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The Road Less Traveled

by Ron Borg

You arrive in 4♥ on an uncontested auction and get the K♠ lead.

Dummy: ♠ AT2 ♥ QT952 ♦ 876 ♣ J7

K♠ led vs 4♥

Declarer: ♠ J74 ♥ AKJ876 ♦ AJT2 ♣ —

Plan your play. (Answer inside on page 5)

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It's Your Bid Problems

The *It's Your Bid* bidding system is on the back of this *detachable* strip. You could win free plays for matching the consensus answers. Good luck! **Deadline: August 8.**

Full Name: _____

Pseudonym: _____
(ONLY if you want to comment anonymously)

Flight: A B C
(Full name and flight are required)

Question 1	♠ —		
	♥ AT98642		
Matchpoints	♦ AT92		
None vul	♣ 32		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			???

Question 2	♠ —		
	♥ T3		
Again Matchpoints	♦ QJ6542		
Both vul	♣ Q7543		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Double	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♣	3♣
3♠	Double	Pass	???

Question 3	♠ K8		
	♥ AKT8764		
Still Matchpoints	♦ 3		
None vul	♣ KT8		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
	3♦	Pass	???

Question 4	♠ J92		
	♥ Q		
More Matchpoints	♦ AQT963		
Both vul	♣ J43		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♠	???

Question 5	♠ A64		
	♥ 4		
Knockouts	♦ AKJ8543		
Both vul	♣ 73		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	1♥	3♦
5♣!	Pass	6♦	Double
7♥	End		

5♣ is Exclusion Keycard. 6♦ showed one keycard (not in spades).
What is your opening lead?

Enter online at:
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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.
- Splinter bids: all double-jump shifts, by responder as well by opener.
- 2/1 promises a rebid; not game forcing.
- Strong jump shifts.
- After a reverse, responder's 2NT or fourth suit is negative.

- Opening 2♣, 2♥, 2♦: 6-card suit, 5-11. 2NT=forcing, game try.
- Opening INT=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.
- New Minor Forcing, 4th Suit Forcing
- Over overcalls cuebid is limit raise+, or any game-force. Jump cue: mixed raise.
- Negative, competitive and responsive doubles through 4♦, higher than that: value-showing.
- Weak jump overcalls.
- Direct jump cue-bid asks stopper.
- Common sense.

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Send us your problems for future issues!

Opening Lead

by Bruce McIntyre

It was almost eleven years ago when I edited my first *Matchpointer*. It's been more than nine months since I last put one out. A combination of computer problems, increased work commitments and a pair of painful pinched nerves have intervened, and the backlog has grown, which is why this is so heavy.

When I finally put the second pinched nerve behind me with physiotherapy (a long word to disguise the process of machines trying to pull my head off my body for ten minutes three times a week), I set about working on this behemoth.

The Spring 2005 issue was supposed to be my last issue as print editor, but I've decided to extend this to one last smaller issue in late July before handing it off to **Ben Takemori** and working on the online edition. This suits my schedule a little better. Not fair to a new editor to show him the ropes when the ropes are sixty pages long.

In 1994 I was an improving

player who had served a year on the Unit Board doing a few small jobs. I had been an intermediate player for so long that I projected I would, maybe, make Life Master by the year 2037. All of a sudden I was given this big job, increased visibility, and some people assumed that I could actually play fairly well. In finding out how wrong they were, they helped me win enough masterpoints to ascend to Bronze Life Master! Now that pretty much everyone knows how badly I can play if things go as they usually do, I project it will be about 2037 before I make Silver LM...

As I say inside this issue, the best way to get better is to play, play, play. Will I follow my own advice once the *Matchpointer* burden is successfully handed off? I doubt it. I might play a little bit more, but not a lot more. The *Matchpointer Online* is a real opportunity to entice new people into our game as well as inform the veterans. I'm going to be working just as hard online.

One more (print) issue to go! See you again in July. Good reading!

—Bruce McIntyre

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President's Message

By Peter Morse

Among the responsibilities of the Unit Board are the management of the Unit's assets and the operation of the four Sectional tournaments and two Future Stars events that the Unit sponsors each year. In addition, the Board coordinates Unit and Zone qualifying events for the principal ACBL and Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) national events such as the Grand National Teams, the North American Pairs, the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC), the Canadian Women's Team Championships (CWTC), and the Canadian Open Pair Championship (COPC). Other Unit Board responsibilities include the operation of Monthly Unit Games, the District 19 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) and the year-end Unit Party.

The operation of our various tournament events involves most Unit Board members in one way or another, as well as our competent directing staff led by **Brian Russell**, our caddies and **Audrey Loy**, who manages the caddies, purchases supplies and coordinates the distribution of the food and beverages which are available to players throughout the weekend, sometimes at a nominal cost. There is a lot of effort expended by a small number of people so that the events run smoothly, starting with the space rental up to two years in advance, and ending with the cleanup and storage (at the Vancouver Bridge Centre) of our tournament supplies, including boards, bidding boxes, paper supplies and other necessities.

But this article is not about our tournaments, although the Unit Board does welcome constructive suggestions as to how we can improve your enjoyment of these events. Even the occasional compliment to Board Members would be appreciated.

Rather, this article is about the financial condition of the Unit, and the favourable financial experience we have had over the last several years. How favourable, you ask? Well, the financial statements at June 2002 (published in the Summer 2002 *Matchpointer*) showed a Members' Equity of roughly \$21,500, and operating losses of \$750 in the 2001-2002 year and \$4,250 in the preceding year. As this is being written, the most recent monthly balance sheet shows a Members' Equity of \$34,800 and an operating profit of \$4,200 in the first ten months of the current fiscal year.

The principal source of this recent affluence has been increased attendance at our Sectional tournaments, with year over year attendance increases for most of the last ten Sectionals that we have held. Also, we have been able to control increases in the cost of our site rentals, and we decided to discontinue using the Surrey hotel that was more expensive than our Bonsor and Engineers Hall sites (and charged a premium price for coffee and other refreshments). Another contributing factor has been the change in the relative value of the Canadian and US dollars, since all of our sanction fees and director costs are determined in US dollars, and converted at current exchange rates. Offsetting these major sources of gain have been increased contributions in the last two years to our Subsidy Funds, which are intended to make it easier for Unit based players to attend the national championship events.

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July 22 — October 31, 2005.

Our experience has been so favourable that a sub-committee of the Unit Board was recently appointed to look into ways in which we could slow down the buildup of assets and in fact reduce our bank balance to more traditional levels.

While plans for a Unit Board holiday at the Hawaii Regional next January would no doubt help us to recruit new Board members (always a problem as the AGM approaches) while reducing our asset base, fortunately this idea didn't make it to the 'short list'. We also are aware that some of the factors that led to our recent affluence could change, and so we must continue to be prudent. The recent trend in \$US exchange rates could change, but some economists would suggest otherwise. As we explore alternative playing sites (such as the Delta Recreation Center and Queensborough Community Centre, the sites of our May and September Sectionals), we recognize that participation may be lower than at our more traditional sites. We must look at alternative sites, since if our participation increases, we may not be able to fit our games into the Engineers' Hall, which is our most cost-effective location. Also, some sites including the Bonsor Recreation Center are requiring additional insurance coverage.

One option is to lower playing fees, and while we have not ruled this out as a future adjustment, we have decided to continue with the current fee level, aside from a reduction designed to encourage the participation of newer players at our Sectionals. Our playing fees are competitive with those charged at other Sectionals in District 19, when the currency differences are taken into account.

Also, while we hope to increase the amounts allocated to the various Subsidy Funds, this will done in

moderation as it will benefit only a small number of (mostly) elite players, and we want to benefit a greater number of players. Besides, the total amount to be distributed from our Subsidy Funds this year will be roughly \$5,000, considerably more than the \$3,100 available for the 2002 - 2003 fiscal year.

So some of the ways in which there will be increased benefits for Unit players are the following (they won't all happen at once, as we monitor the cost effects from tournament to tournament):

- Free coffee and tea at Sectionals
- Draw prizes at each session at Sectionals, including restaurant gift certificates and bottles of wine
- Draw prizes at the Monthly Unit Games
- Increased hospitality at Monthly Unit Games and other special events
- Increased subsidization of the Unit Christmas Party
- Upgrading of some of our supplies, especially playing cards
- Reduced playing fees for Future Stars events
- Developing a "bridge in schools" program
- Possible employment of a person to deliver our supplies to tournament sites, a significant physical undertaking which usually falls to the Unit Board member with the most spacious vehicle and strongest back
- Contribution to the President's RRSP (sorry, just checking to see if you were still reading!)

But, these modest changes require you and your friends and partners to continue to come to our Sectionals as frequently as you have done in the past three years. We look forward to seeing continued growth in our player base. Thanks to all for presenting the Unit Board with this opportunity.

—Peter Morse

The Road Less Traveled

Cover Hand Answer

Counter-intuitive plays are difficult to spot because, by nature, we are inclined to prefer that which is familiar to us. A normal line of play would be to ruff out the last club while drawing trumps and play for two diamond finesses. On this line your chances of making the contract are better than 80%. But for those of you who seek truth and justice (the younger players) or merely like to do a bit of comparison shopping (the older players), there is a better way. After eliminating clubs and extracting the opponents' trumps, you then play the ace and jack of diamonds!

4 Assume the J♦ loses and a spade is returned, which loses to East. What is East to return?

Cover Dlr: dunno Hand Vul: dunno	NORTH ♠ AT2 ♥ QT952 ♦ 876 ♣ J7	4♥ by South Lead: K♣
WEST ♠ 865 ♥ 4 ♦ KQ95 ♣ KQT94	SOUTH ♠ J74 ♥ AKJ876 ♦ AJT2 ♣ —	EAST ♠ KQ93 ♥ 3 ♦ 43 ♣ A86532

A small diamond allows you to insert the ten, and if it loses you have the thirteenth diamond for a spade discard. A high club from East achieves the same result. You will know what to do on any other lead. The rest is history.

—Ron Borg

New Matchpointer Print Editor Announced!

Ben Takemori to edit print version, McBruce to create a Web Page this fall

The *Matchpointer* is changing.

The Unit 430 bridge publication has been printed on paper for over thirty-five years. In the beginning a copy was mailed to all players in the Unit, but as postal costs rose, the magazine began to be distributed at Unit 430 clubs. This was cheaper but less effective: many players read the magazine during breaks between hands and did not take a copy home for quick reference weeks later when they needed to know the date or start time of an event. During the 1980s and 1990s, the magazine began to grow in size as editors hoped to put enough material inside to encourage players to take it with them.

Now there is an alternative. The Unit can publish the *Matchpointer* online, and, for those few left who do not have Internet access, can publish a smaller more compact version.

Ben ("I don't have to make it as big as you do, do I?") **Takemori** will be the new print editor starting this fall. Ben will bring to the *Matchpointer* an exciting new style—he's a better player and a funnier guy than the current editor.

The online version will be updated frequently. Most of the real-estate swallowing material **Bruce McIntyre** includes will continue online, where space is cheap. Watch the final *McPointer* in July for full details.



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've been selling less each year. The 2005 books will soon be available and usable until the end of next year. We ask local players to please make a small effort to help local bridge by purchasing their book(s) *from Unit 430*. Books can be purchased at any Unit 430 Sectional Partnership Desk or pre-ordered from our booksellers:

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Support local bridge! Buy yours from Unit 430.

Yvonne Klan

1930-2004

Yvonne, a Bronze Life Master particularly well-known on the North Shore, passed away after a long battle with cancer on October 4. Several North Shore players sent their warm memories.

Gary Post: It is with sadness that I have to say, a very happy bridge partnership has ended with Yvonne's death. We played in many tournaments and club games together over the past seven years, not always successfully, but I shall remember her as a cheerful and supportive partner. I will miss her as will many others.

Joyce Goddard: Yvonne was an elegant lady who greeted everyone with a smile, and often a laugh. We will miss the smile, the laughter and the caring.

She gave new meaning to the word "friendship." Anyone who knew her well will agree that it was a privilege to be able to call Yvonne "friend."

Oh my, how we will miss her!!!!

Dolores Layton: Yvonne, dear friend, you were a very courageous woman. You were always very positive and cheerful. It is unfortunate that cancer invaded your life, but you gave it the good fight. I will always treasure our friendship, and God bless!!

Aase Haines: Yes, I remember Yvonne Klan with much affection. When her book *The Old Red Shirt* was published a few months ago some of her bridge friends knew quite well that this was a wonderful accomplishment. *The Old Red Shirt* is a collection of poems by B.C.'s pioneers, highly readable, and it was glowingly reviewed in *The Vancouver Sun*. A keen historian, Yvonne authored many articles about B.C.'s early days.

Yvonne was one of my favorite bridge partners; a fine player and, more important, an ideal partner.

She bore her illness with her usual grace.

Yvonne will live long in the memory of her friends.

[Thanks to **Doug Cowan** for collecting and sending these comments.]

Judgment vs Self-Interest

by Bruce McIntyre

On Tuesday, March 8, the Memphis Grizzlies played in Sacramento against the Kings. With 1.4 seconds left, the score was tied 82-82 and Sacramento had the ball to inbound from mid-court. After a timeout, Peja Stojakovic inbounded the ball to Mike Bibby (formerly of the Grizzlies, now playing for Sacramento) past an outstretched James Posey of Memphis. Bibby caught the pass, turned and took a long shot from three-point range, which went in off the glass just after the buzzer sounded. Sacramento won 85-82.

Hang on. This *does* relate to bridge; keep reading. (The *Matchpointer* doesn't have an NBA column.)

The Memphis players and coach were all over the officials. The relevant NBA rules, for those unfamiliar, are a) on an inbound pass, the clock restarts when a player other than the passer touches the ball, and b) a shot released before the buzzer counts even if it goes in after the buzzer. Memphis coach Mike Fratello made the complaint that the ball was tipped by Posey and Bibby had to go back to catch the deflection; yet, the clock did not start until Bibby caught the pass. The officials looked at the video replay. I was watching at home and looked very closely too.

The ball was indeed very slightly tipped by Posey and the clock still showed the original 1.4 seconds when Bibby caught the deflected pass and turned to face the basket. Bibby launched his long shot with 0.6 seconds left, so the judgment call is: if the timekeeper had seen the tip and started the clock at that point, would the shot have been released before the clock ran out? Was the time elapsed between Posey's tip and Bibby's catch greater than 0.6 seconds?

It was clear to the officials and to me as an "it's only a mid-season NBA game, so who cares?" impartial observer, that 0.6 seconds could not possibly have elapsed, and the basket should count.

Here's how this relates to bridge.

We don't have deflections of inbound passes or buzzer-beating three-pointers, but we do have officials, and many areas of our rules are open to judgment by these officials:

- Tempo breaks
- Cards almost but not quite played
- Bids and plays made inadvertently
- Contested claims and concessions
- Incomplete or inaccurate explanations of calls

In all of these and others, the Director may need to make a judgment call and the main objective is to restore equity. The Laws of Duplicate

Bridge put this at the very beginning of the Laws, before Law 1, in a section entitled "The Scope of the Laws" which reads: "The Laws are primarily designed not as punishment for irregularities, but rather as redress for damage." (It might be better to define this statement as Law Zero. The NBA, as it turns out, has a similar rule.)

Here are some examples of judgment calls a Director might make:

- "There was a hesitation, but I believe that the partner of the hesitator had no logical alternative to his actions following the hesitation."
- "I believe that 4♠ is a logical alternative following the hesitation, and that double is demonstrably suggested by the hesitation, so I am adjusting the score from 500 to 420 for North-South."
- "The call from dummy by declarer was inadvertent, the Q♦ is the played card."
- "West's Q♣ is a played card since East might have seen it the way it was held."
- "The claim statement doesn't cover the possibility of the ruff, but after the ruff the declarer needs to find the missing K♥ and will be forced into the successful finesse for the contract since no other reasonable line can lead to twelve tricks. Making six."
- "The claim statement doesn't cover the possibility of the ruff, but after the ruff the declarer needs to find the missing K♥ and has several viable options, at least one of which fails. Down one."
- "The declarer was misled by the explanation and I believe that with proper information would have made the contract. Making four."
- "The defenders claim damage from the alert of the non-alertable negative double, but I don't think it materially affected the auction or the play."

Sometimes, before making a decision of this type, the Director will make a temporary ruling and have a long look at the deal later, perhaps changing the result if the temporary ruling proves incorrect and a different ruling would lead to a different result. Occasionally, the Director will make a judgment call and let the players know that the decision is a close one and give them the right to appeal.

And of course, frequently the Director will not communicate a ruling as clearly as the examples above, for one of many reasons. Often there are tasks to attend to: coffee to make, phone calls to answer, names or scores to enter, boards to move. Some Directors are not polished public speakers and prefer to give the ruling without detailed explanation. Others appear to think that giving an explanation invites de-

bate, which wastes time. And sometimes you just get a Director in what seems to be a crabby mood, which makes it difficult to accept an adverse ruling.

When you receive a ruling you don't agree with, bridge or NBA, here's what *not* to do:

I watched the Sacramento-Memphis game on The Score channel, which picks up a few games a week from the local broadcasts of NBA teams: they don't have their own broadcast crew at the game. On this night we had the Memphis broadcast and the boys in the booth were as unhappy about the ruling on the buzzer-beater as Memphis coach Mike Fratello was.

Fratello watched the replay with the official at courtside and waited a few minutes while the three officials conferred. The head official then approached Fratello and the camera picked up the conversation.

"Mike, the pass was deflected and the clock didn't start until Bibby caught the deflection, but the shot was taken at 0.6 to 0.8 seconds left—we don't think that amount of time could have elapsed between the tip and the catch of the inbounds pass."

Fratello protested for a while, but the cameras did not pick up the conversation. Later, this statement from Fratello appeared on the CBS Sportsline game recap: "They did not start the clock [when] the ball was deflected. Therefore, [regulation] should have been over, and we should be in overtime right now playing. But because they do not have the power to correct an incorrect decision, we have a team with a loss right now that still should be playing. I don't care what anybody tells me. You can't approximate how much time was lost by the time our guy deflected it."

There it is: self-interest gone berserk. After you see the replay several times and get a feel for the tempo of tenths of seconds in slow motion, an impartial observer realizes that this is not even close. There are 0.3 seconds at the most between the tip and the catch. But to Fratello, there is no way that he will see this impartially. He implies that the officials do not have the power to correct the timekeeper's error, while protesting the decision which freely admitted the timekeeper's error and corrected for it!

While the debate was going on, the Memphis broadcast team (after about the twentieth replay) claimed that the whistle should have stopped play after the tip, and the play should have been restarted. Nobody questioned this curious rule interpretation which would miraculously get Memphis a second chance. My Dad knows more about NBA rules than I do about the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. I called him and asked. He was amused. The suggestion that you stop a game and have a do-over just because someone tips an inbound pass is silly. (In bridge we call this a double shot.)

Memphis journalists played the whole thing up to seem like the ball was tipped "into the air" when in fact the ball was barely tipped and hardly changed direction. Perhaps because it was an away game for Memphis, Fratello didn't get a chance to synchronize his story with the Memphis beat writers: in his post-game comments for nba.com he went in the opposite direction, saying that "the ball died like a quail and changed direction. That's why it was short and Michael [Bibby] had to run to it, because it got deflected." Bibby did not run; at most he took a half-step back to get the tipped ball.

Why do people say and write easily-disproven comments about a play that I, and thousands of others, saw repeated in slow motion two dozen times? Self-interest. There's nobody in the world that can fairly judge something that affects them. Those who try can look pretty silly to those of us who are not involved and impartial.

So (back to bridge)—when you receive a ruling you don't agree with, understand the nature of self-interest and how it prevents you from seeing things impartially. Accept that the Director is not blinded by this factor and is not ruling against you because of a personal animosity. Above all, you should concentrate your efforts on getting the most out of what is left of the deal, if the decision has been made before the deal is finished.

If you feel you must protest, it's probably best not to debate the actual decision. Concentrate first on whether there are any pertinent facts the Director did not have. Don't forget, this is not the NBA: the Director doesn't witness the live action, only the replays in the form of reports from the players. Sometimes things get missed.

If you feel the Director is misapplying the Laws, ask for a reading of the Law or Laws which have been consulted in order to make the decision. You have the right to hear what is written in the book, and Directors should always bring the book to the table, even if they make rulings in plain English for simplicity.

If none of the above works, forget about it all for at least two rounds. Concentrate on getting good scores. When you are certain that you have the incident out of your mind and you are concentrating 100% on the game (and for many of us this may take longer than two rounds!), discuss your concerns—privately!—with the Director.

(Disclaimer: self-interest affects me too, of course. As a Director, the way I want to see players handling situations where they disagree with a decision I've made is as written above. As a player, I haven't always followed my own advice...)

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

First, a problem on defense. You are East and you hear this auction:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST (YOU)
		1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Partner leads the 6♠ (fourth best) and this is what you see:

♠ A5 ♥ AKT63 ♦ J54 ♣ QJT

6♠ led vs 3NT ♠ Q932 ♥ Q9 ♦ A63 ♣ K843

Declarer ducks in dummy and your K♠ wins, declarer playing the 4♠. What do you play at trick 2?

The answer lies in the bidding. South has shown a long diamond suit and you hold the A♦ and know you can hold it up to kill the suit, provided you can knock out South's entry, which can only be the A♠. So the proper return is the K♠ — the Merrimac Coup. The full deal:

Board 1	Dir: North Vul: None	NORTH	3NT by South Lead: 6♠
WEST		♠ A5 ♥ AKT63 ♦ J54 ♣ QJT	EAST
♠ KT76 ♥ J8752 ♦ 7 ♣ 965		SOUTH	♠ Q932 ♥ Q9 ♦ A63 ♣ K843
		♠ J84 ♥ 4 ♦ KQT982 ♣ A72	

If South ducks the K♠ you revert to spades, taking three spades, the A♦ and the K♣. South could have made his game by going up with the A♠, of course!

Snapshots from Nanaimo: Two slams in the same round is not an everyday event. But boards 15 and 16

Board 15	Dir: South Vul: N-S	Ron Groome	6NT by East Lead: K♣
Joerg Schneider		♠ KT8732 ♥ 86542 ♦ 7 ♣ Q	Doug Cowan
♠ J ♥ — ♦ KQT86543 ♣ J982		Jean Groome	♠ AQ9 ♥ AQ9 ♦ AJ ♣ K7653
		♠ 654 ♥ KJT73 ♦ 92 ♣ AT4	

on Friday Afternoon provided the opportunity. Doug Cowan and I played the round against the Groomes. After South passed I opened the first hand (bottom of previous column) 4♦ and Doug bid 6NT. Faced with a blind lead, South led the J♥ and with the spade hook on Doug made twelve tricks. Thanks to the favourable club position, the slam always makes, provided declarer comes off the table (after cashing the diamonds) with a *small* club, not the J♣. When North plays the Q♣, the ten is marked with South (although here is a possibility for a brilliant deception by North holding QT doubleton!).

[Reminds me of the deceptive drop from ♣KT doubleton that Eddie Kantar failed to find to beat the Blue Team in a World Championship. Garrozo might have played for a 4-1 split in 7♣ and gone down, had he believed that the K♣ was a true card.]

Next board:

Board 16	Dir: West Vul: E-W	Ron Groome	6♥ by North Lead: Q♣
Joerg Schneider		♠ QT865 ♥ AKJ54 ♦ A ♣ K2	Doug Cowan
♠ KJ973 ♥ 6 ♦ J9862 ♣ 54		Jean Groome	♠ 2 ♥ T82 ♦ KT753 ♣ QJT9
		♠ A4 ♥ Q973 ♦ Q4 ♣ A8763	

	Ron Groome		Jean Groome
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♣ was game forcing and 5♣ showed two key-cards and the Q♥. Doug led the Q♣ and Ron won in hand with the king. After a spade to the ace and a spade back to my king, Ron made the slam by cross-ruffing and winning the Q♣ at the end: five trumps in hand, two spade ruffs in dummy, A♠, A-K♣, A♦ and the established Q♣ at trick thirteen.

What happens if I duck the second spade, knowing that partner can ruff? Ron would simply ruff three spades in dummy and come to the same twelve tricks. I took the K♣ defending on the assumption that partner had four hearts, highly unlikely on the auction but not impossible.

(Give Me A Hand was missing from the previous Matchpointer when a submission was lost by Canada Post...or by my poor excuse for a filing system. I'm sure Joerg will continue this feature this fall for both web and print editions of the Matchpointer, which will be, I think, the fifth editor he has worked with!)

Slings and Arrows

by Peter Morse

To finesse or not to finesse? That's the question.

Playing in a club team game, you have reached a good club slam, with no losers in the side suits, and with sufficient dummy entries. The opponents have not bid, and early play has not indicated any unusual distribution. Your trump holding is ♠T853 in dummy opposite ♠KJ9742. How should you play the trump suit for only one loser and why? Is it right to lead the ten and let it ride, or should you put up the king, in the expectation of dropping the singleton queen?

Let's consider the possible holdings of the three missing clubs:

	LHO	RHO	Probability
(a)	AQ6	void	11%
(b)	AQ	6	13%
(c)	A6	Q	13%
(d)	Q6	A	13%
(e)	6	AQ	13%
(f)	Q	A6	13%
(g)	A	Q6	13%
(h)	void	AQ6	11%

The probability column shows the likelihood of each holding occurring. It will be seen that each of the 2-1 splits are slightly more likely to occur than either of the 3-0 splits, and that, as we learned early in our bridge careers, a 2-1 split of some sort has a 78% chance of occurring.

In (a) and (b) [total 24%], it doesn't matter what you do, your contract is failing. In (c), (d) and (e) [total 39%], you can't go wrong. If you go down against any of these holdings, bridge might not be your game.

So the only holdings which force you to make a relevant decision are (f), (g) and (h). As may be seen, the play of the ten wins in two of these situations [(g) and (h), a combined 24%], while the play of the king wins in only one [(f), only 13%]. So it is about twice as likely that you should play the ten (or lead small to the jack). On the night I held this hand, the distribution which I found was that in (f) above, meaning that the slam failed and only eleven tricks were available.

The only saving grace was that my partner and I had actually failed to reach the slam, while our opponents did. But the analysis above shows that it is a reasonable slam to be in, since it could be made in all but (a) and (b), and is likely to be made in all but (a), (b) and (f). This amounts to a 63% likelihood of making the slam.

The arithmetic changes somewhat if you are holding only nine trumps (say you are also missing the deuce). Now there are sixteen possible distributions of the trump suit to consider, two 4-0 splits (each with a 4.8% likelihood), eight 3-1 splits (each with a 6.2% likelihood) and six 2-2 splits (each with a 6.8% likelihood). Without laying out all the details (in the interest of space), there are five distributions (with a total likelihood of 30.2%) where the slam cannot be made against reasonable defense. These involve holdings by LHO of AQ, AQ6, AQ2, AQ62 and Q62. There are two distributions (with a total likelihood of 13.0%) where you cannot fail – holdings of Q and AQ by RHO.

Of the remaining nine distributions, three with a combined likelihood of 19.8% favour the play of the king. On the other hand, there are six distributions (with a combined likelihood of 37.0%) which favour the play of the ten. So again the ten looks like the correct play by about a two-to-one ratio. But now observe that your slam has become only a 50-50 proposition.

All of the above assumes that you are not able to discern any information about the distribution of the opponent's hands. In real life, there are often clues which suggest that some of the above distributions are unlikely or more likely to occur. For instance, if LHO has preempted in a side suit, or RHO has made a first round overcall, or the opening lead and later play suggests a doubleton in LHO's hand, then some of the potential trump suit holdings may become less likely.

The above analysis is relatively basic, and the following problem should be too, but some defenders at the recent Bellingham Sectional got it wrong. Your LHO has become declarer in 6♣ following this auction (your side passed throughout):

Opener:	2NT	3♥	4NT	6♣
Responder:	3♦	3♠	5♦	

Your LHO (responder) has shown at least five hearts, four spades, one key card and more than minimum values. Partner leads a small diamond and dummy is:

♠ AKQ6 ♥ T987 ♦ AQ5 ♣ AQ

You hold KQ6♥ and the K♣, but nothing else of value. Declarer wins the diamond with the ace in dummy and plays the T♥. What do you play?

(Answer on page 15)

Why Directors Go Gray

by Doug Cowan

Recently I was filling in as director of an unsanctioned game at the West Vancouver Senior Centre. Most of the players do not play anywhere else, are not ACBL members and have no interest in masterpoints, but twenty or so tables show up every Thursday afternoon for their weekly friendly duplicate.

At the end of the game, I found that three travelers had not been turned in. The co-ordinator and I searched everywhere but they were nowhere to be found. As we don't have access to a laptop we take the scores home and bring the results back the following week. Without the three slips, I was left to give everyone average on those boards.

Fortunately, the Senior Centre provides a list of names and phone numbers of all the players, so I decided to determine where the boards were last played. I called the North player who was sure they were

turned in but suggested I call her partner, who remembered seeing the slips on the table, and thought perhaps that one of the E-W players might have picked them up.

Continuing to play detective, I called one of them, and after thinking for a minute she remembered seeing some stray paper on the table. Thinking it was scrap, she said, "I threw them in the trash can outside the men's washroom." As I live about twenty minutes away from the Centre, I called the co-ordinator who fortunately lives very close. He went over and found them in that trash can, just as the player had said. He then phoned the results to me so I was able to score the game accurately!

As a final aside, I've been involved with bridge as a player, administrator, and occasional Director for over forty years and I don't think I had ever seen a 77% game in matchpoints before, but one pair in this game had 130 on an 84 average: 77.38%!

[McB: Ah, but what would their score be with three averages? I think they owe you a favour!]

What Nine-Card Suit?

by Peter Morse

You have come off the beach at the Hawaii Regional to play the opening pairs event and part way through the evening you hold:

♠ void ♥ 6 ♦ AKQT97543 ♣ AQ5

Your partner opens 1♠ in second seat and RHO overcalls 2♥. Your bid?

Jim Sache found a novel approach to this hand, one that was probably not repeated at too many tables. Jim chose 3♣(!), which was followed by a raise to 4♣ by his partner, Don Brazeau. Jim then rolled out his (slightly) longer diamond suit at the six-level. Don, picturing a 7-6 or 6-6 minor suit powerhouse, concluded justifiably that his three clubs to the king and diamond void merited a bid of 7♣. Jim corrected to 7♦, and held his breath until the auction ended there.

LHO now contemplated his opening lead, and concluded that nobody would bid such a slam with a loser in the opponent's suit, and therefore decided that leading his six-card spade suit, which dummy had bid, rated a pretty good chance of hitting a void in partner's hand.

Well, he hit a void, but it was in Jim's hand. Jim ruffed the opening lead in his hand, pulled trump and claimed, later discarding his heart loser on the A♠ in dummy. (Actually, my spies didn't tell

me whether Jim ruffed the opening lead, or put up the A♠, but knowing Jim, I am sure that he made the safer play of ruffing.)

The complete deal, rotated for convenience:

Board Dir: West 12 Vul: N-S	NORTH ♠ AQJT64 ♥ 9853 ♦ — ♣ KJ8	Hawaii Regional Monday Eve.
WEST ♠ 987532 ♥ K4 ♦ 82 ♣ T63	SOUTH ♠ — ♥ 6 ♦ AKQT97543 ♣ AQ5	EAST ♠ K ♥ AQJT72 ♦ J6 ♣ 9742

	Don Brazeau		Jim Sache
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣!
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♣	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

Why did Jim overcall 3♣ initially? No, he hadn't been reading a book on the Canapé style of bidding. Rather, he knew he was headed towards a possible slam in diamonds, but he wanted to find out if partner had the K♣, as this would be the key card in any slam venture. Don't you just love it when a well-planned bidding strategy results in a top board?!

