Dick Yarrington
3/5		Mike Dimich, Tony Remedios, Gord Davis, Don Brazeau
6		Don & Sheila Sache, Dan Watson, Dennis Groden
7		Leslie Gold, Kathy Adachi, Danny Lee, William Ge
1		<b>Bruce Partridge, Steve Clements, Mark Eddy, Kelvin Raywood</b>
2		Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapff, Tom Cross, Doug Cowan

A	X	
3		Debbie Williams, Vicki Croome, Mike Moffatt, John Horne
4		Amir Alibhai, Malcolm McDonald, Gary Post, Robert Butler
5/6		Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Anne Scott, Steve Beaton
5/6		Waldemar Jez, Ewa Wroblewicz, Mark Rojewski, Andrew Zorawski

### Sunday 2-session StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight B/C/D (29 teams)

B	C	D	
1	1		<b>Karin Dunlop, David Hooey, Theresa Kong, Carol-Ann Halliday</b>
2			Don Keith, Bob Kiggins, Pirtpal Gill, Andrew Lee
3			Kenny Chan, Hing Kong Ho, William Sit, Jack Lee
4			Marjorie Mason, Gypsy Sturrock, Thelma Hofstede, Rita Hasselbach
5/6			Glenn Ponto, Melinda Ernsberger, Denise Goodkey, Ron Gagnon
5/6			Rangie Sylvestre, Yuko Fujieda, Toyo Nunoda, Beverly Kanee
2/3			Maxine Sodmont, Frances Gunn, Tom Williams, Gus Axer
2/3			Stuart Carr, Cathy Miller, Samantha Nystrom, Sachi Yamakami
4			Wink & Ann Andres, Graham & Joanne Thomas
5			Marg Elligott, Jane Craig, Linda Orr, Marilyn Phillips
1			<b>Samuel Lai, Kam Tang, Andrew Nalos, Grant Gayman</b>
2			Harvey & Jean Bridges, Dorothy & Don MacLeod

## OUT-OF-TOWN WINNERS

CAN-AM REGIONAL  
MONTRÉAL PQ, AUGUST 16-SEPTEMBER 2

A	B	C	
5			<b>Continuous Pairs I</b> Richard Dunn/Diane Ayukawa
4	2		<b>Continuous Pairs</b> Marke Antonsen
5			<b>Sunday Evening Stratified Pairs</b> Marke & Barb, Antonsen
4			<b>Continuous Pairs</b> Sandra Robson
1			<b>Wednesday Evening Side Game</b> Kathy Adachi/Leslie Gold
4			<b>Wednesday Open Swiss Teams</b> Gilbert Lambert/Sandra Robson
3			<b>Rank 1st Friday Flight A Swiss Teams</b> Sandra Robson



# Special Events in a Box

For more information, contact Unit Co-Ordinator Julien Lévesque (254-5677) [spindrifter@yshaw.ca](mailto:spindrifter@yshaw.ca)

EVENT	Qualifying Club Level Games	Unit Final	District or Zone Final	National Final	Subsidies Available
<b>COPC</b> Canadian Open Pairs Championship	VBC: Nov 17, 1:00 Top score in a Q-game is eligible for subsidy.	Possibly a fund-raising event, watch this space.	None. 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 2003 Bridge Week: <i>Penticton BC, June 3-9 (the week before the Penticton Regional)</i>	About \$560 in Unit subsidy fund, also a CBF subsidy.
<b>CNTC</b> Canadian National Team Championship Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-1000	VBC: Nov 13, 7:00	none	Spring 2003 Dates TBA.	National Finals in: COPC CNTC Flight A & B CWTC specific dates TBA	\$682 in Unit subsidy fund, also a CBF subsidy.
<b>CWTC</b> Canadian Women's Teams Championship	There are no club or unit qualifying games. Any team of female CBF members may enter the Zone Final.		Spring 2003 Dates TBA.		\$897 in Unit subsidy fund. No CBF subsidy.
<b>GNT</b> Grand National Teams Championship Flight A Unlimited Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Watch for club qualifying games in fall and winter 2002 for the 2003 GNT.	none	Spring 2003 Dates TBA	Summer NABC: Long Beach CA July 17-27, 2003 (all flights).	\$400/team from DINO, \$461 in Unit subsidy.
<b>NAOP</b> North American Open Pairs Flight A unlimited Flight B 0-2000 Flight C 0-500 NLM	Qualifying period for 2004 NAOP is June-August 2003.	See report on facing page.	November 9 at the Round-Up Sectional in Burnaby. Likely two-sessions, four sessions over two days if attendance warrants.	Spring NABC Philadelphia PA March 6-16, 2003 (all flights)	Teams 3rd in Dist. Final split Unit subsidy. (ACBL pays top two.)

