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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SPRING 2009

Your Unit 430 Board has given approval in principle to the introduction of a coordinated Mentoring Program in the months ahead, once all the details are worked out. The idea behind such a program is to enable those players who want to raise the level of their game to do so, using the assistance of more experienced players in our Unit. Successful mentoring programs have existed for a number of years in both Victoria and Seattle, and in other bridge centers. Ideally a successful mentoring program requires a significant number of willing volunteers and commitment on the part of both the mentor and the less experienced player (the 'mentee'), including the commitment to play on a regular basis – say, every three four weeks – and to deliver guidance in a constructive manner, and in a way that does not slow down games unreasonably. Guidelines will be provided to both the mentors and mentees, and a co-ordinator (yet to be appointed) will put players together from sign-up lists that will be available both online (www.matchpointer.com) and at clubs. Games can be played in any club, according to the schedules and locations of players involved. After a period of time, participants will be contacted to ascertain how the program is working and to solicit suggestions as to ways it can be improved. So look for announcements in the next couple of months and if you are able to help, please sign up as a mentor. Your assistance will be appreciated by the players you will be helping with their games.

The March 15th deadline for entries to the Canadian National Team Championships and the Canadian Women's Team Championships to be held in Penticton, B.C. from June 6 – 13, just prior to the week-long annual District 19 Penticton Regional has passed.

Besides these two major team championships, there are several other events to be contested during the Canadian Bridge Championships (formerly known as 'Bridge Week'), including the Canadian Senior Teams Championships, the Canadian Open Pairs Championship and the Canadian IMP Pairs Championship. Advance entries are not required for these events.

Please visit the Canadian Bridge Federation website (www.cbf.ca) for details and Conditions of Contest for all events or review the Fall 2008 edition of The Matchpointer for a summary of these upcoming events..

Peter Morse, Unit 430 President



Editor's Message

Thank you to all contributors to this edition of the Matchpointer, especially new authors. I would still like to encourage participation from the membership so if there is anything you would like to contribute - experiences, questions, hands or funny anecdotes please do. This is your opportunity to be published!

In this issue I would like to draw everyone's attention to the aforementioned mentoring program from Peter's President's Message. This is an opportunity for up and coming bridge players to raise the level of their game. Please take advantage of it. Surprisingly, there are only a few people who have signed up. You may do so at the Vancouver Bridge Centre or contact Unit Board Member Janis Parker at janispar@vpl.ca or 604.597.6719. Guidelines are still be finalized but please contact Janis if you are interested.

Good luck to the large number of Unit 430 participants at the Canadian Bridge Championships (formerly Bridge Week) in Penticton June 6 – 13. The Penticton Regional follows the week after. I encourage everyone to attend these events. Please note the upcoming Vancouver Regional November 9 – 15, 2009 earlier than the usual January due to the Winter Olympics. The Round-up Sectional will now be held in October. Let me remind you to support the Victoria Day Sectional May 15 – 18, 2009 at the Queensborough Community Centre. There are events for all levels.

We have lost a number of fine bridge players this year. I would appreciate any articles recognizing the passing of partners and friends so we can all share in their memories.

On another note I would like to congratulate Aidan Ballantyne for achieving Grand Life Master Status during the Victoria Regional (more elaborate details will be published in the next issue).

On a final note I would like to thank Adrienne Wurz our new typist and co-editor. Both Adrienne and I would like to thank Michele Wood for all of her hard work and setting up the templates that allow for this Matchpointer and future issues possible.

Ben Takemori, Matchpointer Editor



Good Defense Takes Imagination

by Nicholas G. Stock



Playing in a Sectional Swiss against good opponents, you pick up this hand:

♠ A109
♥ QJ1093
♦ Q3
♣ 873

You are not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents and your partner begins the auction with a pass. RHO also passes, and not being shy, you bid 1♥. LHO overcalls 1NT and partner cooperates by bidding 2♥. RHO bids 2♠ and LHO raises to 3♠. That ends the auction so you place the ♥Q on the table. Dummy appears:

	DLR = S
North – You	
♠ A109	NVul vs Vul
♥ QJ1093	
♦ Q3	
♣ 873	
Lead ♥Q	
	East - Dummy
	♠ KQ3
	♥ A2
	♦ 982
	♣ AKJ94

Declarer wins the ♥A, partner contributing an encouraging spot card. Declarer then plays the ♠K. What is your plan?

Clearly, you hope to score one heart trick, possibly two if declarer draws trumps before establishing dummy's club suit. The worst thing is that regardless of declarer's club holding, he can probably make nine tricks by establishing dummy's club suit. Fortunately, he doesn't really know that spades are breaking, but he will if you take some time to duck. So you win the ♠A. Partner has shown the ♥K so can



hardly have both top diamond honours. That rules out cashing three diamond tricks. If partner has one top diamond honour and it's the Ace, you can lead a heart to his king. He should work out to lead a small diamond back, putting declarer to the guess. Your prospects then would be two diamonds and a diamond ruff. The problem is that partner may not have the diamond Ace or Jack. An alternative would be to lead the ♦Q. Declarer, with say, Ace Jack to four diamonds can just duck, then later hook diamonds twice after drawing trumps. The only solution, however improbable, must surely be to lead a low diamond from ♦ Q3 to force out declarer's Ace. Then, if declarer hooks a club into partner's queen (partner will have shown up with both red kings, leaving you with, ahem, less than an opening bid unless you have the club queen!), he can lead a diamond back, you can put him in with a heart and he can give you a diamond ruff. Will partner be up to it? He has to resist cashing the ♥K before leading a diamond back to you.

Let's see – that was about 5 minutes of analysis – but you played back the ♦3 almost in tempo.

Declarer, sure enough, beat partner's King with his Ace, floated the ♣10 and was surprised to see your partner win his queen. Then, as you hoped, partner returned a low diamond. Declarer guessed right by playing low. You won your queen, put partner in with the ♥K and he returned a diamond for you to ruff. Down one. The whole hand:



DLR = S

North – You

♠ A109
♥ QJ1093
♦ Q3
♣ 873
Lead ♥Q

EW Vul

West

♠ J8762
♥ 75
♦ AJ74
♣ 102

**East -
Dummy**

♠ KQ3
♥ A2
♦ 982
♣ AKJ94

South - Partner

♠ 54
♥ K864
♦ K1065
♣ Q65

Declarer can easily make three after winning the diamond Ace by just ruffing a club after drawing trumps or even by leading back a heart – but he thought the club Queen must be onside.

Later in the day you pick up this impressive spot collection:

♠ KJ9
♥ K1083
♦ K1083
♣ K4

The opponents bid as follows:

RHO	You	LHO	Partner	Translation
		1♣ ¹	Pass	¹ Precision 16 +
1♠ ²	Pass	3NT ³	Pass	² Balanced 8 – 11
Pass	Pass	Pass		³ Balanced no major suit interest

Partner is on lead and finds the lead of the ♥6. Dummy showers down with a disappointment for your side:



DLR = S

North – You

♠ KJ9
♥ K1083
♦ K1083
♣ K4

EW Vul

**West -
Dummy**

♠ 8742
♥ AJ74
♦ J96
♣ A3

Lead ♥6

Unless partner has lead from Q 9 6 of hearts, we have no prospect of more than one heart trick. Based on the auction, declarer has the rest of the deck, except possibly for a single point – the club jack. It must be right then, to capture our only heart trick now. One possibility is that the heart suit will be blocked – then the ♣ K could knock out the entry to the hearts. But this assumes that partner was leading from three hearts. Knowing that you have all the entries, he is much more likely to have been looking for your long suit. In any case, the spectacular ♣ K gives up a trick in order to gain only one... So a passive heart return seems best.

Declarer wins in hand with the Queen and plays a heart to the Ace in dummy as partner pitches a club. Declarer now leads the fourth heart from dummy, declarer and partner pitching a club, then a spade. What card do you play?

DLR = S

North – You

♠ KJ9
♥ -
♦ K1083
♣ K4

EW Vul

Tricks

N

S: 1

E

W: 3

**West -
Dummy**

♠ 874 2 lead
♥ -
♦ J96
♣ A3



It had better be the ♠J in tempo. Declarer plays the spade Queen from hand, leads a club to the Ace in dummy then a diamond from the dummy, winning the Queen in hand. Finally, declarer cashes the ♠ A and leads another spade. Are you in and endplayed?

No. You carefully unblocked the spade King under the Ace. Partner, unexpectedly but gratefully in with his ♠ 10, leads a diamond through the dummy to knock out the ♦ A so you can cash 3 tricks at the end to beat 3NT a trick.

The whole hand:

DLR = S

EW Vul

North – You

♠ KJ9
♥ K1083
♦ K1083
♣ K4

**West -
Dummy**

♠ 8742
♥ AJ74
♦ J96
♣ A3

♠ AQ3
♥ Q92
♦ AQ5
♣ Q862

Lead ♥6

♠ 1065
♥ 65
♦ 742
♣ J10975

The Jack of spades play had two purposes: unblock while not holding the trick and dissuade declarer from continuing spades immediately. The King of spades unblock was the only chance to get partner in to lead a diamond through and get you off the end play.

The defence to both of these hands took great imagination and courage – rewarded by winning the event – but I didn't make these plays. In fact, it was my partner of the day, Samantha Nystrom, that made them. Thanks, Sam.



Finessing at bridge.

(An often misunderstood technique.)

For intermediate players.....and some others too. (*_*)

by Gilbert Lambert

The principle of the finesse is to try to win a trick with a card lower in rank than a card held by an opponent.

The way to do this is to lead towards the card with which you hope to win a trick.

A few examples will help here. (You only have little cards in your hand.)

AQ2.

Hoping to win a trick with the queen, you will lead a low card from your hand towards the queen.

If left hand opponent (hereafter called LHO) plays low, you will play the queen, hoping that he has the king.