HHIT's Ten Easy Steps

by Bruce McIntyre

Recently, I found time on a work trip to attend a local tournament and to my surprise discovered the **Hideous Hog (In Training)** addressing a novice group. The talk was somewhat different than most mini-lectures. HHIT's subject was *Becoming A Player: Ten Easy Steps*. I thought it might be a good idea to attend the talk *incognito*.

The novices were attentive as HHIT began to reveal the secrets. He began by saying that these were the distinguishing differences between newer and experienced players, and the faster you looked like the latter, the better your reputation among the better players around. The Hog-In-Training's Ten Easy Steps were revealed one by one on a wall display, and after explaining that they were all equally important, he spoke for a short time about each.

1. Streamline your table routine. "There are reasons," began HHIT, "why novice games play 16 boards in the same time that open games play 26. The biggest reason that newer players are slower is that the routine things about playing bridge are not routine yet. Scoring takes longer. Writing the contract down on a convention card takes longer. Getting up and moving to the next table takes forever. Putting the dummy down is a three-second action in expert games, but sometimes in a novice game the act takes a full minute. Some dummies even look up at their partners for separate approval of each suit.

"I sometimes think that newer players take extra time on these menial tasks because they are afraid that a businesslike approach would be seen as anti-social. Let me assure you: this is not true. Watch an open game and you will sometimes see players actually telling a story about work or golf or gossip—as bids are made during the auction. The reason they can do this is because they have a *routine*. They sort their cards, bid the deals, place the dummy, play the cards, agree the results, and score the hands the exact same way each time—quickly and without delays. This gives them time to think. Work on establishing your routines and eliminating delays and you'll have plenty of time to think, chat, snack, laugh, and socialize—even in an open game."

2. Conventions are not worth the trouble. "No novice wants to hear this, but it's true. Above and beyond whatever passes for standard in open games is too far until you've learned the game enough to understand *why* conventions exist. Perhaps the most popular convention is Stayman. Has anyone played without it? Most of us learn it as soon as we learn what a 1NT opener should show.

"But think about this: If you were a complete beginner and you played without Stayman (and didn't notice when opponents played it against you), it would take *years* for you to discover that you were sometimes in 3NT when a 4-4 major suit fit would score better. You would have to play a lot of hands before spotting the trend.

"Did you know that's why Stayman exists? I bet some of you didn't. And I bet there are conventions on your card right now that you play without knowing why. We read or hear about conventions often without reading or hearing about what problems they solve. Often we have a vague idea of the purpose of the convention, but the strain in learning all the new sequences that come up takes a higher place in our memories, and we forget just *why* we play them. They're just there. Mostly we are playing them because somebody else does, not because we understand why they work.

"For every game that was lost because you weren't playing a useful convention, there are millions lost because of other reasons. One is playing too many conventions and having a wheel come off at a crucial time. Concentrate on understanding *why* you play a convention, and it will be easier to understand the sequences that result. Don't stray too far from the standard card unless both partners fully understand any new conventions you adopt.

"Anyone who tells you that a certain convention is essential is no expert. Especially if the game starts in five minutes and you're expected to play it. A true expert can play no conventions at all and get by."

3. The Laws and regulations are for the birds. "We all have limited memories, and it's not worth the effort to learn the details of the Laws and the regulations. Just remember the basic concepts. Let the opponents know what you are playing without giving unauthorized information to partner. Alert unusual bids and don't worry if this is one of the exceptions that you're not supposed to. When there is an irregularity, call the Director and accept the decision (discuss later if you wish) so the game can continue. We're here to play bridge, which is tough enough. A preemptive bid is a bridge tactic. An argument about the alertability of a cuebid is a distracting side show."

4. Results are not as important as playing well. "There's a fair bit of luck in this game and the pair that plays the best doesn't always win. At almost every level, bridge is decided by the mistakes made. Top boards usually happen because someone made a mistake.

"You can't assume you played well just because you got 65%. I guarantee you that you could have

gotten 75% by eliminating three or four mistakes. I also guarantee you that on another night the same results might get you 55%. The best way to assess your true playing level is to look closely at the hands and watch for your mistakes. Keeping track of your scores is not nearly as accurate. And don't even get me started on masterpoints, please!"

5. Claim when you can. "When done right, claiming saves time, reduces the brain load on the players, and makes you look good. You'd be surprised how suave and cool you seem when you face your cards and say 'I can't get rid of the two club losers, down one.' You didn't make the contract but it sounds like you did your best. If you play it out, the defense will know that you were dead in the water eight tricks ago. They will wonder whether you knew, whether you are the sadistic type that likes to make defenders think unnecessarily, or whether you are just too clueless to distinguish winners from losers. Is that the impression you want to make?"

"So here is how to claim. Work it out in your head once you get the impression that the result is fairly clear. Show the opponents your remaining cards. Tell the opponents how many tricks you will make. Tell them how you will do so. Don't let them interrupt until you are done. If the opponents dispute the claim, call the Director. Never continue playing, you're not allowed to 'play it out.'

"The first two are the most important. *Work it out in your head:* does every possible road lead to this number of tricks? If so, claim. *Face your cards:* all of them. Often it is easier for the opponents to understand what you intend to do if you arrange your cards in the order you are going to play them.

"If you missed something, call the Director. Usually you will get the number of tricks you were entitled to; sometimes the defenders will get an extra one because the claim was not quite right. Don't let that deter you next time! Nobody declines to ruff an opponent's ace because they revoked three weeks ago.

"Not claiming when you can is a key sign that you have a lot of work to do to become a player. If you wait too long against experts they will have the hand counted out and will claim for you! Not the image you want to present. Claim when you can. Please."

6. Your partner is not a racehorse. "Some players have the idea that they can only get better results playing with better partners. They talk about how good a session they had with one player, or how they were surprised that a session with another player didn't go very well, or how they did better than expected with that player that never seems to play very well as an opponent. What they *don't* talk about

is how well *they* played. To these folks it's all about who their partner is. To get a good score, they say, you need a good partner.

"A true player knows that is false. A good score requires good play from *both* partners (and a little luck). You can't make partner's decisions for him, so you may as well concentrate on your own game. Trust me, the best partnerships are those where both players believe that the other one is just a little bit better than they are.

"You can always take the easy way out and decide to hold up your end of the partnership with your wallet instead of your brains. Many players do so, and some of them win many masterpoints. But are they really partners? or clients?"

7. Each deal is a new ballgame. "Suppose you get a universal top on the first board of the evening. Do you feel like a winner? Do you think you are the favorite to finish on top? Would you bet on yourself at short odds? Of course not—there are many boards left and nothing has been decided yet. An insurmountable lead after one board, or even after one round, is absurd.

"So explain to me: if you can win without a good first round, why do people figure that you can't win if you have a *bad* first round. I have seen players take a minus 1700 on Board 1 and sit there glumly for three hours waiting for it all to end so they can go off to their cars without bothering to look and see how bad their score is. Where is the logic here?"

"Some time ago, I took a zero (out of 100!) in a nationwide game on the first board...and ended up just making the list of the top 25 in the ACBL! Sure we'd be higher if we did better on board 1, but we were not completely out of it.

"Good players realize that this is one of the few games or sports where nobody knows the scores until the game is over. If you don't know the score, how can you know for sure that you're doing so badly that it cannot matter, or so well that you should play it safe (whatever that means)? You never know, so just in case, you owe it to partner to play your best.

"Two members of the superstar Italian Blue Team, world champs every year for a decade, once bid to 7NT doubled off two aces. This happened in a European Championship. The French defenders collected 500 and the Italians simply put their cards back in the board and said nothing. Over the next three deals, they made up for their disaster. Part of this was because the French players were astounded that they could remain calm after a disaster of such proportions, but most of the comeback was because they never gave up. We all can learn something from that."

8. Choose playing over learning. "To become

real player, you have to play, play, and play some more. There are some great bridge books out there, and a lot of fantastic resources to read on the Internet. None of us can spend all of our time playing, but anytime we choose three hours with a book over three hours at the table, we shortchange ourselves.

"Most books present problems in a way that is distinctly unlike the way we get tested at the table. 'What do you lead at trick four?' they ask pointedly, and we infer that something special might be required, and the answer comes to us. But at the table we might not even recognize that this is our big chance to go right or wrong. Bidding quizzes are all interesting problems by default assumption, but at the table you have to develop a sense of when something special is required. Few bridge books can help you achieve this. Playing, playing often, can."

9. Don't think too hard. "Experts can travel to Mars and figure out which pairs are the real players and which are novices from one simple auction:

"INT, pass, pass, pass.

"An expert declarer will nonchalantly write the contract down and wait for the opening lead.

"A novice declarer will grasp something lucky and begin to silently pray, or possibly even emit a low moan if vulnerable.

"I've never understood what it is about INT passed out that is so terrifying to newcomers. If partner has a balanced zero count, you'll probably go down, but so will everyone else in the room! Far more often partner has five or six or seven points and there is a play for INT or even overtricks.

"Thinking too hard is the problem here. In INT passed out, you have this hand to think about. Your history in INT passed out is not relevant. This is a new deal. Make the most of it! At least go five down without agonizing and squirming over every card.

"That's thinking too hard from a declarer's point of view. From a bidder's or defender's point of view pausing is much worse, because there is a good chance that your huddle will indicate options to your partner that a quick decision wouldn't. Since we're trying to look like good players here, let's agree that once you've taken thirty seconds or so on a bid or play, there is a roughly equal chance that either will be correct: therefore you can choose either option and say later that it was a coin flip.

"Which option should you choose, to look like a player? If the choice is between bidding and passing, bid. If the choice is between playing a high card or ducking, play the high card. Passing or ducking after a long pause conveys more uncertainty than taking bold action, and may give your partner less of an ethical problem.

"Here's another thinking-too-hard scenario for

you. An opponent claims and you don't see it. Call the Director—don't make the poor declarer explain it five more times. If the Director says the claim is good, move on. You'll never gain a trick because the ninth explanation was slightly flawed. You will brand yourself as a Life Novice by trying this tactic."

10. Have fun and make sure others do as well. "It's the NBA's motto, but we can borrow it: *I love this game!* If you aren't having fun playing bridge, find another partner or another game.

"Fun is not necessarily winning. Fun is working things out and being right—sometimes. Fun is talking and listening to people when there's time after the round. Fun is congratulating the opponents or (without gloating) partner on a well-played hand. Fun is escaping an auction where the cards out of the bid-boxes have more colours than an African flag, alive and unscathed. Fun is scoring a good result after a psychic bid works, but fun is also playing in a 2-1 fit when it doesn't. Fun is claiming with an opponent on lead who is forced to give you a trick. Fun is looking at the Director's reaction when you double... and discover that your RHO doubled as well. Fun is leading a trump to the eight through the opponent who made a penalty double, and winning the trick. Fun is smoothly playing the queen from queen-ten doubleton when declarer leads to the ace-jack-nine-eight, and waiting for him to try the eight next time.

"Fun is also avoiding all of the things that clearly are not fun: arguing or timewasting at the table, carrying over your grumpiness at previous results from round to round, tunnel vision for partner's mistakes but not your own, asking irrelevant questions about the opponent's system, passing judgment without being asked, conducting postmortems on every deal (including the ones you duplicate at the beginning of a tournament session—oh please can we stop this?). Fun loses its lustre when we tolerate these annoyances, and we shouldn't.

"The ultimate fun is slowly recognizing that you are accepted as someone who belongs. When an expert psyches against you, you are perceived as enough of a threat that unusual action is necessary. When an expert pauses after you drop an honour, he or she might think that you may be falsecarding, which is an honour in itself. Watch closely at the way experienced opponents play against you and you will be able to chart your improvement."

"When you play only two or three boards against someone new and you want to know how good they are, most people rely on the mannerisms of the opponents, because there isn't time to work out their skill level from their play. If you follow the advice I've given, you can look like, and be treated like, a player—even if you play like a novice!"

Another Letter to Myself

by Bob Faraci

Dear Bob:

I was thinking about a few stories I have heard and some rumors that were floating around, that were, to the best of my meager knowledge, untrue. Should I believe these or should I ignore rumors? *Of course, but as a human in close quarters you're the gossip-monger: your psyche takes over and you are in the mix.*

How many arguments, bad thoughts and ignorant behavior have taken place at the bridge tournaments or at clubs games that go unnoticed by many but have been hurtful to others? Who counts? Does anyone care? It's like one day you're the dog and the next day you're the hydrant. No one knows for sure except the Directors and the victims. Most people hold these frustrations inside because they are class acts, or they do not want to cause a scene or disruption.

You think too much, Bob.

Duplicate bridge allows us to communicate intelligently and almost instantly with people to the right and left of us and across the table from us, behind us, on the Internet, e-mail, and telephones which can be a really great thing. However, Robert me boy, as with every great thing it has its drawbacks, especially if you let your emotions rule your thinking. It's all too easy to become a victim (or the perpetrator) of "bridge table/club rage." (Probably caused more from extreme competitiveness and impatience than from an anger management dropout.)

It happens to everyone at one point or another. I'd get particularly upset when someone takes forever to bid, or holds a card (that they are going to play) for an eternity before placing it on the table, from people that always have some condescending remark about everyone, the holier-than-thou player or the player that just plain ignores their opponents. Talk a lot when they should be quiet and not disturb the sequence and concentration of the flow of the game! When this happens I'd probably respond to this while I was angry or frustrated and fire off an angry reply or caustic remark. Then the kicker: I'd calm down, read over in my mind the message that my pea of a brain and my large mouth sent out and regret it. That's Competitive Bridge Rage. Probably the same can be said about life in general. Life Rage!

Just because you can respond to a sarcastic remark or an annoying habit or fault immediately, doesn't mean it's always wise to do so. Do Road Rage on the streets and you get pummeled! If something gets you upset, it's often better to think fast and to wait before sticking your foot in your mouth with some brain damaged soothsayer comment. It is

better to wait until you have rationally collected your thoughts before sending out a new message. No use two people using the vocal airways telling half-truths in a form that would traduce another person.

To avoid an unfortunate series of events that can occur when acting on emotion, I have done some research and implemented a simple policy: I refuse to answer a question on an issue that has upset me for however long it takes me to calm down—I grab a cup of coffee, tea, beer, or do anything else that gets me away mentally from the scene for a little while. When I get back, I usually have my emotions under control and can keep my response or silent reply calm. When you're not particularly in a good mood, it's all too easy to send negative comments or interpret negative messages from people. Cooling off before you start yelping can prevent e-bridge rage ugliness. Duplicate Bridge players are like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Rodney Dangerfield, brilliant and fun to be around. Caustic tongues should only be heard at hockey games and wrestling.

Well Bob, what's next, some great soothsaying?

Well, yes and no. These are some of my "thoughts for the New Year."

"Some people are born on third base, and go through life thinking they hit a triple."

"May the fleas of a thousand camels infest the crotch of the person who screws up your grand slam, and may their arms be too short to scratch."

"Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"It is not to know everything exactly about duplicate bridge. It's to know exactly what everyone else knows."

"Three can keep a secret. If two are dead!"

The Butterfly Effect reflects how changes on the small scale affect things on the large scale. It is the classic example of chaos, as small changes lead to large changes. A butterfly flapping its wings in Hong Kong could change tornado patterns in Texas. How about this: if a Director in North Van sneezes, does it cause the Director in New West, White Rock, and the Bridge Centre to wake up?

My Polish cousin in Winnipeg goes to Motor Vehicles to apply for a driver's license. He has to take an eyesight test. The optician shows him a card with the letters: C Z W I X N O S T A C Z. "Can you read this?" the optician asks. "Read it?" the Polish guy replies, "for sure I read it. I know dis guy!"

May bridge bring you much happiness and many masterpoints.

Till next time,

Bob F.

aut viam inveniam aut faciam
(I'll either find a way or make one)

Anti-Grosvenor

by Chris Diamond

[McB: the *Grovesnor Gambit* is a play defined in the Bridge Encyclopedia as follows: "A defender deliberately makes an error, giving the declarer an opportunity refused because he expects rational defense." Over to Mr. Diamond...]

Playing at the VBC, against two of our newer players, I was in 6♣ with this trump suit:

Dummy: ♣ J3

Declarer: ♣ AKT9876.

I had an inescapable diamond loser, so I was

(Slings and Arrows, cont. from page 9)

If you subscribe to the school which teaches 'always cover an honour with an honour', you have just earned a bottom board. How many hearts can partner have? At most one, and possibly none! So

why were you covering? If declarer's heart is a small one, whether you cover or not won't affect the final result on this hand, but this time it is the jack, and the contract was going down...until you covered. Declarer has the K♠ in addition to his A♥.

A few declarers got this gift when the hand was played. At our table, **Rhonda Foster** led the singleton J♥ at trick one, thereby removing any doubt that this contract was going down.

North Shore Update

New Club; New St. David's Owner

Last summer, we reported that the Vancouver Bridge Club (the game at St. David's church in West Vancouver run for many years by **Louis Landau**) had been sold to **Richard Dunn** on August 18, following **Louis Landau's** illness during which the game had been run by **Steve Beaton**. Much has happened since on the North Shore scene, and with the passage of time all seems to have worked out for the best.

The news that broke soon after the *Matchpointer* was at the printers was that a group of North Shore players, **Steve Beaton**, **Tai Eng** and **Sandi White**, decided to start a new club in North Vancouver on Monday morning. We understand that their decision to open opposite the existing game was based not on competition but on availability of space. However, the establishment of the new game changed the equation on the sale of the St. David's game, which was announced but not yet finalized.

At the St. David's game on Labour Day, **Louis Landau**, looking as healthy and exuberant as ever,

forced to bring the trump suit in for no losers.

I started out by running the J♣, which held, both opponents following. So, I confidently led the 3♣ to the ten.

LHO won the queen!!!!!!

What can you say? I chuckled and later proceeded to tell my sad tale, usually with the ending "but what can you do?"

Everyone agreed that there was no way to go right, with the exception of **Mike Takemori**.

His answer: "When the jack holds, I claim."

That'd work.

announced that he and his daughter **Felicity Lowinger** had decided to retain ownership of the club for the moment. He wished **Steve Beaton** the best in his new venture, and announced that the club was still for sale.

Not long after that, **Homa Boustani** bought the Vancouver Bridge Club from Louis and Felicity. **Gilbert Lambert** now directs their Monday morning and Wednesday morning and evening games. **Louis Landau** and **Felicity Lowinger** are still there at virtually every game.

Steve Beaton is running the other North Shore games, the Monday evening open game at Hollyburn, the Tuesday evening open game at the North Shore Winter Club, and the Thursday morning invitational game at Hollyburn.

The new club is called the North Shore Bridge Club. It is located near Capilano College, about a kilometre north-east of the highway (exit 22). The club has a Web Page at www.bridgeclubnews.ca

All games on the North Shore seem to be doing well. You should visit all of them!

UPRS Rankings

Grant Gayman takes Flight C Lead!

The April 30, 2005 Unit Player Ranking System tables are on the next page. It took more than two pages of the Spring 2003 *Matchpointer* to describe the system's details, and I refer those of you who need to know everything about how the UPRS system works to that article. The only change since then was a chance in the award for sectional knockout team events: as I wrote in the Summer 2003 issue, these have tripled from the award originally given.

A quick explanation? All right. The UPRS system is a points-based rating system in which the points you won decay over time, so that a year later only one-quarter of your points remain. This means you need to keep playing, and winning, to keep your ranking on the lists. Players are ranked as individuals. To win UPRS points, you need to finish in the overalls in any event run by *Unit 430 within Unit 430*: this means Sectional tournaments, Monthly Unit Games, the Unit Finals of Special Events, and the IMP League. Not included are the STaC and all other club-level events, District or Zone Finals of special events, Regionals, and NABCs.

There are three UPRS lists. Flight A points are awarded for any event that carries an upper master-point limit of 2500 points or higher (or no limit at all). Flight C points are awarded for events limited to non-Life Masters. Anything in between scores points toward the Flight B list. When there are multiple flights or strats counting toward the same UPRS list, like Flight A/X events (both unlimited), the lower flight(s) or strat(s) scores half of the points of the one above.

Of course, with stratifying, a player may win points on more than one UPRS list for a single win. And new Life Masters remain on the Flight C list until their points earned there decay once they become ineligible for non-LM events.

Each event covered by the UPRS has a Flight A first-place point value pre-assigned regardless of the attendance. All other awards are derived from this Flight A first-place award. The highest award is for the IMP League regular season winners, who get 50,000; second-highest is 30,000 for winning a two-session event at a sectional. The Flight B first-place award is always one-eighth the Flight A first-place award. The Flight C first-place award is always 1% of the Flight A first-place award. This works well: developing players can tell when they are ready to move up. When your total on one list is about the same as your total on the next highest list, this is concrete evidence that you are ready to move up to the next level (although it might take a while before you are ready to challenge the leaders!).

The UPRS database now contains 7,837 lines of winners and is contained in a pivot table-laden Excel file of 16.1 megabytes...

On the next page are "thirteen tables" of players for each UPRS flight, the standings computed at the end of the August 2004 Monthly Unit Game (after which there are no more UPRS events until September). The last column shows the percentage of the leader's total. When the points decay, this stays constant, making it a useful indicator of the size of a lead.

Anyone not on these lists may be on the monthly Top 200 lists the computer churns out once the data is entered. Let me know if you are interested and I'll tell you how you are doing!

Upcoming UPRS Events

or, How to Improve Your UPRS Ranking

DATE	EVENT	FLIGHT A AWARD FOR FIRST PLACE
4 June	Monthly Unit Game	1,000 (Swiss Teams)
30 June	IMP League ends	25,000 for playoff winners (regular season awards have already been added, dated April 30)
9 July	Monthly Unit Game	1,000
6 August	Monthly Unit Game	1,000
3 September	Monthly Unit Game	1,000
9-11 September	Evergreen Sectional	30,000 for two-session open events 10,000 for one-session open events (limited events will score on the B or C lists)
1 October	Monthly Unit Game	1,000 (Swiss Teams)
October	IMP League begins	50,000 (regular season), 25,000 (playoffs)
29-30 October	Fall Future Stars Sectional	125 for first in top flight
8 October	NAOP-A Unit Final	20,000
15 October	NAOP-B/C Unit Final	2,500 (B List), 200 (C List)

Flight A UPRS Leaders**Flight B UPRS Leaders****Flight C UPRS Leaders**

1. Ben Takemori	135,398.78	(leader)
2. Mike Takemori	111,387.64	82.266
3. Dan Jacob	88,774.85	65.565
4. Aidan Ballantyne	82,743.21	61.111
5. Katrin Litwin	74,743.02	55.202
6. Gerry McCully	72,606.75	53.624
7. Samantha Nystrom	66,366.97	49.016
8. John Hurdle	66,357.76	49.009
9. Michael Yuen	63,467.45	46.874
10. Larry Hicks	59,838.70	44.194
11. Les Fouks	58,753.98	43.393
12. Steve Vincent	54,479.68	40.236
12. David Waterman	54,479.68	40.236
14. Peter Morse	52,661.28	38.893
15. Ron Borg	51,243.13	37.846
16. John Bryden	50,048.17	36.964
17. Larry Pockock	48,438.93	35.775
18. June Pockock	47,770.22	35.281
19. Doug Hansford	47,554.32	35.122
20. Rhonda Foster	44,980.94	33.221
21. Martin Henneberger	42,284.53	31.230
22. Brad Bart	41,022.08	30.297
23. Mike Wilson	40,222.37	29.707
24. Dave Gien	39,836.26	29.421
25. Don Sache	38,871.87	28.709
26. Vicki Moffatt	38,444.52	28.394
27. Mike Dimich	38,254.76	28.253
28. Trudy Hurdle	37,884.74	27.980
29. Mike Moffatt	37,584.08	27.758
30. Gus Axen	36,845.65	27.213
31. Don Brazeau	33,555.42	24.783
32. Hober Liang	33,326.71	24.614
33. Ken Scholes	31,009.53	22.902
34. Cam Doner	30,268.63	22.355
35. Kathy Adachi	29,374.61	21.695
36. Nathan Divinsky	27,178.22	20.073
37. Bob Gerrie	26,613.13	19.655
38. Richard Christie	25,781.91	19.041
39. Marcia Christie	25,739.67	19.010
40. Felipe Hernandez	24,026.07	17.745
41. Dianne Isfeld	23,571.37	17.409
42. Duane Tilden	23,056.18	17.028
43. Bjarne Christoffersen	22,317.01	16.482
44. Martin Johnson	21,971.54	16.227
45. David Breton	21,413.22	15.815
46. Doug Fraser	21,246.88	15.692
47. Mike Dorn Wiss	20,923.34	15.453
48. Robert Luo	20,758.67	15.332
49. Cam Lindsay	20,411.59	15.075
50. Sandra Fraser	20,365.64	15.041
51. Paul Hagen	20,087.17	14.836
52. Steve Clements	19,670.42	14.528

Historical leaders in Flight A, at the end of each month since the first lists containing only events of 2000-01:

Mike Hargreaves (Dec. 2001)
Bryan Maksymetz (May 2002)
Gord McOrmond (Jan. 2003)
Dan Jacob (April 2003)
Ben Takemori (April 2005)

Wins in the Adrian Hicks Open Pairs, the Willie Weinstein Swiss Teams, and the IMP League pennant vaulted Ben Takemori to #1 after Dan Jacob held the title for two years. Samantha Nystrom has moved from #89 to #7 since the last publication of the leaders...

1. Grant Gayman	8,360.04	(leader)
2. Edward Hui	8,197.20	98.052
3. Jocelyn Krug	8,062.14	96.437
4. Andrew Nalos	7,995.59	95.641
5. Marla Gropper	6,713.72	80.307
6. Sima Sadri	6,524.31	78.042
7. Don Keith	6,494.97	77.691
8. Rangle Sylvestre	6,449.26	77.634
9. Rosalee Hardin	6,449.83	77.151
10. Anita Morse	5,850.41	69.981
11. Kam Tang	5,093.39	60.925
12. Marg Elligott	4,835.29	57.838
13. Patricia Stickland	4,755.93	56.889
14. H. K. Ho	4,695.09	56.161
15. Olga Guitelmakher	4,663.60	55.784
16. Andrew Lee	4,408.36	52.731
17. Jane (NVN) Craig	4,307.76	51.528
18. Ken Ramsay	4,215.15	50.420
19. Kenny Chan	4,123.47	49.324
20. Priscilla Brown	4,098.46	49.024
21. Marion Crowhurst	4,048.28	48.424
22. John Demeulemeester	3,913.45	46.811
23. Jack Lee	3,766.48	45.053
24. Robert Luo	3,737.01	44.701
25. Alex Chuang	3,408.39	40.770
26. Jadwiga Polujan	3,353.55	40.114
27. David Huang	3,284.49	39.288
28. Christa Mead	2,953.90	35.334
29. Rod Coote	2,917.83	34.902
29. Larry Meyer	2,917.83	34.902
31. Walter Zielinski	2,886.22	34.524
32. Pirtpal Gill	2,882.23	34.476
33. Waldemar Jez	2,875.33	34.394
34. Andrew Zorawski	2,774.66	33.190
35. Jim Balcom	2,711.86	32.438
35. Bob Jess	2,711.86	32.438
37. Greg Morse	2,649.82	31.696
37. Andy Hellqvist	2,649.82	31.696
39. Nancy Arnold	2,529.61	30.258
40. Daniel Groves	2,522.80	30.177
40. Sharon Erwin	2,522.80	30.177
42. Jim McKenzie	2,257.16	26.999
43. William Osten	2,242.63	26.826
44. Richard Dunn	2,209.56	26.430
45. Neil McAllister	2,196.20	26.270
46. Neil Tanney	2,083.33	24.920
47. Ewa Wroblewicz	1,982.30	23.712
48. Pradyumna Gorkhali	1,981.99	23.708
49. Amiral Alibhai	1,964.00	23.493
50. Samuel Lai	1,951.85	23.347
51. Dee Kerr	1,866.99	22.332
52. Colleen Walker	1,863.81	22.294

Historical leaders in Flight B:

Ron Fox (Dec. 2001)
Kenny Chan (March 2002)
Les Baldys (May 2002)
Kenny Chan (September 2002)
Ping Ding/Jane Fyfe (Nov. 2002)
Les Baldys (April 2003)
Kenny Chan (September 2003)
Marion Crowhurst (April 2004)
H.K. Ho (November 2004)
Sima Sadri (January 2005)
Grant Gayman (April 2005)

Another IMP League winner vaults to the top, along with his teammates. Grant Gayman becomes the first person to hold two UPRS titles at once.

1. Grant Gayman	975.28	(leader)
2. Andrew Nalos	567.65	58.204
3. Ken Ramsay	525.72	53.905
4. Tao Feng	473.65	48.566
5. Kai Zhou	386.54	39.634
6. Hsiang Li	352.05	36.097
7. Biaxiang Liu	347.00	35.579
8. Zahra Jafroudi	340.62	34.926
8. Ataollah Amiri	340.62	34.926
10. Colleen Walker	335.77	34.428
11. Judy Christensen	334.02	34.249
12. Alice Butler	302.86	31.053
12. Bill Butler	302.86	31.053
14. Susan Mitchell	297.71	30.525
15. Jadwiga Polujan	277.00	28.402
16. David Huang	272.96	27.988
16. Felix Chuang	272.96	27.988
18. Alecity Fane	264.00	27.069
19. Chieko Oka	252.52	25.892
20. Edward Hui	231.74	23.761
21. Eric Pan	223.64	22.931
22. John Chen	222.49	22.813
23. Charley Zhang	213.19	21.859
24. Sachi Yamakami	204.24	20.942
25. Stephen Brown	184.33	18.900
26. Carol Smart	181.18	18.577
27. Angela Image	169.40	17.369
28. Howard Shimokura	162.06	16.616
28. Jane Shimokura	162.06	16.616
30. Shapour Darabi	158.56	16.258
30. Farivar Sahihi	158.56	16.258
32. Solveig Karlgen	157.54	16.154
33. Clay Connolly	149.82	15.361
34. Armando Andreoli	143.77	14.742
35. Robert Luo	140.82	14.439
36. Zoran Peca	139.35	14.288
37. Olga Guitelmakher	139.11	14.264
38. Brian Liu	139.09	14.262
39. Parvin Grigg	137.79	14.128
40. Patricia Lamb	136.67	14.014
41. Ernst Walti	135.64	13.908
42. Mariene Powell	134.57	13.798
43. David Hoeye	130.95	13.427
44. Kun Shao	130.06	13.335
45. Jocelyn Krug	128.41	13.167
46. Sharon Chercover	125.44	12.862
47. Adelina Wong-Chor	124.60	12.776
48. Gail Heuchert	124.00	12.715
49. Tony Shyu	118.57	12.157
50. Harry Kublik	118.02	12.101
51. Flora So	115.04	11.795
52. Sandra Poggemiller	114.96	11.787

Historical leaders in Flight C:

Andrew Nalos (Dec. 2001)
Alice & Gary Thomas (Mar. 2002)
Stuart Carr (May 2002)
Brian Ransom (Sept. 2002)
Ross Lam (Nov. 2002)
Gail Heuchart (Jan. 2003)
Grant Gayman (May 2004)

We think Grant is now a Life Master, which should keep him from winning any more UPRS-C points. Virtually everyone from positions 4 thru 15 was nowhere near the top of the list when last published in July 2004. Whoever emerges as the next leader will have done a major catch-up job.

Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney

Final 2004 Standings from acbl.org

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

Over the years I have developed a set of standard announcements about these lists designed to deflect questions. Please read before you ask, and then ask Memphis (it's free, see below):

—The bracketed numbers to the right of the mas-

terpoint totals are ranks in the top 25 of District Nineteen (BC, Alaska, and Washington State). A number in [square brackets] is an ACBL-wide top 30 ranking.

