

**AUTUMN 2015 UNIT 430**  
**Matchpointer**



**DIST 19 GRAND NATIONAL TEAM**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2015

There are several upcoming Unit events that require special mention, as summarized below.

Your Unit Board has been active in conducting a review of tournament sites and would appreciate any site suggestions that players may have. Our regular site at the Engineer's Hall has become problematic, as our hosts do not want us to commence weekday (Friday) games before 4:00pm, making it impossible to have two games there on Fridays. While it would be possible to perhaps conduct the Friday afternoon game at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, this would necessitate a major job moving our many supplies (tables, boards, bidding boxes, etc.) between games on the Friday. Another possibility is to have Thursday and Friday evening games instead of two games on the Friday. The Unit Board will reach final decisions on these options in the near future.

Our next Sectional is scheduled for the Queensborough Community Centre on September 4-6. This site has ample space for us, but is not always available when we want it, in particular for our November 6-8 Sectional, which we have scheduled for the Engineers Hall. We have checked out a number of possible sites, but would be interested in suggestions from players. We need approximately 3500-4000 square feet of floorspace and sufficient parking spaces, as well as accessibility on all weekend days.

One new Sectional tournament which we will be introducing later this year is a One Day Sectional for players having fewer than 200 masterpoints. It will take place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Saturday, December 5, and will feature two Pairs games at 10 am and 2:30pm. There will be a Q & A session with a local expert during the lunch break. A light lunch will also be available at a cost of \$5. If your masterpoint holding qualifies you for this game, put it on your calendar now. Flyers will be available following the Future Stars Sectional (for all non-Life Masters) which will take place on October 24-25, also at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

We also have one further 2015 Mentor-Mentee game scheduled for Saturday November 21 at noon. Signup will be available in early November on our Unit Website, [www.vancouverbridge.com](http://www.vancouverbridge.com). These Mentor-Mentee games are well attended and we again thank the many mentors who give up an afternoon of their time to help a less experienced player with their game. The last three MM games have drawn 26, 30 and 29 tables respectively, and we hope to see a similar attendance at the next one. Thanks to Kathryn Shannon and Maryellen Gallo for all their work in putting these games together and getting so many mentors to participate.

The District Finals of the North American Pairs event will be held on November 14-15 at Mt. Vernon, WA with the A and C stratifications playing two sessions on Saturday, November 14 and the B strat playing two sessions on Sunday, November 15.

**2015 GNT's in Chicago- A tribute to Dick Yarrington  
By Bryan Maksymetz**

It was an honour to represent District 19 in this year's Grand National Teams. It was held in Chicago from August 5th to 9th. Our team was comprised of Dick Yarrington and Ken Scholes of Seattle, Rock Shi Yan of Richmond, Dan Jacob, and myself from Vancouver.

Our team suffered a great loss when Dick passed away on July 20. We named Dick our apc and dedicated the event to him. He was a dear friend, a wonderful, warm intelligent man and a great bridge player.

We got off to a shaky start but managed to qualify for Day 2. The Day 1 format is a Swiss to trim the 25 Districts down to 16 survivors (there were 2 no-shows). We finished 14th and lived to fight another day. The remaining 16 teams would play 60 board KO matches to determine a winner.

Our first opponent was a District 5 team (New York): Sulgrove. We jumped out to a 59 IMP lead at half-time and held on for a 105-51 win. In the second round of 8, we faced Munday from District 10 (Old South). We started slow, but won the last 3 quarters to triumph 146-100.

This was the second time to the semi-finals for Dan, Ken and myself. Dick was also on that team - we lost on the very last board a few years ago. But this year it was a different story. We squared off against a formidable squad from Washington DC - Cole, representing District 6. We jumped off to a 39-9 first quarter lead and stayed in from the rest of the way, winning 168 to 117. Wow! We had made it to the finals. It was the first time anyone could remember District 19 making the finals.

The team we faced in the finals was formidable. The great partnership of Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell was on the team with David Berkowitz/Gary Cohler, and Mike Becker/Warren Spector. They were representing District 9 (Florida). We battled hard but eventually lost by 9 - 113 to 104. There were easily a dozen hands we could have done better on - any one of which would have won us the match.

It was a great team and a pleasure to be part of -- everyone played well. I think Dick would have been proud of us. Here are a few hands:

First a few lead problems.

Hand 1. You hold, as East, NV v. Vul. **♠QJ972 ♥4 ♦J63 ♣QJ95**

This is the auction at your table

West	North	East	South
P	1♥	1♠	2♦
2♠	5♥	P	6♥

Both teams reached 6♥. A black Queen was lead at both tables. But which one?