Of course, finesses win sometime and lose sometime. But playing the queen from dummy will never win!

AJ10. (You are missing the KQ.)

The same principle applies here. Play twice towards the J and 10, hoping that LHO has at least one honor.

Q32 facing A65

Let's suppose that you have the ace and two little cards in your hand as in the above example.

In dummy you have the queen and two little cards.

The only way for you to make two tricks in that suit is to hope that LHO has the king.

You will lead towards the queen. Notice that leading the queen itself is hopeless.

Any moderately competent defender will cover the queen, and after playing your ace on the king you will be left with only little cards in both hands and no hope of any other trick.

Curiously, this mistake is made quite often.

And the cause of this mistake might be the following card combination.



A32 facing QJ10.

Here, you are not finessing. You are not really trying to win a trick with a card lower in rank than a card held by an opponent. You are trying to trap an opposing honor by leading the queen, but only because you have the jack and ten and can afford to have the queen covered. (Your jack and ten would then be winners.)

Unfortunately some players try to play the same way without the jack, not realizing the futility of that play.

Every time you are considering leading an honor, visualize what will be left if that honor is covered by an opponent. If you do not like what will be left, do not lead that honor. Lead towards it.

One final (and a little more advanced) card combination.

AQ32 facing J654.

Some players will play the jack from hand. What good will that do? LHO can see that if he does not cover, declarer will make at least three tricks in that suit. So he will cover and you will have to play your ace. You are now left with Q32 facing 654. You will lose another trick after playing the queen. (You are missing the 10987)

With this combination you must hope that LHO has the king doubleton. Play a low card towards the queen, and if it wins, play the ace, hopefully dropping the king. It is your only chance to take all four tricks if the suit breaks 3-2

N.B.

This article deals with finessing techniques only. It does not take strips and endplays into consideration.



Double Dummy

By Nicholas G. Stock

You are discussing the hands with friends at the local bar after a recent StaC game. The hand records are analyzed by Deep Finesse which is, of course, perfect in its double dummy analysis. Your friend asks about board 24 which you didn't play:

"How do you make 5?", she asks.

Ever willing to oblige you offer an explanation after a cursory glance: "Oh its just a squeeze. After diamond and a diamond ruff you can lead a heart from dummy and RHO will be squeezed in clubs and hearts when you run your spades."

You look at the diagram again. Something is not quite right with that. Deep Finesse is telling you that West can make 5 Spades, East only 4 Spades.

DLR W

North

♠ 1094
♥ Q74
♦ J10987
♣ Q8

None
Contract:
4♠

West

♠ QJ7652
♥ J102
♦ 53
♣ J7

East

♠ AK83
♥ A865
♦ 2
♣ AK54

South

♠ --
♥ K93
♦ AKQ64
♣ 109632

How is it that West can make 5 and East only 4 against best defence?

What is the play for West to make 5?

What is the defence for East to make only 4?

Solution on page 21



The Opera Manager's Aria

by Michael Dimich

It's interesting to see an example of the skill progression in an intermediate bridge player. I was playing matchpoints in a club game at the VBC and a hand came up that illustrated how thought is rewarded.

You are sitting West and hold –

s) Q108

h) 953

d) AQJ108

c) J10

The intermediate opponent opens a strong 2C bid on your right. You decide this is the time to suggest a lead and disrupt their auction by bidding 2D. Your left hand opponent doubles to show a bad hand and your partner pre-empted their auction with a 4D bid. The strong 2C bidder bids 4S to end the auction.

What do you lead? I think the A of diamonds stands out on the auction – you fully expect declarer to either ruff or follow to one diamond and then ruff your diamond continuation. I led the diamond A, the dummy came down and partner played the 2 of diamonds.

s) 964

h) 10876

d) 43

c) Q943

I continued with diamonds (my lazy mistake – declarer's opportunity), dummy and partner followed and declarer played the K. The next five cards from declarer's hand were the AK of spades, the AK of hearts and a small heart. Partner had started with the QJ4 of hearts and was forced to win the Q of hearts. Being on lead was a no win



situation. A diamond return would let declarer pitch a losing club from her hand while ruffing in dummy. The heart 10 would now let her pitch her other losing club. Partner led a club back in the slim hope I had the A. Declarer ducked her A to let the Q of clubs win in the dummy. The 10 of hearts allowed her to discard her other club loser.

Bravo.

"E la vittoria e il pauso di Menfi tutta!"

s) 964

h) 10876

d) 43

c) Q943

s) Q108

h) 953

d) AQJ108

c) J10

s) 23

h) QJ4

d) 9762

c) K865

s) AKJ75

h) AK2

d) K5

c) A72

Do you play 3rd and 5th leads?

by Alice Thomas

Editor's note: Thanks to Alice for this guideline to 3rd and 5th which more people are attempting to learn. The article is extensive and a good introduction to the topic. I felt it is important to publish the article in its entirety rather than splitting it into two Matchpointer issues. Ben Takemori.

"No, not me."



My answer always raised a doubt in my mind, "Should I?"

The lead, "3rd and 5th best", is listed as an option on the convention card and as there are players I respect who prefer this lead, I was prompted to investigate 3rd and 5th leads. Why use them? Are they superior to 4th best leads?

Comprehensive printed information of third and fifth leads was not easily found. My personal bridge library was of little help. Brief outlines were available on the internet but no in depth discussion of the value of 3rd and 5th leads. It was only after I had investigated opening leads in general: the purpose, the past problems, and the development of leads which tried to solve problems was I able to get a perspective on the what, why and value of 3rd and 5th leads.

The General Purpose of the First Lead

A. No Trump Contract

- i) The defenders want to identify and establish their best suit, thus the first lead is usually *from the longest and strongest suit holding*. As the declarer's side has the same goal, timing is important.
- ii) Ideally, the first lead should help the partnership decide whether to continue or switch suits.
- iii) Critical factors are both honor holdings and length.

B. Suit Contract

- i) As a long suit can be trumped, defenders focus on quick tricks. The first priority is to inform partner about your honor strength so the partnership can decide to continue or change suits.
- ii) Defenders want to use trump to their advantage, to get a trump trick or avoid giving away "a free trick". (i.e. sluff and ruff). Often, the first lead informs partner of a suit length to enable defensive partnership planning.
- iii) Critical factors are both honor holdings and length.

Generally, leading from an honor sequence holding takes priority. Nevertheless, a lead that helps your partner get count on a suit is a



valuable tool. "Count, count, count" is a familiar mantra in the game of bridge.

Making the best first lead is not easy. There are many factors to consider, for example, the inference from the bidding sequence and the question of whether to make an active or passive lead. Mike Lawrence suggests a success rate of 75% is about the best one can expect. After all, you do have thirteen chances to get it right or wrong!

Past Problems With the First Lead and Suggested Solutions

A. Honor Sequence Leads

"Generally, leading from an honor sequence holding takes priority"

- i) Does the K lead show a AK(x) or a KQ(x) holding?
- ii) How do you distinguish the lead of the top of a sequence from the top of internal sequence? (i.e. Is the J from J109xx or AJ10xx?)
- iii) In a No Trump contract, how do you tell your partner to unblock?

Solutions

- i. Does the K lead show AK(x) Or KQ(x) holding?

Rusinow Leads (Suit Contracts)

In 1930, Rusinow leads (for suit contracts) introduced the idea of leading the lower of touching honors.

The lead of the K promised the A.

The lead of the Q promised the K and denied the A.

*Ah-ha! Solved the confusion about the lead from AK(x) or KQ(x)

Holding AKQ, the K lead, promised the A. The second lead was the Q.

The A was lead from the AK doubleton.

Rusinow leads were for the 1st lead only and if



leading partner's suit, a natural lead was made.
Rusinow leads blended well with MUD leads. (From
xxx, xXx , middle, up, down.)

How can we best describe our internal sequence?

Journalist Leads (No Trump contracts)

Early 1964 Bridge Journal proposed leads to help partner identifying an internal sequence.

The J denied a higher honor.

The lead of the 10 promised at least an A,K or Q. (A109xx AJ10xx)

*Ah-ha! The 10 alerts a possible internal sequence.

Zero or Two Leads further clarified internal sequences.

The lead of either the 10 or the 9 was from the top of nothing or showed two higher honors (one was the higher touching honor).

The J still denies a higher honor.

Examples: A109xx AJ10xx 1098xx J109x [0 or 2]

iii. How do you ask your partner to unblock? (No Trump)

Current standard responses

...which date back to Journalist leads.

A asks partner to drop an honor, with no honor, give count

K ask partner to give attitude

Q asks partner to drop the J (Partner's play, of a high card,by choice, shows he holds the A.)

Leads To Help Partner Get A Count On A "Suit"

"Count, count, count" is a familiar mantra in the game of bridge."

Holding such as Qxxx or Qxx and playing "leading low from an honor", how can partner know if you are holding three cards or four? What do you lead from xxx?

Solutions

Is a low lead from Qxxx or Qxx? Kxxx or Kxx?



In the 1970s-1980s 3rd and 5th leads (as an alternative to 4th best lead) were introduced and generally, most often used against suit contracts.

Opener leads the third highest card when holding an even number of cards, and the fifth highest or lowest from an odd number.

For example, QxXx QxX QxxxX

*Ah-ha! Solved the confusion about leading from Qxxx or Qxx.

Q972 Q72 Q9762

What do you lead from xxx?

There is no perfect answer. Leading low suggests an honor and leading high-low suggests a doubleton. As an alternative to MUD (middle-up-down), Mike Lawrence proposed: a) If you have supported partner, lead Xxx and b) if you have not supported partner, lead xxX . The latter lead is compatible with 3rd and 5th leads...lowest from odd number of cards.

III. 3RD AND 5TH OPENING LEADS IN MORE DETAIL

First of all, it is important to note 3rd and 5th leads can be as *simple* as:

The opener leads **3rd highest** from an **even** number of cards and **lowest**

from an **odd** number of cards.