—Whichever category you were in on January 1, 2004 was the category you were stuck in for the 2004 race. Note the additional silver (S), red (R), gold (G) and pigmented (P: silver, red or gold) point requirements for many ranks up to Life Master.

—These results are taken from the ACBL Web Page, which rounds the totals off to the nearest point and does not break ties. You can view frequent updates of the 2005 races online—the site lists the top ten and is updated monthly—at this Internet address: <http://web3.acbl.org/internet/unitawar.nsf/unitaraces?openform>

<p>Unit 430 Ace Of Clubs (points won at club games only) 2004 Final Standings (taken from ACBL Web Site)</p> <p>ROOKIE (0-5, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Angela Image, N. Vancouver</i> 38 (4) 2. Peter Tsang, Richmond 17 (20) 3. Cliff Gillis, Vancouver 16 (22) <p>JUNIOR MASTER (5-20, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Jadwiga Polujan, Pt. Coquitlam</i> 49 (4) 2. Hsiang Li, Burnaby 47 (7) 3. Chieko Oka, Vancouver 39 (11) <p>CLUB MASTER (20-50, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Colleen Walker, N. Vancouver</i> 48 (9) 2. Jack Lee, Richmond 46 (10) 3. Samuel Krikler, Mission 35 (22) 	<p>BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500-1000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Debbie Williams, Langley</i> 110 (6) 2. Don Keith, New Westminster 87 (13) 3. Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby 87 (15) <p>SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000-2500)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver</i> 136 (5) 2. Amir Alibhai, N. Vancouver 125 (9) 3. Sandra Robson, New West 111 (13) <p>GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500-5000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam</i> 176 (1) 2. Joerg Schneider, Vancouver 129 (4) 3. Mary Fines, N. Vancouver 113 (5) <p>DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000-10,000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Kathy Adachi, Delta</i> 119 (4) 2. Cam Doner, Richmond 51 (15) 3. Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby 27 	<p>SECTIONAL MASTER (50, 5 SILVER)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Alex Hong, Delta [1]</i> 1036 (1) 2. Rowena Huberman, Vancouver ... 120 (8) 3. Gladys Adilman, Vancouver 113 (10) <p>REGIONAL MASTER (100, 15S, 5R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Stephen Pickett, Vcr. [18]</i> 242 (1) 2. Grant Gayman, Vancouver 148 (5) 3. Andrew Nalos, Vancouver 145 (6) <p>NABC MASTER (200, 25S, 15R, 5G, 50P)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Richard Smilie, N. Vancouver</i> 209 (1) 2. Andrew Lee, Burnaby 208 (2) 3. Gail Heuchart, Vancouver 176 (4) <p>LIFE MASTER (300, 50S, 25G, 50R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Sima Sadri, W. Vcr. [13]</i> 299 (1) 2. Cathy Miller, Burnaby 202 (4) 3. Marla Gropper, Vancouver 190 (5)
<p>SECTIONAL MASTER (50, 5 SILVER)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Rowena Huberman, Vancouver</i> 66 (6) 2. Gladys Adilman, Vancouver 61 (9) 3. Zahra Jafroudi, W. Vancouver 42 <p>REGIONAL MASTER (100, 15S, 5R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Suzette Behar, W. Vancouver</i> 34 2. Antoinette Sheffield, Surrey 27 3. Andrew Zorawski, Coquitlam 23 <p>NABC MASTER (200, 25S, 15R, 5G, 50P)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Richard Smilie, N. Vcr [13]</i> 134 (1) 2. Andrew Lee, Burnaby 96 (4) 3. John Ashwell, Vancouver 71 (10) <p>LIFE MASTER (300, 50S, 25G, 50R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Marla Gropper, Vancouver</i> 99 (1) 2. Anne Smith, Burnaby 90 (2) 3. Sima Sadri, West Vancouver 88 (3) 	<p>Unit 430 Mini-McKenney (points won from all ACBL sources) 2004 Final Standings (taken from ACBL Web Site)</p> <p>ROOKIE (0-5, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Guoxu Zhang, Delta [18]</i> 118 (1) 2. Cliff Gillis, Vancouver 60 (5) 3. Angela Image, N. Vancouver 59 (6) <p>JUNIOR MASTER (5-20, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Jadwiga Polujan, Pt. Coq. [6]</i> 175 (2) 2. Kenneth Ramsey, W. Vcr. [13] ... 128 (3) 3. Chieko Oka, Vancouver 91 (5) <p>CLUB MASTER (20-50, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Jack Lee, Richmond</i> 134 (2) 2. Colleen Walker, N. Vancouver 95 (4) 3. Samuel Krikler, Richmond 51 	<p>BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500-1000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby</i> 212 (4) 2. Marion Crowhurst, W. Vancouver 200 (6) 3. Don Keith, New Westminster 190 (8) <p>SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000-2500)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Shi Yan, Delta [2]</i> 1055 (1) 2. William Ge, Vancouver 370 (3) 3. Kathy Bye, Burnaby 340 (5) <p>GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500-5000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Michael Yuen, Vancouver [29]</i> ... 638 (1) 2. Gerry McCully, New West 529 (2) 3. Rhonda Foster, New West 520 (3) <p>DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000-10,000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Cam Doner, Richmond</i> 797 (1) 2. Dan Jacob, Vancouver 317 (18) 3. Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby 295 (22)

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Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney

Unofficial Standings from acbl.org

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Don't forget the following:

—Memphis only tracks the games that they receive. These results were compiled May 6 but this does not necessarily mean that all recent club games

and tournaments will be included.

—Whichever category you are in on January 1 is the category you're stuck in for that calendar year's race. Note the additional silver (S), red (R), gold (G) and pigmented (P: silver, red or gold) point requirements for many ranks up to Life Master.

—There are now two new categories, no doubt only to force me to redesign the results page. Players become an Emerald Life Master at 7,500 points, and a Platinum Life Master at 10,000. Platinum LMs with a win in unlimited events at NABCs or World Championships are deemed Grand Life Masters. No word on After Life Masters or Jaded Life Masters—yet...

—See page 18 for where to find all this online.

<p>Unit 430 Ace Of Clubs (points won at club games only) May 6, 2005 Unofficial Standings</p> <p>ROOKIE (0-5, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trevor Epp, Vancouver 9 2. Lorna Hawes, Vancouver 7 3. Richard Syrnky, N. Vancouver 6 <p>JUNIOR MASTER (5-20, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoran Peca, Vancouver 6 2. Baixiang Liu, Vancouver 5 3. Shirley Patterson, Surrey 4 <p>CLUB MASTER (20-50, ANY COLOUR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gordon Wright, Vancouver 15 2. Sam Turk, Vancouver 10 3. Aziz Azizi, W. Vancouver 8 <p>SECTIONAL MASTER (50, 5 SILVER)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leonard Wild, W. Vancouver 15 2. Sharon Chercover, Vancouver 14 3. Angela Image, N. Vancouver 12 <p>REGIONAL MASTER (100, 15S, 5R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colleen Walker, N. Vancouver 21 2. Rowena Huberman, Vancouver 19 3. Suzette Behar, W. Vancouver 16 <p>NABC MASTER (200, 25S, 15R, 5G, 50P)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marlene Powell, Burnaby 24 2. John Ashwell, Vancouver 22 3. Antoinette Sheffield, Surrey 21 <p>LIFE MASTER (300, 50S, 25G, 50R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kazuko Koda, Vancouver 27 2. Clarence Dodd, Vancouver 22 3. Gail Heuchart, Vancouver 17 <p>BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500-1000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Smilie, N. Vancouver 40 2. Marla Gropper, Vancouver 33 3. Cathy Miller, Burnaby 32 	<p>SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000-2500)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tai Eng, Burnaby 49 2. Sandra Robson, New West 33 3. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver 32 <p>GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500-5000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam 40 2. Al French, N. Vancouver 36 3. Stella Alliston, N., Vancouver 35 <p>DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000-7,500)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Fines, N. Vancouver 37 2. Kathy Adachi, Delta 34 3. Wilf May, New Westminster 9 <p>HIGHER: Unit 430's only Platinum LM (10,000+), Cam Doner, has 4 club points. Our top two Emerald LMs (7,500-10,000) are Allan Graves (16 club points) and Aidan Ballatyne (5 club points.)</p>	<p>REGIONAL MASTER (100, 15S, 5R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ken Ramsay, W. Vancouver 57 2. Colleen Walker, N. Vancouver 53 3. Zahra Jafroudi, W. Vancouver 35 <p>NABC MASTER (200, 25S, 15R, 5G, 50P)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alex Hong, Delta 308 2. Howard Shimokura, Vancouver 47 3. Jane Shimokura, Vancouver 46 <p>LIFE MASTER (300, 50S, 25G, 50R OR G)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eurydice Nours, Richmond 85 2. David Breton, Burnaby 49 3. Gail Heuchart, Vancouver 37 <p>BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500-1000)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sima Sadri, W. Vancouver 54 2. Cathy Miller, Burnaby 50 3. Richard Smilie, N. Vancouver 45
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January 1, 1975 was the day face-down opening leads became mandatory at District 19 Regionals and Sectionals. 1975 was also the year Unit 430 increased to five open sectionals per year. In the late 1990s the fifth sectional, usually held in summer, was discontinued but a few years later was replaced by the Unit-sponsored District-wide STaC.

The largest bridge trophies in history were offered in 1975, as **Omar Sharif's** Bridge Circus played matches in four U.S. cities against the winner of a local four-session Swiss. The prize to the winners, should they beat Sharif's team (which included **Giorgio Belladonna** and **Benito Garozzo**) was five Lancia automobiles! Unfortunately, the four qualifying events were in New York, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles and I was unable to find news of any local teams participating in the playdowns.

35 years ago in the Matchpointer
September, October, November 1969
Allan Graves, Sheila Dickie, editors

The September 1969 *Matchpointer's* most intriguing item is the front-page headline **Special Announcement**, followed by the words "There is no special announcement." These days one would take that as a veiled critique of the alert system; I suspect in 1969 there was an announcement coming in which was hastily cancelled close to the deadline...

On September 22, 1969, the Intercity Bridge Club, run by Bob Owen-Turner and Jim Dickie, moved to 2182 W. 12th Ave, an address you will probably recognize if you have read this far. The Haida Club was

there from its inception to mid-1984, when it moved to new premises at Cambie and Broadway. (I goofed last time when I wrote 1989.)

The October 1969 issue mentions two Sectionals: the Harrison (!) Evergreen Sectional which, "due to an astonishing attitude on the part of the hotel to not provide even the barest necessities, was not what we have been used to in the past;" and the Vancouver Fall Sectional (not called the Roundup—yet), held at the Blue Boy, "the finest accommodations for a tournament in the northwest." At the Blue Boy the Unit was going to subsidize the cost of the hotel smorgasbord for the Sunday between-sessions meal. The result: a record 378 tables for a three-day tournament!

"A woman in Tacoma recently had to solve that nasty bridge problem regarding a weak hand with a long club suit. What is the best way to handle this hand when partner opens INT? She gave the matter several minutes thought, then took her partner's convention card, erased Stayman, and bid 2♣ which her partner passed. Sneaky, but effective. More on this fascinating personality in future issues."

Sheila Dickie is listed as the editor beginning with the November issue and we find that February 15, 1970 was Unit 430's first venture into what the *Matchpointer* called "the game sweeping the country." What was it? Swiss Teams! Up until that point Sunday team events were either bracketed round-robins, or knockouts of some sort.

Despite being a very small magazine (same format as today, but without the staple and usually only eight pages), **Allan Graves** and **Sheila Dickie** began a bidding quiz in 1969.

Amazingly enough, one current member of the Unit Board was on the Unit Board in October 1969: **Jennifer Paynter** was the recording secretary. (Have you ever *not* been on the board, Jenny?)

And now we've come full-circle to where I began this series five years ago. Reaction has been mixed, but it's always been fun and interesting to research and write. Now it's time to go on to other things. I have a special idea for the last page next time, then it's Ben's to do with what he thinks best. Bye. —**Mcb**

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It's Your Bid

Summer 2004 Responses and Scores

Thanks to the posting of the problems on the Internet and a site that allows novices like me to create online polls, we had 83 responses to the It's Your Bid questions from the last issue! The months between issues had nothing to do with it since I closed the responses last October and have been sitting on the results since then.

Of the 83 responses, 36 self-flighted themselves into Flight A, 43 in Flight B, and 4 in Flight C. 22 responses were from local players and 61 more were from players from outside Unit 430, including some as far as Zaire!

The scoring system for the contest takes Flight A responses as ten points (six for non-locals), Flight B as three (two for non-locals), and Flight C as one (local or not). We downgraded non-locals because we have no way of telling when someone tries to enter a higher flight, and only one of the 61 online entries rated himself as a C player. The local percentage has always been much higher.

The Web version will feature all the comments by all the responders. Here, with limited space, we'll feature mostly local responses.

The response with the most voting points is given the award of 100, and the other awards are decided accordingly to their relative popularity with the consensus choice. In the fifth question the second best call attracted 67 voting points, compared to 97 voting points for the consensus bid. 67 is about 69% of 97, so 69 is the award.

Why score by popularity (weighted slightly by flighting)? Because it is objective! In other bidding contests, a judge is hired to collect the votes and decide which answers get how many points. The judge does so partly by popularity, partly by the comments, perhaps a little by the actual result at the table, and sometimes by the responses of those whose opinions he respects.

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

1. (Matchpoints, N-S vulnerable.)

♠ AK8 ♥ QJ832 ♦ 85 ♣ KJ5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	???

The scientist's votes were split on this one, between...

"Taydog": 3♣. Need to find out about partner's heart holding to decide to play 3NT or 4♥. 3♣ will accomplish this.

...and the other scientific alternative...

Phil Clayton: 2♠. 3NT, while right on values, gives up on 4♥, and probably slam. 3♣ doesn't seem right either. 2♠ is a cheap temporizing probe that allows us to investigate. Hopefully partner will let us play the notrump with our club tenace.

...while the pragmatists vote *en masse*.

David Breton: 3NT. When I can figure out the normal bid at matchpoints, I bid it. Landing in the optimal spot is secondary.

Harold Hansen: 3NT. Should be easier to scramble nine trick in notrump than trying to find out if partner has three hearts by bidding 2♠ or 3♣.

Cam Lindsay: 3NT. The descriptive value bid...it's a simple game sometimes.

Larry Meyer: 3NT. Partner is limited to about 15 HCP and denied decent heart support, so park in our most likely best spot.

Question 1 Call	Question 1			Total	Total	Award
	A	B	C	Votes	Points	
3NT	17	28	2	47	196	100
2♠	12	8	0	20	93	47
3♣	7	2	0	9	51	26
2NT	0	2	1	3	5	3
3♦	0	1	0	1	2	1
3NT	0	1	0	1	2	1
4♦	0	1	0	1	2	1
Pass	0	0	1	1	1	1

Source: A tournament included with the bridge software JACK; the 2001 Dutch Master Class Teams Final, session 1, board 5, except (my mistake) that in the original, you had ♦KJ5 ♣85, not ♦85 ♣KJ5.

Partner's hand: ♠ T4 ♥ K4 ♦ AQ9763 ♣ A72. No heart fit, so the pragmatists get to be smug.

Leaders: Forty-seven people are tied with 100.

2. (Again matchpoints, N-S vul.)

♠ AQJ42 ♥ AQT43 ♦ 5 ♣ T4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		4♦	???

Keeping with my *modus operandi*, we shall begin with the minority views:

Dwayne Hoffman: 5♦. This totally stinks. I loathe the preempt, but double's completely out of the picture because I'm missing the third club. 1

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also picture a hand where partner isn't broke. I dare not pass, either, due to the possible 5♦ bid coming to my left. So I'm going to bid 5♦ and get partner to pick.

Partner may pick a slam though...

"Penguin": Pass. Bidding here is only volunteering for disaster.

Most volunteered for the disaster...

"Cozofu": 4♥. 4♠ and 4♥ are close. 4♥ is slightly better. If you get doubled, you can probably run into 4♠. Double is usually poor for this kind of shape.

Alvin P. Bluthman: 4♠. You hope to have the opportunity to rebid 5♥. Not strong enough for 5♦ (forcing partner to choose at the five-level).

...and the majority view (with the usual assortment of different reasons) was:

"HHIT": Double. 5♦ if partner chooses 5♣. Not enough to bid 5♦ right away.

David Breton: Double. Hopefully partner will understand my first bid was made under pressure if I get to bid again.

Harold Hansen: Double. If partner bids 5♣ I can bid 5♥ to show both majors

Cam Lindsay: Double. Partner is an unpassed hand and I paid my pairs entry fee!

Mike Dorn Wiss: Double. Better to be hung for a hog than a bunny, although I suspect this will lead to a minus, and perhaps a healthy one. I will correct the dreaded 5♣ to 5♥ and take my lumps.

Question 2				Total	Total	
Call	A	B	C	Votes	Points	Award
Double	28	34	2	64	274	100
4♠	4	3	0	7	30	11
4♥	3	1	0	4	24	9
Pass	1	2	1	4	16	6
5♦	0	3	1	4	8	3

Source: Again the 2001 Dutch Master Class Teams Final, session 1, board 3.

Partner's hand: ♠K5 ♥K8652 ♦A76 ♣A65.

Looks to me like 4♠ is going to get passed, but the best chance to get to this grand is to bid 5♦.

Leaders: Not much of a problem. 38 people still have a perfect score...

3. (Still matchpoints, none vul.)

♠ 6432 ♥ AT7 ♦ AK3 ♣ AKJ

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	???

Gee, didn't we agree on a suit two rounds ago? Whatever is going on here?

"Bilbo23": 7♥. The 4♥ bid was very meek, but now I get another chance. Partner does not sign off in 5♥ after 5♣, so he must have the K♥. And of course a void in spades if we can trust the opponents.

"Mr. G": 6♦. 6♥ might be better, and there's quite possibly a grand slam here. However, it's going to be critical to run North's long suit (either hearts or diamonds) and it might be easier to establish diamonds led by the ace-king. I don't really understand 5♣ though. Is this a convention?

Larry Meyer: 6♣. Show the second club control. If partner has seven hearts to the king, the diamond shortness he promised, and the spade shortness implied by the opponents bidding, there are likely eleven cold tricks, plus he is co-operating in a slam try. Anything more from him, especially the Q♣, should let us bid the grand.

Stuart Carr: 5NT. Ask partner to bid the grand with KQ♥. It seems that North must have seven hearts and six clubs (since North cuebid diamonds and opponents bid spades).

"Spongebob Squarepants": 6♣. Won't give up on seven yet, now that opponents have given us the space. Maybe partner is 0-7-4-2.

Let's move on to the less optimistic...

"Heckifino": 5♠. A 7-5 comes alive? Or just plain drunk bidding? OK, partner must be void in spades with this auction. With 5 HCP in partner's hand slam is cold, maybe a grand.

"HHIT": 5♥. If partner is pre-empting before I have even passed, we are not making a slam. Our heart fit means that partner's 5♦ (and my 5♣ call) are defensive suggestions should the opponents buy the hand in spades. With all this information, we'll be whacking 5♣ if the opponents bid it.

But the consensus was for measured bravado:

David Breton: 6♥. Any noise is all the noise I need.

Harold Hansen: 6♥. There might be 7♥ here, but we might be looking at a heart loser or a club loser.

"Taydog": 6♥. The two unknowns are: 1) does partner have a void or stiff spade and 2) do we have a heart loser? The two knowns are: 1) partner's 5♦ is either a stiff or a suit, so he had a four card minor good for one ruff in dummy, and 2) East needs to be punished for pushing us there. Chances are I have twelve tricks.

Cam Lindsay: 6♥. I may get to crack 6♣ and partner sounds very red...

Mike Dorn Wiss: 6♥. Is there some reason I didn't bid this in the first place, other than the fact that partner may hold: ♠—♥KQxxxx ♦xx ♣Qxxx (or

reverse the minors) and we're missing a grand? It appears as if both North and South like to bid to hear the sound of their own voices. 4♥ was beyond timidity, virtually pusillanimous, and the 5♣ and 5♦ bids are beyond reason.

...but why hold back?

Question 3				Total	Total	
Call	A	B	C	Votes	Points	Award
6♥	23	22	1	46	213	100
5♥	5	8	2	25	53	25
5♣	4	2	0	6	33	15
5NT	2	4	0	6	25	12
6♣	1	4	0	5	15	7
6♦	1	2	0	3	10	5
7♥	0	1	1	2	3	1

Source: Local club game.

Partner's hand: ♠ 7 ♥ KJ9854 ♦ 4 ♣ 96432.

I plead guilty.

Leaders: Another big consensus, and we're down to 24 people who have a hat trick.

4. (More matchpoints, both vul.)

♠ 6 ♥ A643 ♦ 73 ♣ AT7542

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	???

Strategy (as President Bush would say). If there is enough to go on here, will the vote be split between different ways of going on? Maybe pass is the best bid to hit consensus, even if bidding on looks right.

Giovanni Bobbio: Pass. I believe the style is such that partner could hold a 4-4-3-2 19 count, so I'm not safe at the five-level. The hearts are weak, too. Not a good hand for the system.

Or we could just bid what we might make...

Hans van Vooren: 6♥. Not enough HCP for seven so we leave them in the dark. 6♥ is better than 6♣ because my hearts can be used for ruffs and my clubs for discards. Slight risk of a club ruff at trick one, of course.

Enter the explorers:

Phil Clayton: 5NT. Normally partner holds a balanced 18-19 with four hearts, since no splinter. 5♣ seems like an intelligent probe which at least throws the blame back to partner who gets to make the final decision.

"Heckifino": 6♣. Inform partner of the good news and let him pick.

Mike Dorn Wiss: 5♣. Duh... Is there another slam try? I expect to hear 5♦, over which I will bid the heart slam, since it is pairs. I'll leave the Zia 5♦

O'Blarney cue to Zia.

Cam Lindsay: 5♣. If partner now bids 4♦, I will next bid 6♥. 4NT causes a problem if partner shows less than three controls.

Larry Meyer: 5♣. Show the club control. If partner can come back with 5♦ to show a diamond control, bid 6♥, else settle for 5♥.

"Taydog": 4♣. I'm sure I'll be the minority here but finding out about the K♣ is gold and the only way is to cuebid 4♣. If partner bids 5♣ I'll bid 5♥ to suggest a diamond problem.

But we all knew the consensus bid in a slam auction would, as usual, be:

David Breton: 4NT. With a double fit headed by bullets, aim for the fences.

"HHIT": 4NT. Partner chose 4♥ over a splinter, so we have losers to cover, but with around 18 HCP minimum I think partner will cover enough of them to make at least the five level safe.

Question 4				Total	Total	
Call	A	B	C	Votes	Points	Award
4NT	10	10	2	22	92	100
Pass	8	15	2	25	91	99
4♣	9	6	0	15	71	77
5♣	6	9	0	15	69	75
6♣	2	1	0	3	18	20
5NT	1	0	0	1	6	7
6♥	0	1	0	1	2	2

Source: Again from the 2001 Dutch Master Class Teams Final, session 1, board 7.

Partner's hand: ♠ A9 ♥ KJ95 ♦ AJ9 ♣ KQ83.

A bit of a minimum and a diamond lead requires some luck in hearts to make six.

Leaders: Five 400 scores and seven 399 scores at this point. Leading: **David Breton** and five outsiders: **"Not An Expert," Pete Maybury, James Grant, and Bernt Weingurl**

5. (Yet more matchpoints, E-W vul.)

♠ QT873 ♥ KQJ964 ♦ — ♣ A5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		3♣	3♥
5♣	5♥	6♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

What is your opening lead?

So many choices. Even combining several equivalent answers we still had ten different ones:

Rose Duff: Q♠. Hoping to get to partner's K♠ to get a diamond ruff after taking the A♣.

Larry Meyer: A♣. They are sacrificing, so

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their most likely source of tricks is ruffs. After two rounds of trump are played, they will have to pay out to our high cards.

Dwayne Hoffman: J♥. I will lead a non-diamond! It's my God-given sequence, but Kaplan would approve with the underlead to try to tell partner of my diamond void. A trump lead is just awful.

Pedro Malafaya: Q♥. Trying to get partner to cash the ace and give me a diamond ruff.

"HHIT": 7♠. Partner's double asks for an unusual lead. Hearts are usual, diamonds are impossible, and a trump lead is just silly. I expect East has a heart void and partner may have a spade void.

"Flame": 8♠. All previous bidding is bad.

We get that often, actually. It's part of the fun...

Mike Dorn Wiss: Six Diamonds! I don't *have* an opening lead, because I am not going to be on lead unless the opponents bid 7♣. My pass of 6♣ was forcing, and my "pass & pull" shows the strongest grand interest possible at this juncture. Should partner hold only AK♠-A♥, that is enough for a likely grand even if he does not hold a stiff club. Even AJx♠ makes it possible, with small slam odds-on. Should opener bid again over partner's possible 6♥, I will pass once more (Invisible Last Train) still to invite a grand. Should partner now double the 7♣ runout (not holding the A♠), I will obviously respect that and just as obviously lead the 4♥, suit preference for a diamond switch. If partner holds four baby hearts I will scrape the detritus from my shirtfront.

Scored as a reluctant lead of the 4♥.

Harold Hansen: 4♥. Looking for the diamond ruff by leading an unusually low heart. Can also try a spade after winning the A♠ if partner doesn't get in with a heart.

Cam Lindsay: 4♥. If partner's ace wins he will recognize that my lead is not fourth best and do the appropriate intelligent thing.

Question 5				Total	Total	
Lead	A	B	C	Votes	Points	Award
4♥	11	4	1	16	97	100
7♠ (8♠)	7	9	1	17	72	74
3♣	7	9	0	16	69	67
J♥ (Q♥)	7	6	0	13	54	56
K♥	2	7	2	11	29	30
9♥ (6♥)	1	0	0	1	10	10
A♣	0	3	0	3	7	7
T♣	0	3	0	3	6	6
5♣	1	0	0	1	6	6
Q♣	0	2	0	2	4	4

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The only card nobody voted for was the 6♥!

Source: June 1984 Matchpointer.

Board 6	Dir: East Vul: E-W	Dummy ♠ KJ4 ♥ A82 ♦ KJT853 ♣ K	6♣* by South Lead: ???
Linda Sims ♠ QT873 ♥ KQJ964 ♦ — ♣ A5		Declarer ♠ 5 ♥ 5 ♦ 9642 ♣ QJT9762	Lauren Miller ♠ A962 ♥ T73 ♦ AQ7 ♣ 843

Linda Sims led the 4♥, won in dummy. A trump was led back to her ace and she now led a spade. **Lauren Miller** won the ace, and refused to settle for a mere +500 by leading the A♦ and another. Realizing partner had to have a reason for leading lowest from at least five and likely six hearts, he led the 7♦, and eventually won both his diamond honours for a top of +700. (This was three years before the 1-3-5-8 scoring came into effect in 1987.)

We scored the 8♠ and the 7♠ together, the 6♥ and the 9♥ together, and the Q♥ and the J♥ together, and left the other possible leads as separate entries.

Leaderboard: To make the top ten list with 83 responses you needed to score 473:

- 473 Nigel Fullbrook, Allan Sanders
- 474 Bernt Weingerl
- 475 Harold Hansen, Cam Lindsay, Mike Dorn Wiss, Amiram Millet
- 477 Nigel Guthrie
- 500 "Not An Expert," James Grant

The top local player was a three-way tie: **Harold Hansen, Cam Lindsay, and Mike Dorn Wiss**, each of whom win a sectional free play. Tops in Flight B was **Bernt Weingerl** with 474; top local Flight B score was **Nigel Fullbrook** who won a Monthly Unit Game free play. Tops in Flight C was **Eileen Sayers** with 403 and a Monthly Unit Game free play.

Good luck on this issue's problems! Thanks to all the responders, local and online. *It's Your Bid* will continue to be posted online. Give me a week or so after this hits the streets and you'll be able to enter at: www.matchpointer.com/iyb.htm

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Dan Jacob's name appeared throughout the Thanksgiving 1980 issue, so the "relative newcomer to the Unit" was introduced with a few biographical notes. Among them: "started playing tournament bridge in the early '70s in Europe—he says people are much wilder bidders there and hence there are fewer normal results."

The Spokane Sectional winners list (two entries)

Open Pairs: 3. **Peter Herold**.

Hole-In-One: **Ron Borg** (215 yards with a 3-wood)

The CNTC was a brand new event in 1980, with four stages of qualification. Another new and innovative event was run in Mission. Eight weeks of duplicate games were run and the best six percentage scores of all the players were added together to determine the winner. To keep wired pairs from winning, bonuses were given to players who played with three or more different partners and to players outside the Mission/Abbotsford area.

Unit 430 was the largest Unit by population in District 19 until late 1979, when the Bellevue and Seattle units merged.

The first *Matchpointer* of the 1980s included a small report on the Cloverdale Monthly Unit Games (which were nearly as large as the simultaneous Vancouver game). The Cloverdale game was scored by computer, more than a decade before ACBLScore became basic club equipment. **Jack von Werkhoven** programmed the computer and individual recaps were available as well as the complete report. It was probably about this time that **Andy Nagy** created a program to score games at the Haida club which worked for many years. Later on in the 80s, I used a lot of Andy's code to create a new program for their newer machine which lasted until ACBLScore came along in 1991.

And along with the Cloverdale report comes thanks to Ted and Liz Hicks for directing the games, and to Larry Hicks "for his caddying which includes cleaning up the ashtrays throughout the game and helping in general." We all have to start somewhere.

Trivia answers: 1) **Mike Strebinger** in 1971, 1972 and 1973 (I'm sure someone will tell me that it has been done since). 2) The inimitable **Hy Waks**. 3) 1974 started at \$2.50, 1979 ended at \$3.50. 4) **Brian May** and **Elaine Ryan**. 5) **Breen Maurer**, **Liz Lee**, **Charlie Swanson**, and **Charles Jaskela**.

30 years ago in the *Matchpointer*
September/October, November 1974; January, February 1975

Anne Nagy, editor

From the September/October 1974 issue (some items need no introduction):

"A funny thing happened on the way to the Yakima Regional. Two in fact. **Andy Smith** was cruising along at about 70 mph through Oregon, enjoying the scenery until a flashing red light messed up his rear view. U.S. patrol officers generally approach gun-in-hand these days, not so Andy's. A very friendly guy, he asked Andy if he knew he was well in excess of the speed limit. Andy figured the timing was right for a psyche. 'Officer,' says our hero, 'the reason for the 55 mph speed limit is your gas conservation program, right? Well now, I'm Canadian and that gas tank is full of good Canadian gas which makes everything A-O-K right?' It was at this point that the gun came out...

"And then there was **Henry Smilie**; late one night he pulls off the highway in response to some young guys with a flat tire. One of the fellows and the tire set off with Henry heading for the next town and/or garage. The hitchhiker tells Henry that he and his friends are hoping to reach the State Penitentiary by 6 am next day to pick up a buddy due for release. Henry, ever curious, learns the guy is in for armed robbery. Encouraged by the Great Smilie Sympathetic Ear, newfound friend confides that he has just recently been released himself. 'Armed robbery?' quivers Henry, beginning to feel like the guy in Five Spades making Two. 'Nah,' is the reply. Henry relaxes. 'Murder One,' smilies his friend reminiscently. 'But...you didn't do it, did you?' asks Henry shakily. 'Sure I did it,' brags his passenger, 'but, well, I had a good lawyer, you know?' Henry knows!"

Next issue (November 1974), next story:

"I was sitting in fourth seat with this hand:

♠ 753 ♥ 763 ♦ K975 ♣ T42

"My left-hand opponent opened 1♦ and partner doubled. My RHO passed and I bid 1♥. My LHO passed and partner bid 1♣, all pass. When I put the dummy down RHO shot us his hand like a flash and called the Director. 'This man psyched a heart.' **Cam Cameron** reviewed the auction, looked at my hand, then made the ruling:

"He has a right to bid a heart because his hearts are stronger than his spades."