## ***CBF Canada West STaC: February 17-23, 2002.***

CBF Rookie Master Games: Wednesday, October 30, 2002; Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, October 28, 2003.

held locally. In the end, it's the interested players that must get together and ask their local clubs to hold these events.

I would also like to ask local teachers to pay extra attention to their responsibilities to not only how to play bridge, but also to teach the ethics and conduct, how to handle the bidding box and keeping a proper tempo. Our tournament directors do get the most calls about breaks in tempo, while the club directors are lagging in educating their players on the importance of such items, just note that in the last four years such infractions have decided one CNTC title, one world title, three NABC titles at the Appeals Committee

Level. Those who still think that it is only a minor aspect of teaching; go and retake a Teachers Accreditation Program course all over—it's the year 2002, not 1960.

(Editor's note: Oh dear; M. Lévesque went rather off on a ranting tangent there. One might just as well argue that when an event is supposedly lost or won on a controversial Committee's decision, as painful as it is for those involved at the time, usually at issue is one single board out of many. Even at the highest levels, none of us gets the maximum from his cards on every deal they play. I have yet to hear of an Appeal Committee decision that transferred more IMPs or

matchpoints than could be easily recovered with just slightly better play in the other boards in the event. So while it is a nice sentiment from one of our newest teachers to ask that more experienced teachers take a bit more time to teach ethics and conduct and tempo and bid-box technique, what we need from everyone is more respect for opponents and less grumbling about the Laws. Yes, your side could be disadvantaged if you hesitate and, by doing so, give something away. But surely the chance of being disadvantaged is greater if you bid too quickly in an obviously difficult situation.)



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4			Jim Balcom/Bob Jess
5			Kumiko Yoshimoto/Michiyo Takeda
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2			Bryan Maksymetz/Ron Borg
3			Balusu Rao/Stan Christie
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6			Lauren Miller/Linda Sims
7			Tony Remedios/Gerry McCully
8	2		Sherman Kwan/Ron Fox
3			Dianne Isfeld/Ben Takemori
4			John Anthony/Bill Osten
5			Dennis Groder/Gilbert Lambert
6			David Schmidt/Diane Bishoff

Saturday 2-session StratiFlighted Pairs			
B	C	D	Flight B/C/D (31,33½ tables)
1			<b>Bruce McIntyre/Diane Ayukawa</b>
2			Bob Kiggins/Don Keith
3	1		<b>Kenny Chan/Ted Lai</b>
4			Jeremy & Marion Crowhurst
5			Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome
6	2		Carol-Ann Halliday/Anita Morse
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4			Waldemar Jez/Roman Woroch
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Sunday 2-session StratiFlighted Swiss			
A	X	Teams, Flight A/X (22 teams)	
1/2			<b>Ray Miller, Craig Zastera, Balusu Rao, Stan Christie</b>
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6			Don & Sheila Sache, Dan Watson, Dennis Groder
7			Leslie Gold, Kathy Adachi, Danny Lee, William Ge
1			<b>Bruce Partridge, Steve Clements, Mark Eddy, Kelvin Raywood</b>
2			Joerg Schneider, Pat Stapf, Tom Cross, Doug Cowan

A	X	Flight A/X Swiss (continued)	
3			Debbie Williams, Vicki Croome, Mike Moffatt, John Horne
4			Amir Alibhai, Malcolm McDonald, Gary Post, Robert Butler
5/6			Peter Morse, Claire Burns, Anne Scott, Steve Beaton
5/6			Waldemar Jez, Ewa Wroblewicz, Mark Rojewski, Andrew Zorawski