In other words, high-low shows even and low-high shows odd.

Leads from non-honor suits

Xx xxX xxXx xxxxX xxXxxx

and suits headed by an honor

QxX KxXx KxxxX QxXxxx

X, of course, could be a singleton



Once dummy comes down, it is easy for partner to get a count on the suit led. For example, partner leads 3 from K9873. You have the 2, or see the 2 in dummy, now you know partner led from either a 3 card or 5 card holding. Simple.

3rd and 5th leads do not apply to sequence holdings. Leading from sequences still have priority. And unless, your partnership uses Rusinow or Journalist leads, the lead will be standard as highlighted on the ACBL convention card form. For example:

KQT9 KJTx QT9x Standard stuff, top of sequence or top of inner sequence.

There is one small adjustment to the "high-low lead" showing an even number of cards. Many players, wanting to make it as clear as possible that they are leading high-low, play the highest card they can afford. Thus from 9732, they would lead the 7. But from J943, they would lead the 4 because the 9 may be a critical card. (Nines often are).

The most convincing positive arguments I have heard for the use of 3rd and 5th leads are:

Any change which forces a focus on "counting", generally a neglected and thus a weak area for developing bridge players, is a good thing.

There is also an advantage in defending a No Tump contract. Declarer can get a clear count from a 4th best lead. But with 3rd best lead, declarer may fear a stack and misplay the hand. (Some players choose to only play 3rd and 5th leads in suit contracts. This is a partnership agreement.)

The most convincing negative arguments I have heard using learning 3rd and 5th leads are:

Why change from 4th leads? Currently, I have enough to think about, 4th best leads seem to work okay. I don't need any new distractions.

If 3rd and 5th leads were so fine, how come so few players use them? Paul Soloway, for an example, didn't use them.

After my research, I realized one of the main reasons 3rd and 5th leads were currently not used more extensively was because ...the newer and developing bridge players never had access to any



comprehensive information about " reasons for" or "discussion about the use of" 3rd and 5th leads.

One of the biggest stumbling blocks, for newer and developing players is the anticipated mental effort to adjust from calculating the familiar Rule of 11 (4th best) to the calculations of Rule of 10 (5th best) and Rule of 12 (3rd best).

Sometimes you don't need to use any count rules, the bidding gives you enough information. You can figure out the holding of odd: 1/3/5/7 or even 2/4/6/8 by deduction after the first lead.

The contract ends up in 4S after the following bidding sequence. South, an opponent, is the dealer.

(1S)-P-(1NT*)-P *forcing
(2H)-P-(2S)-P
(4S)

Using 3rd and 5th leads, partner leads the 8D, dummy holds J732, and you hold A9. Can you figure out what partner holds in diamonds?

You know declarer has 5/4 or 6/4 in the majors and partner is leading high-low showing an even number of cards.

It is an advantage to know the Rules of 10 and 12 and not that difficult to remember

if you relate it to the known Rule of 11..4th best.

All rules and leads total 15.

$11+4^{\text{th}}=15$ $12+3^{\text{rd}}=15$ $10+5^{\text{th}}=15$

**Rule of 10...5th best
(low-high = odd)**

If opponents lead the 5th highest, you subtract the card led from 10.

Memory Jog $10+5=15$ 5th best > Rule of 10



**Rule of 12...3rd best
be 'highest can afford')**

(high-low = even) (may

If opponents lead from 3rd highest, you subtract
the card led from 12.

Memory Jog 12+3=15 3rd best>rule of 12

Let's return to the above example:

(1S)-P-(1NT*)-P *forcing
(2H)-P-(2S)-P
(4S)

Partner leads high, 8D (3rd)
A9

Dummy show J732 You hold

Use Rule of 12 12-8=4

Declarer has 1 higher and as pd probably led from 6 (declarer
has, at the most, 4 in the minors), declarer has a singleton.

We have seen how a variety of lead conventions have developed to solve a variety of lead problems and recognize the main purpose of 3rd and 5th leads is to help partner get a count on the suit. One other factor needs to be considered about leads in general. There is a school of thought that believes that if your partnership uses systems outside of what is commonly used, your partnership has an advantage....mainly because it tends to confuse the opponents. 3rd and 5th leads and UDCA could be examples. I know a partnership who alerts, "Everything we do is upside down." (i.e. They lead the lower of a doubleton.) At a recent tourney, I heard a comment from the next table.. "We play 2nd high leads." The best defence against anything new or unusual is to acquire a basic level of understanding. Even if you choose not to use 3rd and 5th leads, some knowledge of is a good thing.

Finally, the bottom line is that any lead is a tool to communicate to partner your holding in that suit. What tool(s) you select is a partnership agreement. Partnerships who plan to use 3rd and 5th leads should discuss some possible variations:

- first lead only?
- over suit contracts? over No trump contracts?



- when leading our bid suit? supported? not supported?
- when leading trump?
- how do you play your AKx(x) holding?

"Do you play 3rd and 5th leads?"

"Yes, I can. Let's check our understanding."

Thomas c. Nov 2008

Responses, reactions and comments are encouraged by players of all levels: developing to expert. All comments received will be published in the next edition of the Matchpointer. battak@shaw.ca

Double Dummy Solution from page 6

DLR W

North

♠ 1094
♥ Q74
♦ J10987
♣ Q8

None
Contract:
4♠

West

♠ QJ7652
♥ J102
♦ 53
♣ J7

East

♠ AK83
♥ A865
♦ 2
♣ AK54

South

♠ --
♥ K93
♦ AKQ64
♣ 109632

When West plays 4♠:

Against the defense, ♦ J, overtaken by South, ♦ continuation, he can ruff in dummy and lead a low heart towards the J10. South can't win the King (declarer could later finesse the heart Queen). So he must let the heart go to his partner's Queen. On any return by partner, declarer unblocks the heart Ace in dummy and runs his spades – South has to guard clubs and keep the heart King – a simple squeeze.



He is under pressure because the laws of bridge are clear. You must not use informations transmitted by partner's tempo, mannerisms, etc (also called unauthorized informations). If East makes a bid with a hand not really worth bidding, the director might change the result creating hard feelings for everyone.

The solution is here (has been for years) with us.

Every player should use the stop card. The next bidder then makes sure to wait about ten seconds before making a call, whether he has values or not. Again, this protects the opponents, not the preemptor.

Every defender should be happy with those extra ten seconds given to them to think about their bid without giving unauthorized informations to their partner and at the same time avoid putting pressure on him. Et voila, those are the reasons for the use of the stop card.

Amen.



Double Dummy Hand

by Ernie Dietrich

	S-76	
	H-864	
	D-A10875	
	C-Q97	
S-8543		S-J2
H-AJ105		H-.....
D-Q96		D-KJ42
C-A5		C-KJ108643
	S-AKQ109	
	H-KQ9732	
	D-3	
	C-2	

Interesting hand dealt at the Jan. 25th swiss teams sectional. My partner sitting south opened 1 heart, pass by west 2 hearts by me and east overcalled 3 clubs. 4 hearts by south and now double by west and all pass. Partner went down 1 and asked me if she could of made it. I said if she played it almost double-dummy she could. Defence started out with Ace of clubs and 5 of clubs. Partner ruffs the second club and should now play ace of diamonds and ruff a



diamond. Now play king of hearts (west should win this) and lead a spade (a diamond doesn't make a difference). Declarer wins the spade and plays another spade. Now ruff a third spade in dummy with a small trump and now ruff a diamond back to his hand and play good spades. If west ruffs high you discard from dummy and west is endplayed in hearts and if he ruffs low you overruff in dummy and lose just one more heart. If west refuses to win the the ace of hearts when you play the king you can still work out the same endplay

Who says computer hands are more challenging than those we deal ourselves.....Ernie

Give me a hand!

by Joerg Schneider

I am indebted to Cam Doner for the following hand from a K.O. event in Vancouver WA.

North:	S-xx H-xx D-AKJx C-AJ9xx
South	S-A10xx H-AKQJxxx D-Void C-Qx

The bidding started with South opening 1 H and West bidding 2 S and N/S finishing in 6H the lead is the 10 of clubs.

How do you plan the play?

The 10 of clubs is obviously a singleton and the distribution an open book: West has 7 black cards and 6 red, east 6 blacks and 7 reds so you go up with the Ace, pull trumps (they are 2-2), cash the Ace of spades, reaching the following position:

North:	S-x H- D-AKJx C-J9xx
South	S-10xx H-QJxxx D- C-?

Which club did you keep? If it is the Queen, you have scuttled the ship. If you try to throw East in with a club, he will simply duck (he



also has a complete count of the hand) and you are stuck with three spade losers. You have to unblock the Queen under the Ace at trick one and now a small club to the jack fixes east. If he ducks, you play A – K of Diamonds throwing 2 spades and give up a spade, if he wins he has to give dummy 3 tricks. Before Cam writes in to tell you that the Q and J of clubs were reversed I confess to have made the change to “spice up” the solution; otherwise in the end position you exit with the Jack to the Queen (all right) so it took me some 5 minutes to work it out; but you will admit that the change makes the problem more challenging.

You were right, dear!

by Peter Morse

My favourite partner (of 44 years) and I occasionally discuss bridge hands, since she has become a bridge fanatic and I play too on occasion.

Recently, I have handled these discussions much better than I used to. Back then, Anita would come home from her latest game to describe a hand in which she had gone down, but the rest of the field had made the contract. I would then dissect the hand, letting slip such phrases as ‘why would you do that?’ or ‘that makes no sense!’. Not surprisingly, these discussions tended to go sideways at this point, which usually put a cool atmosphere around dinner and other activities.

But then I learned new phraseology such as ‘you might have been right, dear, but here is an alternative line you might have considered’. As time passed and I overused the expression, she learned that ‘you might have been right, dear’ now occasionally meant that she had taken a 10% line, so I was headed for Chateau Bow-wow once again.