How did the Round-Up Sectional get its name? Dunno, but the 1974 flyer includes this line: "Lasso a partner and ride over to *round up* those points you need." Ugh.

2004 Final Sectional Trophy Race Standings

Phil Wood Trophy

1. Gerry McCully	97.68
2. Michael Yuen	82.56
3. Rhonda Foster	81.23
4. Ben Takemori	79.88
5. John Hurdle	59.35
6. Les Fouks	54.71
7. Brad Bart	53.63
8. Trudy Hurdle	51.62
9. June Pocock	50.42
10. Dan Jacob	49.75
11. Gus Axen	47.99
12. Ken Scholes	44.99
13. Ron Borg	44.24
14. Mike Dimich	42.65
15. Marcia Christie	40.52
16. Aidan Ballantyne	39.81
17. Larry Pocock	38.62
18. Richard Christie	38.48
19. Katrin Litwin	38.11
20. Peter Morse	36.72
21. Amiral Alibhai	36.56
22. Kenneth Ramsay	35.92
23. Olga Guitelmakher	35.82
24. H.K. Ho	34.62
25. Dan Groves	34.38
25. Sharon Erwin	34.38
27. Richard Smillie	34.01
28. Kenny Chan	33.61
29. Rangie Sylvestre	33.14
30. Danny Lee	32.66

5,352.36 masterpoints (all silver) were won by 664 players (a further 90 played but did not win any) at the four Unit 430 open Sectional Tournaments of 2004.

Eddie Bonnell Trophy

1. Rhonda Foster	81.23
2. Trudy Hurdle	51.62
3. June Pocock	50.42
4. Marcia Christie	40.52
5. Katrin Litwin	38.11
6. Olga Guitelmakher	35.82
7. Sharon Erwin	34.38
8. Rangie Sylvestre	33.14
9. Vicki Moffatt	29.58
10. Sima Sadri	29.51
11. Sandra Jenkins	29.39
12. Jadwiga Polujan	27.28
13. Jane Fyfe	25.93
14. Marion Crowhurst	24.60
15. Jacqueline Phillips	22.05

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. Ken Ramsay	35.92
2. Olga Guitelmakher	35.82
3. Grant Gayman	32.58
4. Alex Chuang	31.47
5. Jadwiga Polujan	27.28
6. David Huang	27.10
7. Edward Hui	26.38
8. Jacqueline Phillips	22.05
9. Jocelyn Krug	21.04
10. Robert Luo	19.40
11. Henry Lai	18.57
12. Walter Zielinski	18.52
13. Marlene Powell	18.29
14. Alex Hong	17.06
15. Andrew Nalos	17.03

(to be eligible you needed to be a paid ACBL member with less than 200 masterpoints on Jan. 1, 2004)

Leo Steil Trophy

1. Michael Yuen	82.56
2. Rhonda Foster	81.23
3. John Hurdle	59.35
4. Les Fouks	54.71
5. Ron Borg	44.24
6. Richard Christie	38.48
7. Peter Morse	36.72
8. H.K. Ho	34.62
9. Danny Lee	32.66
10. Sima Sadri	29.51
11. Dennis Groden	28.91
12. Marion Crowhurst	24.60
13. Gary Phelan	20.02
14. Mike Dorn Wiss	19.93
15. Don Keith	18.99

(to be eligible you needed to be an ACBL member born before 1949)

Trophy Sectional Top Ten

1. Ben Takemori	32.96
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3. Aidan Ballantyne	29.65
4. Dan Jacob	23.91
5. Katrin Litwin	22.52
6. Les Fouks	21.38
7. Sandra Fraser	18.78
7. Doug Fraser	18.78
9. William Ge	16.50
10. Kathy Adachi	16.13

1,226.80 masterpoints (all silver) were won by 358 players (a further 54 played but did not win any) at the 2005 Trophy Sectional. (Top tens at the 2004 Evergreen and Round-Up are on page ??)

SUBURBIA CLUBS Gilbert Lambert 604/524-6617

All games stratified.

Burnaby game results can be found online at the Vancouver Bridge Centre website at <http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/>

We thank the VBC for providing this service to Burnaby players.

Burnaby (pm)

Vancouver Bridge Centre
2776 East Broadway
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
June 7: STaC Silver Point Game

New Westminster

Century House, 620 8th St.
New Westminster
Thursdays, 7:15 pm
June 9: STaC Silver Point Game

Sur-Del

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church
11601 82nd Ave., North Delta
Fridays, 7:30 pm
June 10: STaC Silver Point Game

M. Lambert is also the Director at the Vancouver Bridge Club in West Vancouver (ad. page 29).

Suburbia clubs may be closed for Penticton (June 13-19) and for the Puget Sound Regional (August 22-28). Please check with Gilbert for the latest news.

CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Unit 430 Club News

Two new clubs, three new managers

Since the last issue of the *Matchpointer*, so long ago, two new clubs have begun operations in Unit 430.

The North Shore Bridge Club is at Lynnmour House in North Vancouver (1521 Lillooet Road). The club is owned by **Stephen Beaton, Tai Eng** and **Sandi White**. They play once a week, on Mondays at 10:00 am and have been in operation since last September. The other Monday morning game on the North Shore, the Vancouver Bridge Club game at St. David's Church on Taylor Way, is still there and both games are doing well. The new owner of the Vancouver Bridge Club (not to be confused with the Vancouver Bridge Centre) is **Homa Boustani**.

At the Vancouver Bridge Centre, the Thursday night game is now run by **Eugene Chan** and the E.C. Bridge Club. Features include monthly Double Happiness Nights, where declarers that make a doubled contract win a "lucky loonie," and a booster club

which earns frequent E.C. flyers discounts on monthly booster club nights. This club game happens at 7:30 pm on Thursday nights. The E.C. club also has a sanction for Thursday afternoons but the afternoon game there has been put on hold.

Another new type of game is being run on Wednesday evenings at the VBC (7:00 pm start). This game is scored in IMPs and is only two and a half hours long: guaranteed to finish by 9:30. Players who play fast enough can open an envelope at the end of each round and see the hand records for the deals they have just played, plus what the world champion of computer bridge, JACK, did when given the deals. The average of the computer-generated results is called the JACK Par score, and players may compare their results to JACK Par and chart their progress. At the midpoint, leaders against JACK par are announced, but the final results, scored against the field, are often quite different! Take home hand records are available to all players.

In other club news, the VBC is running the Summer IMP League again this year, this time on Saturday nights. Each session will consist of two 12-board matches with hand records. Unlike the Winter league, you may have spares and expanded rosters for the summer. Details are being worked out for a handicap league, where a team of under 100 players playing a team of Life Masters over 1500 would start their 12-board match up 20 IMPs. Half of the masterpoints will be on the handicapped results and half will be on the "straight-up" results. The Summer IMP League starts June 25 and runs for selected Saturday evenings through to early September.

E.C. BRIDGE CLUB

AT THE VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE, 2776 E. BROADWAY

EUGENE CHAN 778/837-2228

THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM ALL GAMES STRATIFIED

FIRST THURSDAY EACH MONTH: BOOSTER CLUB DAY
(BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS PLAY FOR HALF PRICE)

LAST THURSDAY EACH MONTH: DOUBLE HAPPINESS DAYS
(MAKE A DOUBLED CONTRACT, WIN A LUCKY LOONIE!)

AUGUST 18 - STAC GAME (SILVER POINTS!)

East Richmond Bridge Club

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

Ernie Dietrich 604/936-2298

\$6.00 entry includes lunch *Sundays at 1:00 pm*

All games stratified, hand records for special games

June 12: STaC Silver Point Game
June 19: Closed (Penticton Regional)
June 26: Club Championship
September 4: Club Championship
September 11: Closed (Sectional)

Recent Winners:

Charity Game: Delphine Tablotney/Rhoda Tafler
2005 Club Masterpoint Race Leader: Delphine Tablotney

Hastings Bridge Club

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

Ernie Dietrich 604/936-2298

Wednesdays at 10:30 am, open stratified
(lunch included)

June 8: STaC Silver Point Game
June 15: Closed (Penticton Regional)
June 22: Club Championship Game
September 7: Club Championship Game

Recent Winners:

Charity Game:

Roz Richardson & Daisy Neilson

2005 Club Masterpoint Race Leader:

Grace Wakabayashi

CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Tsawwassen News

by Richard Dunn

Having received a number of enquiries from the Ladner, Tsawwassen, and White Rock areas, I decided to present the "Club" Series course by Audrey Grant. This first of the series started on September 9, 2004 and was held in the Ladner Pioneer Library.

Twenty newcomers to bridge attended for eight weeks, and voted the course a success. As a result the second course in the series, the "Diamond" Series, was offered in February, again at the library, and was completed by sixteen enthusiasts.

At the conclusion of this series I was asked by a number of people if I could provide them with a forum in which they could practice their skills.

Accordingly, we arranged to run a "Newplicate" session parallel to the regular Monday night game in Tsawwassen. Current space considerations dictate that this game be limited to three tables and therefore, at this time, participation is by invitation.

Our current attendance ranges from ten to twelve tables in the regular game plus the three "Newplicate" tables, for a total of 15 tables. This volume is the maximum we can handle in our current space. I am prepared to increase the playing area by renting additional space and opening up the room divider to double our playing area. Of course this is only viable if

the "Newplicate" game grows to a minimum of six tables. I would therefore be interested in hearing from players with less than 10 masterpoints who are looking for a game suited to their needs.

With six tables it is my intention to run an 18 board movement thus providing ample time to play all the rounds. This could be expanded to 24 boards as skill and speed increase. At the same time I realize that the "Newplicate" game has to be watched quite closely in terms of directing, since the newer players are not as familiar with laws and protocols of the game.

I am very pleased to have secured the assistance of **Gerald Paul**, who obtained his qualification as a club director last year in Penticton. Gerald has been working with me for the last six weeks and is well able to handle the requirements of the newer players.

We are hoping that the "Newplicate" game will appeal to those who may have had some concerns about playing duplicate. Give me a call at 604-940-9809 and come out.

As an added bonus, Tsawwassen open-game players should be aware that the increased total table count results in increased masterpoint awards in the main game. For example, a 12-table Mitchell awards 1.20 for first place, down to .24 for fifth place. With the addition of a 6-table "Newplicate" game the first place award goes to 1.50, and pays down to seventh place at .21.

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB

South Delta Rec. Centre,
1720 56th Street

Mondays at 7:15 pm

*Open stratified, bi-monthly Swiss
Newplicate (details, page 28)*

Richard Dunn: 604/940-9809

e-mail: rmdunn@dccnet.com

Special Games:

June 6: STaC Game (silver points!)
June 13: Closed (Penticton Regional)
June 27: Club Championship
July 25: Stratified Swiss Teams
Sept. 26: Club Championship (Teams)

Recent Winners:

March 28 Club Championship:
A: Sandra Robson/Cam Doner
B & C: Sandra Poggemiller/Flora So

April 4 Swiss Teams:

Flight A: Jean & Ron Groome, Gloria Prescott, Marguerite Wiggins.
Flight B: Todd Schindeler, Roman Woroch, Gerald Paul, Richard Dunn.
Flight C (tie): John & Joyce Ranger, Sheila Stanton, Diane Forward; Wenda Hopp, Erik Andersen, Gwen Johnson, Barb Philbrook

Results & Information:

www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/

Squamish Duplicate Bridge Club

Tantalus Seniors' Centre, 1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish

Mondays at 7:00 pm (closed July-August)

Monthly Trophy Race Games

Kay Roberts 1-604/898-3896

Arbutus Village Bridge Club

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre - 28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS coffee, tea, cookies

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

STaC June 9 (silver points!)

CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

DINO Charity Week

Raise money, win Regional freebies

This year's DINO Charity Week is October 31 thru November 6. Sanction fees from all games in Canada help support child poverty. District Nineteen is prepared to give away over 250 sessions of bridge at next year's Regionals to winners of DINO Charity Week. In the pre-dealt hand record game on Thursday, No-

vember 3 {afternoon? Evening?}, DINO gives away double-session Regional free plays to the top pair in each Unit. For the rest of the games that week, the top three scores in the District win double-session Regional free plays (to a maximum of one pair per club.)

In the past, far less than the total possible free plays have found their way to players because few clubs schedule the event. We hope that more clubs will consider running this event this year.

Vancouver Bridge Club

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

DIRECTOR:

Gilbert Lambert 604/524-6617

OWNER/MANAGER, PARTNERSHIPS:

Homa Boustani 604/922-8577

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

Wed. am games are jackpot games
Swiss Teams last Wed. pm each month
All holiday Mondays are PARTY DAYS
with door prizes, goodies, etc.

Club Championship Games:

Wednesday, June 15 (pm)
Monday, July 11
Wednesday, August 18 (am)

Silver Point STaC Games:

Monday, June 6
Wednesday, June 8 (am and pm)

Results and Information:

www.vancouverbridgeclub.ca

Recent Winners:

May 23 Victoria Day Holiday Pairs:
Rolf Lowinger/Marion Crowhurst

Special Games:

MONDAY, JUNE 27:

Pat Landau Memorial Pairs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 (AM):

Handicap Game

MONDAY, AUGUST 1:

BC Day Charity Holiday Pairs

MONDAY, AUGUST 15:

Handicap Game

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:

Labour Day Holiday Pairs

Vancouver Bridge Centre

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

Club Schedule

Monday 10:30 am (now a VBC game)
7:15 pm 0-1000 MP (with pre-game lesson)
Tuesday 10:30 am Open Daytime Stratified
7:30 pm (Burnaby DBC Open Game)
Wednesday 10:30 am 0-750 MP (with pre-game lesson)
7:00 pm IMP Pairs, done by 9:30pm, \$5 entry
Thursday 7:30 pm (E.C. Bridge Club Open Game)
Friday 10:30 am Open Stratified & \$2 optional lunch
7:30 pm Open Game (Opt. Lucky # Jackpot)
Saturday afternoon Occasional Special Events
7:30 pm Summer IMP League (begins June 25)
Sunday 1:00 pm Open Afternoon Stratified
(monthly winners free play games, free to overall winners in previous month)

Check out VBC Game Results Online at
www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/

13th Anniversary Bash, Sunday July 3

1:00 — Upgraded Club Championship Barometer Game
4:30 — Barbeque (Bring Your Own Meat!)
6:30 — Anniversary Swiss Teams

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS

NCNTC Club-Qualifying Game: Sun. August 14, 1:00 pm
MP-hunters! June 6-12 STaC week (extra game 1:00 Sat aftn.)
June 24-30 Club Championship Week (Fri.-Thu.)
Superstars! Saturday, 1:00 — WBF World-Wide Pairs (scored
June 4 across the field—get a worldwide top!)
North Amer- All flights Tue. July 12 (am), Fri. July 15 (pm),
iean Pairs Fri. Aug. 12 (am), Wed. Aug. 31 (pm).
0-2000 Wed. July 6 (am), Mon. Aug. 8 (pm).
Hands Across Friday, Dinner and Bridge with bridge players
The Border Aug. 26 from Finesse West Tours. Team up
6:30 pm with the tourists in a Swiss Teams!
(Pre-registration required.)
Saturday, 1:00 — Special Hands Across The
Aug 27 Border Game: \$5.00 entry
VBC Summer starts Handicap team games, hand records.
IMP League June 25 Selected Saturday evenings, 7:30.
Monthly Winners Sundays at 1:00 for overall winners in
Free Play Games the previous month: June 5 (for May
winners), July 10 (June), Aug. 7 (July)

(pick up our event schedule on your next visit)

Dress warm! VBC air-conditioning cools down the summer!

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Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: May 26, 2005. Not including invitation-only clubs.

Day	Time	Club	Director	Club Contact/Phone Number	Game Details
Mon	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Homa Boustani 922-8577	Open stratified, holiday party games
	10:00	N-S	S. Beaton	Stephen Beaton 984-0453	Open stratified
	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified <i>Optional \$2.00 lunch</i>
	10:45	WIL	E. Dietrich	Dianne Wilson 521-0458	Open stratified
	7:00	CWK	J. Groves	Jim Groves 604/847-0107	Open (last Monday stratified)
	7:00	SQU	E. Tenta	Kathleen Roberts 604/898-3896	Monthly trophy race games. Closed Jul-Aug.
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Richard Dunn 940-9809	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:15	SRY	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (first and third Monday stratified)
	7:15	VBC	B. Bart	Club telephone 255-2564	Stratified 0-1,000 MP, Mini-lesson
	7:30	HBN	S. Beaton	Stephen Beaton 984-0453	Open stratified
Tue	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	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
	7:30	NSW	S. Beaton	Stephen Beaton 984-0453	Open stratified
	7:30	WIL	E. Dietrich	Dianne Wilson 521-0458	Open stratified
	7:30	BBY	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified (location: VBC)
Wed	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Homa Boustani 922-8577	Open stratified
	10:30	HAS	E. Dietrich	Ernie Dietrich 936-2298	Open stratified
	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Club telephone 255-2564	Stratified 0-750 MP, mini-lesson
	7:00	VBC	B. McIntyre	Club telephone 255-2564	IMP Pairs, \$5 for 18-21 bds, 9:30 finish
	7:15	WRK	A. Browning	Arlene Browning 870-9300	Open (second and last Wednesday stratified)
	7:15	VCR	G. Lambert	Homa Boustani 922-8577	Open stratified. monthly team games
	7:30	C.R	A. Yallouz	Albert Yallouz 321-1891	Open stratified
Thu	11:00	JCC	C. Delisle	Connie Delisle 263-9196	Open stratified
	7:00	VBC	J. Pocock	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Novice/Beginner: 0-50 MP, mini-lesson</i>
	7:00	MIS	M. Clements	Murray & Felice Clements 604/826-3557	Open, occasional stratified games
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	ARB	A. Nagy	Jean Terry 733-2807	Now open to all
	7:30	E.C	E. Chan	Club telephone 255-2564	Open Stratified
Fri	10:30	VBC	S. Nystrom	Club telephone 255-2564	Open stratified <i>Opt. \$2 Soup & Bun</i>
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Waldemar Jez 527-8854	Alternate Fridays, non-ACBL. Call for dates.
	7:30	S-D	G. Lambert	Gilbert Lambert 524-6617	Open stratified, occasional team games
	7:30	VBC	S. Nystrom	Club telephone 255-2564	<i>Optional Lucky Number Jackpot Open</i>
Sat	1:00	VBC	S. Nystrom	occasional special games	June 4 (World Wide Pairs), June 11 (STaC)
	7:30	VBC	B. McIntyre	Club telephone 255-2564	Summer IMP League - begins June 25
	7:30	VBC	R. Dunn	Monthly Unit Game (see page 56)	Monthly (dates, page 57)—Open stratified.

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

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Special Events at Clubs

June 1–August 17, 2005.

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
2 June	7:30	E.C	Monthly Booster Club Game
4 June	1:00	VBC	WBF World-Wide Pairs <i>(matchpointed across the globe)</i>
4 June	7:30	VBC	June Monthly Unit Game <i>(Swiss Teams)</i>
5 June 6-12 June	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game Unit 430 District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Silver points at your local club game! All Unit 430 clubs will be participating in the STaC.
10 June	7:30	PKB	Bi-weekly Game
11 June	1:00	VBC	Special Saturday afternoon STaC Game
13-19 June			<i>Penticton Regional; check your local club for closures. Closed for sure: TSW, WIL, HAS, RMD. Open for sure: VBC.</i>

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
15 June	eve	ACBL	Inter-Club Championship (see page 34 for details)
20 June	10:45	WIL	Club Championship Game
20 June	7:00	SQU	Monthly Trophy Race Game
20 June	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
21 June	7:30	WIL	Club Championship Game
22 June	10:30	HAS	Club Championship Game
24 June	7:30	PKB	Final Game of 2004-05 Season
24-30 June		VBC	Club Championship Week (all games Friday thru Thursday)
25 June	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 1 (pre-registration required)
26 June	1:00	RMD	Club Championship
27 June	10:00	VCR	Pat Landau Memorial Pairs
28 June	eve	ACBL	Inter-Club Championship (see page 34 for details)
29 June	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
29 June	7:15	VCR	Monthly Swiss Teams
30 June	7:30	E.C	Double Happiness Night Club Championship Game

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Club Abbreviations, Ad Locations in this Issue, Web Page Addresses

Abbr.	Club Name	Page	Web Page Address (or Game Results Page)
ARB	ARBUTUS VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB	28	(none)
BBY	BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB	26	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
C.R	CENTRAL RICHMOND BRIDGE CLUB	33	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
CWK	CHILLIWACK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB	33	www.members.shaw.ca/j_groves/
E.C	E.C. BRIDGE CLUB	27	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
HAS	HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB	27	(none)
HBN	HOLLYBURN BRIDGE CLUB	33	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
JCC	JEWISH COMM. CTR. DUP. BRIDGE CLUB	24	(none)
MIS	MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB	33	www.members.shaw.ca/missionduplicatebridgeclub/
NWR	NEW-WEST BRIDGE CLUB	26	(none)
N-S	NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB	33	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
NSW	NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB	33	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
PKB	POLISH BRIDGE CLUB (NON-ACBL)	33	www.polishbridge.org/
RMD	EAST RICHMOND BRIDGE CLUB	27	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
S-D	SUR-DEL BRIDGE CLUB	26	(none)
S-W	SOUTH-WEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB	33	(none)
SRY	SOUTH SURREY BRIDGE CLUB	33	(none)
SQU	SQUAMISH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB	28	(none)
TSW	TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB	28	www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/
VBC	VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE (CITY)	29	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
VCR	VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB (WEST VCR.)	29	www.bridgeclubnews.ca/
WIL	WILLINGDON BRIDGE CLUB	34	(none)
WRK	WHITE ROCK BRIDGE CLUB	34	(none)

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Special Events at Clubs, continued from page 25

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening	Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
2 July	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 2	8 Aug	7:15	VBC	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (0-2000, Flight B and C only)
3 July		VBC	13th Anniversary Bash:	10 Aug	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
	1:00		Upgraded Club Championship	11 Aug	afn	ACBL	Inter-Club Championship (see page 34 for details)
	4:30		Barbecue—Bring Your Own Meat	12 Aug	7:30	VBC	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (all flights)
	6:30		Anniversary Swiss Teams	13 Aug	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 6
4 July	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game	14 Aug	1:00	VBC	CNTC (Canadian National Team Championship) Club Qualifying Game
6 July	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game	15 Aug	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
6 July	10:30	VBC	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (all flights)	15 Aug	7:00	CWK	Club Championship Game
7 July	7:30	E.C	Monthly Booster Club Game	15 Aug	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game
9 July	7:30	VBC	July Monthly Unit Game (pairs)	17 Aug	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game
10 July	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game	18 Aug	7:30	E.C	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (all flights)
11 July	10:00	VCR	Club Championship Game	20 Aug	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 7
11 July	7:00	CWK	Membership Game	22-28 Aug			Puget Sound Regional in Bow WA (north of Mt. Vernon). Some Unit 430 clubs may close for this nearby tournament.
12 July	morn	ACBL	Inter-Club Championship (see page 34 for details)	25 Aug	7:00	MIS	Club Championship Game
12 July	10:30	VBC	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (all flights)	25 Aug	7:30	E.C	Double Happiness Night
13 July	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game	26 Aug	6:30	VBC	Hands Across The Border Dinner and Bridge, Welcoming Bridge-Players From Finesse West Tours (preregistration required)
15 July	7:30	VBC	North American Pairs Club Qualifying Game (flights)	27 Aug	1:00	VBC	Special Hands Across The Border Game (\$5.00 entry)
16 July	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 3	29 Aug	7:00	CWK	Monthly Stratified Game
18 July	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game	31 Aug	7:00	VBC	North American Pairs "Last Chance" Club Qualifying Game (all flights)
23 July	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 4	31 Aug	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game
25 July	eve	ACBL	Inter-Club Championship (see page 34 for details)	31 Aug	7:15	VCR	Monthly Swiss Teams
25 July	7:15	TSW	Swiss Teams				
27 July	7:15	WRK	Monthly Stratified Game				
27 July	7:15	VCR	Monthly Swiss Teams				
28 July	7:30	E.C	Double Happiness Night				
30 July	7:30	VBC	Summer IMP League Session 5				
1 Aug	—	???	B.C. Day (some club premises may not be available)				
1 Aug	10:00	VCR	B.C. Day Charity Holiday Pairs				
1 Aug	7:15	SRY	Monthly Stratified Game				
4 Aug	7:30	E.C	Monthly Booster Club Game				
6 Aug	7:30	VBC	August Monthly Unit Game (pairs)				
7 Aug	1:00	VBC	Monthly Winners Free Play Game				

(Please confirm with clubs for additions and changes.)

Strange But True

Unit 430's Goofy Club Names

Club movement over the past twenty or more years has led to a rather confusing situation, especially for newcomers to the area:

The Burnaby Duplicate Bridge club is no longer in Burnaby....The Vancouver Bridge Club is actually in West Vancouver....The Hastings Bridge Club hasn't been on Hastings St. for years....From outside the East Richmond Bridge Club one could

throw a stone westward—and hit the ocean....The South Surrey Bridge Club only recently moved back to Surrey after several years in White Rock....The Central Richmond Bridge Club is much closer to the eastern end than the western end of Richmond, and even closer to the northern end....The new North Shore Bridge Club is kilometers away from the shore....The Tsawwassen Bridge Club, which took seven years of Matchpointers from me until I learned to spell Tsawwassen correctly, is at the South Delta Rec. Centre, in South Delta.

And the Polish Bridge Club is not in Poland.

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Polski Klub Brydzowy

Polish Combatant Centre,
1134 Kingsway, Vancouver

Alternate Fridays at 7:30pm

Waldemar Jez 604/527-8854

Closed July-Aug: call for fall dates.

BY INVITATION ONLY—PLEASE CONTACT US AT
www.polishbridge.org

Hollyburn Bridge Club

Hollyburn Country Club
950 Cross Creek, West Vancouver

"Bridge with a view"

Stephen Beaton 604/984-0453

Mondays at 7:30 pm, open to all!
Thursdays at 9:30 am, by invitation only

South-West Duplicate Bridge Club

White Rock Elks Club,
1469 George Street

Finn Schultz, 604/534-5025

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

North Shore Winter Club Bridge

1325 E. Keith Road, N. Vancouver *Tuesdays at 7:30 pm*
Stephen Beaton 604/984-0453 Bernice Mulock 604/987-8289
Game results now online at www.bridgeclubnews.ca

Central 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

South Surrey Bridge Club

(New address beginning May 30)

Victory Memorial Park
14831 28th Ave., Surrey

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

Mondays at 7:15 pm

First and Third Monday of each month Stratified
Computer Scoring Partners Guaranteed

Chilliwack Duplicate Bridge Club

Jim Groves 604/847-0107
e-mail: j_groves@shaw.ca

The Forresters Hall, 7194 Vedder Road
(Vedder and Alder, just south of the freeway)

Mondays, 7:00 pm

Monthly stratified game: Last Monday each month

STaC June 6 Membership Game July 11
Club Championship August 15

May 15 Club Championship Winners:
Brian Lee/Roselle McRae (70.22%!)

Chilliwack DBC Web Site:
http://members.shaw.ca/j_groves/

Mission Duplicate Bridge Club

Murray & Felice Clements 604/826-3557
e-mail: clements02@shaw.ca

Sandcastle Preschool, 33345 2nd Ave.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm Open

STaC June 9

Club Championship August 25

January 27 Club Championship:

Garry Skoropada/John Richoux

BIG Game (Feb 10, 67.78%):

Jim Groves/Louis Vervoort

Mission DBC Web Site:
<http://members.shaw.ca/missionduplicatebridgeclub/>

North Shore Bridge Club at Lynnmoor House — 1521 Lillooet Rd

CONVENIENT LOCATION—less than five minutes off the Second Narrows bridge. Take Hwy 1, exit 22, to Lillooet Road/Capilano College. Drive 0.5 km up the hill on Lillooet Road, through the Purcell Way traffic lights. Lynnmoor House is on the left, just before Inter River Park Road and the Equestrian Centre.

Mondays at 10:00am (including Holidays)

Director: Stephen Beaton 604-984-0453
Partnerships: Aase Haines 604-986-3196

June 6: STaC game
2005 Masterpoint Leader (to May 9): Suzette Bahar

Regular games during Penticton Regional
Enjoy our free buffet at every game: cold cuts,
cheeses, fruit & veggies, baked goods and more.

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Inter-Club Championships

New ACBL event for clubs

A new and exciting event for club managers to think about participating in is the ACBL-run Inter-Club Championships. Twice a month, the ACBL chooses a mid-week session, some mornings, some afternoons and some evenings, and designates this an ICC session. Clubs may sign up online for the game and the extra sanction is \$4.00US per table. Masterpoint awards are increased quite a bit, and the best scores in all flights ACBL-wide will win large overall awards, as they do in STaC games. (One exception: in a STaC all point awards are silver points.)

There is a page at www.acbl.org where clubs can apply to sign up for the next ICC game. That's all you need to do; the ACBL will send you all the details you'll need to run the game, including hand records for the game. When you report the game results to the ACBL by e-mailing the game file as an attachment, they will post the overall winners on the ACBL web site once the 24 hour score correction period is over.

If your club game is a limited-masterpoint game, your local scores and masterpoints will be based on the masterpoint limit, but when the results are sent to the ACBL, the overall results will be based on the ACBL-wide strat limits of unlimited, 1500 and 500.

The scores are re-matchpointed across the entire

ACBL, so your 73% club game may turn out to be a 69% game when your scores are compared with the hundreds of other clubs running the game. The ACBL site says that most scores tend to compress towards 50% with the large number of comparisons.

345 pairs participated in the May 23 game, and the top score of 68.2% was worth 10.63 masterpoints! The schedule for the next three months:

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Session</u>
Wednesday	June 15	Evening
Tuesday	June 28	Evening
Tuesday	July 12	Morning
Monday	July 25	Evening
Thursday	August 11	Afternoon
Tuesday	August 23	Evening

Note that a morning game must begin before noon, and an afternoon game must begin before 6pm; all others are evening games.

Inter-Club Championship Internet addresses:

Information:

<http://www.acbl.org/play/iccgames.html>

Signup:

<http://fs3.formsite.com/acbl/form507674008/index.html>

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 2nd & last Wednesday of each month

Willingdon Bridge Club

Willingdon Heights Community Ctr., 1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby

Dianne Wilson 604/521-0458 hm., 604/294-7935 wk.

Ernie Dietrich, director 604/936-2298

Grace Wakabayashi, partnerships, 604/298-9377

CHARITY GAME WINNERS:

Monday: Helen Montgomery/Delphine Tablotney

Tuesday: Roz Richardson/Beryl Hamilton

Mondays

10:45 am

June 20, Sept. 19

June 13

June 6

Aug 1 (check)

"Same Time.

Same Station"

Club Championships

Closed for Penticton Regional

STaC Silver Point Games

Monday Closures

Tuesdays

7:30 pm

June 21, Sept. 20

June 14

June 7

2004 CLUB MASTERPOINT RACE LEADER:

Dianne Wilson

Unit 430 Subsidy Policy

Final 2005 Version

The following Unit Subsidy Policy is intended to govern the distribution of Subsidy Funds to bridge players resident within Unit 430 who have earned the right to participate in national championship events sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) or the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF), through participation in local, Unit, District or Zone Qualifying events, as the case may be. It is not intended that Unit Subsidy Funds will duplicate subsidies provide by either the ACBL or the CBF, although the Unit subsidies may supplement subsidies paid by the other organizations, to the extent that these other subsidies do not fully cover the expenses described in paragraphs 6(b) and 6(c) of this policy. Eligibility for the particular events will be determined by the Conditions of Contest published by the ACBL or CBF, as applicable. Some terminology in the Unit Subsidy Policy is referred to in the aforementioned Conditions of Contest and is not further described herein.