Hand 2: You hold as East, all NV:

**♠5 ♥T743 ♦J72 ♣AJ965**

This is the auction at your table:

West	North	East	South
P	1♦	2♣	2NT

3♣	3♠	P	4♠
P	4NT	P	5♦

4NT was Roman Key Card and 5♦ showed 0/3 key cards for ♠. Surprisingly that became the final contract. What is your lead?

Hand 3: You hold as East, NV v. Vul.

**♠QT9843 ♥J ♦J85 ♣842**

This is the auction at your table.

West	North	East	South
P	1♦	2♠	Dbl
P	3♠	P	3NT
P	4♦	P	5♦
P	6♦		

After this basically natural auction, what is your lead?

Hand 4: Next, you have to defend another 5♦ contract on an unusual auction.

West	North	East	South
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P	1NT	P	4♣
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P	4♥	P	5♦.
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4♣ is Gerber and 4♥ shows 1 ace. 1NT was 14-16. Partner leads the Queen of hearts and the dummy hits: **♠954 ♥K543 ♦AQ ♣JT9752**. Declarer plays a low heart. Over to you.

Answers later on.

Now, a few hands that feature specialized bids as well as good play problems.

Hand 5. You, West, as Dealer, hold

**♠AK ♥K543 ♦K72 ♣AT862**

This is your auction. The opponents are silent. All Vul

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣			

Your 2NT showed 17 to 19 high card points (1NT is 14 to 16). Partner's 3♠ was a slam invite in clubs. With prime controls and a five card suit, you think slam should have a good play and you ask for key cards with 4♣. Partner shows 2 without the queen and you bid 6.

North leads the Queen of Diamonds, which goes small from dummy, Ace. A diamond is returned and you win the King. This dummy hits: **♠JT74 ♥AQ6 ♦98 ♣KJ53**.

Now all you need to do is guess trumps. Small to the King fetches the 9 on your left and the 4 on your right. You lead the Jack and hope the Queen appears, but the 7 does instead. Do you play for 2-2 or 3-1?

Hand 6. Rock and I had the following auction, opponents silent, all NV.

Bryan **♠Q984 ♥-- ♦765 ♣AQJT74**

Rock **♠A3 ♥AKJT942 ♦A3 ♣K2**

Bryan North Rock South

Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♣	

There was not much to the play with the suits breaking. The other table stopped at 4♥ after they opened my hand 1♣. 3♣ showed a 6 card suit with 2 of the top 3.

Hand 7. This is more of a play problem, but it features some fancy bidding. You hold, as East, all Vul: ♠J ♥T98432 ♦KJ ♣AJ43

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	...	

You might wonder what is going on. Partner's 2♥ showed 6 spades. What would it mean if he bid 2♠? It would show 5♠ and at least 4♣. It is part of an approach called Gazilli. Anyway, enough about the system. Partner has shown 12 to 15 HCP with 6♣, 4♦ and no interest in a heart contract. Do you pass? If not, what do you bid?

Here is partner's hand. If you put partner in game, it is up to him to make it. How would you play this tricky contract? ♠AQ9843 ♥\_\_ ♦AQ95 ♣T85. Notice how valuable those Jacks of yours are -- all three of them.

Now, the answers:

Hand 1: Declarer had this amazing hand: ♠A4 ♥AQT98532 ♦5 ♣A4

Would you have chanced a 3♥ bid? It is Forcing, but will partner know that? 5♥ was certainly a creative bid. So what Queen did you lead? Only the Queen of clubs works as dummy has: ♠KT6 ♥K7 ♦KQT954 ♣T3.

Hand 2: Your singleton does the trick. Declarer had: ♠KT63 ♥AJ ♦AKQT64 ♣3

Dummy: ♠QJ92 ♥Q98 ♦92 ♣KQT2. Maybe they should have doubled 3♣? But slam could be cold.

Hand 3: Any lead but the ♥Jack will probably beat it.

Dummy: ♠K5 ♥T7643 ♦A94 ♣KT3 Declarer had: ♠A762 ♥AQ8 ♦KQT52 ♣A

In order to make on, say, a Spade lead, declarer would have to win in Hand, lead a Diamond to the 9 and then a Heart to the Queen. Draw trumps ending in dummy and lead a heart towards the A8, building a 12th trick. The Jack of Hearts lead makes it easy.

Hand 4:

You better win the Ace and switch to a Spade.

Declarer's hand: ♠K8 ♥6 ♦KJT987643 ♣A.

Hand 5:

My own view is to play for 2-2 in shuffled hands and 3-1 in computer generated ones. Why? Hand-shuffled tend to be flatter and a big edge goes to suits splitting. During the first three days of the GNT the boards were all hand-shuffled. The semis and finals were computer generated. This time they were 3-1 and Rock got it right.

Hand 7:

With such nice fitting cards, it is right to bid the vulnerable game. The line of play selected at 1 table was to trump the Ace of Hearts, cross twice to dummy in Diamonds and trump 2 more Hearts. Then Ace and Queen of Diamonds. This line emerges with 10 tricks. Crossing to a Diamond will lead to down 1 most of the time.