And then along came this hand from the 2009 Honolulu Regional. Anita was playing with a very capable pick-up partner from California in the closing Swiss Teams event and sitting West, vulnerable, picked up: ♠void ♥AKQ53 ♦J4 ♣AKJT96. Her partner opened 1S and the auction proceeded as follows, with the opposition passing throughout:

East	West	
1S	2C	
2D	3H	
4D	4N	
5C *	7N	* 0 or 3

keycards with ♦ as trump



As she was later describing the auction to me, the words 'you might have been right, dear' flashed through my mind, but I bit my tongue and held them back since her partner might actually have had both the ♥J and the ♣Q among his two or three rounded suit cards, but mostly because we still had several days left in our Hawaiian holiday.

Now came the play! LHO led a spade and partner put down ♠AQ965 ♥82 ♦AK973 ♣3.

Anita rose with the spade ace and led a club from dummy. Forsaking the finesse, she banged down the ♣A and ♣K, dropping the doubleton queen offside. When the hearts split 3-3, she was home and dry. +2220 was worth 17 IMPs, and a big win in that match.

When I asked her later why she didn't finesse the club (as all three players I asked later indicated they would have done), she said something to the effect that if the finesse had lost, she would have been down, and she didn't want that to happen! And my response to all of this? 'You were right, dear!' And a great holiday in Hawaii continued for a few more days . . .

Statistics and Standings

2008 Monthly Unit Game Race

Monthly Unit Games for calendar year 2008 have the following standings. 527.60 masterpoints were won by 154 different players (55 more played without winning any) at Monthly Unit Games in 2008. Two players played in all twelve Monthly Unit Games of 2008: Mike Dimich and David Yu. Seven players have played in eleven of twelve games: Patti Adams, Tao Feng, Gilbert Lambert, Andrew Lee, Ken Lochang, Susan Peters, and Nick Stock. Monthly Unit Game attendance in 2008 was up 13½ tables over 2007!



Flight over 2000 MP	A	Flight 750-2000 MP	B	Flight under 750 MP	C	Player	Mpts
1		1		1		Tao Feng	23.89
2						Gilbert Lambert	19.44
3						Peter Morse	18.38
4		2				Jack Lee	18.15
5		3		2		David Yu	15.56
6		4				Susan Peters	15.22
7		5		3		John Chen	14.17
8						Aidan Ballantyne	11.15
9						Michael Dimich	10.81
10						Rock Shi Yan	10.69
11		6				Patti Adams	10.35
12		7		4		Long Xie	10.26
13						Katrin Litwin	9.66
14		8		5		Zoran Peca	9.35
15		9				Julie Smith	9.30
16						Sandra Robson	9.09
16						Eugene Fomin	9.09
18		10		6		Kai Zhou	8.46
19						William Ge	7.93
20				7		Brian Liu	7.84
21		11				Martin Henneberger	7.79
21						Dianne Isfeld	7.79
23		12				Diane Ayukawa	7.48
24						Peter Cooper	7.38
25		13		8		Jeffrey Ren	7.27
		14				Jadwiga Polujan	6.81
		15				Nicholas Stock	6.80
				9		David Hu	6.67
				10		Roy Li	5.61
				11		Eric Pan	5.53
				12		Joan Tang	4.32
				13		Kun Shao	3.68
				13		Chang-Shan Chen	3.68
				15		John Richoux	3.35



2009 Monthly Unit Game Race as of April

Flight over 2000 MP	A	Flight 750-2000 MP	B	Flight under 750 MP	C	Player	MPts
1						Larry Pocock	8.02
1		1				Gordon Estrada	8.02
3						Joel Martineau	6.65
4						Michael Dimich	6.03
5		2		1		Brian Liu	6.00
6		3		2		Long Xie	5.27
7		4		3		John Chen	4.84
7		4		3		David Hu	4.84
9		6		5		Roy Li	4.16
10		7		6		Jeffrey Ren	4.11
11						Rock Shi Yan	4.06
12		8		7		David Yu	4.06
13		9				Tao Feng	3.97
14						Kathy Adachi	3.83
14						June Pocock	3.83
16						Aidan Ballantyne	3.73
16						Katrin Litwin	3.73
18		10		8		Kai Zhou	3.68
19		11				Jack Lee	3.52
20		12				Nicholas Stock	3.20
20		12				David Breton	3.20
22		14		9		Melinda Ponto	2.87
22						Garry Skoropada	2.87
22						Kathy Bye	2.87
22						Glenn Ponto	2.87
		15				Ronald Dixon	2.69
				10		Eric Pan	2.52
				11		Alex Roman	1.79
				12		Trevor Epp	1.75
				13		Yue Su	1.30
				14		Patricia Chen	0.98
				14		Hsiang Li	0.98



170.76 masterpoints have won by 90 different players so far (96 more have played without winning any) at the first four Monthly Unit Games of 2009. Note that the Ev Hodge game, while run under a Unit Championship sanction, is an extra game and NOT part of the masterpoint race.

Monthly Unit Game Results November 08 – April 09

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session November 1, 2008

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

Pair	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Tao Feng - Jack Lee	63.62	198.50	1	2		3.54(OA)
Peter Morse - Gilbert Lambert	58.81	183.48	2			2.66(OA)
Julie Smith - Joel Martineau	57.25	178.63	3			1.99(OA)
Kenneth Ramsay - Robert Walters	56.93	177.61	4	2		1.52(OB)
David Breton - Garry Skoropada	56.83	177.30	5			1.12(OA)
Nicholas Stock - Michael Dimich	56.54	176.41	6			0.84(OA)
Brian Liu - Joan Tang	53.66	167.43		3	1	1.30(OC)
Charlotte Alekson - William Osten	52.80	164.73		4		0.86(OB)
Stephen Ottridge - Peter Durant	52.34	163.29		5	2	0.98(OC)

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session December 6, 2008

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

Pair	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Ernie Dietrich - Yuko Fujieda	61.70	192.50	1			3.54(OA)
John Chen - Brian Liu	61.60	190.50	2	1	1	2.66(OA)
Jadwiga Polujan - Zoran Peca	60.90	190.00	3			1.99(OA)
Rock Shi Yan - David Yu	60.58	189.00	4			1.49(OA)
Stella Alliston - Angela Fenton	60.26	188.00	5			1.12(OA)
Gilbert Lambert - Stephen Beaton	57.85	180.50	6			0.84(OA)
Richard Hughes - Terry MacKinnon	57.69	180.00		3	2	1.21(OB)
Susan Peters - David Breton	56.73	177.00		4		0.91(OB)
Allan Karro - John Koster	51.76	161.50		5	3	0.79(OC)



Unit 430 Area Bridge Clubs

Abbr	Club Name and Location	Contact	Website
ARB	Arbutus Village BC 2B-4255 Arbutus Street, Van	Jean Terry 604-733-2807	None
BBY	Burnaby DBC 2776 East Broadway, Van	G. Lambert 604-524-6617	www.newwestbridge.ca
C.R	Cent. Richmond BC 7891 Cambie Road, Richmond	Albert Yallouz 604-321-1891	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
CWK	Chilliwack DBC 7194 Veddar Road, Chilliwack	Jim Groves 604-847-0107	www.members.shaw.ca/j_groves/
E.C.	E.C. Bridge Club 2776 East Broadway, Van	Eugene Chan 604-255-2564	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
HBN	Hollyburn BC 950 Cross Creek Road, West Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
JCC	Jewish Comm. Ctr. DBC 950 West 41st Avenue, Van	Cathy Miller	None
MIS	Mission DBC 33345 2nd Avenue, Mission	M. Clements 604-826-3557	www.members.shaw.ca/missionduplicatebridgeclub/
NWR	New Westminster BC 620 8th Street, New West	G. Lambert 604-524-6617	www.newwestbridge.ca
N-S	North Shore BC 1521 Lillooet Road, North Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
NSW	N S Winter Club 1325 East Keith Road, North Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
PKB	Polish BC (Non-ACBL) 1134 Kingsway, Van	Waldemar Jez 604-527-8854	www.polishbridge.org
RMD	East Richmond BC 7891 Cambie Road, Richmond	Ernie Dietrich 604-936-2298	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
S-W	South-West DBC 1469 George Street, White Rock	TBA	None
SRV	South Surrey BC 14831 28th Avenue, Surrey	A. Browning 604-870-9300	None
SQU	Squamish DBC 1471 Pemberton, Squamish	Kay Roberts 604-898-3896	None
TSW	Tsawwassen BC 1720 56th Street, Tsawwassen	Richard Dunn 604-940-9809	www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre 2776 East Broadway, Van	Club Phone 604-255-2564	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
VCR	Vancouver BC (West Van) Taylor Way and Hwy 1, West Van	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577	www.vancouverbridgeclub.ca
WIL	Willingdon BC 1491 Carleton Avenue, Burnaby	Dianne Wilson 604-521-0458	None
WRK	White Rock BC 1854 154th Street, White Rock	A. Browning 604-870-9300	None

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Schedule of Regular Weekly Games

Day	Time	Club	Director	Details
Sun	1:00	RMD	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
	1:00	VBC	M. Eddy	Open Stratified
Mon	10:00	N-S	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified
	10:45	WIL	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
	7:00	SQU	E. Tenta	Closed Jul/Aug
	7:00	CWK	J. Groves	Open*
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Open Stratified#
	7:15	SRV	A. Browning	Open*
	7:15	VBC	B. Bart	Stratified 0-1,000 MP**
	7:30	HBN	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
Tue	10:00	VBC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	11:00	S-W	TBD	Open Stratified
	7:00	BBY	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
	7:30	NSW	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
	7:30	WIL	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
Wed	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified
	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Stratified 0-750 MP
	7:00	VBC	B. McIntyre	IMP Pairs
	7:15	WRK	A. Browning	Open*
	7:15	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
	7:30	C.R	A. Yallouz	Open Stratified
Thu	11:00	JCC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	7:00	VBC	J. Pocock	Novice/Beginner**
	7:00	MIS	M. Clements	Open
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
	7:30	ARB	A. Nagy	Open to All
	7:30	E.C.	E. Chan	Open Stratified
Fri	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	All Fridays, Call
	7:30	VBC	C. Miller	Open, Optional Jackpot
Sat	1:00	VBC	C. Miller	Occasional Special Game

* Some games stratified

** Lesson each week

Occasional team games

Come Out and Play Bridge!