The Unit passed a revised subsidy policy in December 1994, further revised in April 2001 and August 2004, and passed by the Board. This document contains a number of changes from the August 2004 version, which were approved by the Board and passed at the April 7, 2005 Board meeting.

1. Unit 430 will establish a general subsidy fund and event subsidy funds for each of the North American Pairs Championship (NAP), the Grand National Teams Championship (GNT), the Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC), the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) and the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC).

2. Prior to the end of each fiscal year, before the Unit finances from the current fiscal year are finalized, the general subsidy fund will be credited with:

- a) the net proceeds of the current year's IMP League,
- b) the net proceeds from the current fiscal year's sale of Entertainment Books, and
- c) any amounts donated to or raised specifically for the general subsidy fund, including 50-50 draws at

Sectional tournaments and donations which the Unit Board may elect to make, usually in fiscal years in which the Unit expects to make a profit.

3. Each event's subsidy funds will be credited with:
 - a) the net surplus from the Unit stage of the relevant event when this amount is finalized,
 - b) any funds received from the Canadian Bridge Federation, the American Contract Bridge League or others specifically to be used as subsidies for the relevant event immediately upon receipt,
 - c) any funds raised specifically for the relevant event once transferred to Unit 430.
4. On June 30 of each year, the Unit Treasurer will redistribute the money in the subsidy funds as follows:
 - a) for each of the five event subsidy funds (the GNT, COPC, CNTC, CWTC, and NAP), the Unit Treasurer shall check to see if a subsidy was paid or is expected to be paid to at least one Unit 430 member during the current fiscal year,
 - b) in all events where no subsidy was paid out during the current fiscal year, 75% of the balance in that event's subsidy fund shall be returned to the general subsidy fund,
 - c) the total amount in the general subsidy fund shall then be allocated to the five events as follows: GNT 15%; COPC 15%; CNTC 30%; CWTC 30%; NAP 10%, and
 - d) the resulting fund amounts shall constitute the subsidy funds for the respective events for the subsequent fiscal year.
5. Funds in the NAP Subsidy Fund shall be distributed as follows:
 - a) in payment of net losses from the Unit Final stage of the NAP should such losses occur, immediately once the net losses incurred by running the event are known,
 - b) to subsidize Unit 430 players invited without full ACBL subsidy to the National Final of any flight.

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c) the amount in the NAP Subsidy Fund shall be divided equally between all such qualified players who attend the National final.

6. Subsidies paid to players from the event funds shall be paid in accordance with the following guidelines:

a) In no case will subsidies paid out exceed the balance of the event fund for the event for which they are paid. In no case will a subsidy for an event of the previous fiscal year be paid if applied for after August 15 of the following fiscal year.

b) Transportation will be reimbursed at the lower of the actual amount paid and an amount which would permit direct travel to the tournament site by the least expensive reasonable air flights.

c) Hotel accommodation will be reimbursed at the lower of the actual amount paid and one more night than the scheduled length of the event at one half the double room rate at the least expensive host hotel.

d) Subsidy funds shall not be used to pay entry fees, which are the responsibility of the players concerned, nor shall they be used to pay per diems or other expenses not included in paragraphs 6(b) and 6(c) above.

e) The treasurer may advance up to 80 percent of the estimated subsidy prior to the event. The balance, including any GST recovery resulting from the receipts submitted, will be paid on submission of receipts to the treasurer not later than thirty days after the end of an event or August 15, whichever comes first. At the discretion of the treasurer, individual player subsidies of less than \$200 may be paid in full in advance, but the submission of receipts to the treasurer must still be made in accordance with the preceding sentence.

f) To be eligible for a subsidy, a player must be a member of Unit 430 at the commencement of the last qualification stage of the event prior to the final. No player whose ACBL membership is not paid up (including Life Master Service Fees), or, for CBF events, whose CBF dues are not fully paid up, at the commencement of the last qualification stage of the event prior to the final, shall be

eligible for any subsidy. The responsibility for establishing membership in Unit 430, or establishing that dues are paid, rests with the players involved.

g) Players added to qualified teams shall be eligible to receive subsidies even if they did not play for the team at the time of qualification. Substitutes in events are not eligible for subsidies.

h) In the event that all members of a qualified team (for the GNT, CNTC and CWTC events) or both members of a qualified pair (for the NAP and COPC events) are eligible members of Unit 430, as per paragraph 6(f) above, then all members of that team or pair shall receive an equal share of the subsidy amount available to that team or pair. In the event that less than four members of a qualified team are eligible members of Unit 430, the total amount payable to that team shall be reduced proportionately (e.g. 75% if three members are eligible members of Unit 430) and the remaining funds shall pass on to the next qualified teams, if any, in accordance with paragraph 7 below. In the event that only one member of a qualified pair for the COPC is an eligible member of Unit 430, the amount payable to that individual shall be 50% of the maximum amount payable, and the balance shall be available to the next qualified pair(s), if any. If there are no 'next qualified' teams or pairs, then the funds shall revert to the applicable subsidy fund for distribution in subsequent years.

i) For clarity, the amounts payable from a subsidy fund in a particular fiscal year are paid in respect of the applicable event which commences within that fiscal year, whether or not the National final is completed in that fiscal year (e.g. GNT National finals held in July).

7. Those eligible to receive subsidies shall be determined by the following rules:

a) NAP subsidies are limited to paragraph 5(b) above.

b) Subject to paragraph 6(h) above, if the District representative team in the finals of any flight of the GNT consists of one or more players from Unit 430, funds shall be allocated as follows:

i) if possible the costs of travel and hotel for all qualified players will be paid,

ii) if there are insufficient funds to cover all costs and only one team representing District 19 contains players from Unit 430, available funds shall be split equally among such players,

iii) if there are insufficient funds to cover all costs, and there are players on multiple teams from Unit 430, the funds shall first be split between the teams proportionately according to the number of players from Unit 430 on each team (such figure not to exceed four for any team) and then split equally among the eligible members of each team.

c) Players from Unit 430 eligible to play in the National Final of the COPC shall be ranked according to their placing in the highest level of the event below the National Final.

i) The first priority shall be to pay the travel and hotel costs for eligible members of the highest ranking pair to contain one or both players from Unit 430.

ii) The second and third priority, to the extent that funds permit, will be to pay travel and hotel costs for eligible members of the second and third highest ranking pairs, respectively, that contain one or both players from Unit 430.

d) Players from CBF Zone 6 eligible to play in the National Final of Flight A of the CNTC shall be ranked according to their placing in the highest level of the event below the National Final.

i) The first priority shall be to pay the travel and hotel costs for eligible members from Unit 430 of the highest ranking team which participates in the highest level of the event below the National Final, should this team contain one or more players from Unit 430.

ii) Remaining funds shall be used to pay the travel and hotel costs for:

1) eligible members from Unit 430 of the second highest ranking team which participates in the highest level of the event below the National Final, should this team contain one or more players from Unit 430, and

2) eligible members from Unit 430 of the top team in the CNTC Flight B Zone Final winners, as long as the Flight B Zone Final has at least six teams competing and the winning team contains members of Unit 430. Subject to paragraph 6(h) above, all players eligible for subsidy under this subparagraph will split the remaining funds equally.

e) Players from Zone 6 eligible to play in the National Final of the CWTC shall be ranked according to their placing in the highest level of the event below the National Final.

i) The first priority shall be to pay the travel and hotel costs for eligible members from Unit 430 of the highest ranking team from Zone 6 which participates in the CWTC finals, should this team contain one or more players from Unit 430.

ii) The second priority shall be to pay the travel and hotel costs for eligible members of the second highest ranking team from Zone 6 which participates in the CWTC finals, should this team contain one or more players from Unit 430.

8. In the event of a dispute about the interpretation of these rules, the Unit Board's decision is final.

[McB: It seems to me that the 2005 edition of our subsidy policy is badly in need of a rewrite. I've attended some meetings but not done a whole lot this year, and the effect on readability of the latest changes slipped past me (probably because I didn't read them). Our subsidy policy used to be readable; now even some very liberal spacing cannot save it. I think that clarity should be the first priority, but our President and Treasurer, faced with questions all the time from players who win District and Zone Finals, naturally wanted to get the rules nailed down first. The next step should be to work on the readability. I'll add this to my list of projects...]

IMP League Playoffs

Commissioner McBruce's Report

Again this year the IMP League playoff format borrowed curling's playoff system, where the top two teams play in a non-knockout match with the winner going directly to the final and the loser going directly to the semifinal, while the lower positions play for the other semifinal spot. This meant that almost all of the teams were either jostling for one of the coveted top two spots, or for a chance to get in the back door and run a string of upsets. Hey, it's happened before. Ask Peter Morse...

New this year was the addition of All-Star teams in each flight. The All-Star teams are based on a maximum of one player from each team. Since Flight X and Flight B have only six teams, their All-Star squads are four-baggers. The selections are based on net IMPs per board by each player, and the highest-ranked players are listed first. To qualify for the All-Star teams in your flight, you had to play a minimum of eight halves. Playoff matches are not counted in the All-Star reckoning.

Flight A: Ten teams played a round-robin to decide the five playoff spots. The top five were:

TAKEMORI	182 VPs
LITWIN	158 VPs
BART	157 VPs
RUBIN	151 VPs
MCCULLY	145 VPs

LINDSAY finished 15 VPs out of the last spot, but winning more matches than they lost got them a regular season UPRS award. TAKEMORI had the first place bye sewn up fairly early, and LITWIN survived a 28-2 loss to BART in the penultimate round by defeating RUBIN in their final match to grab the other bye.

Flight A First All-Star Team: Dave Waterman, Mike Dimich, Bill Goldstone, Martin Henneberger OR Larry Pocock (tie), Howard Rubin, John Hurdle.

Flight A Final Second All-Star Team: Brad Bart, Felipe Hernandez, John Bryden, Henneberger OR Pocock (tie), Les Fouks, Larry Hicks.

Dave Waterman was the Flight A MVP of the regular season, with an average of 23.00 VPs per match (5 wins, 0 losses).

Flight A Playoffs: In the non-knockout playoff match, #1 TAKEMORI (Mike & Ben Takemori, Samantha Nystrom, John Bryden, Stephen Vincent, David Waterman) defeated #2 LIT-

WIN (Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Martin Henneberger, Larry Pocock) to win a free ticket to the Flight A final. #5 MCCULLY (Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Phil Hernandez, Dave Glen, Mike Wilson, Bill Goldstone) defeated #4 RUBIN (Howard Rubin, Les Fouks, June Pocock, Kathy Adachi, Mike Yuen, Sid Segal) and #3 BART (Brad Bart, David Breton, Peter Cooper, Mike Dimich, Bob Gertie, Nick Stock), setting up a semifinal of #2 LITWIN vs. #5 MCCULLY, winners to play #1 TAKEMORI in the final for the *Gordy Davis Trophy*.

Flight X: Six 0-3,000 teams played a double round-robin to decide which four would survive to the playoffs. All six teams were in with a chance until the final round, and these were the survivors:

P. MORSE	180 VPs
ISFELD	166 VPs
LAI	154 VPs
KEITH	144 VPs

Defending champions P. MORSE wrapped up the title by winning most of their matches by fairly large totals, except for the last place MCINTYRE team (who twice lost to P. MORSE by identical 57-55 scores!), and the ISFELD team, who beat P. MORSE twice (but not too many others) and finished strong to get the second spot.

Flight X First All-Star Team: Rob Luo, Hobert Liang, John Demeulemeester, H.K. Ho.

Flight X Final Second All-Star Team: Andrew Lee, Dwayne Dicks, a three-way tie: Peter Morse, Mike & Vicki Moffatt, Stephen Pickett.

Rob Luo was the Flight X MVP of the regular season, with an average of 20.20 VPs per match (4 wins, 1 loss).

Flight X Playoffs: In the non-knockout playoff match, #2 ISFELD (Dianne Isfeld, Eugene Chan, Gina Diamond, Rob Luo, Dwayne Dicks, Nigel Fullbrook) defeated #1 P. MORSE (Peter Morse, Hobert Liang, Mike & Vicki Moffatt) for the third time to win a free ticket to the Flight X final. In the other playoff opener #3 LAI (Samuel Lai, Kenny Chan, Kam Tang, Jack Lee, H.K. Ho) faced #4 KEITH (Don Keith, Andrew Lee, Kathy Bye, John Demeulemeester, Christa Mead, Marylou Varga). KEITH had defeated LAI 164 IMPs to 18 in their final regular season match to nail down the last playoff berth, but in the rematch LAI defeated KEITH (absent their captain) by an even larger blowout! Don, I suspect, will be looking for a big free agent contract next year,

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idea after all. Think I'll blow off the spade lead.)

Cam: 4♦ (Guess I'll try for a pushy slam and let the fates decide our qualification.)

Aidan: 7♥! (If you've been cuebidding in support of hearts this should have a play. If not, well, I really didn't want to go to Spokane anyway...)

"The opponents," wrote Aidan, "obviously shared our mixed feelings about qualifying for the District Final. After much though LHO (one of Vancouver's finest) decided he didn't really want to go to Spokane and opted for a non-trump lead. Making thirteen tricks on a cross-ruff."

Cam and Aidan did go to Spokane and finished just out of the top ten. **Gerry McCully/Doug Baldwin**, and **Paul Hagen/Don Brander** won trips to Montreal.

The 1984-85 IMP League had eighteen teams in Flight A, forcing a split into two divisions. It was the eighties, so the divisions were named "Culture Club" and "Streethart." Nine more teams played in the B League and the non-LM C League was a new startup.

Anecdote from the San Diego Nationals: the 3♦ was led after a 1♠-2♠-4♠ auction, and RHO alerted the opening lead! Declarer asked what the defenders were playing.

"It's a singleton."

"How do you know?"

"He led it with his *left hand*."

"DIRECTOR!"

The opening leader now said "partner, you didn't have to alert that—*it's on our convention card!*"

25 years ago in the Matchpointer

Thanksgiving, Christmas 1979, Post-Groundhog Day 1980 — Doug Andrews, editor

End of the seventies trivia quiz from the Christmas issue:

1. Only one player has ever won the Phil Wood Trophy in three consecutive years. Who and when?

2. In 1974 the under 200 team (**Tom and Diane Kinakin**, the **Crawford** brothers, **Rhonda Foster**, **Dave Allen**, **Dennis Dohl**, **Tom Prediger**, **Syd & Pearl Minkoff**) finally beat the Seattle team in the Inter-City Championship. Who was the non-playing captain?

3. Which years marked the beginning and end of \$3.00 per session card fees at Vancouver Sectionals?

4. Which two players who returned from living in Australia during the seventies are playing on the same team in the 1979-80 IMP League?

5. Vancouver hosted the 1974 Spring Nationals. No Unit 430 member won a National event (best were **Neil Chambers** and **Murdoch Smith**, fourth in the Men's Pairs), but a 180-team Regional event was won by a local team. Can you name the members of the victorious WSNC Mixed Swiss Teams?

(Answers further on. Good luck...)

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based on being worth 300 IMPs in the clutch matches...

In the semifinal, #1 **P. MORSE** defeated #3 **LAI**, so the Flight X Final will be the fourth **P. MORSE-ISFELD** match, with **ISFELD** having won the previous three...

Flight B: Six 0-1,000 teams in Flight B fought a long ten-match double round-robin and four teams emerged:

NALOS	201 VPs
A. MORSE	172 VPs
G. MORSE	160 VPs
MEYER	157 VPs

NALOS was dominant all season, winning eight of ten (6-0 against the other playoff-bound teams!) and averaging 20 Victory Points and a plus-21 IMP margin per match. **A. MORSE** drew the

non-playoff teams in the final two rounds and took full advantage, winning 47 VP of a possible 60 to grab the second spot.

Flight B First All-Star Team: **Jane Craig**, **Rosalee Hardin**, **Dick Simpson**, **Greg Morse** or **Andy Hellquist** (tie).

Flight B Second All-Star Team: **Jocelyn Krug**, **Marg Elligott**, **Greg Morse** OR **Andy Hellquist** (tie), **Rod Coote**.

Jane Craig was the Flight B MVP of the regular season, with an average of 21.33 VPs per match (6 wins, 0 losses).

Flight B Playoffs: In the non-knockout playoff match #1 **NALOS** (**Andrew Nalos**, **Grant Gayman**, **Jocelyn Krug**, **Edward Hui**, **Marla Gropper**, **Rosalee Hardin**) defeated #2 **A. MORSE** (**Anita Morse**,

Rangie Sylvestrie, **Pat Stickland**, **Marg Elligott**, **Jane Craig**, **Priscilla Brown**) to get one ticket to the Flight B Final. The other opening round match was won by #4 **MEYER** (**Larry Meyer**, **Rod Coote**, **Bob Takashita**, **Dick Simpson**, **Jim McKenzie**, **Walter Zielinski**) over #3 **G. MORSE** (**Greg Morse**, **Andy Hellquist**, **Richard Dunn**, **Neil Tanney**, **Jim Balcom**, **Bob Jess**). Just before the *Matchpointer* went to press, #2 **A. MORSE** defeated #4 **MEYER** and will face #1 **NALOS** for the fourth time in the Flight B Final, with **NALOS** having won the previous three....

Next time: reports on the final matches in all flights, if the captains alert me to the dates of matches and let me watch. (They might not. After all, I might learn something....)

Special Events in a Box

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EVENT	Qualifying Club Level Games	Unit Final	District or Zone Final	National Final	Subsidies Available
COPC CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	For the 2006 event the Club Q period is Sept. 1—Dec. 31. Top score in a club Q-game is eligible for Unit subsidy.	none	None. Any two paid-up CBF members may play in the National Final, but if you didn't qualify at the club level, buy-in fee is \$100.	Canadian Bridge Fed. 2005 Bridge Week: <i>Montréal PQ</i> May 28-June 4, 2005	\$642.02 in Unit subsidy, and a CBF subsidy is also available.
CNTC CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Flight A: unlimited Flight B: 0-1,000	Club qualifying period for 2006 is July 1—October 15, 2005. One session team games may be run.	none	Completed for 2005. December 3-4, 2005 is the projected weekend for the Zone Final for the 2006 event. Why so early? See below.	National Finals in: COPC: June 3-4 CNTC-A: May 28-June 4 CNTC-B: May 29-June 2 CWTC: May 29-June 2 Also: a Seniors Teams and an IMP Pairs Championship.	\$1,281.79 in Unit subsidy fund. A CBF subsidy is also available.
CWTC CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP	There are no club or unit qualifying games. Any team of female CBF members may enter the Zone Final.		Completed for 2005. December 11, 2005 is the projected date for the Vancouver heat of the 2006 Zone Final. Why so early? See below.	CBF Bridge Week 2006: February 11-18 in Mississauga ON	\$1,620.02 in Unit subsidy fund. No CBF subsidy.
GNT GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS Championship Flight Flight A: 0-5,000 Flight B: 0-2,000 Flight C: 0-500 non-LM	Club Qualifying begins in October and goes to early March of 2005. One session team games may be run.	none	Completed for 2005. We expect the 2006 District Final will be in Seattle or Tacoma in April or May.	2005 Summer NABC: Atlanta GA July 21-31, 2005 (all flights)	US\$1400 to each flight-winning team from DINO. \$641.56 in Unit subsidy.
NAP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS Flight A: unlimited Flight B: 0-2,000 Flight C: 0-500 non-LM	Club Qualifying June 1 thru August 31. Any club can run a Q-game. Watch for the Qualifiers List at the Evergreen.	Both at VBC A: Oct. 8 B/C: Oct. 15 Times TBA	Round-Up Sectional, Burnaby Nov. 11-12, 2004 (all flights) (unlikely to be held over two days unless attendance is larger than recent turnouts)	2006 Spring NABC Dallas TX March 30-April 9, 2006 (all flights)	2nd, 3rd place at District Final split \$636.43 Unit subsidy. (ACBL pays winners.)

CLUB MANAGERS: Please consider scheduling North American Pairs Club Qualifying games between June 1 and August 31. Both the Unit and District Finals will take place locally.
CBF Canada-wide Erin Berry Rookie Master Game: Tuesday evening, October 25, 2005.

Special Events News

supplied by Julien Lévesque

The 2006 World Bridge Championships have been hastily arranged by the World Bridge Federation, on much earlier dates than usual. This sudden schedule change will have resounding effects right down to the local club level:

The 2006 Worlds are in Verona, Italy from June 10-24. (Usually they are held in the summer.)

This meant that the CBF had to move back the 2006 Bridge Week to February 14-19, 2006 to allow the winners time to arrange travel to Italy.

This then meant that the 2006 Zone Finals in the CNTC and CWTC, normally held in the spring, have to be completed before Christmas.

Which in turn meant that clubs used to scheduling CNTC club qualifying games as late as January 31 now must complete them by October 15.

If you are one of the people who is inconvenienced by this change, M. Lévesque feels your pain and has in fact expressed some highly charged opinions on the situation. Rumours that JLev has sent Finnigan O'Blarney to bomb the WBF headquarters are untrue. However, given the situation, the *Matchpointer* editor felt it might be best to write this report in his place.

Bridge Week 2005 in Montréal in will be attended by a star-studded field from Unit 430. This will no doubt deplete the various subsidy funds from what is listed above.

Also coming up: NAP 2005-06: see the article on the facing page.

Prepare To Qualify!

NAP Stage One about to begin

The North American Pairs. A grass-roots, local, regional, and national event in which Unit 430 has a very bright record of successes. An event in which every participant, at every level, has a chance to win big points. And it all begins in June, with:

Stage One: CLUB QUALIFYING. A regular night at the club, stratified matchpoints, nothing special—until you win three or four masterpoints for first overall. Or you are in the top half of the field and get some masterpoints along with a mysterious “Q” beside your name. What’s this all about?

Clubs may schedule NAOP qualifying games between June 1 and August 31, up to six games for each weekly session that they run. Qualifying games can be stratified (all flights together) or limited to Flight C (0-500, non-LM) only, or limited to Flight C and Flight B (0-2000) only. Anyone finishing at average or better qualifies to play in the next level in any flight they are eligible for. And if you finish ahead of more people in a flight than you are behind (or right in the middle), you earn a qualification for that flight even if you didn’t quite make it to average. That’s what the “Q”s are all about: qualification for the next level! A further wrinkle: if you earn a “Q” in Flight A or B, you get an automatic qualification into any lower flight you are eligible for. (You can continue to play in other qualifying games with other partners once you have qualified: in fact, your presence increases the attendance, which bumps up the masterpoint awards a little bit.)

But even if you play only at the club level, you have the benefit of increased masterpoint awards for winners, sometimes three times as much as a regular club game would award. And, the small extra fee you pay goes to the District to help support the travel for the lucky ones who survive to the final stage. In an indirect way, this means your extra dollar or two tends to support local players, since Unit 430 sends far more players to the Nationals than our Unit merits by population.

So why on earth wouldn’t you want to play this event at your local club? If your club manager has not scheduled an NAP Club Qualifying game, ask for one! It could be the beginning of a national championship for you and your partner!

Stage Two: THE UNIT FINAL. At the end of the qualifying period, a list of players who have qualified in each flight is prepared by the Unit and displayed at the September sectional. The Unit Final is a two-

session event which qualifies players to the next stage. The Unit makes no money from the Unit Final: all profits from it are cycled back into the NAP Subsidy fund to help players who get to the National Final.

The Unit Final is actually two games, one for Flight A, and a later game for Flight B and C stratified together. This allows players who earned a “Q” in Flight A to test the waters in Flight A and still have a second chance in Flight B or Flight C later. We encouraged this by giving a 40% discount in the Flight B/C Unit Final to individuals who played in the Flight A Unit Final. The Flight A Unit Final will be held on October 8, the Flight B/C Final one week later on October 15. Watch next issue for times.

At the Unit Final, you may play with anyone else who qualified at the club level. You aren’t forced to play with the player you qualified with.

Again, average or better, or top half of the field, qualifies for the next level, which is:

Stage Three: THE DISTRICT FINAL. Unit 430 is one of 24 Units in ACBL District 19, which consists of B.C., Washington State, and Alaska. The District Final location rotates between the Seattle Unit, the Vancouver Unit, and the Tacoma Unit. The 2005 District Final will be held at the Round-Up Sectional in Burnaby, November 10-13. Normally the event begins Saturday afternoon and concludes Saturday evening.

Again, at the District Final, you may play with anyone else who qualified in any Unit Final, even people from outside Unit 430. The top three pairs in each flight are invited to play in the next stage, with ACBL subsidies going to the top two pairs in each flight (more for first place). Unit 430 also kicks in with subsidy support for pairs attending the next stage, which is:

Stage Four: THE NATIONAL FINAL. The next NAP National Final will be at the 2006 Spring NABC in Dallas, from March 30—April 9. Usually the National Final is a four-session event, a two-session qualifier followed by a two-session final. In an average year, there are two or three Unit 430 pairs competing, and in 1997 **Aidan Ballantyne** and **Gord McOrmond** won the Flight A Championship...in Dallas! It may seem like a long shot to get to the National Final, but it’s not: more than 50% of the players qualify in the first two stages, and the top three pairs in the third. You can qualify for the big show by putting together just three sessions of average bridge and one good two-session game. How hard is that?

(Watch this and next issue’s Special Events at Clubs for NAP Club Qualifying dates.)

15 years ago in the Matchpointer
October, December 1989, February 1990
Jude Goodwin-Hanson, editor

In the October 1989 issue, nearly a decade before Zero Tolerance, **Rose Wrean** wrote *Bridge Is Not Always My Passion*, a brilliant article on the very subject that would become hot eight years of frustrated former players later:

"With no clue from the bidding and equal values in both majors, you decide to lead a spade against 3NT, thus presenting the declarer with the contract. By trick three at the latest, you realize how wonderful for your side a heart lead would have been—your partner knew it at trick one and so did declarer. Dummy (unless asleep) has figured it out by trick six. Why then is it necessary for declarer, after scooping nine tricks in an unmakeable contract, to say 'wasn't there without a spade lead, partner,' 'sure wouldn't have liked a heart lead,' 'club, diamond or heart out and we're dead' — the list is endless...I think I am being insulted—does the speaker really think that I haven't figured that out? Maybe they feel compelled to point out to my partner how unfortunate they are to be playing with me."

Here's a hand (the successful declarer was **Thony Stiennon**, playing at **Ernie Dietrich's** Richmond game) from the December issue:

Dummy: ♠ AK7432 ♥ Q4 ♦ 7 ♣ 9875

7♥ led vs 7NT

Declarer: ♠ QJT ♥ AT8 ♦ AK62 ♣ AKQ

East, who doubled the 5♥ response to Blackwood after North's 2♣ opener, plays the J♥ when you play low from dummy at trick one. Clubs do not break, of course. Can you find thirteen tricks here?

The February 1990 issue was the first *Matchpointer* produced entirely with computer desktop publishing equipment. Also in early 1990, a master copy of all the *Matchpointers* from 1972 thru 1987 was made (which I will be using to write the rest of this).

Oddly enough, since the previous issues had spent a lot of space discussing the need for volunteers to help out the Unit Board, no less than five positions came open for volunteers in early 1990: a coffee manager at tournaments, *Matchpointer* editor, the first Unit Recorder, a Unit educational liaison, and a new caddy master. All were quickly filled.

Eugene Chan, who was Unit Tournament Chair in the late 1980s and early 1990s, presented a mystery. DINO in 1990 had 13,563 members, 12.8% of whom were Life Masters. Unit 430

had 1,341 members, 27% of whom were LMs. If Unit 430 had enough newer players that our LM percentage was 12.8% (the district and league wide average at the time), this would mean 1,510 more members! He promised to solve the mystery in a future issue but I found nothing. Could it be that our Unit has more good players, at all levels, than most? The past fifteen years has seen far more high placings in top-level events and even in limited national finals than the previous fifteen did.

How to make 7NT above: win the A♥ and cash three clubs and six spades, pitching all non-diamonds from your hand. On the last spade from dummy, East must keep the K♥ and can only keep two diamonds. You pitch a diamond, the six for maximum effect, and now West must keep the J♣ and can keep only two diamonds. Your 2♦ is the thirteenth trick.

20 years ago in the Matchpointer
October 1984, February 1985
Sandy McIlwain, editor

November 1984 was the Unit's big move from the Richmond Inn, where Sectionals had been held for many years, to the Royal Towers in New Westminster. It was a very nice site—for a while. As with many hotel spaces the Unit has rented from, after a few tournaments go by and the hotel realizes that we don't rent many rooms and don't all eat in the hotel restaurant (often because it is not ready for the masses of us at 4:30 pm after the afternoon session ends), they get progressively creative in trying to urge us out. The Royal Towers' eventual trump card (several years later) was a concurrent dance party with live, loud band separated from the bridge game by nothing more than a divider.

In 1985 the Grand National Pairs District Final, usually held no further than Seattle or Tacoma, was held in Spokane in January, a nine-hour wintry drive from Vancouver. **Aidan Ballantyne** reported on the Unit Final, where many of the participants were not exactly looking forward to the next level.

Cam Lindsay: ♠ Kxxx ♥ K9xx ♦ x ♣ AT9x

Aidan Ballantyne: ♠ Ax ♥ AQTx ♦ Axxx ♣ Kx

The auction, with commentary:

Aidan: INT (Well, I really don't want to go to Spokane...)

Cam: 2♦ (Forcing Stayman)

Aidan: 2♥

Cam: 3♣ (I could bid 3♥ and clearly agree trumps, but I'll introduce some ambiguity here because I really don't want to go to Spokane either...)

Aidan: 3♠ (Hey, maybe Spokane isn't such a bad

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August 2004—May 2005

UNIT 430 EVENTS

2004 EVERGREEN SECTIONAL
BURNABY, 10-12 SEPTEMBER

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 301 TABLES

LAST YEAR: 296½ TABLES (UP 1.5%!!)

Friday Afternoon

A B C Open Pairs (44 tables)

1			Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
2			Ben Takemori/Kathy Adachi
3	1		Terry Val Jean/Norman Delaire
4	2		Andrew Zorawski/Stephen Pickett
5	3		Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren
6			Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully
	4		Lina Cheng/Simon Cheng
	5		Barry Yamanouchi/Stuart Carr
	6		Betty Reynolds/Clarence Dodd
1			Jadwiga Polujan/Grant Gayman
2			Bill & Alice Butler
3			Patricia Chen/Felicity Fane
4			Edward Hui/Kenneth Ramsay
5			Rowena Huberman/Gladys Adilman

Jean Turnbull Trophy

Friday Evening

A B C Mixed Pairs (27 tables)

1			Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin
2			Larry Pocock/Eda Kadar
3	1		Nancy Arnold/Bill Osten
4			Aban & Bob Gerrie
5			Marla Gropper/Les Fouks
6			Sheila Sache/Peter Morse
	2		Dee Kerr/Kenneth Ramsay
	3		H.K. Ho/Diane Ayukawa
	4		Julien Lévesque/Pattie Blythin
	5		Samantha Nystrom/Mark Eddy
	6		Faye & Gary Gilraine
1			Bob Faraci/Judy Christensen
2			Jadwiga Polujan/Grant Gayman
3			Clayton Connolly/Susan Mitchell

Friday Evening

A B C Open Pairs (20 tables)

1	1		Rangie Sylvestre/Adi Wadia
2			Delphine Tablotney/Phyllis Gerber
3			Nathan Divinsky/Dan Jacob
4	2		Amirali Alibhai/Richard Smillie
5	3		Marlene Barber/Norma McNamara
6			Danny Lee/Darrin Steele
	4		Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren
	5		Yuko Fujieda/Kazuko Koda
	6		Dorin Costin/Michael Neagu
1			Tao Feng/Brian Liu
2			Shirley Laidlaw/Adrianne Damgaard

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs (cont.)