The hands again:

Dummy: ♠J ♥T98432 ♦KJ ♣AJ43;      Declarer: ♠AQ9843 ♥-- ♦AQ95 ♣T85  
Opening leader (LHO) holds: ♠K752 ♥AK7 ♦743 ♣962

If that hand ducks the Jack of Spades, the only way to make it is to overtake the Jack of Diamonds and squeeze/endplay RHO. Any other line of play will fail with perfect defence.

Close, but no cigar. But there is always next year.

### **The Unit 430 Mentor Mentee Program By Maryellen Gallo**

The Mentor-Mentee program sponsored by Unit 430 has been a growing success during the last few years. Two Unit 430 board members, Kathryn Shannon and Maryellen Gallo, have taken it on with enthusiasm and enjoy offering it to members four times a year.

The program was previously run under a different format. Mentors and Mentees were matched up and asked to play four games together at any Unit 430 club game (after participating in the mentor-mentee contest). Currently we hold the games quarterly on specific dates at the Vancouver Bridge Centre and all Mentors and Mentees attend the same game.

Kathryn joined the Unit Board in 2012. At that time the Mentor-Mentee series, which had been run by retiring board member David Dilkes following its start-up several years earlier under the management of earlier unit board member Janis Parker, was in danger of lapsing. Kathryn spearheaded the effort to ensure that this beneficial series of games continued. The first game Kathryn managed was held in March, 2013, and since then there have been 11 such games with over 1170 players participating. Later in 2013, Maryellen joined Kathryn in both the Mentor-Mentee and Future Stars programs. The games are a lot of work to organize but there are many people who lend a helping hand.

The program has blossomed into a highly successful quarterly game boasting 30 or more tables of bridge each quarter. With a growing abundance of novice players with less than 250

masterpoints there is always a waiting list of eager mentees hoping to be paired up with a mentor.

It has become a popular event throughout the year for the opportunity to play and learn from an expert and also for its hospitality. Players look forward to generous selections of cheese, fresh fruits, baked goods and sweet and savoury delights.

Kathryn Shannon and Maryellen Gallo have co-chaired the program for the past two years and are very satisfied with its success. They are so pleased to see the extensive number of mentors that are not only willing but happy to come to the Vancouver Bridge Centre four times a year to share their knowledge and time with novice players. There is a tremendous sense of pride in doing so as evidenced by the pairs meeting before the game to discuss convention cards and also by pairs meeting at tables after the game to go over results and discuss playing and bidding strategies.

The boards are pre-dealt allowing comparison and scoring across all tables and the ability to distribute hand records and analysis. The boards are 100% random and there is no influence on the cards received.

After every game, an organized post-game review is held. It is led by a skilled local mentor and is presented in a Vu-Graph style with players identifying difficult hands to either bid, declare or defend. The mentor discusses how to perhaps bid a hand to slam or grand slam, or the correct way to declare a hand to make a contract.

We are so appreciative of our Mentors who give willingly of their time and knowledge to help our rookies. The community comes out to support the event even if they have to travel an hour each way.

Registration for the Mentor-Mentee game opens up approximately one month prior to the game and allows players to register their name either as mentors or mentees. The next Mentor-Mentee game is scheduled November 21. Make a note on your calendar about a month prior to that date to register your name on the list. All MM games will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre and the starting time is 12 Noon. The cost for Mentees is \$9, and as a sign of appreciation the Mentors play for free, compliments of ACBL Unit 430.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Shannon at [kathrynshannon@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynshannon@gmail.com) or at 604 984 4167 or [maryellengallo@yahoo.com](mailto:maryellengallo@yahoo.com) or 778-438-2349. For complete details, visit our website: <http://www.vancouverbridge.com/mmggame.php>.

Wrapping up, our Unit 430 has two words for everyone involved in the Mentor-Mentee program: THANK YOU.

## **Canadian Bridge Championships**

**May 21-28, 2016 at the Delta East Hotel, Toronto, Ontario**

Players from all over Canada will descend on Toronto to play in this championship.

There are multiple team events and the week ends with the Canadian IMP Pairs and Canadian Open Pairs events.

Winners of the Open, Ladies, and Senior teams qualify to represent Canada at the World Championships.

Flights B and C winners receive cash prizes.

There will also be Regionally Rated Team games throughout the week and B/C pairs to run alongside the IMP and COPC pairs.

Why not try to attend this tournament?

To do so, you have to join the Canadian Bridge Federation. All Canadians should do so whether or not they plan to attend. You can join at [cbf.ca](http://cbf.ca) for the nominal amount of \$12 (you can also pay the membership fee at the time you renew ACBL membership). At [cbf.ca](http://cbf.ca) you can enjoy the bi-monthly web magazine Bridge Canada.