Sunday 2-session StratiFlighted Swiss			
B	C	D	Teams, Flight B/C/D (29 teams)
1	1		<b>Karin Dunlop, David Hooley, Theresa Kong, Carol-Ann Halliday</b>
2			Don Keith, Bob Kiggins, Pirtpal Gill, Andrew Lee
3			Kenny Chan, Hing Kong Ho, William Sit, Jack Lee
4			Marjorie Mason, Gypsy Sturrock, Thelma Hofstede, Rita Hasselbach
5/6			Glenn Ponto, Melinda Ernsberger, Denise Goodkey, Ron Gagnon
5/6			Rangie Sylvestre, Yuko Fujieda, Toyo Nunoda, Beverly Kanee
2/3			Maxine Sodmont, Frances Gunn, Tom Williams, Gus Axen
2/3			Stuart Carr, Cathy Miller, Samantha Nystrom, Sachi Yamakami
4			Wink & Ann Andres, Graham & Joanne Thomas
5			Marg Elligott, Jane Craig, Linda Orr, Marilyn Phillips
1			<b>Samuel Lai, Kam Tang, Andrew Naios, Grant Gayman</b>
2			Harvey & Jean Bridges, Dorothy & Don MacLeod

## OUT-OF-TOWN WINNERS

CAN-AM REGIONAL MONTREAL PQ, AUGUST 16-SEPTEMBER 2			
A	B	C	Continuous Pairs I
		5	Richard Dunn/Diane Ayukawa
A	B	C	Continuous Pairs
		4	2 Marke Antonsen
A	B	C	Sunday Evening Stratified Pairs
		5	Marke & Barb Antonsen
A	B	C	Continuous Pairs
		4	Sandra Robson
A	B	C	Wednesday Evening Side Game
		1	Kathy Adachi/Leslie Gold
A	B	C	Wednesday Open Swiss Teams
		4	Gilbert Lambert/Sandra Robson
Rank	1st Friday Flight A Swiss Teams		
3	Sandra Robson		



**A B C 3rd Friday Open Pairs**  
2/3 Gilbert Lambert

**B C 3rd Sunday Flight B/C Swiss Teams**  
2 Sandra Robson

**NANAIMO SECTIONAL  
NANAIMO BC, AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1**

**A B C Friday Evening Stratified Pairs**  
4 2 Henry Lai

**A B C Saturday Stratified Pairs**  
2 Bruce Partridge/Steve Clements  
7 John & Trudy Hurdle  
3 Brian & Colin Ransom  
3 Sima Sadri

**A B C Sunday Swiss Teams**  
1 John & Trudy Hurdle  
2 Marge Neate, Ev Hodge, Stella Alliston, Mary Fines  
6 Bruce Partridge, Steve Clements, June Pocock, Mark Eddy  
7 Dennis Groden

**SPOKANE SECTIONAL  
SPOKANE WA, AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2**

**A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs**  
4/5 Dee Segarich

**A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs**  
5 3 1 Howard & Jane Shimokura

**A B C Monday Open Swiss Teams**  
5 Dee Segarich

**VICTORIA SECTIONAL  
VICTORIA BC, SEPTEMBER 27-29**

**D E F Friday Evening 0-50 Pairs**  
3 2 Barb & Marke Antonsen

**D E F Saturday Afternoon 0-100 Pairs**  
5 1 Barb & Marke Antonsen

**A B C Saturday Stratified Pairs**  
6 Carol Waters  
3 Linda & Les Ellis

**A X Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams**  
5 June Pocock, Carol Waters  
2 Christa Mead

**B C Sunday Flight B/C Swiss Teams**  
2/3 Linda & Les Ellis

**OREGON COAST REGIONAL  
SEASIDE OR, OCTOBER 7-13**

**A B C Stratified Charity Pairs**  
3 Tom & Gerry Cross  
2 Gordon Burns/Mike Stickland

**Bracket Rank Coastal Knockout Teams**  
1 2 Cam Doner

**A B C Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs**  
7 Peter Morse/Joerg Schneider  
2 Angela Fenton/Anne Scott