Write these to the Editor Ben Takemori via email at battak@shaw.ca)

2004 Richmond Trophy Unit 430 Players

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session January 10, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

Pair	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin	63.70	198.75	1			3.40(OA)
Brian Liu - Long Xie	59.54	185.75	2	1	1	2.55(OA)
Rock Shi Yan - David Yu	59.20	184.71	3			1.91(OA)
Susan Peters - Julie Smith	57.54	179.54	4	2		1.79(OB)
Christa Mead - Don Keith	56.58	176.54	5	3		1.34(OB)
John Chen - David Hu	54.67	170.58	6	4	2	1.01(OB)
Tao Feng - Jack Lee	53.29	166.25		5		0.76(OB)
Harold Hansen - Trevor Epp	52.42	163.54		6		0.57(OB)

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session February 14, 2009

Team Game 4 Rounds

Team	Wins	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
June Pocock, Larry Pocock						
Gordon Estrada, Kathy Adachi	4	102.00	1			3.83 (A)
Garry Skoropada, Kathy Bye						
Glenn Ponto, Melinda Ponto	4	87.00	2	1		2.87 (A)
Roy Li, Kai Zhou						
Long Xie, Brian Liu	3	83.00	3	2	1	2.15 (A)
Gay Parrish, Jay Brandt						
Aban Gerrie, Robert Gerrie	3	82.00	4			1.62 (A)
William Ge, Eric Pan						
Rock Shi Yan, David Yu	2	78.00	5			1.21 (A)
Richard Dunn, Alex Roman						
Ronald Dixon, John Demeulemeester	2	65.00		3		1.41 (B)
Joel Martineau, Gary Ge						
Tao Feng, Jack Lee	2	57.00		4		1.06 (B)



Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session March 7, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

Pair	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Michael Dimich - Joel Martineau	61.7	192.5	1			3.97(OA)
Gordon Estrada - Larry Pocock	59.29	185	2			2.98(OA)
Peggy Walters - Robert Walters	58.97	184	3	1		2.27(OB)
Jack Lee - Jeffrey Ren	58.01	181	4	2		1.70(OB)
Steve Vincent - Michael Takemori	56.25	175.5	5			1.26(OA)
Rock Shi Yan - David Yu	56.09	175	6			0.94(OA)
Mark Eddy - Ronald Dixon	55.93	174.5		3		1.28(OB)
Harold Hansen - Trevor Epp	55.29	172.5		4		0.96(OB)
Kai Zhou - Roy Li	54.17	169		5		0.72(OB)
Brian Liu - Yue Su	53.21	166			1	1.30(OC)
Hsiang Li - Patricia Chen	50	156			2	0.98(OC)

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session April 11, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
John Chen - David Hu	61.95	193.28	1	1	1	3.83(OA)
David Breton - Nicholas Stock	60.97	190.22	2	2		2.87(OA)
Jeffrey Ren - Tao Feng	59.71	186.29	3	3		2.15(OA)
Michael Dimich - Joel Martineau	59.05	184.23	4			1.62(OA)
Larry Pocock - Gordon Estrada	57.92	180.72	5			1.21(OA)
Peter Morse - Gilbert Lambert	57.49	179.37	6			0.91(OA)
Roy Li - Eric Pan	54.46	169.93		4	2	1.05(OC)
Mark Eddy - Ewa Gwiazda	54.21	169.15		5		0.76(OB)
Kai Zhou - Long Xie	53.72	167.61		6		0.57(OB)
Allan Karro - John Koster	50.83	158.6			3	0.79(OC)



2008 Richmond Trophy Unit 430 Players

Place	Player	Points
2	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	1,263.59
3	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	1,170.09
4	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	1,124.04
14	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	569.98
29	Jack Lee, Richmond BC	474.34
30	Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	468.05
33	Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	460.25
46	Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	412.87
47	Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC	408.01
48	Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC	407.21
50	Rock Shi Yan, Richmond BC	405.91
58	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	373.83
87	Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	308.26

2008 Ace of Clubs Top 3 MPs Race by Ranking

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC	58.54
2	Robin Hart, North Vancouver BC	32.79
3	Stephen Ottridge, Vancouver BC	28.80
5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Donna-Faye Madhosingh, Vancouver BC	32.11
2	Craig Wilson, Burnaby BC	27.24
3	James Weir, Aldergrove BC	23.69
20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		



Rank	Player	Points
1	Ann Hung, Vancouver BC	65.66
2	Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC	37.34
3	Alex Roman, Burnaby BC	33.63
50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Marg Gibson, Port Moody, BC	38.89
2	Janneke Noort, Vancouver BC	34.02
3	Kurt Moller, North Vancouver BC	31.11
100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	David Hu, Vancouver BC	100.03
2	Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC	56.74
3	Richard Syrnyk, North Vancouver BC	48.30
200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Allan Karro, Burnaby BC	73.54
2	Kun Shao, Surrey BC	68.07
3	David Dilkes, Vancouver BC	50.25
300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Hsiang Li, Burnaby BC	117.15
2	Eric Pan, Burnaby BC	113.34
3	John Chen, Vancouver BC	98.83
500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Tao Feng, Burnaby BC	96.82
2	Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	89.05
3	Kazuko Koda, Vancouver BC	88.56

1000 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Jack Lee, Richmond BC	145.93
2	Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver BC	108.25
3	Andrew Lee, Richmond BC	90.17
2500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Leyden Chao, Burnaby BC	141.47
2	Joerg Schneider, Vancouver BC	104.58
3	John Lien, Surrey BC	103.70
5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	116.24
2	Mary Fines, North Vancouver BC	96.25
3	Evelyn Hodge, Burnaby BC	82.25
7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	32.41
2	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	12.25
Over 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	2.10



2008 Mini-McKenney Top 3 MPs Race by Ranking

Rank by MPs 0 to 5	Player	MP
1	Yuandong Ren	266.46
2	Stephen Ottridge	42.27
3	Robin Hart	40.19
5 to 20		
1	Donna-Faye Madhosingh	41.20
2	Thomas Davis	37.02
3	Craig Wilson	30.78
20 to 50		
1	Ann Hung	164.70
2	Jane Youngberg	105.81
3	Joan Tang	98.93
50 to 100		
1	C. Tsou	66.44
2	Marg Gibson	63.58
3	Adrienne Wurz	50.31
1	David Hu	289.45
2	Roy Li	130.15
3	Guoxu Zhang	87.09
200 to 300		
1	Kun Shao	122.76
2	Allan Karro	117.75
3	David Dilkes	104.06
300 to 500		
1	Zoran Peca	308.26
2	Long Xie	287.53
3	John Chen	269.61
500 to 1000		
1	Kai Zhou	279.40
2	Tao Feng	273.64



Rank by MPs	Player	MP
3	Jadwiga Polujan	239.24
1000 to 2500		
1	Jack Lee	474.34
2	Joel Martineau	460.25
3	Nicholas Stock	412.87
2500 to 5000		
1	Sandra Robson	408.01
2	Katrin Litwin	407.21
3	Rock Shi Yan	405.91
5000 to 7500		
1	Gerry McCully	1,263.59
2	Rhonda Foster	1,170.09
3	Michael Yuen	373.83
7500 to 10,000		
1	Dan Jacob	569.98
2	Aidan Ballantyne	468.05
Over 10,000		
1	Cameron Doner	1,124.04



Barry Crane Top 500 Unit 430 Members

Rank	Player	Points
41	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	1,263.59
48	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	1,170.09
56	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	1,124.04
319	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	569.98



Sectional Results

Round-Up Sectional Burnaby B.C. November 7-9, 2008

Friday Afternoon Pairs - 33.0 Tables					
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.17	1			Julie Smith - Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	65.62%
5.38	2			Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC	64.15%
4.03	3	1		Yuandong Ren, Richmond BC; Long Xie, Burnaby BC	63.62%
3.02	4			Anita Morse, North Vancouver BC; Sima Sadri, West Vancouver BC	61.15%
2.51	5	2	1	Robin Chan - Vincent Chan, Vancouver BC	60.54%
1.70	6			Mary Fines, North Vancouver BC; Tom Cross, West Vancouver BC	59.92%
1.88		3	2	Russell Gregory, New Westminster BC; Alex Roman, Vancouver BC	55.92%
1.41		4	3	Elsie Mackinnon, Delta BC; Ivy Pye, North Vancouver BC	54.85%
1.06		5		Tomie Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC; Eleanor Webb, Surrey BC	52.98%
1.07		6		Rosalee Hardin - Sharon Chercover, Vancouver BC	52.62%
0.82			4	Carole Harris - David Gabel, Vancouver BC	51.08%
0.62			5	Alex Cormode, White Rock BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	50.08%



Friday Evening IMP Pairs - 21.0 Tables / Based on 25
Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
5.83	1			Robert Gerrie - Aban Gerrie, Richmond BC	65.10
4.37	2			Gay Parrish - Jay Brandt, Bellingham WA	47.00
3.28	3			Dan Jacob - Christina Jacob, Vancouver BC	40.94
2.46	4			Roy Li, Burnaby BC; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	40.71
2.54	5	1	1	Alex Cormode, White Rock BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	34.59
1.91	6	2		Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Baixiang Liu, Vancouver BC	32.18
1.43		3		Yuangdong Ren, Richmond BC; Long Xie, Burnaby BC	24.41
1.07		4		Rosalee Hardin - Sharon Chercover, Vancouver BC	23.33
0.80		5		Beverley Cullen - Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC	12.29
1.14		2		Laura Dodwell-Groves - Lauren Weilor, - Vancouver BC	13.47
0.86		3		Gloria Chochinov - Sharene Jansen, - Vancouver BC	13.53