The Canadian Bridge Federation is also holding an online bridge tournament from October 2015 to February, 2016. There will be five flights, Open, B, C, 299ers and women's.

--Angela Fenton, Zone VI coordinator, CBF.



## **Avia Inter-Ciity Bridge Championships, Hong Kong, 2015**

### **By Eurydice Nours**

My friend from Hong Kong, Nancy Neumann, invited me to compete in the Inter-City Ladies' Team Championships, which ran from July 29 to August 2.

The annual Hong-Kong Inter-city championships is organized by the Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association which is one of the Asian Pacific Bridge Federation members. The event is played under World Bridge Federation rules. This year, they had 56 teams from 16 cities, eight teams in the Ladies' division and 10 Youth teams.

The Ladies teams included two from Japan, two from Hong Kong, one from Korea, one from Beijing, one from Indonesia, and our team. Our team was made up of two Korean players, my partner (Hong Kong), and myself as the only Canadian representative.

The Ladies event consisted of seven round robin matches of 14 boards over a two day period. Our team advanced to the final, battling last year's defending champions, the Indonesians. We eventually lost to them on the fourth day and scooped up the first runner-up trophy. It was an exhilarating experience for me, and required focus and stamina. I faced endless competition but persevered til the conclusion. I met and made new friends during the tournament.

Hong Kong has a very successful youth program. It is so delightful to watch the youngsters play. I met a 12 year-old player from China who was partnering with his brother. There are programs to support the youths and they play free in the tournament.

I noticed, however, that the bridge culture in Asia is much different from that of North America. Although the World Bridge Federation has similar bridge laws and rules as the ACBL, the players do not observe them. They lack bridge etiquette such as how to remove boards and playing cards from the table when tabling the dummy. This risks the boards being pointed in the wrong direction when they are returned to the table. They also fail to alert when required and dummy is not always aware of his or her obligations, etc. I needed to call the directors from time to time to ensure that they followed the due process. Overall it was an eye-opening adventure.

## **Profile of Tom Anderson**

**Unit 430's 2015 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Leader among non-Life Masters and  
Webmaster of the Unit 430 Website,  
[Vancouverbridge.com](http://Vancouverbridge.com)**

I've played bridge since I was about 14, and played duplicate for a couple of years until giving it up in 1980 because that was the year I started practising law. My partner at that time was a young lady working at the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio who was very passionate about duplicate bridge--teaching, directing. She also stressed what was then a very novel idea, respect at the bridge table. Her name was Barbara Seagram, then at the beginning of her career. We had a regular and wonderful partnership for about a year until I had to return to Vancouver in the summer of 1980.

I had earned about 80 master points by that time and that was basically it for serious duplicate bridge for the next 32 years, until 3 years ago, when my mom suggested that I might enjoy playing with her in the game at the West Vancouver Senior Centre. Barbara Seagram came out here for a visit in September, 2012, and dragged me down to the North Shore Bridge Club to try quite a different game.

A few weeks later, a letter arrived from the ACBL with the surprising news that I was now a member (it turned out, Barbara had purchased the membership for me). And I soon received a phone call out of the blue from someone called Shelley Burns to see if I wanted to play a game (it turned out that Shelley had studied with Barbara back in Toronto, and Barbara had contacted her suggesting that we might be good partners and to give me a call.)

I retired last year. (I specialized in pensions and employment benefits, and helped family lawyers figure out how to divide these assets between spouses when their relationships ended. I was a member of the bar for 36 years before retirement and was honoured to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 2005.) Since retirement, a lot of my free time has been spent happily playing this wonderful game several times a week.

When I started playing at the West Van Senior Centre, Joan Richards, the director there, thought it might be nice to have a website to post results and other information. I didn't know much about websites but said I thought I could manage that and quickly learned a lot. When Unit 430 was looking for a new webmaster, Joan suggested to Unit Board Member Angela Fenton that she should discuss this with me. I said yes, thinking we were just talking about posting results, little realizing what was actually involved!

The Unit 430 Website is a lot more complicated and provides a lot more information and services than the West Van Senior Centre website, so there has been a real learning curve working on it over the last two years. But it has been a lot of fun, particularly since the Unit board members are such a great group, and they are all doing so much for our bridge community that I'm proud to be able to do my part. I could not have succeeded in keeping the website going, of course, except that previous webmasters had done such great work in putting the site together and my predecessor, Yue Su, left it in wonderful shape for me to take over.

I passed the ACBL Director's exam in May so that I could help out more effectively at the Senior Centre and the Squamish Bridge Club in particular, and assist Amir Sonji and John Demeulemeester last month with the bridge events at the BC 55+ 2015 Game (what a lot of fun it was!) I've found that people in our bridge community are extremely supportive. I can't tell you how much patient help and advice I've received from so many as I've been working on my game, for which I've been really grateful.