**Bracket Rank Senior Knockout Teams**  
1 2 Tom Cross  
11 2 Gordon & Claire Burns, Pat & Mike Stickland

**A B C Wednesday Open Pairs**  
6 Connie Delisle

**A B C Thursday Evening Cont. Pairs**  
2 1 Gordon Burns/Mike Stickland

**A B C Stratified Senior Swiss Teams**  
4 Les Baldys

**A B C Weekend Continuous Pairs**  
2 Gordon Burns/Mike Stickland

**A B C Morning Swiss Teams**  
3 Cam Doner

**Bracket Rank Clamdigger Knockout Teams**  
1 3/4 Charlotte Alekson, Sandra Robson

**A B C Friday Evening Swiss Teams**  
3 Can Doner

**A B C Weekend Continuous Pairs**  
3 Gordon Burns/Mike Stickland

**A B C Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs**  
5 2 Mike Stickland

**Bracket Rank Weekend Knockout Teams**  
11 3/4 Charlotte Alekson, Sandra Robson

**A B C Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs**  
3 1 1 Mike Stickland

**Rank Weekend Cont. Pairs Overalls**  
5 Mike Stickland

**A X Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams**  
3 Cam Doner

**A B C Sunday Senior Swiss Teams**  
4 1 Les Baldys

**OKANAGAN THANKSGIVING SECTIONAL  
KELOWNA BC, OCTOBER 11-14**

**A B C Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs**  
3 Carol-Ann Halliday

**A B C Friday Evening Stratified Pairs**  
2 Ron & Sandra Borg  
2 Carol-Ann Halliday

**A B C Friday Afternoon Senior Stratified Pairs**  
1 Catriona & Bill Henning  
3 6 Alex Jack/Barbara Van Blankenstein

**A B C Saturday Stratified Pairs**  
4 Sid Robinson

**A B C Sunday Stratified Swiss**  
2/4 1 Carol-Ann Halliday  
5/7 2/3 Denise Goodkey  
5/8 Sandra Robson

**Cover Hand Defender Problem**

You can't get rich with +100 so you try a "matchpoint double". Pard leads the 2♦ and this is what you see:

You chose to defend! (I knew you would.)  
Matchpoints, both vulnerable. You pick up this East hand:

Dummy: ♠ 6 ♥ Q9742 ♦ 9543 ♣ Q43

♠ T87 ♥ AK5 ♦ K87 ♣ A987

2♦ led vs 3♦\*

It is the last hand of the night at the VBC pairs game. If you can get a top here you might place in the event. The auction goes:

Your Hand  
♠ T87  
♥ AK5  
♦ K87  
♣ A987

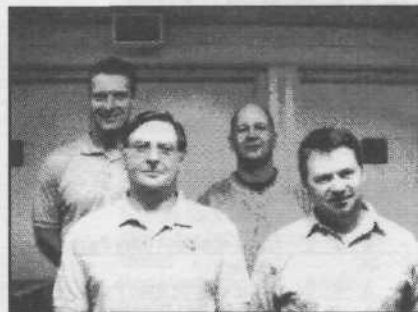
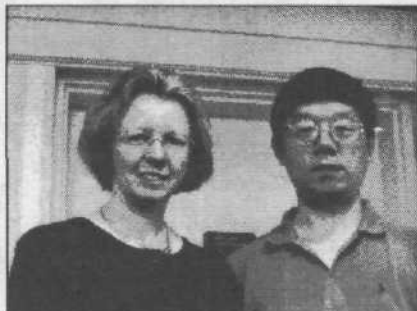
WEST	NORTH	EAST (YOU)	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1NT (10-14)	1♦
2♠	3♦	Double	2♦
			End

You play low on the diamond lead, and Declarer wins the ten. Declarer now plays A♠, spade ruff, a diamond to the jack, another spade ruff, and now a low club from dummy. Over to you?

(Answer, page 6)



# Evergreen Sectional Photo Gallery



Evergreen Sectional Winners, page 28. Trophy race standings, page 22.

# Evergreen Pix

## Who are these people?

The most common response to my repeated pleas for winners at the sectional to come forward and have their photos taken was that the winners vamoosed as quickly as they could. This of course made it easier for the rest of the players to look at the scoresheets, so perhaps it wasn't all bad!

The left-most column on the facing page shows the work that takes place at a sectional before most of us arrive. The sequence of six pictures covers about thirty minutes of hectic work by directors, caddies, and Unit Officials to turn an empty hall into a bridge setting.

The middle column (from top to bottom) shows Friday winners. **Jane Fyfe** and **Ping Ding** won the Friday afternoon stratified game and came close to winning the mixed pairs Friday night.

**Steve Clements** and **Bruce Partridge** won the side game on Friday evening and Bruce also won the afternoon stratified game C strat.