Friday Eve 199er Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.33	1		Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Joan Tang, Burnaby BC	59.72%
1.00	2		Adelina Wong-Chor, Vancouver BC; Wendy McCrea, North Vancouver BC	59.03%
0.75	3		Janneke Noort - Alex Louie, Vancouver BC	56.94%



Saturday Flight A Pairs - 20.0 Tables / Based on 33
Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
15.05	1	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	63.40%
11.29	2	Dan Webster, Mission BC; William Sheryer, Abbotsford BC	57.90%
8.47	3	Michael Moffatt, Surrey BC; Robert Walters, White Rock BC	56.97%
6.35	4	Rangie Sylvestre - Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver BC	55.07%
5.02	5	Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC; Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC	54.47%
4.30	6	Amirali Alibhai, North Vancouver BC; Leonard Wild, West Vancouver BC	54.19%
3.76	7	Mike Dorn Wiss, Palm Desert CA; Bjarne Christoffersen, Coquitlam BC	53.38%
3.34	8	Aban Gerrie - Robert Gerrie, Richmond BC	53.27%
3.01	9	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Rock Shi Yan, Richmond BC	52.61%



Saturday Flight B/C Pairs - 12.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

MPs	B	C	Names	Score
6.47	1		Baixiang Liu, Vancouver BC; Long Xie, Burnaby BC	59.93%
4.85	2		Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC; Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC	59.04%
3.64	3		Barry Yamanouchi - Tomie Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC	57.95%
4.09	4	1	Gerry Grant - Peter Tinkess, Quesnel BC	55.86%
3.07	5	2	Geraldine May, Vancouver BC; James Balcom, Richmond BC	55.49%
2.16	6		Andrew Nalos, Vancouver BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	53.95%
2.30	3		Bernard Hoeschen - Adelina Wong-Chor, Vancouver BC	52.05%
1.73	4		Stephen Ottridge - Peter Durant, Vancouver BC	51.80%
1.36	5		Barbara Haagenson - Douglas Haagenson, West Vancouver BC	49.44%

Knockout Teams Bracket 1 - 8 Tables

MPs Rank Names

11.36	1	David Breton, Burnaby BC; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC
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6.02	2	Kai Zhou - Eric Pan, Burnaby BC; William Ge - Danny Lee, Vancouver BC
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Knockout Teams Bracket 2 - 6 Tables

MPs Rank Names

4.92	1	Kam Tang - Samuel Lai - Andrew Lee, Richmond BC; John Demeulemeester, Burnaby BC
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2.61	2	Stuart Carr, Coquitlam BC; Cathy Miller - Allan Karro, Burnaby BC; John Koster, Richmond BC
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Sunday Open Swiss Teams - 39 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
12.25	1			William Ge - Danny Lee, Vancouver BC; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	117.00
9.19	2	1	1	Kai Zhou - Eric Pan - David Yu, Burnaby BC; Yuandong Ren, Richmond BC	105.00
6.89	3			John Bryden, Vancouver BC; Steve Vincent - Michael Dimich - Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC	99.00
5.17	4			David Breton - Dan Watson, Burnaby BC; Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	91.00
4.08	5			Mary Fines, North Vancouver BC; Joan Richards, West	90.00



			Vancouver BC; Kazuko Koda - Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver BC	
3.50	6		Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Ron Beall, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA; Gene Fomin, Glacier WA	87.00
2.89	7/8		John Hurdle - Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC; Martin Henneberger - Dianne Isfeld, Coquitlam BC	86.00
2.89	7/8		Mike Dorn Wiss, Nanaimo BC; James Dickie, Blaine WA; Bjarne Christoffersen, Coquitlam BC; Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC	86.00
5.12	9	2	Brian Ransom - Elena Ransom, West Vancouver BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC; Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC	83.00
3.84	10	3	Hing Kong Ho - Henry Lai, Burnaby BC; Edward Hui, Richmond BC; Kenny Chan, Vancouver BC	82.00
2.04	11		Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Beryl Hamilton - Raymond Morrison, Burnaby BC	81.00
2.88		4	Greg Morse - Larry Meyer, Richmond BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC; Jim McKenzie, Vancouver BC; Rod Coote, North Vancouver BC	80.00
2.28		5	Olive Macdonald, Delta BC; Daisy Neilson, Langley BC; Cathy Miller - Allan Karro, Burnaby BC	78.00
1.95		6	Manuel Espinosa - Rani Shroff - Hoshang Shroff, Vancouver BC; Nigel Fullbrook, Delta BC	75.00



1.71	7	Stephen Beaton - Anne Scott - Richard Syrnyk, North Vancouver BC; Barry Kirkham, West Vancouver BC	73.00
2.56	2	David Peppar - Ken Beck, Chilliwack BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC; Richard Kay, Mission BC	68.00
1.92	3	Long Xie - Joan Tang - Roy Li, Burnaby BC; Yizhong Wu - Amy Gao, Richmond BC	64.00
1.44	4	Sidney Robinson, Vancouver BC; Russell Gregory, New Westminster BC; Harvey Bridges - Jean Bridges, West Vancouver BC	61.00

Total masterpoints: 902.53 earned by 250 players.

Total attendance: 227 tables. Top 10 Masterpoint Winners:

- 1 24.51 Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC
- 2 19.63 Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC
- 3 19.63 John Hurdle, Richmond BC
- 4 19.53 Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 5 18.70 William Ge, Vancouver BC
- 6 18.70 Danny Lee, Vancouver BC
- 7 17.43 David Breton, Burnaby BC
- 8 16.93 Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC
- 9 15.72 Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC
- 10 15.50 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC



Unit 430 Trophy Sectional

Burnaby, BC January 23-25, 2009

Friday Afternoon Pairs - 39.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
8.17	1			Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC	64.71%
6.13	2			Barry Yamanouchi - Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	63.51%
4.60	3			John Demeulemeester, Burnaby BC; William Osten, Richmond BC	62.64%
3.45	4			Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC	62.20%
2.59	5			Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Larry Chow, Abbotsford BC	62.09%
4.15	6/7	1		Susan Peters, Vancouver BC; Richard Syrnyk, North Vancouver BC	60.78%
1.75	6/7			Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	60.78%
3.11		2		Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC; Andrew Nalos, Vancouver BC	60.24%
2.33		3	1	Patricia Chen, Vancouver BC; Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC	58.82%
1.75		4		Barry Bringsli, Nanaimo BC; Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC	56.43%
1.34		5		Beverley Cullen - Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC	56.10%
0.98		6		Rowena Huberman - Gladys Adilman, Vancouver BC	55.12%
1.70		2		Barbara Chase - Barbara Haagenson, West Vancouver BC	54.79%
1.28		3		Zainool Esmail - Nizar Esmail, Burnaby BC	53.38%
0.96		4		Carole Harris - David Gabel, Vancouver BC	50.54%



0.81	5	Roger Howard, Vancouver BC; Kurt Moller, North Vancouver BC	49.56%
0.54	6	Robin Chan - Vincent Chan, Vancouver BC	48.47%

Friday Eve Side Pairs - 20.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.00	1	1		Kai Zhou - Eric Pan, Burnaby BC	62.31%
5.25	2			Corrine Tapley, Vancouver BC; Mary Fines, North Vancouver BC	62.20%
3.94	3			Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA	59.69%
2.83	4/5	2/3	1	Allan Karro, Burnaby BC; John Koster, Richmond BC	57.63%
2.83	4/5	2/3		Jim Walker - Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC	57.63%
1.66	6			Robert Walters, New Westminster BC; Barry Bringsli, Nanaimo BC	57.08%
1.82		4		Rae Fee, Delta BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	55.23%
2.05		5	2	Leo De Haan, North Vancouver BC; Malcolm Tindale, Vancouver BC	54.79%
1.02		6		Jim Kerr - Maarten Tjebbes, Vancouver BC	53.92%
1.54			3	Alex Louie - Janneke Noort, Vancouver BC	53.70%
1.15			4	Joyce Dalal, Burlington WA; Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	52.07%
1.03			5	Michele Wood, Port Coquitlam BC; Adrienne Wurz, Vancouver BC	51.53%

Henry Smilie Mixed B-A-M - 20 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.16	1			Christina Jacob - Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	19.50
4.05	2/3			Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; John Demeulemeester - Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC	17.00
4.05	2/3	1		Stuart Carr - Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC; Cathy Miller - Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	17.00
2.60	4			Lauren Miller - Linda Sims, Surrey BC; Robert Gerrie - Aban Gerrie, Richmond BC	16.50
1.95	5			Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Gail Heuchert - Les Fouks - Myra Johnston, Vancouver BC	15.50
2.47	6	2	1	Marlene Powell - Anne Smith, Burnaby BC; Andrew Nalos, Vancouver BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	15.00
1.85		3	2	Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC; Donald Berry, Victoria BC	13.50
1.39		4		Marylou Varga - Glenn Ponto - Melinda Ponto, Coquitlam BC; Gilbert Lambert, West Vancouver BC	13.00

Saturday Aft 0-750 Pairs - 16.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.06	1			Rowena Huberman - Gladys Adilman, Vancouver BC	59.28%
2.30	2			Elizabeth Downs, New Westminster BC; Leif Pedersen, Burnaby BC	58.14%