3			Armando Andreoli/Robert Luo
4			Edward Hui/Henry Lai
5			Michael Haggerty/Jim Ash

Saturday

A B C Open Pairs (52, 43 tables)

1			Steve Clements/Gus Axen
2			Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
3			Jay Brandt/Gay Parrish
4			Lauren Miller/Linda Sims
5			Doug Cowan/Stephen Beaton
6			Ray Miller/Stanford Christie
7	1		Chris Moore/Jennifer Chalfan
8			Dan Jacob/Aidan Ballantyne
	2		H.K. Ho/Kenny Chan
	3		Olga Guitelmakher/Charlotte Alekson
	4		Marla Gropper/Jeanette Greenhut
	5		Andrew Lee/John Demeulemeester
	6		Martin Henneberger/Robert Luo
	1		Alex Chuang/David Huang
	2		Cliff & Kyte Gillis
	3		Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi
	4		Michele Konschuh/Adrienne Wurz
	5		Felicity Fane/Chieko Oka

Saturday Evening/

Samedi Soir Accueil

(Reception) Pairs (11 tables)

A	B	C	
1			Jean Louis Meunier/Simone Renier
	2		Yvette Latty/Yvette Davel
	3	1	Susan Mitchell/Judy Christensen
	4		Glenn & Melinda Ponto
	5		Anna Maria Picozzi/Annick Jacquetty
	6		Jeanne Sonder/Albert Bromberg
	2	2	Kai Zhou/Tao Feng
	3		Helene Porte/Jacqueline Imbert
	4	3	Dennis Donahue/Brian Lee
	5		Sylviane Munoz/Brigitte Bonhomme

(Unit 430 had the pleasure of hosting about *vingt-cinq* (twenty-five) traveling bridge players from France for this game. Apart from your editor twice claiming to be Russian—they misheard and thought I said **je suis Russe**—there were few translational difficulties.)

A X Sunday A/X Swiss (20 teams)

1			Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Mike Dorn, Larry Hicks
2	1		Gus Axen, Steve Clements, Duane Tilden, Martin Johnson
3			Brad Bart, Michael Yuen, Les Fouks, June Pocock
4/5			Marcia & Richard Christie, Grace Jeklin, Duncan Smith
4/5			Dave Glen, Mike Wilson, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster
6	2		Mike & Vicki Moffatt, Peter Morse, Hobert Liang
3/4			Amirali Alibhai, Gary Post, Richard Smillie, Robert Butler
3/4			Kathy Bye, Angela Fenton, Marina Page, John Demeulemeester

B C D Sunday B/C/D Swiss (20 teams)

1	1		Colleen Walker, Kenneth Ramsay, Jadwiga Polujan, Greg Lam
	2		Brian Liu, Bill McMartin, Gray McMullin, Eda Kadar
	3		Kenny Chan, H.K. Ho, Samuel Lai, Kam Tang
4/5	2	1	David Huang, Alex Chuang, Clayton Connolly, Sharon Chervoer
4/5			Toyon Nunoda, Yuko Fujieda, Kazuko Koda, Bev Kanee
6/7	3		Andrew Nalos, Grant Gayman, Jacqueline Phillips, Jocelyn Krug
6/7			Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Rangie Sylvestre, Joan Campbell
	4		Marlene Powell, Yvonne Drane, Myra Johnston, Gail Heuchert
	5		Ernst Walti, Patricia Lamb, Shirley Dirk, Joyce Goddard
	6		Charlotte Alekson, Eurydice Nours, Greg Morse, Andy Hellquist
2/3			Ata Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi, Jean & Harvey Bridges
2/3			Frank Chin, Kun Shao, Hsiang Li, John Chen

EVERGREEN SECTIONAL TOP TEN

1.	Les Fouks	31.08
2.	Michael Yuen.....	29.35
3.	Gus Axen.....	29.01
4.	Steve Clements.....	28.59
5.	Dan Jacob.....	23.37
6.	Mike Dorn Wiss.....	16.93
7.	Ron Borg.....	15.50
7.	Larry Hicks.....	15.50
9.	Ben Takemori.....	13.34
10.	Adi Wadia.....	13.33

2004 FALL 0-300 FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL
VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE, 30-31 OCT.
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 36 TABLES (FIRST TIME HELD)

Saturday Afternoon

Rank 0-300 Pairs (6 tables)

1.	Eric Pan/Tao Feng
2.	Edward Hui/Ken Ramsey
3.	Kai Zhou/Brian Liu
4.	Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren (not enough pairs to award overalls in lower strats)

Saturday Evening

A B C 0-300 Pairs (12 tables)

1	1	1	Carol Smart/Stephen Brown
2			Jadwiga Polujan/Grant Gayman
3/4			Marlene Powell/Adelina Wong-Chor

A B C Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (cont.)

3/4			Ted & Jessie Vesak
5			Rosemary Cunningham/Eileen Sayers
6			Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren
	2	2	Sylvia Frazer/Brenda Scharf
	3		Bob Newton/Bettina Lewis

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More Winners!

**Sunday Morning
0-300 Pairs (8 tables)**

A	B	
1	1	Edward John/Merilyn Hicks
2		Marlene Powell/Adelina Wong-Chor
3		Dominique Baker/Sachi Yamikami
4		Rowena Huberman/Gladys Adilman
5		Julianne Wooden/Jeanette Bourbonnais
	1	Dawn Smith/Ruth Winkler
	2	Kun Shao/Peter Tsang

**Sunday Afternoon
0-300 Swiss Teams (10 teams)**

A	B	
1/2		Bill & Alice Butler, Howard & Jane Shimokura
1/2		Colleen Walker, Jadwiga Polujan, Ken Ramsey, Edward Hui
3	1	Eric Pan, Tao Feng, Kai Zhou, Brian Liu
4		Angela Image, Solveig Karligen, Kun Shao, Peter Tsang

FALL FUTURE STARS TOP TEN

1.	Jadwiga Polujan	3.44
2.	Ken Ramsay	2.99
2.	Edward Hui	2.99
4.	Tao Feng	2.76
4.	Eric Pan	2.76
6.	Marlene Powell	2.61
6.	Adelina Wong-Chor	2.61
8.	Jane Shimokura	2.23
8.	Howard Shimokura	2.23
10.	Stephen Brown	2.22
10.	Carol Smart	2.22

55 players earned a total of 72.48 masterpoints (all silver) at the 2004 Fall Future Stars Sectional.

2004 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

UNIT 430 FINAL (ALL FLIGHTS)

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE, 30 OCTOBER

A B C NAOP Unit Final (11½ tables)

1	1	Ken Lochang/Robert Luo
2	2	Anne Scott/Sandra Robson
3	3	Christopher Maylin/Chris Robbins
4		Bryan Maksymetz/Dan Jacob
5		Aidan Ballantyne/Brad Bart
6	4	Kathy Bye/Angela Fenton
	5	Aban & Bob Gerrie

(About a half dozen other pairs also qualified for the District Final.)

2004 ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

BURNABY, 11-14 NOVEMBER

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 484½ TABLES

LAST YEAR: 443½ TABLES (UP 9.2%!!)

**Thursday Afternoon
Open Pairs (45 tables)**

A	B	C	
1			Gary Phelan/Dan Watson
2	1		Clarence Dodd/Betty Reynolds
3			Trudy & John Hurdle
4			Jay Brandt/Gay Parrish
5	2	1	Norma Doucette/Chloe Clark
6			Ben Takemori/Michael Yuen
	3		Bob Kiggins/Don Keith
	4		Nancy Arnold/John Demeulemeester
	5		Dee Kerr/Kenneth Ramsay
	6		H.K. Ho/Kenny Chan
	2		Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi
	3		Hsiang Li/Alfred Lau
	4		Peter Tsang/Kun Shao
	5		David Huang/Alex Chuang
	6		Michael Haggerty/Jim Ash

**Thursday Afternoon
SAYC Individual (6 tables)**

A	B	
1		Gerry McCully
2		Mike Dimich
3/4		Dee Steil
3/4	1	Ronald Dixon
5	2	David Breton
6		Marguerite Chiarenza
	3/4	Bobby Wood
	3/4	Susan Mitchell

**Thursday Evening
IMP Pairs (30 tables)**

A	B	C	
1			David Schmidt/Ben Takemori
2	1	1	Olga Guitelmakher/Jadwiga Polujan
3			Trudy & John Hurdle
4	2	2	Andrew Nalos/Grant Gayman
5	3		Marion Crowhurst/Jean Richards
6	4		Faye & Gary Gilrairie
	5		Nancy Arnold/John Demeulemeester
	6	3	Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz
	4		Hsiang Li/John Chen
	5		Michael Haggerty/Jim Ash

**Friday Afternoon
Open Pairs (31 tables)**

A	B	C	
1			James Lenobel/Don Brazeau
2			Mike Dimich/Chris Diamond
3	1	1	John Chen/(no name given) Chen
4			Tom Williams/Selton Levine
5	2		Barry Yamanouchi/Stuart Carr
6/8/3/4	2		Hsiang Li/Tony Shyu
6/8/3/4			Beverly Kanee/Gloria Prescott
6/8			Mike & Ben Takemori
	5		Don Keith/H.K. Ho
	6		Linda Sims/Aban Gerrie
	3		Zohreh Bassiri/Fatermech Pazand
	4		Dwayne & Karen Hoffman
	5		Colin Stark/Mhairi Longridge

**Friday Evening
Open Pairs (39 table)**

A	B	C	
1			Andrew Ross/Rhoda Tafler
2			Trudy & John Hurdle
3			Glenn & Melinda Ponto
4			Sandra Jenkins/Ken Scholes
5			Mike Dimich/Chris Diamond
6	1	1	Mardi Dennis/John Rousseau
	2		Stephen Beaton/Anne Scott
	3		Ruby Jackson/Sandra Hawk
	4		Christa Mead/Jeanette Greenhu
	5		Marina Page/Angela Fenton
	6		Cathy Miller/Barry Yamanouchi
	2		Kai Zhou/Baixiang Liu
	3		Gilles St Pierre/Denis Lefevre
	4		Colleen Walker/Hsiang Li
	5		Peter Tinkess/Gerry Grant

**Thursday/Friday Knockout
Teams (8, 8, 8, 8, 7 teams)**

Bkt.	Rank	Teams
I	1	Danny Lee, William Ge, Shi Yar Alex Hong, David Yu
	2	Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Bill Goldstone
II	1	Amirali Alibhai, Richard Smillie, Kazuko Koda, Yuko Fujieda
	2	Sandra Robson, Tove Chen, Diane Ayukawa, Marguerite Chiarenza
III	1	Edward Hui, Henry Lai, Kenneth Ramsay, Dee Kerr
	2	Alex Chuang, David Huang, Vick Croome, Michael Moffatt
IV	1	Rosemary Cunningham, Eileen Sayers, Richard Sturgess, Noora Dhanani
	2	Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell
V	1	Chieko Oka, Felicity Fane, Bill & Alice Butler
	2	Margo Cochrane, Barb Hargreaves, Peter Galbraith, Charles Biagi

**Friday Compact Knockout
Teams (13, 14 teams)**

Bkt.	Rank	Teams
I	1	Sheila Sache, Peter Morse, Jennifer Ballantyne, Eugene Fomin
	2	Debbie Williams, John Home, Ernie Dietrich, Harry Friedman
	3	Doug Cowan, Charlotte Alekson, Gordon Burns, Michael Stickland
II	1	Anita Morse, Priscilla Brown, Patricia Stickland, Margaret Elligott
	2	Kathleen Phoenix, Manju Singh, Jane Fyfe, Ping Ding
	3	Andrew Nalos, Grant Gayman, Jadwiga Polujan, Robert Luo
	4	Myra Johnston, Marlene Powell, Sima Sadri, Gail Heuchert

Bkt.	Rank	Friday Compact Knockout Teams Consolation (4, 4 teams)
I	1	Michael Yuen, Les Fouks, June Pockock, Kathy Adachi
II	1	Rowena Huberman, Gladys Adilman, Linda Bell, Dominique Baker

Rank	Saturday 2-session Flight A Pairs (24½, 22 tables)
1.	Ken Scholes/Gery McCully
2.	Samantha Nystrom/Anna Boivin
3.	Aban & Bob Gerrie
4.	Michael Yuen/Mike Dimich
5.	Laurence Betts/Dave House
6.	Jennifer Ballantyne/Peter Morse
7.	Chris Moore/Jennifer Chalfan
8.	Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda

Rank	Saturday 2-session Flight B Pairs (15, 13 tables)
1.	Sima Sadri/Robert Luo
2.	Amirali Alibhai/Richard Smillie
3.	Sharon Erwin/Daniel Groves
4.	Don Keith/Barry Yamanouchi
5.	Bruce McIntyre/Stephen Pickett
6.	Andrew Lee/John Demeulemeester

Rank	Saturday 2-session Flight C Pairs (14, 9 tables)
1	Andrew Nalos/Grant Gayman
2	Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren
3	Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi
4	Bill McMartin/David Pritchard
5	Bill Butler/Alice Butler
6	John Koster/Baixiang Liu

A	B	Sunday 2-session Open Swiss Teams (52 teams)
1		Richard & Marcia Christie, Trudy & John Hurdle
2		Gus Axen, Duane Tilden, Bjarne Christoffersen, Martin Johnson
3		Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Sandra Jenkins, Ken Scholes
4		Mike & Ben Takemori, Steve Vincent, David Waterman
5		Dan Watson, James Marshall, Pete Walton, Gary Phelan
6/7	1	David Huang, Alex Chuang, H.K. Ho, Pradyumna Gorkhali
6/7		Daniel Groves, Sharon Erwin, Polly & Pat Dunn
8/9		Mike Dimich, Michael Yuen, Kathy Adachi, Les Fouks
8/9	2	Kathleen Phoenix, Manju Singh, Ping Ding, Jane Fyfe
3		Larry Meyer, Walter Zielinski, Rod Coote, Rick Hogarth
4		Kenny Chan, Jack Lee, Samuel Lai, Kam Tang
5		Nancy Arnold, Bill Osten, Andrew Lee, John Demeulemeester
6		Amirali Alibhai, Marion Crowhurst, Joan Richards, Anita Morse

A	B	Sunday Open Swiss (cont.)
7/8		Tove Chen, Marguerite Chiarenza, Diane Ayukawa, Pauline McClafferty
7/8		Joan Brooks, Isabel Chernoff, Thelma Hofstede, Annerita Hasselbach

C	D	Sunday 2-session non-Life Master Swiss Teams (14 teams)
1	1	Ataollah Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi, Shapour Darabi, Farivar Sahihi
2/3		Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell
2/3	2	Baixiang Liu, Eric Pan, Tao Feng, Kai Zhou
4		Ernst Walti, Patricia Lamb, Joyce Goddard, Shirley Dirk
5		Ted & Jessie Vesak, Howard & Jane Shimokura

ROUNDUP SECTIONAL TOP TEN	
1.	Gerry McCully39.90
2.	John Hurdle.....33.86
2.	Trudy Hurdle.....33.86
4.	Ken Scholes.....29.72
5.	Rhonda Foster.....22.95
6.	Marcia Christie.....22.05
7.	Richard Christie.....20.51
8.	Ben Takemori.....19.99
9.	Amir Alibhai.....18.69
10.	Mike Dimich.....18.20

1,760.77 masterpoints (all silver) were won by 427 players (a further 63 played but didn't win any) at the 2004 Roundup Sectional.

Final standings in the 2004 trophy races can be found on page 26

2005 TROPHY SECTIONAL
BURNABY, 28-30 JANUARY
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 316½ TABLES
MARCH 2004: 295 TABLES (UP 7.3%!!)
JANUARY 2003: 342½ TABLES (DOWN 7.6%!!)

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (47 tables)
1			Corrine Tapley/Mary Fines
2			Aidan Ballantyne/Les Fouks
3			Trudy & John Hurdle
4	1	1	John Chen/Chong-Shon Chen
5	2		Andrew Zorawski/Stephen Pickett
6			John Lien/Liz Stoneman
	3		Len Feeny/Richard Kay
	4		Nancy Arnold/John Demeulemeester
	5	2	Sally Craig/Pam Thomson
	6		Annerita Hasselbach/Antoinette Sheffield
	3		Zohreh Bassiri/Fatemeh Pazand
	4		Norma Doucette/Chloe Clark
	5		Parvin Grigg/Sophie Cymbalista
	6		Richard Symyk/Walter Zielinski

A	B	C	Friday Evening Henry Smillie Trophy Board-A- Match Mixed Teams (18 teams)
1			Christina & Dan Jacob, Sandra & Doug Fraser
2			Monica & Bill Angus, Doreen & Gord McOrmond
3			Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Trudy & John Hurdle
4/6			Sandra Jenkins, Ken Scholes, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully
4/6			Terry & Frances Gould, Aban & Bob Gerrie
4/6			Stephen Beaton, Anne Scott, Kathy Bye, Terry Scott
1	1		Andrew Nalos, Olga Guitelmacher, Grant Gayman, Jadwiga Polujan
2			John & Donna Nesser, Dee Kerr, Ken Ramsay

A	B	C	Friday Evening Open Pairs (31 tables)
1			William Ge/Tony Shyu
2			Lynda Cole/Larry Chow
3	1		Jane & Howard Shimokura
4			Les Fouks/Kathy Adachi
5			Samantha Nystrom/Anna Boivin
6	2	1	Tom Prediger/Adam Melzak
3			Cathy Miller/Sachi Yamakami
4	2		Kai Zhou/Baixiang Liu
5			Tom Cotton/Gail Perrin
6			Dorothy & Don Macleod
3			Hsiang Li/Kun Shao
4			Eric Pan/Tao Feng
5			Bruno & Margaret Moras

A	B	C	Saturday Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy Open Pairs Final (49½, 20 tables)
1			Mike & Ben Takemori
2			Diane Ayukawa/Tove Chen
3			Craig Zastera/Stanford Christie
4			Dan Jacob/Greg Arbour
5			Laurence Betts/Dave House
6			William Ge/Danny Lee
7	1		Kam Tang/Jack Lee
8			Ken Scholes/Gerry McCully
2			John Mullen/Dennis McMahon
3			Stan Bodlak/Neil McAllister
4			Sid Segal/Howard Rubin
5			Adam Melzak/David Breton
6			Joan Richards/Hugh Auld
1			Andrew Nalos/Grant Gayman

A	B	C	Saturday Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy Open Pairs Consolation (25 tables)
1			Pete Walton/Dan Watson
2			Aban & Bob Gerrie
3			Sandra Robson/Peter Morse
4	1		Chris Moore/Jennifer Chalfan
5	2		Stephen Beaton/Louis Landau
6			Eugene Chan/Terry Martin
3			Nancy Arnold/Bill Osten
4			Dorothy & Don Macleod

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Still More Winners!

A	B	C	Open Pairs Consolation (cont.)
	5		Harold Hansen/Trevor Epp
	6		H.K. Ho/Kenny Chan
1			Cary Boyce/Pattie Blythin
2			Eric Pan/Tao Feng
3			David Huang/Alex Chuang
4			Peggy Winter/Marie Cahill
5			Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi

(For the first time, the Adrian and June Budd Hicks two-session Open Pairs, normally a qualifying-final-consolation format without stratification, was stratified. The qualifying-final-consolation format is a Unit tradition dating back to the days before stratification when the trophy was donated to the Unit. Session (not overall) masterpoint awards were given for the afternoon session as though it were a one-session stratified pairs game. The leading pairs, regardless of strat (mostly As and Bs, plus three qualifying C pairs) qualified for the ten-table final session; the rest were placed in the consolation. In previous years, only the consolation has been stratified; the overall awards for the final are for Flight A (everyone) only. This year, by stratifying the entire event, six overall awards in Flight B and one overall award in Flight C were given along with the eight overall awards in Flight A. Director **Brian Russell** deserves credit for this approach that combines the qualifying/final format that the Hicks's would have insisted on, with the stratified awards that today's players expect.)

Sunday Willie Weinstein Trophy Open Swiss

A	X	Teams, Flight A/X (24 teams)
1		Katrin Litwin, Mike & Ben Take-mori, Aidan Ballantyne
2		Sandra & Doug Fraser, Larry Hicks, Dan Jacob
3		June Pocock, Michael Yuen, Kathy Adachi, Les Fouks
4	1	Peter Morse, Sherman Kwan, Doug Hansford, Dennis Groden
5/6		Julia Barsel, Andrey Artamonov, Trudy & John Hurdle
5/6	2	Jennifer Chalfan, Chris Moore, Dell Berg, Mitsuko Russell
7		Mike Wilson, Anna Boivin, Dave Grubbs, Samantha Nystrom
8		Pete Walton, Dave House, Laurence Betts, Dan Watson
3		Liz Stoneman, John Lien, Gay Parrish, Jay Brandt
4		Gina Diamond, Pauline McClafferty, Ken Lochang, Nigel Fullbrook

Sunday Mary Clarke Trophy Open Swiss

Teams, Flight B/C/D (39 teams)

B	C	D	Teams
1			Sima Sadri, Don Keith, Christa Mead, Pirtpal Gill
2/3	1		Baixiang Liu, Kai Zhou, Charley Zhang, Tao Feng
2/3			Nancy Arnold, William Osten, Marylou Varga, Andrew Lee
4	2		Clarence Dodd, Colin Ransom, Olga Guiteimaker, Betty Reynolds
5			Kenny Chan, Ella Haylock, Jack Lee, Kam Tang
6/7			Anita Morse, Patricia Stickland, Joan Richards, Ann Ecclestone
6/7			John & Donna Nesser, Dan Groves, Sharon Erwin
3			Neil & Maureen McAllister, Linda Morgan, Joan Campbell
4	2		Flora So, Sandy Poggemiller, John Chen, Hsiang Li
5	3		Colleen Walker, John Beresford, Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay
6/7			Ernst Walti, Patricia Lamb, Shirley Dirk, Joyce Goddard
6/7			Todd Schindeler, Roman Woroch, Peggy Winter, Marie Cahill

(The Trophy Sectional Top Ten can be found on page 26. Current trophy race leaders will be printed in the Summer issue.)

2005 SPRING FUTURE STARS SECTIONAL VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE, 16-17 APRIL
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 37½ TABLES
LAST YEAR: 39 TABLES (DOWN 3.8%Ⓞ)

Saturday Afternoon			
A	B	C	299er Pairs (13 tables)
1	1	1	Carol Smart/Stephen Brown
2	2	2	Baixiang Liu/Tony Shyu
3	3		Ken Ramsay/Colleen Walker
4/5			Felicity Fane/Parvin Grigg
4/5	4		Patricia Chen/Chieko Oka
6	5	3	Lorna Hawes/Ken Scott
6	4		Hsiang Li/Kun Shao
	5		David Peppar/Richard Kay
Saturday Evening			
A	B	C	299er Pairs (9½ tables)
1			Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell
2			Sachi Yamakami/Michiyu Takeda
3	1	1	Yung-Chang Chen/Hsiang Li
4	2		Colleen Walker/Ken Ramsay
5	3	2	Pattie Blythin/Oz Hersfield
6	4	3	Richard Kay/David Peppar
	5	4	Marion Ward Hall/Angela Image
Sunday Morning			
A	B	C	299er Pairs (6 tables)
1			Ken Ramsay/Grant Gayman
2	1		Patricia Chen/Chieko Oka
3	2		Dawn Smith/Lynn Humphries
4			Sachi Yamakami/Mona Blussion
	3	1	David Peppar/Richard Kay
	4		Colleen Walker/Zoran Peca
	2		Alfred Lau/Hsiang Li

Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss Teams (9 teams)

A	B	C	Teams
1			Ken Ramsay, Grant Gayman, Zoran Peca, Colleen Walker
2/3			Bill & Alice Butler, Rosemary Cunningham, Eileen Sayers
2/3			Felicity Fane, Mhairi Longridge, Chieko Oka, Sachi Yamakami
4	1	1	Pattie Blythin, Oz Hersfield, Grant Fraser, Dick Hughes
2			David Peppar, Richard Kay, Marta Zahorecz, Burke Lundy

SPRING FUTURE STARS TOP TEN

1.	Ken Ramsay	6.06
2.	Colleen Walker	5.05
3.	Chieko Oka	3.55
4.	Grant Gayman	3.53
5.	Sachi Yamakami	3.46
6.	Hsiang Li	3.38
7.	Richard Kay	3.36
7.	David Peppar	3.36
9.	Zoran Peca	2.52
10.	Pattie Blythin	2.38
10.	Oz Hersfield	2.38

55 players earned a total of 84.54 masterpoints (all silver) at the 2005 Spring Future Stars Sectional.

NABC WINNERS

FALL NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ORLANDO FL, NOVEMBER 18-28, 2004

Unit 430 Top 25 at the Orlando Fall NABC MP		
Rank	Player	MP
113.	Shi Yan	118.35
114.	Alex Hong	118.27
230.	Michael Yuen	76.78
334.	Allan Graves	69.64
345.	Bryan Maksymetz	68.51
370.	Dan Jacob	66.04
497.	Kathy Bye	53.40
811.	Cam Doner	38.45
818.	Marke Antonsen	38.70
836.	Stephen Pickett	38.05
911.	Denny Gibson	35.10
1,111.	Jadwiga Polujan	30.13
1,207.	Yvonne Drane	28.16
1,261.	Vicki Moffatt	27.01
1,280.	Marlene Powell	26.71
1,297.	Cathy Miller	26.28
1,321.	Mike Moffatt	25.98
1,426.	Myra Johnson	24.00
1,467.	Eugene Chan	23.40
1,478.	Sima Sadri	23.23
1,600.	Jennifer Ballantyne	21.08
1,837.	Sheila Sache	18.04
1,916.	Anita Morse	17.10
1,965.	Ina Andersen	16.58

5,721 players won masterpoints at the Fall NABC. The leader was **Jeff Meckstroth** with 381.16. Daily Bulletins are posted at acb1.org. The complete Orlando masterpoint list is at this Internet address (top of next page):

<http://web2.acb1.org/nabcbulletins/2004fall/results/completeResults.html#1>

**SPRING NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
PITTSBURGH PA, MARCH 10-20, 2005**

Unit 430 Top 15 at the Pittsburgh Spring NABC MP		
Rank	Name	MP
22.	Dan Jacob	189.84
22.	Bryan Maksymetz	189.84
187.	Eugene Chan	71.36
196.	Cam Doner	69.42
199.	Shi Yan	68.98
214.	Alex Hong	67.01
306.	Euridice Nours	55.50
497.	Michael Yuen	37.78
963.	Mike Wilson	21.49
1,122.	Ram Hira	18.61
1,372.	Stephen Pickett	14.79
1,379.	Bob Kiggins	14.70
1,463.	Al French	13.81
2,637.	Sandra Robson	4.52
2,791.	Anne Scott	3.80

3,816 players won masterpoints at the Spring NABC. The leader was **Eddie Wold** with 282.05. A highlight was the second place finish by **Dan Jacob** and **Bryan Maksymetz** in the North American Pairs. Daily Bulletins are posted at acb1.org. The complete Pittsburgh masterpoint list is located at this Internet address:

<http://web2.acb1.org/nabcbulletins/2005spring/mpwinners.htm#1>

CBF WINNERS

**2005 CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
CANADA-WIDE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
AT CLUBS, FEBRUARY 21-27**

A	B	C	Overall Results (Mon eve)
17			Don Lecky/Lorraine Hurren, SQU
A	B	C	Overall Results (Tue aft)
19			Al French/Bob Kiggins, VBC
4			Kazuko Koda/Sima Sadri, VBC
A	B	C	Overall Results (Wed eve)
8			Denise Goodkey/Donna Sawkawsky, VBC
A	B	C	Overall Results (Fri eve)
4			Dianne Isfeld/Swayne Dicks, VBC
6			Mike Dimich/David Breton, VBC
1			Adam Melzak/Tom Prediger, VBC
2			Adrian Puscasu/Yue Su, VBC
6			Kai Zhou/Eric Pan, VBC
A	B	C	Overall Results (Sat aft)
1	1	1	Edward Hui/Ken Ramsay, VBC
A	B	C	Overall Results (Sun aft)
3			John Mullen/Adam Melzak, VBC
6			Solveig Karlgren/Angela Image, VBC

(It appears that few local clubs ran this event, which raises money for Canadian bridge activities and charities, and pays out large silver point awards. Let's think about the CBF StAC for next year, Club Managers!)

REGIONAL WINNERS

[ALERT: It remains virtually impossible, in this day of sponsored Regional events and randomly-ordered online winners lists, to figure out whether the "Jack Jacovitch Memorial Side Game" (a sample title I just made up) took place on Wednesday or Thursday or even possibly Sunday. In most cases I am guessing and often I will be wrong. Memphis has been notified of the problem and they might do something...]