Friday night's mixed pairs was "Dressed to The Nines" night, and the winners were **Waldemar Jez**, **Roman Woroch**, **Charlotte Aleksen**, and **Gay Parrish**, plus **Harold Hansen** (who missed the group photo) and **Dianne Isfeld** (who we couldn't track down).

The right column begins with **Diane Ayukawa** celebrating a Saturday Flight B Pairs win, espe-

cially since **Bruce McIntyre** was her partner, which made the job far more difficult.

Next is **Steve Clements**, **Bruce Partridge**, **Mark Eddy** and **Kel Raywood**, winners of the Flight X Swiss Teams on Sunday.

The third picture in the column is **Mike Takemori**, **Ben Takemori**, **Bryan Maksymetz**, and **Ron Borg**, who tied first second with a Seattle team in the Flight A pairs, with **Gord McOrmond** as their fifth.

The last picture is the Swiss Team Flight C winners: **Karin Dunlop**, **Carol-Ann Halliday**, **Theresa Kong**, and **David Hooey**.

Thanks congratulations to all of the people who posed for photos. If you want your picture in the next *Matchpointer*, win at the Round-Up and come find me!

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feature on the inside front cover: "The people who use these excuses [for not playing at clubs: competition for leisure time, cultural events, etc.] are trying to tell us something. The reason they go out at night is to relax. We have enough stress at work, in our families and in everyday life to require more stress at the bridge table....Having to put up with obnoxious partners or having to listen to the opponents berate each other is extremely stressful."

*Clue #2: My 1992 CNTC winning teammates were Jim Dickie, Jim McAvoy, Mike Strebinger, Duncan Smith, and Bruce Ferguson.*

**Chuck Campbell's** *President's Message* took a similar line: "Over the past couple of years, I have come to realize those who argue that team competitions are a better form of competition may be correct. There is clearly a dimension to team events which is missing in pairs. Pair events give you the opportunity to be rude and unpleasant to your partner and the opponents. Team events add the prospect of being rude and unpleasant to two to four additional people—your teammates. Since one sometimes gets the impression that it is the preoccupation of many players to be as unpleasant as possible to as many people as possible, the clear superiority of the team game is evident."

*Clue #3: In 1977, Neil Chambers and I went to the West Indies to play and teach bridge. While there I represented both Barbados and Trinidad in international matches.*

**Doug Cowan**, reporting on the Nanaimo Seniors Regional: "I was appalled at the behavior of many of the older set. Yes, it's more pronounced back East, but we're not immune."

Zero Tolerance was still four years away.

*Clue #4: My wife and I won the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1987. I led the Phil Wood trophy race in October 1992, but having won in 1988 I planned to sit out a round in order to let my partner Jim Dickie win.*

The Flight A IMP League Prognostications by "Grapes" had some memorable lines:

"...**Mike Wilson** in goal spent the summer working on cutting down the angles and smothering those rebounds, removing the rust. He'll be ready."

"...the league's highest-scoring line last year, the Kosher Line of [**Dan**] **Jacob**, [**Mike**] **Strebinger**, and the distinguished captain [**Nathan Divinsky**]. With **Jacob** at centre, **Strebinger** on right wing, **Divinsky** on the far right and [**Don**] **Brazeau** on the extreme right, only **Aidan Ballantyne** was positioned on the left."

**Henry Yang's** team report began with some mysterious Chinese characters, then "Precision passing team will have its flow and tempo disrupted by a steady diet of league enforcers with names like CRASH."

The CWTC National Final was held in Richmond in 1992, organized by **Marcia Christie** and "the usual suspects." Four of the sixteen teams, including two local squads, made the knockout round. The second-place team of **June Stenning** (**Kathy Adachi**, **Ina Andersen**, **Julie Cooper**, **Jude Goodwin-Hanson**)

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# 2002 UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday, December 7  
Bonsor Community Centre  
6550 Bonsor, Burnaby



\$25/pair early-bird price (\$30/pair at the door)

Tickets available at the November 3 Monthly Unit Game,  
the Round-Up Sectional (November 8-11),  
and from Unit Board members and  
other volunteer ticket-sellers.

5:30pm HAPPY HOUR Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres

6:30pm A REAL MEAL! by Isabel and Pat  
and their army of volunteers

8:00pm THE FINAL MONTHLY UNIT GAME OF 2002

24 Boards, stratified 0-500 NLM / 500-2000 / 2000+

A separate 0-100 MP section will be held if there  
are six or more eligible pairs.