2.02	3	1		Peggy Westminster Garrison, BC;	Lacasse, Heather New Vancouver BC	56.82%
1.52	4/5	2	1	Rick Borelli - Arlene Borelli,	Nanaimo BC	56.06%
1.13	4/5			Patricia Chen, Vancouver BC;	Hsiang Li, Burnaby BC	56.06%
1.14	6	3		Joyce Dalal, Burlington WA;	Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	55.68%
0.85		4		Cheryl Hammond - Cyril Tsou,	Richmond BC	55.30%
0.64		5		David Gabel - Donna-Faye	Madhosingh, Vancouver BC	53.98%
0.79		6/7	2/3	Karen Cooke - William Cooke,	Celista BC	52.65%
0.79		6/7	2/3	Leslie Churchland - Mark	Churchland, Vancouver BC	52.65%
0.51			4	Robin Hart, North Vancouver BC;	Paul Fournier, Vancouver BC	51.89%

Adrian & June Budd Hicks - 20.0 Tables / Based on 48 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
14.50	1	Patti Adams, Burnaby BC; Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	67.36%
10.88	2	Roy Li - Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	65.37%
8.16	3	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Bryan Maksymetz, Garibaldi High BC	64.95%
6.12	4	Larry Chow - William Sheryer, Abbotsford BC	64.15%

4.83	5	Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC	63.74%
4.14	6	Robert Walters, New Westminster BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	63.32%
3.63	7	Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC; Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC	62.31%
3.22	8	Joerg Schneider, Vancouver BC; Cathy Miller, Burnaby BC	61.75%
2.90	9	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Maarten Tjebbes, Vancouver BC	60.66%
2.64	10	Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Jeffrey Ren, Burnaby BC	59.81%
2.73	11	Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC; Myra Johnston, Vancouver BC	59.75%
2.23	12	Barry Kirkham, West Vancouver BC; Howard Rubin, North Vancouver BC	59.42%
2.91	13	Michael Dodson, Bellingham WA; Gene Fomin, Glacier WA	59.26%

Saturday Eve Side Pairs - 14.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.60	1	1		Julie Smith - Susan Peters, Vancouver BC	61.00%
1.95	2			Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC	60.98%



1.46	3		Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	59.75%
1.10	4		Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; David Breton, Burnaby BC	57.69%
1.46	5	2	Barry Yamanouchi - Tomie Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC	56.20%
0.62	6		Don Brazeau, Burnaby BC; Judy Strebinger, North Vancouver BC	56.05%
1.10	3		Geraldine May, Vancouver BC; James Balcom, Richmond BC	55.39%
0.82	4		Richard Kay, Mission BC; Jim Munns, Maple Ridge BC	53.75%
0.69	5		Kam Tang, Richmond BC; Bonny Lee, Vancouver BC	48.13%
1.41		1	Lorna Hawes - Mhairi Longridge, Vancouver BC	48.05%
1.06		2	Jerry Burns, Anacortes WA; Caroline Edson, La Conner WA	43.40%

Saturday Eve 199er Pairs - 7.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.62	1	1	1	Sharene Jansen - Gloria Chochinov, Vancouver BC	61.67%
1.22	2			Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Daniel L'Heureux, Langley BC	57.50%
0.91	3			Dianne Sterling, Vancouver BC; Janet Banning, West Vancouver BC	55.83%
0.68	4			Chris Moore - Joe Moore, Delta BC	54.58%
0.89	5	2		Joyce Dalal, Burlington WA; Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	53.33%
0.67		3		Noah W. J. Stewart - Andrew Mackey, Vancouver BC	51.67%
0.74			2	Edwina Bauer - Ruth Evans, North Saanich BC	50.00%



Willie Weinstein AX Swiss - 26 Tables / Based on 47
Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
14.25	1		John Bryden - Les Fouks, Vancouver BC; Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC; Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC	137.00
10.69	2	1	Gordon Estrada, Surrey BC; Robert Walters, White Rock BC; Andrew Nalos, Vancouver BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	128.00
8.02	3		Robert Gerrie - Aban Gerrie - Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC	124.00
6.01	4	2	Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC; Andrew Ross - Ken Lochang, Vancouver BC; Roy Li, Burnaby BC	116.00
4.41	5/6	3/4	Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC; David Schmidt - D Goerzen, Chilliwack BC; James Sache, Rosedale BC	109.00
4.41	5/6	3/4	Jack Lee, Richmond BC; David Yu, Burnaby BC; Danny Lee - William Ge, Vancouver BC	109.00
3.37	7/8	5/6	Kathy Bye - John Demeulemeester, Burnaby BC; Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC	104.00



3.37	7/8	5/6	Richard Leavenworth WA; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; David Waterman, Coquitlam BC; Steve Vincent, Burnaby BC	104.00
2.85	9		Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Lawrence Hicks, Coquitlam BC	100.00

Mary Clarke BCD Swiss - 21 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
6.23	1	1	1	David Peppar - Ken Beck, Chilliwack BC; James Weir - Gisele Maher, Aldergrove BC	138.00
4.67	2			Kam Tang - Samuel Lai, Richmond BC; Kenny Chan, Vancouver BC; Hing Kong Ho, Burnaby BC	119.00
3.07	3/4			Dan Webster, Mission BC; Adrienne Wurz, Vancouver BC; Susan Richardson - Beverley Wardstrom, Kamloops BC	115.00
3.50	3/4	2		Christopher Maylin - Chris Robbins, Surrey BC; Garry Scollon - Craig Dunning, Langley BC	115.00
2.63	5	3		Norma McNamara - Breda Prestage, Delta BC; Antoinette Sheffield - Marlene Barber, Surrey BC	113.00
1.78	6			Marlene Powell - Anne Smith, Burnaby BC; Gail Heuchert - Myra Johnston, Vancouver BC	110.00
1.97		4		Michael Stickland - Angela Stickland - Victor Bennington - Solveig Karlgren, North Vancouver BC	103.00
1.56		5		Richard Kay - Murray Clements, Mission BC; Jim Munns, Maple Ridge BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	100.00
2.07		2		Karen Cooke - William Cooke,	92.00



			Celista BC; Mary June Young, North Vancouver BC; Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC
1.55	3	Ross Deegan - Lorna Hawes - Mhairi Longridge, Vancouver BC; Liz Mayan, Richmond BC	86.00

Total masterpoints: 993.98 earned by 286 players.

Total attendance: 262 tables. Top 10 Masterpoint winners:

- 1 20.86 Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC
- 2 18.91 Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC
- 3 18.70 Les Fouks, Vancouver BC
- 4 17.99 Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC
- 5 17.18 Robert Walters, New Westminster BC
- 6 17.17 Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 7 16.89 Roy Li, Burnaby BC
- 8 16.27 Andrew Nalos, Vancouver BC
- 9 15.92 Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC
- 10 15.80 Jack Lee, Richmond BC

Final Sectional Trophy Winners 2008

Unit 430 members compete for four trophies based on masterpoints won at open sectionals (Trophy, Victoria Day, Evergreen and Round-Up Sectionals) over the course of each calendar year. Congratulations to all winners and high placers.

Phil Wood Trophy

The Phil Wood Trophy has been awarded since 1968 to the player who wins the most masterpoints at Unit sectionals each calendar year. Top 20 2008 players:

Place	Player	MP
1	Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	60.60
2	Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC	57.02
3	Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	56.86
4	William Ge, Vancouver BC	53.38
5	Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC	53.02
6	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	51.27
7	John Bryden, Vancouver BC	48.94
8	Jack Lee, Richmond BC	47.57
9	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	45.20
10	John Hurdle, Richmond BC	42.24
10	Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC	42.24
12	Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	41.40



Place	Player	MP
13	Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC	40.21
14	Eric Pan, Burnaby BC	39.65
15	Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC	38.40
16	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	37.68
17	Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	37.41
18	Bradley Bart, Burnaby BC	37.07
19	Les Fouks, Vancouver BC	36.42
20	Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC	36.05

Edie Bonnell Trophy

The Edie Bonnell Trophy has been awarded since 1979 to the woman player who has won the most masterpoints at sectionals. The Top 15 2008 players:

Place	Player	MP
1	Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC	42.24
2	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	37.68
3	Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC	30.61
4	Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	29.49
5	Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	28.56
6	Myra Johnston, Vancouver BC	27.71
7	Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC	26.69
8	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	25.37
9	June Pocock, New Westminster BC	24.07
10	Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC	23.25
11	Amy Gao, Richmond BC	22.45
12	Gail Heuchert, Vancouver BC	20.20
13	Dianne Isfeld, Coquitlam BC	19.55
14	Cathy Miller, Burnaby BC	19.09
15	Patti Adams, Burnaby BC	18.65

Leo Steil Trophy

The Leo Steil Trophy has been awarded since 1997 to the senior player, 55 or older, who wins the most masterpoints at sectionals. The Top 15 2008 players:

Place	Player	MP
1	Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	60.60
2	Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC	57.02
3	Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC	53.02
4	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	51.27
5	Jack Lee, Richmond BC	47.57
6	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	45.20
7	John Hurdle, Richmond BC	42.24

Place	Player	MP
8	Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC	42.24
9	Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC	38.40
10	Les Fouks, Vancouver BC	36.42
11	Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC	36.05
12	Gene Fomin, Glacier WA	31.45
13	Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC	30.61
14	Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	29.49
15	Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	28.56

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

The Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy has been awarded since 1974 to the highest player on the sectional masterpoint list who began the calendar year with 200 or fewer masterpoints. The Top 15 2008 players:

Place	Player	MP
1	Yuandong Ren, Richmond BC	31.12
2	Roy Li, Burnaby BC	28.81
3	Amy Gao, Richmond BC	22.45
4	Ann Hung, Vancouver BC	15.83
5	David Hu, Vancouver BC	13.66
6	Kun Shao, Surrey BC	13.09
7	Paul Yip, Richmond BC	12.16
8	Joan Tang, Burnaby BC	11.36
9	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC	9.99
10	Adrienne Wurz, Vancouver BC	9.38
11	Chang-Shan Chen, Richmond BC	8.45
12	Bond Liu, Burnaby BC	8.38
13	Bonny Lee, Vancouver BC	8.29
14	Noah Stewart, Vancouver BC	8.21
15	Andrew Mackey, Vancouver BC	8.21

Unit Game 2009 Schedule

All games are at the VBC on Saturday nights, starting at 7:30 p.m.