## **Announcing a New North Shore Club**

### **Shelley's Bridge Club: SEPTEMBER IS OPEN HOUSE MONTH**

My name is Shelley Burns and I run a Bridge Club just five minutes from the Ironworker's Memorial Bridge in the Blueridge area of North Vancouver. I am an accredited ACBL teacher and director, and have taught bridge to more than 150 students over the past four years. I run an ACBL sanctioned Duplicate game on Wednesday evenings and a Ladies Duplicate game on Tuesday afternoons during the fall and winter (bimonthly). My Bridge Club has grown by word of mouth only, but now I am ready to expand and I invite those new to my club to attend one FREE duplicate game or lesson in September.

Here are the ACBL lessons/duplicate that I am offering starting September 10th:

Tuesdays 1:00 PM: Ladies Duplicate (Sept. 15, Oct 6, 20, 27, Nov. 10, 24.

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM: both open ACBL Duplicate and Supervised Duplicate.

Thursdays, 2:00 PM: Intermediate 2: lessons on Common Conventions.

Thursdays, 7:00 PM: Basics: 2 lessons (play of the hand, basics bidding review, overcalls and takeout doubles)

Basics 1 Lessons: I have several interested in beginning bridge lessons and will run lessons on either Mondays at 7PM, Tuesdays at 7PM or Fridays at 9:30AM starting in October if there is enough interest on one particular day.

Please email me if you are interested in finding more about my Bridge Club or are interested in lessons. It is an open club, and I invite all bridge players with a pleasant demeanour to frequent it. My main goal is for people to feel comfortable in a nurturing environment. Therefore a friendly, non-confrontational standard of behaviour will be expected. My motto is "Enter as strangers, leave as friends."

I love the game of bridge and take pride in contributing to the continued growth of this wonderful game. I can accommodate up to 20 students in a lesson and up to 11 tables for duplicate. It would be appreciated if you could come to a duplicate game any of the last three Wednesdays in September, or just come to see my place. It has a lovely atmosphere. Please contact me to reserve a spot and get directions. I welcome friends as well. Thank you for supporting Shelley's Bridge Club. The location is 1695 Orkney Place, North Vancouver, Tel: 604-988-0990; email: [sburns@rogers.com](mailto:sburns@rogers.com).

Regards, Shelley

## Spot the Mistake - by Greg Morse



My favourite column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin is Mark Horton's "Misplay these Hands with Me." For some reason, I strongly identify!

See if you can spot the mistake(s) on the following hand which came up in a pairs club game.  
Dummy: ♠J98432 ♥K753 ♦Q4 ♣J      You: ♠QT ♥AJT8 ♦K532 ♣A83.

Right Hand Opponent deals and passes. The auction proceeds: P- 1♦ - P -1♠; 2♣-P -P-DBL; P -2♥- all pass.

The opening lead is the club 4. It goes Jack, Queen, Ace. Remembering an article by a well-known author here in the Matchpointer entitled "S.S.S. for Success" you decide to set up dummy's long spade suit rather than going for the club ruffs. You hope to make 4 spade tricks, 3 or 4 heart tricks, and a club and a diamond.

Accordingly you play the spade ten and run it to RHO's King. RHO gets out with the diamond jack, which you cover. Your King is allowed to win, so next you play a heart to the King and a heart to the Jack. Everyone follows, so you draw the last heart and lead the spade Queen. LHO thinks for a bit, then takes his Ace, RHO following. LHO then cashes the Diamond Ace and leads another diamond. You ruff in dummy and run the spades to make 10 tricks.

Declarer and the defense both made errors on this hand. In Mark Horton's column, Declarer's errors are always punished by a bad result. In club play, however, sometimes Declarer's mistakes do not cost because the defense makes an offsetting error. That was the case here.

If declarer is going to set up Dummy's spades, he should be aware that entries will be required. Accordingly, he should lead the Queen of Spades before the Ten. To see why look at this position after the trumps have been drawn:

Dummy: ♠J9843 ♥7 ♦Q      You: ♠Q ♥T ♦532 ♣83.

When Declarer leads the spade Queen, what would happen if the person with the Ace ducks? Declarer can cross to dummy with a club ruff, then set up the spade suit with a ruff, but he will have no entry back to dummy to cash the good spades. RHO should have been able to see this (he is looking at the diamond ace after all) and so it was an offsetting error for him to go up with his Ace. He should have allowed the Queen to win. But what if Declarer had led the Queen of Spades before the Ten? Now if LHO ducks, Declarer can overtake with the Jack and ruff a third round to set up the suit, and still have a trump left in dummy as an entry to run the suit. He would then even make 5 on that line of play so LHO could no longer afford to duck his Ace.