Directors: Richard Dunn and Louis Landau

*Door Prizes*

*50-50 Draw*

*Live Music*



Volunteers for ticket-selling, food preparation, or  
donations of door prizes should contact the organ-  
izers, Pat Wotherspoon (604/535-1964) and Isa-  
bel Chernoff (604/535-6828). Let's all pitch in a  
small bit to make our Unit Christmas Party an  
event to remember!





# Monthly Unit Games

## Two games left in 2002!

Several irate MUGsters threatened lawsuits after the *Matchpointer* list of MUG masterpoint leaders last time. Apparently there were some hanging chads inside my hard drive and...well, let's just say several games were counted more than once. This time I asked the Director to supply a list and game him ample time to do so—about thirty seconds. We believe the list below is accurate, but hanging chads are infecting hard drives everywhere.

In this abbreviated report I would be remiss if I did not mention that the November game (on the 3rd since the second Sunday is the Round-Up Sectional) will be followed on Saturday, December 7 by the 2002 Unit Christmas Party at Bonsor Community Centre. On the facing page you can read about all the details of an event that promises to be a lot of fun for all. Help us make it a memorable one!

The Unit Board will be studying the results of the Unit Survey and coming up with a plan for 2002 during the last two meetings of the calendar year. News of how the Monthly Unit Games will be conducted in 2003 will appear in the December *Matchpointer*.

A	B	September 8 Monthly Unit Game	(7 tables)
1		Pearl Minkoff/Bonnie Anderson	
2/3	1	Liz Stoneman/John Lien	
2/3	2	David Hooley/Peter Morse	
4/5	3	Elaine Levins/Ron Groome	
4/5		Kathy Adachi/Jean Groome	
	4	Danny Lee/William Ge	
A	B	October 13 Monthly Unit Game	(3 tables)
1	1	Dennis Groden/Gilbert Lambert	
	2	Ina Andersen/Kathy Adachi	
	2/3	William Ge/Tony Y N Shyu	
	2/3	Liz Stoneman/John Lien	

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a second article underneath the Sitek interview, Arek himself explained for "standard" players the basics of the *Common Language* system also known as Polish Club. The key to defending against the Polish Club, opined Arek, is to not use the destructive methods you might use against a Precision 1♠, since by doing so you may keep your side from finding the best spot in the great majority of cases where the 1♠ opener has only 12-14 HCP.

A few bridge hands were analyzed with the help of a computer program which dealt cards according to the clues revealed in the bidding and play millions of times, checking each deal to see which line of play worked best. **Joerg Schnieder**, in his *Give Me a Hand*

## Monthly Unit Game Masterpoint Race

A	B	C	Race Standings After October Game	Pts.
1	1		<b>Gilbert Lambert</b>	<b>11.46</b>
2	2		John Lien	9.61
2	2		Liz Stoneman	9.61
4	4		Sandra Robson	7.07
5	5		Peter Morse	6.14
6	6		Pearl Minkoff	5.04
7	7		Mariann Hutton	4.99
7	7		Gypsy Sturrock	4.99
9	9		Tai Eng	4.42
9	9		Insa Fricker	4.42
10	10		William Ge	4.29
11	11		Elaine Levins	3.82
12	12		Isabel Chernoff	3.64
13			Kathy Adachi	3.63
14	13		Ken Danielsen	2.98
15			Helen Montgomery	2.94
16	14		Diane Ayukawa	2.91
17	15		Joyce Rhodes	2.81
18			Anita Morse	2.63
18			Anne Nagy	2.63
20			John Horne	2.55
20			Beverly Kanee	2.55
20			Tomie Yamanouchi	2.55
		1	<b>Tony Shyu</b>	<b>2.32</b>
		2	Todd Schindeler	2.24
		3	David Hooley	2.12
		4	Jackie Phillips	1.81
		5	Stuart Carr	1.72
		6	Gary Ge	1.20
		7	Carel Wilkin	1.16
		8	Linda Wormworth	1.10
		9	Bruno Moras	0.90
		9	Margaret Moras	0.90
		9	Barry Yamanouchi	0.90
		12	Cathy Miller	0.82
		13	Mary Hewitt	0.72
		13	Larry Jacobson	0.72
		15	Isaac Stoffman	0.55
		15	Ruth Stoffman	0.55

69 players have won a total of 172.44 masterpoints at Monthly Unit Games in 2002. MUG results are available online thanks to Director Richard Dunn, at this address:

<http://www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/Schedule.htm>

feature, wondered why he was the only one to get to a slam at the recent sectional, and the electronic records were checked to find that Joerg (playing with **Pat Stapff**) was indeed the only one in any section to do so!