May 2 (Pairs)	June 6 (Teams)	Jul 4 (Pairs)	Aug 8 (Pairs)
Sept 5 (Pairs)	Oct 3 (Teams)	Nov 7 (Pairs)	Dec 12 (Pairs): Pre-Game Christmas Party



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Upcoming Tournaments

Vancouver ACBL Unit 430 invites you to the
May 15-18, 2009

(Friday–Holiday Monday)

Queensborough Community Centre

920 Ewen Ave., New Westminster/Queensborough

Tournament Chair: Gail Heuchert, 604/263-5599,
gheuchert@telus.net Event Schedule (on the other side)

Contact the Tournament Chair for partnership enquiries More
info, directions: www.matchpointer.com

2009 Entry Fees: \$11.00 (\$1 discount for paid ACBL members).

\$6.00 for junior players (under 26) and/or full-time
students (with student ID). Saturday 0-750 and Future Masters: free
for ACBL members under 50 MP.

Tournament Schedule Features:

- Ben Lapidus Bracketed Knockouts Friday and Saturday
- NEW! 0-750 pairs game on Saturday Afternoon
- Unit 430 Annual General Meeting, Saturday 4:20pm.
- Two session Stratiflighted Pairs on Sunday.
- Two Session Swiss Teams on Monday (Victoria Day).

Future Unit 430 Sectionals and Events:

May 9: Spring FUNdraiser Game (all welcome) at VBC

June 1 - 7: STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs): Silver Points!

September 11 - 13: Evergreen Sectional at Queensborough C.C.

October 23 - 25: Round-Up Sectional at Engineers' Hall

November 9-15: Vancouver Regional at Sheraton Guildford

2009 VICTORIA DAY SECTIONAL EVENT

FRIDAY, MAY 15 — AFTERNOON (1:30 PM)

Open Stratified Pairs - single session

Senior Stratified Pairs - single session

*(Both games: \$1 surcharge for the Canadian Bridge
Federation and Regionally-rated silver point awards.
But Unit 430 will contribute the extra dollar so that
the entry fee remains \$10 per player.)*

FRIDAY, MAY 15 — EVENING (7:30 PM)

Ben Lapidus Trophy Bracketed Knockout Teams

opening round, continues Saturday afternoon/evening

Side Stratified IMP Pairs



SATURDAY, MAY 16 — AFTERNOON (1:00 PM)

Ben Lapidus Trophy Knockout Teams semifinals

Open Pairs qualifying session (not stratified)

0-750 Stratified Pairs single session

(0-50 masterpoints: \$4.00, free for ACBL members)

(The Unit 430 Annual General Meeting follows the afternoon session. Break time has been extended a half hour so that members can easily attend.)

SCHEDULE (See other side for tournament details)

SATURDAY, MAY 16 — EVENING (7:00 PM)

Ben Lapidus Trophy Knockout Teams finals

Open Pairs final session (not stratified)

Consolation Pairs open, stratified

(For players not qualifying for the Open Pairs and players who played in the afternoon 0-750 game.)

Future Masters 0-200 Pairs (\$4.00)

(ACBL members with 0-50 masterpoints play free)

SUNDAY, MAY 17 — (1:00 PM & 6:30 PM)

StratiFlighted Open Pairs - two sessions

(single session entries will be accepted)

MONDAY, MAY 18 — (10:30 AM & TBA)

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams - two sessions

Strat Limits:

Open Games: A unlimited, B 500-1500, C 0-500

StratiFlighted: A unlimited, X 0-3000; separate from B 750-1500, C 300-750, D 0-300

0-750 Pairs: B 300-750, C 50-200, D 0-50

Future Masters: D 100-200, E 50-100, F 0-50



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\$92.00/night plus taxes.

Daily and Weekly parking passes: \$6/day, available at Hospitality Desk.

* A previous version of this flyer had erroneous dates: November 9th—15th, 2009 is correct *



ACBL District 19 Welcomes You to Pacific Salmon Country!

HOW TO GET THERE:

LOCATION: 152 St and 104 Ave in Surrey, about a half block east of the intersection on the north-side.

FROM VANCOUVER / NORTH SHORE: Follow Highway 1 east, over the Fort Mann bridge, to exit 40. Follow 152 St south to 104 Ave and turn left.

FROM HOPE / FRASER VALLEY: Follow Highway 1 west to Exit 50. Continue the bypass onto 104 Ave. Continue west on 104 Ave to just past 153 St.

BC TRANSIT: Take the SkyTrain to Surrey Central Station and then take any of the following buses to Guildford Exchange: 320, 332, 335, 325, or 501.

FROM TSAWASSEN / S. DELTA: Follow Highway 17 north and turn right onto Hwy 10. Follow Highway 10 east to 152 St, and turn left. Follow 152 St north to 104 Ave and turn right.

Featuring

**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS
DISTRICT FINALS (Saturday)**

SIX BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS
Four full-length knockouts

Two day-long compact knockouts
Evening Swiss (Tues., Wed., Fri.)

DAILY TWO-SESSION EVENTS
Daily Open Pairs or Swiss Teams
Senior and Stratiflighted
Swiss Teams on Sunday

199er EVENTS EVERY DAY
Daily "Tops for Tops" Speakers

THREE SIDE GAME SERIES

FROM VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT / RICHMOND: Exit the airport and stay in the right lane. Watch for Highway 99 South signs and get onto Highway 99 South. Not far along is Exit 37 to Highway 91 East. Take Highway 91 to the Alax Fraser Bridge and cross the bridge into Surrey. Take the Merril Way exit off the bridge and continue east on Merril Way (68 Ave) to 152 St. Follow 152 St. north to 104 Ave and turn right.

FROM USA/CANADA BORDER: If you cross at the truck crossing, head north on Pacific Highway 15 (176 St.) through Cloverdale to Highway 1. Follow Highway 1 west to Exit 50. Take the bypass onto 104 Ave. Continue west on 104 Ave to just past 153 St. From the Peace Arch crossing, take the first exit from Highway 99 and go east on 8 Ave to Pacific Highway 15 (176 St.). Turn left and follow the directions above for the truck crossing.

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VANCOUVER REGIONAL

NOVEMBER 9 - 15, 2009
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Knockout Teams..... opening round..... 7:30 pm
Charity Pairs..... single session..... 7:30 pm
Charity 199er Pairs..... single session..... 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Knockout Teams..... quarterfinals..... 9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series..... season 1 of 5..... 9:00 am
Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 1:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 1:00 pm
Prime Time Knockout Teams..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 1:00 pm
First Side Game Series..... session 1 of 6..... 1:00 pm

Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 7:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams..... final session..... 7:00 pm
Open Pairs..... final session..... 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams..... single session..... 7:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 7:00 pm
First Side Game Series..... session 2 of 6..... 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Knockout Teams..... opening round..... 9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series..... season 2 of 5..... 9:00 am
Prime Time Knockout Teams..... opening round..... 1:00 pm
Open Pairs..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 1:00 pm
Prime Time Game Series..... session 3 of 6..... 1:00 pm
Prime Time Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams..... final session..... 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams..... single session..... 7:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 7:00 pm
First Side Game Series..... session 4 of 6..... 7:00 pm

Mid-chair methods will be allowed only in the top bracket of full-length knockout teams (not in compact/Highlighted) and also in Flight AX of all Stratified/Highlighted events.

Boldface indicates the first or only session of an event, or the first session of a side game series. All team knockout events are bracketed; all other events are stratified. See stratification masterpoint ranges below.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Knockout Teams..... quarterfinals..... 9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series..... session 3 of 5..... 9:00 am
Prime Time Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 1:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
199er Swiss Teams..... single session..... 1:00 pm
First Side Game Series..... session 5 of 6..... 1:00 pm
Prime Time Knockout Teams..... finals..... 7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams..... final session..... 7:00 pm
199er Swiss Teams..... single session..... 7:00 pm
First Side Game Series..... final session of 6..... 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series..... session 4 of 6..... 9:00 am
Weekend Knockout Teams..... opening round..... 1:00 pm
199er Pairs..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
Second Side Game Series..... session 1 of 5..... 1:00 pm
Weekend Knockout Teams..... quarterfinals..... 7:00 pm
Open Pairs..... final session..... 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams..... single session..... 7:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 7:00 pm
0-5 FREE Pairs..... single session..... 7:00 pm
Second Side Game Series..... session 2 of 5..... 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Knockout Teams..... finals..... 9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series..... final session of 5..... 9:00 am
North American Pairs..... (3 flights; pair play)..... 1:00 pm
District 19 Finals..... (qualification included)..... 7:00 pm
Weekend Knockout Teams..... semifinals..... 1:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams..... first of two sessions..... 1:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 1:00 pm
Second Side Game Series..... session 3 of 5..... 1:00 pm
Weekend Knockout Teams..... finals..... 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs..... final session..... 7:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams..... final session..... 7:00 pm
199er Pairs..... single session..... 7:00 pm
Second Side Game Series..... session 4 of 5..... 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Stratified Swiss Teams..... two sessions..... 10:00 am
Senior Swiss Teams..... two sessions..... 10:00 am
With a 45-minute team exercise will be playthrough; 15 minutes include a partially subsidized bag lunch for four players.
199er Swiss Teams..... single session..... 10:00 am
Second Side Game Series..... final session of 5..... 10:00 am

MASTERPOINT RANGES:

All events are stratified, based on the player in a pair with the most masterpoints, or the average of all of the members of a Swiss Team.

All 199er events are stratified with these strats:
A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500
D: 100-199 E: 50-100 F: 0-50

Stratified/Highlighted Events are really two separate events, both stratified based on the highest member of the pair of team: A: 3000+ X: 0-3000
B: 1000-1500 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500
In Bracketed Knockout Events (both full length and compact) the brackets will be based on the average masterpoints of all of the team members.

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