**The Complete Hand:** Dummy ♠J98432 ♥K753 ♦Q4 ♣J

LHO: ♠A65 ♥94 ♦AT986 ♣654

RHO: ♠K7 ♥Q62 ♦J7 ♣KQT972

You: ♠QT ♥AJT8 ♦K532 ♣A83

4 x 4

By Greg Morse



When I was first learning squeezes it took me some time to realize that anytime you have a four card suit, and six or more cards between the two hands, you have a squeeze threat suit, the reason being that only one opponent can guard your four card suit.

Here is a hand that came up at a KO in Penticton where you have FOUR possible threat suits.

**♠AKT ♥AKJx ♦QJ7x ♣AQ** Being behind in the match and needing a swing you bid aggressively to 6NT. The opening lead is the club 5 and this is what you see: Dummy: **♠Q9xx ♥Qxx ♦Kx ♣9xxx**. Notice that between the two hands you have four four card suits that might serve as threats in a squeeze situation. You play low from dummy, RHO contributes the club King and you win the Ace.

Next you play a diamond to the King, which wins and another diamond to the Queen. LHO takes the Ace and exits with another club, higher than the first one.

How do you like your chances? It looks like you are going to need four spade tricks for your contract. You could finesse (either way) against the Jack, but the odds favour playing the spades from the top.

But why rush your decision? You have four 4 card suits, and lots of squeeze chances. Someone has four or more clubs, (assumed to be LHO from the play of the first four tricks) so dummy's club 9 is a threat over him, and if RHO has four diamonds, your diamond 7 is a threat against him. If someone also has four spades, then they will be squeezed in spades and a minor, or the spades might be 3-3. You lose nothing by postponing your decision.

So play off all your hearts. After four rounds of hearts, two rounds of diamonds, and two rounds of clubs, everyone must come down to five cards. No one can keep 4 spades and two cards in a minor. As it happens, RHO shows out on the third heart. He can pitch a club on the third heart, trusting his partner to guard that suit, but what does he do on the fourth heart when he has four spades and four diamonds? He knows that you started with QJx(?) in diamonds (his partner would have cashed the Jack when in with the Ace if he had it) and dummy's spades look too threatening to discard one from four. (If he has 5=2=3=3 you are not going to make this because you do not have the entries to dummy to finesse in spades then get back to cash the long spade). Accordingly you hope for a diamond discard. RHO does in fact discard a diamond.

The position is now: Dummy **♠Q9xx ♣9**; You: **♠AKT ♦J7**. You play the Diamond Jack, pitching the club, cross to the Spade Queen, come back to hand, and (icing on the cake) take trick 13 with the BEER CARD.

## A Beautiful Defence

By Greg Morse



You hold: **♠QT764 ♥9 ♦A86 ♣AJ82**. You reach 6 spades after an uncontested auction. West leads the Club 3 and this is what you see:

Dummy: **♠A93 ♥AKJ842 ♦KQ ♣76** Declarer: **♠QT764 ♥9 ♦A86 ♣AJ82**.



How about pairs? Here another element enters the picture: how good is their contract? If you think that they overbid and few pairs will bid it, you must go for the set and return a heart. It will make very little difference to your matchpoint score if you are minus 620 or minus 650. Here the dummy is disgustingly good and South accepted the invitation, so his will be the contract at virtually all tables.

If partner has the heart king and two trumps the heart return is correct and you are still OK if partner does not have the heart king but has two trumps. I therefore think the heart return is worth the shot but you need an understanding partner if your plan backfires (your partner having a singleton trump) and you give up -650.

I have heard result merchants say "why didn't you give me the ruff? My diamond was a singleton". Of course it was a singleton. Of course it was a singleton every body knew that! If it works and the heart return sets the contract, you may get written up in the Matchpointer.

As an aside, you should check whether the change of suit was forcing. If it is not, there should be an alert, of course. Then south is more likely to have six spades. If it is not forcing, then south is safe with five since he does not mind a return to 3 diamonds.

The hand was as follows: ♠J96 ♥QJ4 ♦KQJT83 ♣J

♠74 ♥K964 ♦2 ♣876432

♠A52 ♥T53 ♦A96 ♣QJT9

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## UNIT 430 LEADERS

**Kudos to prominent local experts Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob and Rock Shi Yan**, who along with Bellevue Washington expert **Ken Scholes** finished second in the Championship (top level) flight of the **Grand National Teams** held at the **ACBL National Tournament** at Chicago, Illinois on August 5-9, 2015. (see article in front.) The team they lost to by only 9 IMPS overall included Jeff Meckstroth, Dennis Rodwell and four other world class players.