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

Meet *The Players* quiz: guess the player interviewed by **David Schmidt** from the clues:

*Clue #1: I began playing bridge at the University of Victoria in 1965, moved to Vancouver in 1970, and was a member of the CNTC winning team in 1992.*

Behavior issues were front and centre in this issue. We begin with **David Schmidt's For Openers**

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# Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

As we brace ourselves for the beginning of Zero Tolerance for unacceptable behavior, I found that theme and other familiar ones pervading many of the *Matchpointers* I reviewed this time.

5 years ago in the *Matchpointer*  
(October 1997, Bruce McIntyre, editor)

This issue began with more Zero Tolerance-flavoured material, as editor **McBruce** wrote about the use of the L-word: "...there are some players who would frown on [deliberately misleading partner in defense or in the auction in the hopes of gaining some advantage], because, to use the word they use, 'it's a lie.' There are people who will bandy about this L-word as though they were talking about the weather. The habit is especially strong in players who have just come from a bridge lesson. I break "the rules" on occasion, and I get enough grief from my partner when it doesn't work. I deserve better [then to be called a liar] on the rare occasions when it does."

More McBrucian shenanigans followed on page 3, as Unit President **Felipe Hernandez** was off winning a bridge event somewhere at *Matchpointer* deadline, so a "President's" Message was ad-libbed in the Hernandez style by the editor.

The Don Fraser Active Ethics award, mentioned last time, was awarded for the first time to **Ev Hodge**. Since 1999 the plaque has not been awarded because the Board several years ago decided it was not qualified to choose the winner from nominees, and so we await a better way of choosing the winner. This doesn't reflect at all on the fine people who won the award

in its first two years (**Dianne Isfeld** won the following year)—both were clearly fine choices. Choosing a person to recognize for outstanding standards of active ethics, courtesy and deportment seemed the wrong thing for twelve or thirteen people to decide for the rest of the Unit. I hope that we'll find a better way soon, because we really do have many players who should be recognized.

The fearless yet anonymous IMP League Flight A forecaster mapped the teams onto NBA squads, complete with photos. A photo of Big Country was captioned as **Cam Doner** crashing the boards for another defensive rebound. (Obviously a mistake, since Cam is still a local star on the bridge circuit, and who knows where Big Country is today?)

The Flight B League was divided in 1997 into a City League and a Valley League. The Valley League expert, **Jimmy the Turk**, took a pastoral theme and divided his league into Mountains and Valleys. The City League prognosticator, the **Hideous Hog In Training**, used a television theme, with teams such as *Isfeld's Heroes* (with **Martin** and **Heinz Henneberger** as Col. Klunk and Sgt. Shootz), *Welcome Back, Larry* (with **Jim McKenzie** as Vinnie Bubblouie), *Deep Spades Nine* (starring **Ruby Jackson** as Commander Xena), and *The XX Files* ("in the series opener, a mysterious dark blue piece of pasteboard in an odd shape reveals signs of alien presence on Earth...").

**Arek Sitek** was **David Schmidt's** *Meet The Players* subject. He expressed frustration at the limitations of the ACBL in regards to artificial systems, by which he meant not so much the Polish Club (which is allowed), but forcing pass systems not allowed here. In

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## Unit Board 2002-03

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# Tournaments & Dates

November 1—December 31, 2002

## NOVEMBER 2002

- 28-3 Yakima WA Regional
- 3 **Monthly Unit Game in Richmond** (note revised date—the Round-Up Sectional covers the normal 2nd Sunday date)
- 8-11 **Round-Up Sectional in Burnaby, including NAOP District Finals in all flights** (see back cover for details).
- 15-17 Renton WA Sectional
- 18-24 **2002 DINO Charity Week.** Free plays to future DINO Regionals to District-wide high scorers at participating clubs; all money raised in Canada goes exclusively to Canadian charities. Check your local club for details..