**RED DEER REGIONAL
RED DEER AB, AUGUST 9-15, 2004**

A	B	C	Tuesday Evening Side Game
2			Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster

Bracket Rank Opening Knockout Teams

I	3/4	Larry Chow; Cam Doner
IV	3/4	Mark Antonsen
V	2	Bev Hall, Barbara Antonsen

A B C Wednesday Eve. Side Game

2			Gerry McCully
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A B C Wednesday Evening Swiss

2			Michael Yuen
4	2		Pattie Lamb

Bracket Rank Compact Knockout Teams

I	3	Rhonda Foster, Cam Doner
II	3	Dianne Isfeld, Martin Henneberger

Bracket Rank Compact KO Consolation

II	3	Marke & Barb Antonsen, Bev Hall
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A B C Thursday Senior Swiss

4			Larry Chow
4			Pattie Lamb

A B C Thursday Open Swiss Teams

1			Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
3			Michael Yuen

Bracket Rank Morning Knockout Teams

1	2		Michael Yuen
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A B C Friday Open Pairs

5			Michael Yuen
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A B C Speedball Swiss Teams

2			Larry Chow
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A B C Senior Pairs

3			Gerry McCully
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A B C Saturday Eve. Side Game

1			Rhonda Foster
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A X Flight A/X IMP Pairs

2			Michael Yuen
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A B C Evening Side Game Overall

1			Rhonda Foster
3			Gerry McCully

A	X	Flight A/X Swiss
5		Cam Doner, Michael Yuen

**NANAIMO REGIONAL
NANAIMO BC, AUGUST 23-29, 2004**

A B C Monday Eve Charity Pairs

5			Mary Fines/Joy Berry
2			Marion Crowhurst/Rangie Sylvestrie
6			Anita Morse/Les Baldys
4/5			Bennie & Catherine Vaughan

A B C Tuesday Morning Side Game

2			John Demeulemeester
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A B C Tuesday Aftn Side Game

2			Eugene Chan/Jadwiga Polujan
5	2	2	Betty Harold/Ghodsi Ahmadi
4/5	3/4		Bennie & Catherine Vaughan

A B C Tuesday Open Swiss Teams

1			Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster
3			Monica Angus, Marge Neate, Stella Alliston, Ev Hodge
4			Brad Bart, Mike Dimich, Steve Vincent
7/8			Jennifer Ballantyne, Jean Groome
2			Marion Crowhurst, Rangie Sylvestrie, Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa
4			John Demeulemeester
6	2		Bruno & Margaret Moras, Jacqueline Phillips, Samuel Krikler

Bracket Rank Parksville Unit KO Teams

I	3/4	Cam Doner
III	1	Charlotte Alekson, Eurydice Nours, Jack Lee, Andrew Lee
IV	1	Harvey & Jean Bridges, Dorothy & Don Macleod

A B C Wed. Morning Side Game

5/6			Peter Morse
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A B C Wednesday Open Pairs

3/4			Les Fouks/Rhonda Foster
3/4			June Pocock/Brad Bart
4			John Demeulemeester
3			Bennie & Catherine Vaughan
4			Cathy Miller/Stuart Carr

A B C Wednesday Evening Swiss

1			Sandra Robson, Charlotte Alekson, Euridice Nours, Eugene Chan
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2/3			Larry Chow
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3/4			Dorothy & Don Macleod
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A B C Thurs. Morning Side Game

1	1		Bruce McIntyre/Stephen Pickett
2	2		John Demeulemeester

A B C Thurs. Evening Side Game

3			Veronica Peacock
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Even More Winners!

A X Thursday A/X Open Pairs		
2	I	<i>Kathy Bye</i>
4		Cam Doner
6	3	Trudy & John Hurdle
7		Jennifer Ballantyne
9		Michael Yuen/Brad Bart
	5	Dennis Groden/Ben Takemori
B C D Thursday B/C/D Open Pairs		
4	3	Bill Osten
A B C Thursday Senior Pairs		
6		Rhoda Tafier/Helen Montgomery
	3	I <i>Don & Dorothy Macleod</i>
A B C Thursday Evening Swiss		
3		Anne & Terry Scott, Diane Isfeld, Martin Henneberger
4/5	3	Myra Johnson, Sima Sadri, Colin & Doreen Ransom
4/5		Sandra Robson, Ron Groome, Eugene Chan, Eurydice Nours
Bracket	Rank	Wed-Thurs Knockout Teams
II	2	Stephen Pickett, Bruce McIntyre, Rocky Rockandel
	3/4	Marylou Varga, Andrew Lee, Corrine Tapley, Daisy Neilson
III	2	Gail Heuchart, Gladys Adilman, Rowena Huberman
	3/4	Sima Sadri, Myra Johnson, Colin & Doreen Ransom
D E F Friday Aftn 199er Pairs		
	4	John & Joyce Ranger
A B C Friday Morning Side Game		
1	I	<i>John Demeulemeester</i>
5		Les Baldys
A B C Friday Open Pairs		
1		<i>Mike Dimich/Don Brazeau</i>
2		Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
3		Kathy Bye
4		Mike Donn Wiss
	3	Barry Kirkham/Howard Rubin
	6	Anita Morse/Aase Haines
	4	Veronica Peacock
A B C Friday Evening Swiss Teams		
1		<i>Brad Bart</i>
4		Al & Bernice French, Diane Ayukawa, John Demeulemeester
	5	Gerry McCully
	3	Colin & Doreen Ransom
	4/5	Marion Crowhurst/Rangie Sylvester
	2	Bennie & Catherine Vaughan

A B C Sat. Morning Side Game		
1		<i>Eugene Chan</i>
5	4	Lesley Laudan/Bill Osten
	5	3 Gail Heuchart
Rank Morning Side Game Overall		
	3/4	John Demeulemeester
Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockout Teams
I	3/4	Les Fouks, Sid Segal, June Pocock, Howard Rubin, Barry Kirkham
II	3/4	Harvey & Jean Bridges; Pattie Lamb
A B C Saturday Aftn. Side Game		
	3	Carol Thompson/Thelma Hofstede
	4	Brenda Cameron/Colleen Walker
D E F Saturday Aftn. 199er Pairs		
1		<i>Lynn & Ture Erickson</i>
5	I	<i>Una Jamieson/May Winram</i>
A X Saturday A/X Open Pairs		
1		<i>Laurence Betts/Dave House</i>
2		Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin
6		Brad Bart
7		Bjarne Christoffersen/June Pocock
9		Ben Takemori
	3	Barry Kirkham/Howard Rubin
	5	Richard & Marcia Christie
	6	Pete Walton
B C D Saturday B/C/D Pairs		
3	2	Lesley Laudan/Bill Osten
	5	Judy Christensen/Susan Mitchell
A B C Saturday Senior Pairs		
2		Doug Cowan/Angela Fenton
4		Mary Fines
	3	Bachan Buttar
A B C Saturday Evening Side Game		
2	I	<i>Bobby Wood/Veronica Peacock</i>
3	2	Samantha Nystrom/Liz Hicks
A B C Sat. Evening Swiss Teams		
3/4	1/2	<i>Norma McNamara, Sima Sadri, Myra Johnston</i>
Bracket	Rank	Weekend Knockout Teams
I	1	<i>Liz Stoneman, John Lien</i>
II	2	Stephen Pickett, Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay
	3/4	Norma McNamara, Annerita Hasselbach, Antoinette Sheffield
III	2	Betty Harold, Jean Katz, Jadwiga Polujan, Ghodsi Ahmadi
A B C Sunday Morning Side Game		
1		<i>Pete Walton</i>
2		Ev Hodge/Ann Ecclestone
4/5		Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
A X Sunday A/X Swiss Teams		
3/4		Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Brad Bart, Don Brazeau
	6	Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Cam Doner
	7	Jennifer Ballantyne
9	I	<i>Terry & Anne Scott, Angela Fenton, Steve Beaton</i>

A X Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (cont.)		
	2/3	Dianne Isfeld, Martin Henneberger
	4	Samantha Nystrom, Dennis Groden
B C D Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams		
	5	Betty Harold, Jean Katz, Jadwiga Polujan, Ghodsi Ahmadi
70TH ALL-WESTERN REGIONAL SANTA CLARA CA, AUG. 31-SEPT. 6, 2004		
A B C Wednesday Open Pairs		
	9	Cam Doner
SUN AND SURF REGIONAL LONG BEACH CA, SEPTEMBER 6-12, 2004		
A B C Tuesday Afternoon Swiss		
	5	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
Bracket	Rank	Evening Knockout Teams 1
I	1	<i>Alex Hong, Shi Yan</i>
A B C Friday Evening Swiss		
	2	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
	3/5	1/2 <i>William Ge</i>
A B C Friday Open Pairs		
	5	2 William Ge/Alex Lin
[Another mystery, as <i>William Ge</i> scores overall in two simultaneous events. Ge and Lin's score of 734.34 doesn't sound like a one-session event. Ge's Friday evening Swiss Team was four-person squad. Has he cloned himself?]		
Bracket	Rank	Compact KO I-Consolation
II	3	William Ge
Bracket	Rank	Queen Mary KO Teams
I	3/4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
A B C Saturday Evening Swiss		
	1	<i>Shi Yan, Alex Hong</i>
A X Sunday A/X Swiss		
	2	William Ge
OREGON COAST REGIONAL SEASIDE OR, SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2004		
Bracket	Rank	Coastal Knockout Teams
I	1	<i>Cam Doner</i>
	3/4	Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster
D E F Tuesday Aftn. 199er Pairs		
	4	2 Ann McKenzie
A B C Tuesday Evening Swiss		
	1	<i>Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster</i>
A B C Wed. Morning Side Game		
	2	Joerg Schneider/Peter Morse
A B C Wednesday Aftn. Side Game		
	6	3 Raymond Clemmons/Ray Lloyd
A B C Wednesday Evening Swiss		
	I	<i>Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster</i>

A B C	Wednesday Open Pairs
4	Connie Delisle/Paul Hagen
A B C	Thur. Morning Side Game
5	Joerg Schneider/Peter Morse
Rank	Morning Side Game Overall
1/2	Joerg Schneider, Peter Morse
D E F	Thursday Aftn. 199er Pairs
5 4 4	Ray Lloyd
A B C	Thursday Aft. Side Game
1/2	Les Baldys
D E F	Thursday Eve. 199er Pairs
4/5	Ann McKenzie
A B C	Thursday Eve. Side Game
3	Les Baldys
5	Geraldine Cross/Anita Morse
Bracket Rank	Wed.-Thurs. KO Teams
II 3/4	Joerg Schneider/Geraldine Cross
A B C	Thursday Open Swiss
1/2	Cam Doner
4	Marke Antonsen/Vernon Foster
A B C	Thursday Senior Swiss
4	Tom Cross
A B C	Friday Evening Swiss
3	Cam Doner
A B C	Friday Open Pairs
8	Linda Sims/Lauren Miller
A B C	Friday Senior Pairs
4	Joerg Schneider
A B C	Friday Evening Side Game
2	Ray Lloyd
A B C	Saturday Open Pairs
1	Cam Doner
6	Rhonda Foster
A B C	Saturday Senior Pairs
2	Les Baldys
A B C	Saturday Evening Side Game
1	Gerry McCully
3/4	Anita Morse
A X	Sunday A/X Swiss Teams
2	Cam Doner, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

(2nd in the Sunday Swiss was enough to keep **Cam Doner** at the top of the tournament leaderboard, with 96.36 points for the week, less than a point ahead of **Ian Boyd**.)

LOS ANGELES FALL REGIONAL
LOS ANGELES CA, OCTOBER 11-17, 2004

Bracket Rank	Opening Knockout Teams
I 3/4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
Bracket Rank	Wed. Compact KO Teams
I 4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
A B C	Thursday Aftn. Swiss
4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan

A B C	Thursday Evening Swiss
1	Alex Hong
Bracket Rank	Friday Compact KO Teams
I 3	Alex Hong
A B C	Saturday Evening Side Game
2	Shi Yan
A B C	Sunday A/X Swiss Teams
1	Shi Yan, Alex Hong

(**Alex Hong** finished the week at the top of the tournament leaderboard, with 50.69 points for the week. **Shi Yan** was third with 45.93.)

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL
SEATTLE WA, OCTOBER 11-17, 2004

A B C	Monday Charity Pairs
6	Al French
A B C	Tuesday Swiss Teams
6/7	Cam Doner, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Mike Wilson, Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Ken Danielsen
A B C	Wednesday Senior Pairs
1	Ev Hodge/Monica Angus
A B C	Thursday Aftn. Side Game
1	Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
6	Dee Steil
A B C	Thursday Eve. Side Game
2	Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
A B C	Thursday Open Pairs
1	Cam Doner
Rank	Midweek Side Overall
1/2	Les Fouks, Michael Yuen
Bracket Rank	Senior Compact Knockouts
I 2	Al French
Bracket Rank	Wed.-Thurs. Knockouts
I 3/4	Mike Wilson
A B C	Thursday Evening Swiss
3	Mike Wilson
A B C	Friday Afternoon Side Game
3	Dee Steil
D E F	Friday Aftn. 199er Pairs
2	Felicity Fane/Parvin Grigg
A B C	Friday Open Pairs
6 3	Les Baldys
A B C	Friday Senior Pairs
1	Sheila Sache/Peter Morse
A B C	Friday Eve. B-A-M Swiss
4/5	Angela Fenton
A B	Fri.-Sat. Morning Swiss
3	Michael Yuen, Les Fouks
1/2	Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay
Bracket Rank	Morning Knockout Teams
I 1	Cam Doner, Mike Wilson, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

Bracket Rank	Fri-Sat. Knockout Teams
I 1	Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin, Cam Doner
III 3/4	Anita Morse, Sima Sadri, Ken Ramsay, Edward Hui
D E F	Saturday Aftn. 199er Pairs
5	Felicity Fane/Parvin Grigg
A X	Saturday A/X Open Pairs
2/3	Mike Wilson
4/5	Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
2	Jennifer Ballantyne/Peter Morse
A B C	Saturday B/C/D Open Pairs
5 4 2	Rudy Notzi
6 5	Jadwiga Polujan
A B C	Saturday Evening Side Game
1 1 1	Ken Ramsay/Edward Hui
D E F	Saturday Eve. 199er Pairs
3/4	Felicity Fane/Parvin Grigg
A X	Sunday Flight A/X Swiss
1	Dan Jacob
3	Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin, Cam Doner
4/5	Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully
10 2	Les Baldys
B C D	Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams
1	Samantha Nystrom, Cathy Miller, Anita Morse, Sima Sadri
A B C	Sunday Senior Swiss Teams
4	Jennifer Ballantyne

PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL
PALM SPRINGS CA, DECEMBER 13-19, 2004

A B C	Tuesday Evening Side Game
4	Lauren Miller/Linda Sims
A B C	Tuesday Morning Side Game
3 3	Pat Lester
A B C	Tuesday Open Pairs
2	Gerry McCully
A B C	Tuesday Afternoon Swiss
1	Cam Doner
A B C	Wednesday Afternoon Swiss
3/5 1/2 1	Roman Woroch
Bracket Rank	Opening Knockout Teams
II 1	Shi Yan, Alex Hong
Bracket Rank	Second Knockout Teams
I 3/4	Cam Doner
A B C	Thursday Afternoon Swiss
2	Roman Woroch
Bracket Rank	Wed.-Thu. Knockout Teams
I 5/8	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
A B C	Friday Morning Side Game
2/3 2/3	Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut
A B C	Saturday Morn. Side Game
4 3	Shirley Fitterman

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Bracket Rank Fri.-Sat. Knockout Teams

III 2 William Ge

Bracket Rank Sat. Compact KO Teams

II 2 Alex Hong

Bracket Rank Morning Knockout Teams

I 3/4 Michael Yuen, Eugene Chan

II 1 Alex Hong, Shi Yan

3/4 Phyllis Gerber

A B C Fri.-Sat. Evening Swiss

4 Alex Hong, Shi Yan

A X Sunday A/X Swiss Teams

I Shi Yan, Alex Hong

B C D Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams

5 Harry Greenhut

A B C Sunday Senior Swiss

4/5 Phyllis Gerber

**MIDWINTER HOLIDAY REGIONAL
RENO NV, DECEMBER 26-31, 2004**

A B C Sunday Eve. Swiss Teams

4/5 Larry Chow

A B C Monday Open Pairs

I Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster

A X Tuesday A/X Swiss Teams

3 Shi Yan, Alex Hong

A B C Tuesday Aftn. Side Game

3 Cam Doner

Bracket Rank 0-2000 Knockout Teams

I 1 David Schmidt

A X Tuesday StratiFlighted Pairs

3 Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster

Bracket Rank Tue-Wed Knockout Teams

I 1 Shi Yan, Alex Hong

3/4 Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin

II 2 Michael Yuen

D E F Thursday Aftn. 199er Pairs

2 2 2 Rod Schroeder/Ken Gorfinkel

Bracket Rank Morning Knockout Teams

I 2 Michael Yuen

3/4 Shi Yan, Alex Hong

A B C Thursday Evening Swiss

3 Michael Yuen

Bracket Rank 2005 Knockout Teams

I 1 Shi Yan, Alex Hong

2 Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

A X Friday A/X Swiss Teams

3 Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin

4 David Schmidt

**MONTEREY CLAMBAKE REGIONAL
MONTEREY CA, JANUARY 3-9, 2005**

A B C Tuesday Open Pairs

I Cam Doner

D E F Wednesday Aftn. 299ers

6 Denise Cobb

**HAWAII REGIONAL
HONOLULU HI, JANUARY 10-16, 2005**

A B C Aloha Charity Pairs

I 1 Anita Morse/Judy Strebinger

2 Dot Carnegie/Marge Neate

A B C Tuesday Aftn. Side Game

3 Anne Scott/Jim Sache

Bracket Rank Quick Knockout Teams

I 3/4 Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

II 2 Sheila Sache, Peter Morse, Harry

Friedman, Sandra Robson

IV 3/4 Harvey & Jean Bridges, Ataollah

Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi

A B C Tuesday Evening Swiss

6/7 Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

2 2 Howard & Jane Shimokura

A B C Wednesday Aftn. Side Game

5/6 Gary Post/Doris Frizzell

D E F Wed. Aftn. 299er Pairs

4 3 Coleen Walker

A B C Tuesday Senior Pairs

3 1 Don & Shirley Warner

A B C Tuesday Evening Side Game

6 Gary Post/Doris Frizzell

A B C Thursday Swiss Teams

5 Cam Doner

A B C Senior Swiss Teams

5 Gloria Allan

A B C Thursday Morn. Side Game

3 Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi

Bracket Rank Thursday Compact Knockout

I 1 Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster

II 4 Sheila Sache, Jim Sache, Peter

Morse, Harry Friedman

IV 4 Harvey & Jean Bridges, Ataollah

Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi

A B C Thursday Evening Swiss

4/5 Cam Doner

A B C Friday Afternoon Side Game

2 Gary Post/Doris Frizzell

A B C Friday Open Pairs

3 Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster

A B C Friday Evening Side Game

5 Dot Carnegie

6 Anita Morse, Colleen Walker

A B C Saturday Morn. Side Game

3 1 Jim Sache, Terry Scott

3 Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi

Bracket Rank Morning Knockouts

I 2 Don Sache, Doug Hansford

III 2 Jane & Howard Shimokura

Bracket Rank Morn. Comp. KO Consolation

I 1 Cam Doner

A B C Saturday Open Pairs

5 Sheila Sache/Peter Morse

5 2 Ataollah Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi

5 Harvey Bridges

Bracket Rank Weekend Knockout Teams

I 2 Cam Doner

III 1 Howard & Jane Shimokura

3/4 Colleen Walker

A X Sunday A/X Swiss Teams

2/4 Cam Doner

5 Don & Sheila Sache, Peter Morse

Larry & June Pocock

9/10 Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster

5/6 Dianne Isfeld, Gary Post, Doris

Frizzell, Pat Carruthers; Terry &

Anne Scott, Angela Fenton,

Sandra Robson

**ANAHEIM REGIONAL
ANAHEIM CA, JAN. 31- FEB. 6, 2005**

Bracket Rank Kickoff Knockout Teams

II 3/4 Marke & Barbara Antonsen,

Vernon Foster

A B C Thursday Open Pairs

5 William Ge

A B C Friday Open Pairs

3 William Ge

A X Sunday A/X Swiss Teams

3 William Ge

**PRESIDENT'S DAY REGIONAL
SAN MATEO CA, FEBRUARY 15-21, 2005**

Bracket Rank Wed.-Thu. Knockout Teams

I 2 Shi Yan

II 1 Alex Hong

A B C Lincoln Swiss Teams

I Cam Doner

5/6 Alex Hong, Shi Yan

Bracket Rank Thu.-Fri. Knockout Teams

I 2 Cam Doner

Bracket Rank Weekend Knockout Teams

I 2 Shi Yan

A B C Sunday Morning Side Game

2 Cam Doner

A B C Sunday Evening Swiss

I Cam Doner

Bracket Rank Morning Compact KO Teams

I 3 Alex Hong, Shi Yan

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
LOS ANGELES CA, FEBRUARY 21-27, 2005

A	X	Sunday A/X Swiss Teams
7	2	William Ge

OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL
PORTLAND OR, FEBRUARY 15-21, 2005

Bracket	Rank	Quick Knockout Teams
I	1	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
	3/4	Larry Chow

A	B	C	Tuesday Open Pairs
1			Mike Wilson
4			Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully
7			Jennifer Ballantyne
	4	1	Eurydice Nours/Gail Heuchart

A	B	C	Tuesday Evening Side Game
6			Angela Fenton/Kathy Bye
7			Mike Wilson

A	B	C	Wednesday Senior Pairs
5			Tom & Geraldine Cross

Bracket	Rank	Primetime Knockouts
I	2	Cam Doner
	3/4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan
IV	3/4	Eurydice Nours, Gail Heuchart

A	B	C	Thursday Eve. Side Game
2			Les Fouks/Howard Rubin

A	B	C	Thursday Morn. Side Game
2			Joerg Schneider/Peter Morse

A	B	C	Thursday Swiss Teams
1			Mike Wilson
	5		Gerry Cross

A	B	C	Friday Morning Side Game
3			Joerg Schneider/Peter Morse

Rank	Morning Side Game Overall
4/5	Joerg Schneider/Peter Morse

A	B	C	Friday Senior Pairs
4			Joerg Schneider

A	B	C	Friday Open Pairs
3			Peter Morse

Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockouts
I	1	Mike Wilson, Cam Doner

A	B	C	Speedball Swiss Teams
1			Howard Rubin, Les Fouks
2			Alex Hong, Shi Yan

Bracket	Rank	Weekend Knockouts
II	2	Angela Fenton, Kathy Bye

A	B	C	Sunday Senior Swiss
4			Larry Chow

A	X	Sunday A/X Swiss
3		Gerry McCully
	4/5	Angela Fenton, Kathy Bye

CBF CALGARY REGIONAL
CALGARY AB, MARCH 21-27, 2005

D	E	F	Monday Eve. 199er Pairs
1	1	1	Ross Deegan

D	E	F	Tuesday Aftn. 199er Pairs
4	1		Ross Deegan

Bracket	Rank	Kickoff Knockout Teams
I	2	Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Ben Takemori, Dennis Groden

A	B	C	Wed. Morning Side Game
3	3	2	Ross Deegan

A	B	C	Wednesday Aftn. Side Game
2			Peter Morse/Les Baldys
4	2		Colleen Walker/Richard Smillie

A	B	C	Wednesday Swiss Teams
I			John & Trudy Hurdle, Dennis Groden, Ben Takemori

A	B	C	Friday Open Pairs
I			Mike & Ben Takemori
2			Trudy & John Hurdle

A	B	C	Fri.-Sat. Morning Swiss
2			Ben Takemori, Peter Morse, Dennis Groden

D	E	F	Saturday Eve. 199er Pairs
2			Colleen Walker/Jadwiga Polujan

Bracket	Rank	Prime Time Knockout Teams
III	3/4	Colleen Walker, Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay, Jadwiga Polujan

A	X	Saturday A/X Open Pairs
I		Dennis Groden

B	C	Sunday B/C Swiss Teams
4/5		Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay

MID-ATLANTIC BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
GATLINBURG TN, APRIL 11-17, 2005

A	B	C	Tuesday Evening Swiss
9/11			Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster

Bracket	Rank	Tue.-Wed. Knockout Teams
V	3/4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan

Bracket	Rank	Dinner Bell Knockout Teams
I	3	Alex Hong, Shi Yan

B	C	D	Friday B/C/D Pairs
3	2		Stephen Pickett

Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockouts
I	3/4	Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster
III	4/6	Shi Yan, Alex Hong

A	B	C	Saturday Evening B-A-M
4			Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

Bracket	Rank	Fri.-Sat. Knockout Teams
V	3/4	Alex Hong, Shi Yan

Bracket	Rank	Groundhog Day Knockouts
VI	1	Stephen Pickett

A	X	Sunday A/X Swiss Teams
4		Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Shi Yan, Alex Hong

ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL
MEDFORD OR, APRIL 11-17, 2005

Bracket	Rank	Quick Knockout Teams
I	3/4	Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

A	B	C	Tuesday Open Pairs
	5		Dan Webster

A	B	C	Wednesday Swiss Teams
6			Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockouts
I	1	Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully
II	1	Dan Webster

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
4			Dan Webster

A	X	Sunday A/X Swiss
2		Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

VICTORIA REGIONAL
VICTORIA BC, MAY 2-8, 2005

A	B	C	Monday Charity Pairs
6	1		Tery Scott
		5	Ata Amir/Zahra Jafroudi

A	B	C	Tuesday Morning Side Game
3	1		Marla Gropper/Jeanette Greenhut
5	3		Judi Wilson/Julianne Wooden
		4	Jeanette Bourbonnais/Freda Cryer

A	B	C	Tuesday Aftn. Side Game
	3/4	3	Eurydice Nours
	3/4		Lesley Laudan
		6	Felicity Fane/Mary June Young

D	E	F	Tuesday Aftn. 199er Pairs
2			Vernon Forster/Denry Gibson
	3	2	Merle Rootman/James Murray

Bracket	Rank	Welcome Knockout Teams
I	2	Mike Wilson
II	1	Don Sache
	3/4	Les Baldys

III	1	Bachan Buttar
	3/4	Denise Goodkey
IV	5/8	Myra Johnston, Gail Heuchart, Yvonne Drane, Marlene Powell
V	2	Harvey & Jean Bridges, Dorothy & Don Macleod
VI	3/4	Pauline Kay, Jill Wilson, Rosemary Cunningham, Eileen Sayers

A	B	C	Tuesday Swiss Teams
4/5			Terry & Anne Scott, Kathy Bye, Lesley Laudan; Larry Chow
	2/3		Denise Goodkey; Bill Angus
	5	2	Catherine & Bennie Vaughan
	6/7	3	Jill Wilson, Pauline Kay, Rosemary Cunningham, Eileen Sayers
	6/7		Rosalee Hardin, Charlotte Alekson, Eurydice Nours

D	E	F	Tuesday Eve. 199er Pairs
	3		Donald & Dianne McDonald

A	B	C	Tuesday Open Pairs
1			Mike Dorn Wiss
	3		Ann Ecclestone/Sima Sadri
		4	Jadwiga Polujan/Gina Diamond

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Winners

Don't You People Ever Lose?

A	B	C	Tuesday Senior Pairs
2	1		Cornel Sawchuk/Don Sharp
4			Mary Fines/Helen Montgomery
6			Mike Moffatt/Dot Carnegie
7			Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
A	B	C	Wed. Morning Side Game
3	2		Lesley Laudan
4	3		Judi Wilson/Julianne Wooden
5	4		John Demeulemeester
6	5		Shirley Fitterman/Marla Gropper
	2		Jeannette Bourbonnais/Freda Cryer
	3		David Harvey/David Dilkes
A	B	C	Wed. Afternoon 199er Pairs
3			Elsie MacKinnon/Ivy Pye
	6		Merle Rootman/Jim Murray
A	B	C	Wednesday Aftn. Side Game
2	2	2	Norma Doucette/Chloe Clark
5	5		Alice & Gary Thomas
A	B	C	Wednesday Evening Swiss
1			Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster
2			Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
	4		Terry Scott
	6		Jacqueline Phillips, Sharon Chercover
	3		Pattie Lamb
	4/5		Pauline Kay, Jill Wilson, Rosemary Cunningham, Eileen Sayers
A	B	C	Wednesday Open Pairs
2	1		Brad Bart/Gray McMullin
7			Michael Yuen/Les Fouks
	6		Gina & Chris Diamond
A	B	C	Wednesday Senior Pairs
1			Olive Macdonald/Ann Ecclestone
	6		Bob Kiggins/Don Keith
A	B	C	Wednesday Eve. Side Game
2	1	1	Donald & Shirley Warner
6	4	2	Frances Gunn
A	B	C	Thursday Morn. Side Game
2	1		Lesley Laudan
5	3		Denise Goodkey
	4		Chloe Clark/Norma Doucette
A	B	C	Thursday Aftn. Side Game
6	4		Susan Mitchell/Judy Christensen
A	B	C	Thursday Eve. Side Game
5			Joy Berry/Gordon Burns
6	1		Ata Amiri/Zahra Jafroudi
	3		Angela Image/Solveig Karligen

A	B	C	Thursday Swiss Teams
1			Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Cam Doner
2			Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully
4/5			Mike Wilson
6			Mike & Vicki Moffatt, Gordon Estrada, Kathy Bye
	3		Don Keith, Rangie Sylvestrie, Greg Lam
	5		Gray McMullin, Chris Diamond

A	B	C	Thursday Senior Swiss
2			Delphine Tablotney, Phyllis Gerber, Helen Montgomery
3			Tom Cross, Jean Groome
	5	2	Dorothy & Don Macleod, Don & Shirley Warner

D	E	Thursday Eve. 199er Swiss
1/2	1/2	Marta Zahorecz, Burke Lundy

A	B	C	Thursday Evening Swiss
4	3		Diane McNames, Norma McNamara, Marlene Barber
	5/6		Eurydice Nours
	4/5	1/2	Bill Angus; Dominique Baker, Sachi Yamikami, Elsie Mackinnon, Ivy Pye

Bracket	Rank	Wed.-Thu. Knockout Teams
II	1	Richard & Marcia Christie, Trudy & John Hurdle
	2	Liz Stoneman, John Lien
III	1	Richard Smillie, Les Baldys, Sima Sadri, Jadwiga Polujan
	3/4	Marla Gropper, Shirley Fitterman, Jeannette Greenhut, Rosalee Hardin
IV	1	Myra Johnston, Marlene Powell, Doreen & Colin Ransom
	4/6	Marlene Barber, Norma McNamara, Diane McNames; Bill Angus, Charlotte Alekson
V	1	Rowena Huberman, Gladys Adilman, Gail Heuchart, Anne Smith
VI	2	Judith Wilson, Freda Cryer, Jeannette Bourbonnais, Julianne Wooden
	3/4	Ataollah Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi, Elizabeth & Len Brisebois

Bracket	Rank	Thu.-Fri. Knockout Teams
I	2	Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Dennis Groden, Don Brazeau
	3/4	Mike Dorn Wiss

A	B	C	Friday Morning Side Game
3	2		John Demeulemeester
6	5		Denny Gibson
	4/5		Marta Zahorecz/Burke Lundy

D	E	F	Friday Aftn. 199er Pairs
	5/6		Marta Zahorecz/Burke Lundy

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Side Game
3	2		Lesley Laudan
	4		Catherine McKinnon/Chris Diamond

A	B	C	Friday Evening Swiss
2/3			Bill Angus, Gray McMullin, Monica Angus
5/6			Gerry McCully
	2		Marlene Barber, Norma McNamara, Diane McNames
	1		Marke Antonsen, Denny Gibson, Felicity Fane, Veron Forster
2/3			Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Susan Mitchell, Judy Christensen

A	B	C	Friday Open Pairs
1	1		Brad Bart/David Breton
2			Bjame Christoffersen/Martin Johnson
3			Cam Doner
6			Rhonda Foster
7			Garry Skoropada/Dan Webster
	3		Steve Beaton/Charlotte Alekson
	4		Bill Osten
	6		Marion Crowhurst/Anita Morse
	2		John Reid

A	B	C	Friday Evening Side Game
1	1	1	Jane & Howard Shimokura
2/3/2/3			Lesley Laudan
	6		Frances Gunn

A	B	C	Friday Senior Pairs
1			Joerg Schneider/Dot Carnegie
3	1		Don Keith/Hobert Liang
	4		Stan Bodlak
	1		Patricia Chen/Chieko Oka

D	E	F	Friday Eve. 199er Pairs
	3		Marta Zahorecz/Burke Lundy

A	B	C	Saturday Morn. Side Game
1	1		Lesley Laudan/Bill Olsen
	4		Denise Goodkey

Bracket	Rank	Morning Knockout Teams
II	1	Les Baldys
	2	Gray McMullin, Bruce McIntyre
III	2	Howard & Jane Shimokura, Bill & Alice Butler

A	B	C	Fri.-Sat. Morning Swiss
1			Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Dennis Groden, Peter Morse
	2		Diane Ayukawa, Bernice & Al French
	3/4/1/2/1/2		Harvey & Jean Bridges, Ata Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi; Bill Angus, Jackie Phillips, Sharon Chercover

Rank	Morning Side Game Overalls
3.	Lesley Laudan

A	B	C	Saturday Aftn. 199er Pairs
6/7	3/4		Pauline Elliott/Pearl Challenger
	5		Valerie Kennedy/Marion Tuttle
	6	2	Donald & Dianne McDonald

A	B	C	Saturday Evening Side Game
2			Mike & Vicki Moffatt
4	1		Jeremy & Marion Crowhurst
	3	2	Angela Image/Solveig Karligen

A	X	Saturday A/X Open Pairs
2	1	<i>Martin Johnson/Bjarne Christoffersen</i>
4	2	Duane Tilden/Gus Axen
8		June Pocock/Les Fouks

B	C	D	Saturday Stratiflighted Pairs
	1		<i>Jim Munns/John Reid</i>

A	B	C	Saturday Senior Pairs
1			<i>Monica Angus/Elaine Ware</i>
2			Jean Groome
2			Stan Bodlak
3			Lesley Laudan
6	3		Bennie & Catherine Vaughan

A	B	C	Saturday Evening Swiss
3/4			Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin, Cam Doner
5/6			Cornell Sawchuk, Don Sharp; Trudy & John Hurdle, Jim & Audrey Norman
2			Alice & Gary Thomas, Doreen & Colin Ransom
3/4			Ronald Dixon
2			Howard & Jane Shimokura, Bill & Alice Butler

Bracket	Rank	TGIF Knockout Teams
II	3/4	Don Sharp, Cornel Sawchuk
III	1	<i>Cathy Miller, Sima Sadri, Jadwiga Polujan, Olga Guitemakher</i>
	3/4	Alice & Gary Thomas, Doreen & Colin Ransom
IV	2	Yvonne Drane, Gail Heuchart, Myra Johnson, Marlene Powell
	3/4	Jean & Harvey Bridges, Ataollah Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi
V	1	<i>Dominique Baker, Sachi Yamakami, Elsie Mackinnon, Ivy Pye</i>
	3/4	Solveig Karlgren, Angela Image