**Local Leaders: Colorado Springs Power Ratings:** Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz, Kai Zhou, Martin Henneberger, Ben Takemori, Baixiang Liu, Les Foukes, Cameron Doner, James Wu, Doug Hansford, Nick Stock

**Spring Sectional, May 15-18, 2015: Leading Local Players:** Doug Hansford, James Wu, Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, John Bryden, Laurence Betts, Susan Peters, Julie Smith, Jack Lee, Nicholas Stock

**Penticton Regional, June 13-19, 2015: Leading Unit 430 Players:** Ben Takemori, Monica Angus, James Wu, Andrew Krywaniuk, Yuandong Ren, Rock Shi Yan, Jack Lee.

**Lynnwood Regional, August 17-23, 2015: Leading Unit 430 Players:** Cam Doner, James Wu, Rangie Sylvestre, Jack Lee, Eric Pan, Vicki Moffatt, Michael Moffatt

**IMP League B:** We congratulate the winning Team, Jack Johnson, Elaine Bush, Tom Cotton and Peggy Winter.

**IMP League AX:** We congratulate the winning team, John Anthony, Sid Segal, Bill Osten, Harold McAllister and Neil McAllister.

**IMP League A:** We congratulate the winners, Yue Su, Tao Feng, Jack Lee, Eric Pan, Brian Liu, Larry Pocock and Kai Zhou. This team also won in 2013..

### **McKenney: Aug 6 Report**

**0-20 Masterpoints:** Yen Karro, Sidney Yang, Alice Kaye, Alan Borden, Norm Gangnes, Ron Williams, Joe Cashin, Ian Greig, Lily Lau, Harvey Russell, Marlene Russell, Lyall Levy, Kjell Rubenson,.Deborah Davy, Raymond Wargo.

**20-50 Masterpoints:** James Harris, Bruce Adams, Pete Wong, Kevin Contzen, Frances Adam, Harry Satanove, Terie Grad, Adelaine Miller, Name Withheld, Elizabeth Tovey.

**50-100 Masterpoints:** Stephanie Williams, Marie Lamontagne, Jerry Shapiro, Keith Lee, Janice Avis, Glenda Affleck, Joanne Emerman, Ernst Walti, Elaine Busch, Bruna Giacomazzi.

**100-300 Masterpoints:** Thomas Anderson (leading district in his category), Maryellen Gallo, Bill Matheson, John Maunsell, Jim Glanville, Susan Jonvik, Judy Chang, Donna Cusson, Nita Dalal, Barbara Hillman, Marlene Sumi, Rich Schmid, Dennis Peacock, David Butler, Valerie Haslam, Sue Glanville, Daniel Allard.

**300-500 Masterpoints:** Tom Jen Kwan, Marilyn Kinipp, Debbie Martignago, Ted Dagan, Eve Jensen, David Herbert, Carolyn Keane, Brian Grigg, Stephen Ottridge, Kathryn Shannon.

**500-1000 Masterpoints:** James Wu (leads District in category) Shelley Burns, Andrew Krywaniuk, Neil McAllister, Edgar L'Heureux, Jack Johnson, Frances Corney, Edee Rumley, Leatha Dudra, Jacques Printz

**1000-2500 Masterpoints:** Baixiang Liu, Jane Youngberg, Diane Griffiths, John Teschke, Sid Segal, Jim Walker, Chuck Irwin. Isabel Chernoff, Marlene Powell, Diana Jingt

**2500-5000 Masterpoints:** Susan Peters (leading district in category; 7th overall in district) Ben Takemori, Jack Lee, Monica Angus, Vicki Moffatt, Nicholas Stock, Julie Smith, John DeMeulemeester, Shirley Fiterman, Michael Moffatt

**5000+ Masterpoints: Cameron Doner** Doug Hansford, Dan Jacob, Les Fouks, Rock Shi Yan, Bryan Maksymetz, Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin, Kathy Adachi, Donald Sache, June Pocock, William Ge.

**Overall Leaders: Cameron Doner** (3rd in District) Doug Hansford (4th in Dist) Dan Jacob (5th in dist) Susan Peters (6th in dist) Ben Takemori, Les Fouks, Rock Shi Yan, Bryan Maksymetz, Jack Lee, James Wu, Thomas Anderson.



## **Ace of Clubs: Aug 6 Report (Black Points awarded in Club Games)**

**0-20 Masterpoints:** Yen Karro, (district 19 category leader) Norm Gangnes Alan Borden, Lily Lau, Joe Cashin, Harvey Russell, Marlene Russell, Sidney Yang,, Doug Avis, Kjell Rubenson, Lyall Levy, Deborah Day, Isadore Diamond,

**20-50 Masterpoints:** Bruce Adams, (district 19 category leader) Peter Wong, James Harris, Name Withheld, John Silver, Terie Grad, Nancy McDonald, Stephanie Boswell, David Stuart, Paul Gray.

**50-100 Masterpoints:** Stephanie Williams, Janis Avis Jenny Shapiro, Cindy Oishi, Ernest Walti, Joanne Emerman, Pam Robertson, Elaine Bush, David Norton, Marie Lamontagne.