## DECEMBER 2002

- 1 The big four-oh for your aging *Matchpointer* editor (at exactly 3:28 am).
- 6 *Matchpointer* deadline for the Winter 2002-03 issue, which covers events up to April 30, 2002.
- 7 **Monthly Unit Game Christmas Party and Dinner at Bonsor Community Centre.** Dinner by Pat and Isabel and their army of volunteers. \$25/pair early-bird price, \$30/pair at the door. (Full details are on page 32.)
- 13 Winter *Matchpointer* target release date.
- 13-15 Lakewood WA Sectional
- 26-31 Reno Year End Regional

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

# Unit 430 Main Events

## A One Year Planner

**2002 Round-Up Sectional**  
(including NAOP District Final)  
November 8 – 11, at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

**2002 Unit Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 7 at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby (complete details inside this issue, on page ??)

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

**2nd Annual Canadian Bridge Federation Canada West STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)**  
Silver points at your local club!  
February 17-23, 2003.

**2003 Future Stars Sectional**  
March 22-23, 2003, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (this date is confirmed)

**2003 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)**  
More silver points at your local club!  
May 26-June 1.

**2003 Victoria Day Sectional**  
May 16 – 19, 2003 at the Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

**Unit 430 Annual General Meeting**  
May 19, 2003, at the Victoria Day Sectional, after the first Saturday session (about 4:15 pm).

**2003 Evergreen Sectional**  
September 13 – 15 at the Engineers Hall in Burnaby

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...and anyone missed

**MATERIAL (SEND SOME!)**

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

**MATCHPOINTER "schedule"**

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

**NEXT ISSUE: Winter 2002-03**

**Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2002.**

**Dates Covered:**  
Dec. 31, 2002—Apr. 30, 2003.

Vancouver Unit 430 invites all bridge players to the

# Round-Up Sectional



FEATURING THE 2002 NAOP DISTRICT FINALS

## November 9-12, 2002.

Bonsor Community Centre

6550 Bonsor, Burnaby

**Tournament Chair:** Diane Ayukawa, 604/940-9809 (rmdunn@dccnet.com)

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### Friday Afternoon (1:30 pm)

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

### Friday Evening (7:30 pm)

Bracketed Knockout Teams (first of 3 sessions)  
Stratified IMP Pairs (unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300)  
Future Master Stratified Pairs (50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

**FRIDAY**

### Saturday Afternoon (1:30 pm)

† 9:00 am: Bracketed Knockout Teams, semifinals †

NAOP District Final, all flights (first of two sessions)  
Open Pairs (One Session) (unlimited, 300-1500, 0-300)  
Future Master Stratified Pairs (50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

### Saturday Evening (7:30 pm)

NAOP District Final, all flights (first of two sessions)  
Note: If attendance warrants, any NAOP flight may be a 2-day event.  
Open Pairs (One Session) (stratified by # of LMs)  
Future Master Stratified Pairs (50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

**SATURDAY**

### Sunday Afternoon (1:30 pm)

† 9:00 am: Bracketed Knockout Teams, finals †

Flight A Open Pairs (unlimited, first of two sessions)  
Flight B Open Pairs (0-1500, first of two sessions)  
Flight C Open Pairs (0-300, first of two sessions)  
Future Master Strat. (one session, 50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

### Sunday Evening (7:30 pm)

Flight A Open Pairs (unlimited, second session)  
Flight B Open Pairs (0-1500, second session)  
Flight C Open Pairs (0-300, second session)  
Future Master Stratified Pairs (one session, 50-100, 20-50, 0-20)

**SUNDAY**

### Monday (10:30 am & TBA)

Open Stratified Swiss Teams (unlimited, 0-1500—Victory Points)  
Non-Life Master Stratified Swiss Teams (100-500 NLM, 0-100—Victory Points)

† Bracketed KO Teams semifinal and final matches may be played during the afternoon session if all players agree.  
Single-session entries will be accepted for all events except for the NAOP District Finals

To play in the NAOP District Final you must have qualified at club and Unit qualifying games. Some players may be able to play at the approval of the District 19 NAOP Co-Ordinator.

**MONDAY**

Entry fees: \$9.00 (paid ACBL members), \$8.50 (non-members, unpaid Life Masters), \$5.00 for junior players (under 26) and/or full time students (with student ID).

\* ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free in the Friday Evening Future Masters game.

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AT THE ENGINEER'S HALL IN BURNABY