Bracket	Rank	Sat. Compact KO Teams
I	3	Mike Wilson
II	1	<i>Greg Lam</i>
	2	Edward Hui, Ken Ramsay, Don Keith
III	4	Felicity Fane, Sidney Robinson, Mary June Young, Bev Hall

Bracket	Rank	Sat. Compact Consolation
II	1	<i>Gordon Estrada, Peggy Ross, Priscilla Brown, Karin Dunlop</i>
	2	Doug Cowan, Charlotte Aleksee
	3	Bill Angus, Gray McMullin
III	1	<i>Pattie Lamb</i>
IV	1	<i>Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Judy Christensen, Susan Mitchell</i>
	3	Dorothy & Don Macleod, Don & Shirley Warner

D	E	F	Saturday Eve, 199er Pairs
2	2		Pauline Elliot/Paul Challenger
4	2		Marta Zahorecz/Burke Lundy

A	X	Sunday A/X Open Swiss
3		Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
4		Mike Takemori, Larry Pocock, Brad Bart

A	X	Sunday A/X Open Swiss (cont.)
5		Don Brazeau, Mike Dimich
8/9		Marcia Christie, Rhonda Foster; Michael Yuen
3		Gus Axen, Duane Tilden, Martin Johnson, Bjarne Christoffersen

B	C	D	Sunday B/C/D Swiss
2	1		<i>Yvonne Drane, Gail Heuchart, Myra Johnson, Marlene Powell</i>
3	2		Angela Image, Solveig Karlgren
4/5/3/4			Cathy Miller, Sima Sadri, Jadwiga Polujan, Olga Guitemakher
4/5/3/4	1		<i>Denny Gibson</i>
6	5		Richard Dunn, Bruce McIntyre
6/7	2		Bruce Partridge, Harry Kublik, Susan Mitchell, Judy Christensen

A	B	C	Sunday Senior Swiss
1			<i>Tom Cross</i>
4	2	1	<i>Dorothy & Don Macleod, Ataollah Amiri, Zahra Jafroudi</i>
3			Don Keith, Adi Wadia

SECTIONAL WINNERS

INDIAN SUMMER POW WOW OLYMPIA WA, SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2004

A	B	C	Red Wind Open Pairs
3			Andrew Ross

VICTORIA SECTIONAL VICTORIA BC, SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2004

A	B	C	Friday Evening Open Pairs
1			<i>Gerry McCully/Rhonda Foster</i>

D	E	F	Saturday Aft. 99er Pairs
1			<i>Pat Galand/Rick Meade</i>

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
5			Aidan Ballantyne
6			Michael Yuen

A	X	Sunday Flight A/X Swiss
1		<i>Michael Yuen</i>
2		Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

TERMINATION DUST SECTIONAL ANCHORAGE AK, SEPT. 29-OCT. 3, 2004

A	B	C	Wed.-Thu. Open Pairs
3	1		<i>Jadwiga Polujan</i>

A	B	C	Friday Open Pairs
1	1		<i>Jadwiga Polujan</i>

KELOWNA THANKSGIVING SECTIONAL KELOWNA BC, OCTOBER 8-11, 2004

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
6			Dianne Isfeld/Martin Henneberger

A	B	C	Friday Evening Open Pairs
4			Aban & Bob Gerrie
3/4			Sidney Robinson/Bev Hall

A	B	C	Friday Evening Senior Pairs
4			Barbara van Blankenstein/Alex Jack

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
1			<i>Aban & Bob Gerrie</i>
3			Andrew Zorawski/Stephen Pickett

A	B	C	Sunday Swiss Teams
1			<i>Bob & Aban Gerrie</i>
5/7			Eugene Chan
1			<i>Jim Munns</i>

A	B	C	Monday Stratified Pairs
5/7			Sidney Robinson/Bev Hall
5/7	4/5		Marke & Barbara Antonsen

FALL SECTIONAL EDMONTON AB, OCTOBER 15-17, 2004

B	C	D	Fri. Aftn. Stratiflighted Pairs
6			Bev Hall

COMOX VALLEY SECTIONAL COURTENAY BC, OCTOBER 29-31, 2004

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
3			Mike & Vicki Moffatt

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
4			Michael Yuen
6			Mike & Vicki Moffatt

A	B	C	Sunday Open Swiss Teams
3			Michael Yuen

SEATTLE AUTUMN SECTIONAL KENMORE WA, OCTOBER 29-31, 2004

A	B	C	Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
5			Stephen Pickett

A	B	C	Friday Evening Open Pairs
6			Stephen Pickett

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
2			Stephen Pickett

A	B	C	Sunday Open Swiss Teams
3			Stephen Pickett

BANFF CLASSIC SECTIONAL BANFF AB, NOVEMBER 5-7, 2004

A	B	C	Saturday Open Pairs
5			Michael Yuen

2004 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS DISTRICT 19 FINAL (ALL FLIGHTS) TACOMA WA, 4 DECEMBER

			North American Pairs
A	B	C	District Final (local winners)
2			Dan Jacob/Bryan Maksymetz
3			Anne Scott/Sandra Robson
5			Andrew Lee/Jack Lee

(Pairs finishing in the top three in their flight were invited to the National Final at the Spring NABC in Pittsburgh, March 10-20. For finishing second in their flight, *Dan Jacob* and *Bryan Maksymetz* won round-trip airfare to the Pittsburgh NABC, where they *finished second in the National Final!*)

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NEW YEAR SECTIONAL
CALGARY AB, JANUARY 7-9, 2005

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
6 Theo Deeder

PORT TOWNSEND SECTIONAL
PORT TOWNSEND WA, JAN. 14-16, 2005

A B C Saturday Aftn. Open Pairs
6/7 Rudy Notzl

A B C Saturday Eve. Open Pairs
1 Jennifer Ballantyne

POWELL RIVER SECTIONAL
POWELL RIVER BC, JANUARY 21-23, 2005

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs
5 Andrew Hopkinson/Doris Housley

A B C Saturday Stratified Pairs
1 1 1 Mike & Fay McCarthy

A B C Sunday Swiss Teams
2 1 Mike & Fay McCarthy

PEACE ARCH SECTIONAL
BELLINGHAM WA, FEBRUARY 11-13, 2005

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
2 Trudy & John Hurdle

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs
2 Trudy & John Hurdle
6 John Lien/Liz Stoneman
6/7 2/3 Edward Hui/Ken Ramsay

A B C Saturday Open Pairs
4 Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully
6 John Lien
7 Andrey Artamanov/Julia Barsel
2 1 Eric Pan/Tao Feng
5 Diane McNamers/Breda Prestige
6 Barry Kirkham/Howard Rubin
4 Jadwiga Polujan/Ken Ramsay

A X Sunday A/X Open Swiss
4 Andrey Artamanov, Julia Barsel, Trudy & John Hurdle
5 1 Howard Rubin, Steve Beaton, Sid Segal, Barry Kirkham
6/7 Les Fouks, June & Larry Pocock, Ben Takemori
3 Sandra Robson, Angela Fenton

B C D Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams
1 Vicki Moffatt, Priscilla Brown, Jeannette Greenhut, Marylou Varga
2 Don Keith, Christa Mead, John Demeulemeester, Andrew Lee
3 Marlene Barber, Isabel Chernoff, Norman McNamara, Joan Brooks
4 Eleanor Webb
4/6 Jacqueline Phillips, Linda Wormworth, Bruno & Margaret Moras; Howard & Jane Shimokura, Ted & Jessie Vesak

WARM VALLEY SECTIONAL
DUNCAN BC, MARCH 4-6, 2005

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
3 Mike & Vicki Moffatt

VICTORIA SPRING SECTIONAL
VICTORIA BC, APRIL 8-10, 2005

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
5 3 Ron Jerome/Wayne Goodman
4 Brian Hammerschmidt/Eddie Thorleifson

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs
6 Darrin Steele
2 Brian Hammerschmidt/Eddie Thorleifson

A B C Saturday Open Pairs
4 Michael Yuen
7 Aidan Ballantyne/Katrin Litwin
4 Brian Hammerschmidt/Eddie Thorleifson

A X Sunday A/X Open Swiss
2 Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
3 Michael Yuen
6 Mike Wilson, Don Sache, Cam Doner
2 Darrin Steele

SUNSHINE SECTIONAL
YAKIMA WA, APRIL 8-10, 2005

A B C Friday Evening Open Pairs
2 Dee Steil

A B C Saturday Aftn. Open Pairs
3 Dee Steil

39TH ANNUAL EVERETT FUN SECTIONAL
EVERETT WA, APRIL 15-17, 2005

A B C Friday Afternoon Open Pairs
3 Rudy Notzl

A B C Saturday Open Pairs
4 Lauren Miller/Linda Sims

PARKVILLE/QUALICUM SECTIONAL
QUALICUM BEACH BC, APRIL 29-MAY 1

A B C Saturday Open Pairs
2 Cam Doner
6 Angela Image/Solveig Karlgren

A B C Sunday Open Swiss Teams
1 Cam Doner

How To Get Listed

on Matchpointer Winners Lists

The *Matchpointer* winners list is probably something that new editor **Ben Takemori** will want to wield his editorial scythe at. However, it's perfect for the *Matchpointer Online*, where space is cheap! Starting in the fall, winners lists will be continuing on the web site at www.matchpointer.com, with probably only the actual winners of events appearing in the print version. (Give it time, there's nothing there yet. Check back in the fall.)

These days, Unit 430's out of town winners are easy to extract from the excellent ACBL Web Site, but I currently only check Regionals and Sectionals within District 19 (B.C., Alaska and Washington), with a few exceptions (Portland, Hawaii,

Gatlinburg, Alberta, CBF Bridge Week). If you finish in the overalls at an event other than these, let me know so I can include you. Any event, from the Newcomer Pairs to the After Life Master Psychic Bidding Contest, is fair game.

For NABCs, where there are dozens of listings, I will continue the practice of listing the top master-point winners among local players, noting high places in the most important events.

Another common problem is that people sign up for the ACBL using their formal name and later find that nobody knows who they are! If you are known to everyone as **Fred** but you keep getting listed as **Feriadnu** (not that there's anything wrong with that), let me know and I'll keep an eye out. Asking Memphis to use your common name takes some time to work, since the change has to be made on each Director's database.

an unexpected dummy:

♠ T ♥ K54 ♦ AQJ4 ♣ JT652

"When I looked at dummy and realized what had happened, I could hardly believe it myself. It was like I was watching CNN Headline News: 'Earlier today, **Ev Hodge** psyched! You heard it first on CNN.'"

A March issue article I wrote about the search for more Unit Board members contained sidebars concerning what to do in case there was a tie in a Unit Election:

McBruce's Top Ten Tiebreaker Methods for Unit elections: First nominated wins; largest bribe to new *Matchpointer* editor; Unit Board votes by dartboard; returning officer decides by discarding ballots at random; applause meter at Sunday afternoon pre-game announcement; penalty kick shootout; penalty card shootout; investigation of illegal soft-money campaigning; best of three falls; what the hell—boot the top guy on the list.

Junior Crow's Top Eight Tiebreaker Methods for Unit elections: Bake off; largest bribe to former *Matchpointer* editor; arm wrestle; runoff election at midnight on last day of sectional; Pepsi challenge; pistols at dawn; 2,500 word essay, to be judged by other members of Unit Board (that should create *at least* one new opening); what the hell—appoint them both. (It wouldn't be the first time we ignored the By-Laws.)

10 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

October, December 1994, March 1995

Bruce McIntyre, editor

The October issue feature was the IMP League prognostication, where the Flight A handicapper chose to make the teams into movies and comment accordingly. The front runner for the Oscar was *Aidan's List* (directed by **Nathan Divinsky**); others included *The Six Sammurai* ("the latest in a string of successful martial arts action flicks from the prolific Takemori Brothers"), *December Bride Meets The Ancient Mariner* ("another comedy from loquacious **Leo Steil**"), *(Almost) Ordinary People* ("starring **Larry Pockock**"), and *The Tuna Meets Three's Company* ("a domestic farce where the Tuna, a kindly generous Chinese-Canadian who lives alone in a big house, offers his rooms free of rent to three middle aged women who are down on their luck.") You can see why the handicapper demanded anonymity.

The overall aim of the first few McPointers in 1994 were to establish the format that still exists today: club ads in the middle, articles before, information pieces after. Not too many articles—yet.

The December issue included the front page head-

line that Vancouver would host the Spring NABC in four and a half years. Details would emerge over the next few issues.

Thony Steinnon submitted a convention card left behind at one of his games, with a note that the writer and partner had agreed to let me print it:

Bd.	Result	+ Score	— Remarks
1	2NT	120	N/C
2	2♠	110	N/C
3	5♥*	850	Allan bid well
4	2NT-1	100	Allan defended well
5	2NT-1	50	Marsha erred
6	4♥-1	100	Marsha misplayed
7	3♠	140	Allan responded well
8	4♥	420	Allan opened great
9	3NT	400	Marsha dozed
10	4♥+1	650	Marsha did not sac.
11	2♠*+1	570	Allan did well
12	4♠+1	450	Allan was excellent
13	6NT-1	100	Marsha goofed
14	3♦-1	50	Marsha misdefended
15	6♦*-3	500	Marsha misbid
16	3♠*-2	300	Marsha misdirected
17	2NT*-3	500	Nice double by Allan
18	3NT-1	100	Nice defense by Allan
19	2♠+1	110	Nice bid by Allan
20	4♥+1	650	Nice bid by Allan
21	3♥-1	50	Bad bid by Marsha
22	3NT+2	660	Nice play by Allan
23	3♠+1	170	Bad response by Marsha
24	2♥	110	Bad bidding by Marsha
25	3♣	110	Marsha underbid
26	3♠+1	130	Marsha misdefended
27	2♥+1	140	Marsha underbid
28	3♦+2	150	Marsha underbid again

A new idea for a bidding quiz in the March 1995 issue: nine questions taken from four deals, with subsequent questions from the same deal disguised by "fuddling with the spots and side suits to make them look like different hands."

A fond memory of **Jim Fisher**, who passed away in December of 1994: "As my partner in a half-hearted just-for laughs rubber game at 3AM [at a Haida Club TGIF post-game party], he bid 1NT on a 37-count we had 'dealt' him while he was away somewhere. I raised to 2NT and Jim passed! Five over-tricks later, he proceeded to deal himself a near-Yarbourough, opened 1NT and got to play there opposite my eight count, and managed the impossible to make seven tricks and score up the game!"

Monthly Unit Games

Bart wins '04, Powell leads '05

Monthly Unit Games (MUGs) are played the first Saturday evening of each month at 7:30pm. (Exception: the July game will be held on the ninth, not the second, to avoid the holiday weekend.) They are open to all players and the entry fee is \$9.00, with a \$2.00 discount to anyone who played the previous game. Most games are matchpoint pairs, there are team games scheduled for June 4 and October 1.

Our Monthly Unit Game Director is **Richard Dunn** (604/940-9809). He will try to accommodate people arriving without partners or teammates as long as they arrive by 7:15. The Vancouver Bridge Centre (604/255-2564) will also take the names of people looking for teammates or partners during the week preceding the games. Strat limits for the Monthly Unit Games are 2000 for Flight B and 500/non-LM for Flight C.

The masterpoint leaders in each flight win prizes of free plays to next year's games. **Brad Bart** topped all players in 2004 and has won free plays to all the MUGs of 2005. Six free plays go to the winner in Flight B (**Gilbert Lambert** was actually second behind Brad, but ingenious gremlins at Unit HQ have forseen this situation and decreed that nobody can win two prizes in a year), and six free plays go to the winner in Flight C (**David Hooley**). The strat you begin a calendar year in is the one you are eligible for that year.

Marlene Powell has taken the early lead in all three flights with a first, second, fourth and fifth in the first five games of 2005. She'll be looking to fill in that straight or do even better. There are still a lot of potential masterpoints not being given out because there are not enough pairs of under 500 non-Life Masters at the games. A minimum of five such pairs means we can award overall masterpoint awards to the top two Flight C pairs, even if they don't break average!

A	B	C	Sept. 4, 2004 MUG (11 tables)	A	B	C	Nov. 6, 2004 MUG (cont.)	A	B	C	Final '04 Standings (cont.)	MP
1			Mike Takemori/Larry Pocock	2			Armando Andreoli/Kristina Bohdanowicz	14	8	2	Armando Andreoli	8.10
2			Doug Cowan/Stephen Beaton	3	1		Phillippe Westreich/David Breton	15	9		Diane Ayukawa	7.76
3	1		Mike & Vicki Moffatt	4	2	1	Heather & James Garrison	16			Doug Cowan	7.48
4	2	1	Marlene Powell/Myra Johnston	5	3	2		17	10	3	Robert Luo	7.38
5	3	2	Grant Gayman/David Hooley	6	4			18	11		John Mullen	6.67
6	4		Michael Neagu/Brad Bart					19	12		Martin Henneberger	6.57
		3	Armando Andreoli/Jadwiga Polujan					20	13		Kathy Bye	6.47
A	B	C	Oct. 2, 2004 MUG (19 teams)	A	B	C	December 4, 2004 Unit Christmas Party MUG (20 tables)	A	B	C	Final 2004 MUG Standings	MP
1	1		Andrey Artamonov, Julia Barsel, Bill Angus, Monica Angus	1			Kathy Adachi/Ev Hodge	14	4		Myra Johnston	6.16
2			Brad Bart, Michael Yuen, Ben & Mike Takemori	2			June & Larry Pocock	15	5		Grant Gayman	5.99
3	2		Pauline McClafferty, Ken Lochang, Gina Diamond, Duane Tilden	3			Doreen & Gord McOrmond	16	6		Gus Axen	5.90
4			Doug Cowan, Stephen Beaton, Bernice & Al French	4			Peter Cooper/Julie Smith	17	7		Marlene Powell	5.83
5/6			Mike Dimich, Chris Diamond, Dave House, Mike Dorn Wiss	5			Armando Andreoli/Dave House	17			Flora Tereposky	5.83
5/6	3		Bruce McIntyre, Kai Zhou, David Breton, Ron Dixon	6			Mike Wilson/Allan Karro	19	8		Gina Diamond	5.47
4			Sandra Robson, John Demeulemeester, Gus Axen, Diane Ayukawa	1			Janis & Nick Parker	20			Vicki Moffatt	5.39
				2			Dan Watson/Gladys Mackie	20			Mike Moffatt	5.39
				3	1		Myra Johnston/Marlene Powell	9			David Breton	4.60
				4			Brenda Cameron/Madeleine Becker	10			Bill Angus	4.54
				5			David Hooley/Grant Gayman	11			Yelena Ransom	4.06
				6			Diane Ayukawa/Tove Chen	12			Cathy Miller	3.64
				2			Irene Ouimet/Michele Konschuh	13			Phillippe Westreich	3.12
				3			Howard & Jane Shimokura	14			Samuel Krikler	2.59
				4			Kun Shao/Peter Tsang	15			Doreen McOrmond	2.39
								16			Cliff Gillis	2.15
								16			Kyte Gillis	2.15
								18			Stuart Carr	2.03
								19			Michele Konschuh	1.88
								20			Harry Greenhut	1.85
A	B	C	Nov. 6, 2004 MUG (16 tables)	1 <th>1</th> <th></th> <th>Brad Bart</th> <th>17.28</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>	1		Brad Bart	17.28				
1			Dianne Isfeld/Martin Henneberger	2	2		Gilbert Lambert	15.19				
2			Flora Tereposky/Ev Hodge	3			Larry Pocock	11.60				
3	1		Ken Lochang/Robert Luo	4			June Pocock	10.61				
4	2		Pauline McClafferty/John Mullen	5			Ev Hodge	10.52				
5	3		Julien Lévesque/Harry Greenhut	6	3		Ben Takemori	9.99				
6/7			Larry Chow/Allan Ferguson	7			Dianne Isfeld	9.77				
6/7			Doug Cowan/Stephen Beaton	8			Michael Yuen	9.10				
	4	1	David Hooley/Grant Gayman	9	4	1	David Hooley	8.76				
	5/6		Jeanette Greenhut/Samantha Nystrom	10			Peter Morse	8.54				
			Vicki & Mike Moffatt	11	5		Dennis Groden	8.53				
				12	6		John Demeulemeester	8.42				
				13	7		Stephen Beaton	8.28				
A	B	C	January 6 MUG (7 tables)									
1			Gina Diamond/Gilbert Lambert									
2	1		Vicki & Mike Moffatt									
3	2		David Hooley/Grant Gayman									
4	3		Yvonne Drane/Marlene Powell									
5	4		Bertram Schoner/Howard Rubin									
	5		Faye & Gary Gilraine									

A	B	February 5 MUG (17 teams)
1		Larry Pocock, Ben Takemori, Julien Lévesque, Mark Eddy
2	1	Samantha Nystrom, Cathy Miller, Myra Johnston, Marlene Powell
3	2	Adam Melzak, Armando Andreoli, David Breton, Kai Zhou
4	3	Brad Bart, Judy Harris, Bob & Aban Gerrie
5	4	Don Keith, Sima Sadri, Andrew Lee, Christa Mead

A	B	March 5 MUG (13½ tables)
1	1	Marlene Powell/Myra Johnston
2		Dianne Isfeld/Martin Henneberger
3	2	Diane Ayukawa/Tove Chen
4	3	Samantha Nystrom/Brian Russell
5		Ev Hodge/Flora Tereposky
6		Judy Murphy/Pearl Minkoff
	4	Aase Haines/Anita Morse
	5	Janis & Nick Parker

A	B	C	April 9 MUG (13½ tables)
1	1		Edward Hui/Ken Ramsay
2			Bernice & Al French
3	2	1	Grant Gayman/David Hooley
4	3		John Demeulemeester/Ronald Dixon
5	4		Marlene Powell/Myra Johnston
6			Christa Mead/Kathy Bye
	5		Patti Adams/Ken Lochang

A	B	"May" (April 30) MUG (9 tables)
1	1	Brad Bart/Nick Stock
2		Samantha Nystrom/Dennis Grodin
3		Pearl Minkoff/Anne Nagy
4	2	David Hooley/Grant Gayman
5	3	Ron Dixon/John Demeulemeester
	4/5	Colleen Walker/Zoran Peca
	4/5	Yung-Chang Chen/Hsiang Li

A	B	C	2005 MUG Standings	MP	
1	1	1	Marlene Powell	8.49	
2	2		Myra Johnston	7.35	
3	3		Samantha Nystrom	6.32	
4	4	2	Grant Gayman	5.15	
4	4	2	David Hooley	5.15	
6	6		Brad Bart	4.82	
7			Ben Takemori	4.58	
8	7		David Breton	4.15	
9	8		Mark Eddy	3.83	
9	8		Julien Lévesque	3.83	
			Larry Pocock	3.83	
12	10		Gina Diamond	3.40	
12	10	4	Edward Hui	3.40	
12	10	4	Ken Ramsay	3.40	
			Gilbert Lambert	3.36	
	16	13	6	Kai Zhou	3.17
	17			Pearl Minkoff	2.92
	18	14		John Demeulemeester	2.88
	18	14		Ron Dixon	2.88
	20	15		Cathy Miller	2.87

A	B	C	2005 MUG Standings (cont.)	MP
16			Bernice French	2.74
17			Nicholas Stock	2.69
18			Martin Henneberger	2.55
19			Diane Ayukawa	2.48
20			Mike Moffatt	2.41
20			Vicki Moffatt	2.41
	7		Armando Andreoli	2.15
	7		Adam Melzak	2.15
	9		Yvonne Drane	1.14
	10		Bertram Schoner	0.90
	11		Andrew Nalos	0.89
	12		Judy Christensen	0.84
	12		Susan Mitchell	0.84
	14		Yung-chang Chen	0.71
	14		Hsiang Li	0.71
	14		Zoran Peca	0.71
	14		Colleen Walker	0.71
	18		Bruce Partridge	0.68
	19		Faye Gilrairie	0.64

Results, Standings and Hand Records for
Monthly Unit Games are online at:
<http://www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn>

Future Monthly Unit Games:

June 4 (teams)	July 9
August 6	September 3
October 1 (teams)	November 5

Unit Board 2004-05

About to Change for 2005-06

The Annual General Meeting of Unit 430 was yesterday as I write this, and we will be looking for volunteers. Here are the members for 2004-05 when the meeting began...

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Asterisks indicate members whose terms expire June 30, 2005.

The sixth member whose term expires on June 30 was **Brian Ransom**, who resigned from the Board due to work pressures earlier this year. Of the remaining five, **Jennifer Ballantyne** and **Beverley Hall** chose to stand for re-election, and **Cathy Miller** and **Kate McKinnon** were nominated at the Annual General Meeting. All four were elected by acclamation at the AGM, and there are still two more chairs for the Unit Board to fill. If you, or someone you know, wishes to spend a little time each month helping out local bridge, let us know! (I'll be working on signing up the new print editor, if only to liven up meetings!)

Of course, the first thing a new Unit Board does is to decide who will do the various jobs, so the jobs listed here will change somewhat after the July meeting.

This would be a good time to once again thank the outgoing members of the Board: **John Lien**, **Charlotte Alekson** and **Stephen Beaton**. Bravo, kudos, and thanks.

Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

With this large "catch-up" version of *Only Yesterday*, we have arrived where we began five years ago, when I began the look into past issues of the *Matchpointer*. It's probably time for a new feature to take over this space, and I imagine Ben Takemori will have some good ideas on that when he takes over as print editor this fall.

Those of you who enjoy reading the old *Matchpointers* may do so at the Central Branch of the Library Downtown, where the fifth floor keeps a collection dating back to 1975. Meanwhile, off we go back into history and simultaneously back into the magazine...

5 years ago in the *Matchpointer*
October 1999, January, March 2000
Jeremy Crowhurst, editor

The October issue featured an article by **McBruce** on the most infamous event in bridge history, the Bennett Murder of 1929. **Brian Cross** responded in the next issue that by today's standards at least, Myrtle Bennett might be found not guilty simply by showing that she was a battered wife. An anonymous reader expressed outrage with Jeremy's promotional blurb on the front cover, which compared it to the O.J. Simpson case. Jeremy, by now quite busy at his new job and looking for a way out, responded with a long explanation offering an apology, but followed up with a crack about Payne Stewart, which started the ball rolling all over again.

Laurence Betts took serious issue with CBF president **Doug Heron** in his October column. In 1999 the CBF and the ACBL had developed a serious rift and the CBF was alleging that the ACBL was not making an effort to ensure that Canadian members were paying their CBF dues, and not remitting the full amounts received to the CBF. The issue came to a head when Heron was unable to make it to the Board of Governors meeting at the Vancouver NABC to present the CBF case. Time passed, heads cooled and nothing much happened.

Laurence wrote in the January issue about the CNTC and the silliness of playing Club and (in those days) Unit Qualifying Games with six teams or so simply in order to raise money for the traveling subsidies. In the final Jeremy issue in March, he listed his own all-time top ten of Vancouver bridge (in no particular order): **Phil Wood, Adrian Hicks, Jim Donaldson, Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Mike Strebinger,**

Aidan Ballantyne, Peter Herold, Gord McOrmond, and Allan Graves.

Doug Cowan at the 1999 Nanaimo Regional had to duplicate the following two deals before the Saturday evening session:

Board 13 Dir: North Vul: Both	NORTH ♠ Q6 ♥ J876 ♦ Q852 ♣ J84	'99 Nanaimo Regional, Sat. Eve.
WEST ♠ JT95432 ♥ 32 ♦ K ♣ AQ9	SOUTH ♠ A7 ♥ Q6 ♦ J643 ♣ KT652	EAST ♠ K5 ♥ AKT95 ♦ AT97 ♣ 73
Board 14 Dir: East Vul: None	NORTH ♠ KQ6 ♥ 963 ♦ K83 ♣ J965	'99 Nanaimo Regional, Sat. Eve.
WEST ♠ JT98754 ♥ J8 ♦ A ♣ AQ7	SOUTH ♠ 3 ♥ Q4 ♦ QT7652 ♣ T842	EAST ♠ A2 ♥ AKT752 ♦ J94 ♣ K3

"Surely," wrote Doug after analyzing the two deals, "this is proof that the ACBL does not 'touch up' hands or delete flat hands from a set. If anyone really did screen the hands produced by its computer, they would never have allowed two hands this close in the same session."

Following the 2000 Vancouver regional, a thank-you article appeared in the March issue. The by-line listed **Waldiannebrucemar McJezisfeldntyre** as the author...

Unit President **Brad Bart** did something seldom seen in the March issue: he included a bridge deal in the President's Message area! Brad held this hand...

♠ A98652 ♥ QT87 ♦ 5 ♣ 98

...and heard this auction:

<i>Ev Hodge</i>	<i>B.B.'s Pard</i>	<i>Marge Neate</i>	<i>Brad Bart</i>
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♦	Double
1♠	Double*	2♣	Pass
3♦	4♥	5♦	End

Uncertain of the meaning of the second double, Brad alerted, "but slowly." Relieved to get out of the auction alive, Brad led a heart and **Ev Hodge** tabled

Tournaments & Dates

June 1 - August 31, 2005

JUNE 2005

28-4 CBF Bridge Week, Montréal PQ

1-31 NAP (North American Pairs) Club Games begin

3-4 WBF World-Wide Pairs

3-5 Spokane WA Sectional

4 June Monthly Unit Game (teams) at VBC, 7:30pm. Details, page 56.

6-12 Unit 430-sponsored STaC (details on back cover).

13-19 *Penticton BC Regional*

21-26 *Anchorage AK Regional*

JULY 2005

3 July Monthly Unit Game (pairs) at VBC, 7:30pm. Details, page 56.

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JULY 2005 (CONT.)

8-10 Anacortes WA Sectional

9-10 Spokane WA 0-200 Sectional

15-17 Castlegar BC Sectional (*new site*, was Rossland)

21-23 Sequim WA Sectional

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AUGUST 2005

4-7 Fairbanks AK Sectional

6 August Monthly Unit Game (pairs) at VBC, 7:30pm. Details, page 56.

19-21 Nanaimo BC Sectional

22-28 *Bow WA Regional (new site, Skagit Valley Casino Resort just north of Mt. Vernon)*

31 NAP (North American Pairs) end of Club Qualifying period

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

9th Annual Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC

(Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

Silver points at your local club!

June 6-12, 2005.

2005 Evergreen Sectional

September 9-11, 2005 at the Queensborough Community Centre

Unit 430 NAP Unit Finals

Flt. A: Oct. 8 Flt. B/C: Oct. 15
Both at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (start times TBA)

2005 Fall Future Stars Sectional

(0-300 masterpoints)

October 29 and 30, 2005 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

2005 Round-Up Sectional

(includes 2005 NAP District Final)
November 10-13, 2004, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

2005 Unit Christmas Party

December 10, 2005 (unconfirmed)

2006 Trophy Sectional

March 3-5, 2006 at the Engineers Hall in Burnaby

5th Annual Canadian Bridge Federation Canada-wide STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

More silver points at your local club!
February 20-26, 2006.

2006 Spring Future Stars Sectional

April 15 and 16, 2006 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

2006 Victoria Day Sectional

May 19-22, 2006 at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby

Unit 430 Annual General Meeting

May 22, 2006, after the first Saturday session (about 4:15 pm).

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MATCHPOINTER deadline schedule

New editor **Ben Takemori** will set up a deadline schedule to best suit his schedule beginning with the Fall 2005 issue.

NEXT ISSUE: Summer 2005
(McBruce's last stand)

Deadline:

Friday, July 8, 2005.

Dates Covered:

July 22—October 31, 2005.

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STaCs of silver points!

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