**100-300 Masterpoints:** Thomas Anderson (dist 19 category leader), Jim Glanville, Bill Matheson, Maryellen Gallo, Donna Cusson, Susan Jonvik, Judy Chang, Dennis Peacock, Jean La Bone, Craig Wilson, Barbara Lacey, Daniel Allard, Marlene Sumi, Nonie Schmid, Lorraine Usher.

**300-500 Masterpoints:** Ted Dagan, Tom Jen Kwan, David Herbert, Debbie Martignago, Stephen Ottridge, Marilyn Knipp, Eve Jensen, Thomas Davis, Bertram Schoner, Elsie McKinnon.

**500-1000,** Leatha Dudra, Jack Johnson, Neil McAllister, L. Ralph Buckley, Shelley Burns, James Wu,. John Stevens, Siavosh Siassi, R. B. Chan, Edee Rumley.

**1000-2500 Masterpoints:** Sid Segal John Teschke, Diane Griffiths, Bjarne Christofferson, Marla Gropper, Jim Walker, Barry Kirkham, Allan Karro, Jane Youngberg, Antoinette Sheffield..

**2500-5000 Masterpoints:** Ben Takemori Shirley Fitterman, Tai Eng, Michael Strebinger, John Lien, John DeMeulemeester, Liz Stoneman, Joerg Schneider, Amirali Alibhai, Ina Anderson

**5000 + Masterpoints:** Les Fouks, (dist 19 leader, 5000-7500) Kathy Adachi, June Pocock, Don Brazeau, Peter Morse, Aidan Ballantyne Bryan Maksymetz, Doug Hansford, Ernie Dietrich, Sandra Robson, Martin Henneberger

**Overall Leaders:** Les Fouks (2nd overall in dist 19), Ben Takemori, Kathy Adachi, Shirley Fitterman, Tai Eng, Sid Segal, Michael Strebinger, Thomas Anderson, John Teschke, John Lien, John DeMeulemeester, Diane Griffiths

## **UNIT 430 CLUBS**

**NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB,** Stephen Beaton Director, manages it with co-owners Sandy White, and Tai Eng; 10AM Mondays, Jaycee Centre, 1251 Lillooet Rd. North Vancouver, BC Tel: 604 767 5974. We congratulate the club on its 11th anniversary being celebrated September 7. It now has predealt hands and records.

**NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB**, Stephen Beaton, Director, Bernice Mulock, Mgr. Tuesday, 7PM, 1325 E. Keith Rd. North Vancouver, BC Tel: 604 767 5974; Mulock Tel: 604 987 8289.

**HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB**, Stephen Beaton, Director, 7PM Mondays (Open) Thursday, 9:30AM (members only) 950 Cross Creek Rd. West Vancouver, BC. Tel: 604 767 5974.

**SHELLEY'S BRIDGE CLUB** Shelley Burns, Director, Wed. 7PM. Tues, 1PM (Ladies Duplicate) 1695 Orkney Place, North Vancouver; Tel: 604 988-0990. Program of lessons at other times. See introductory announcement in this issue.

**CAPILANO COUNTRY CLUB**, Tuesday, 9:15 AM (members only; not in summer months) Bruce McIntyre, Director, 420 Southborough, West Vancouver, BC; tel: 604 438 9735.

**VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB**, Monday, 10AM, Wednesday, 10AM. Homa Boustani, Director, St Davids United Church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604 922 8577; friendly game with biggest combined North Shore weekly table count.

**VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE**, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604-255 2564. Ken LoChang, proprietor; Directors: Bruce McIntyre, Sunday, 1PM; Wed. 7PM; (Wednesday Series) Friday, 7PM (Jackpot: plus \$5 price; "beat the expert pair" designated by Bruce and you get a free play. Cathy Miller, Director, Wed. & Fri. 10:30 AM; Theresa Kong, Director, Thurs. 10:30AM. Other games: Mon. 7PM (\$5 special) Tues. 10AM: (now \$8). District 430 Monthly Unit (MUG) Games held at site, first Saturday of the month, 7PM; other special events sponsored by the unit and others held occasionally on Saturday.

**BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Gilbert Lambert, Director, Tuesday, 7PM; team games, last Tuesday of every month. Tel: 604 817 6612.

**NEW WESTMINSTER BRIDGE CLUB (New West)** Gilbert Lambert, Director, Thursdays 7PM; Tel: 604 817 6612; Team games 2nd and last Thursdays each month; friendly game with good competition.

**EC BRIDGE CLUB**, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC; Thursday 7:PM Eugene Chan, Director, Bryan Maksymetz does lectures; continuing special offers. Tel: 778 837 2228. Birthday specials.

**MARJORIE GROBERMAN DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Jewish Community Centre Duplicate)** 850 W. 41st St. Vancouver, BC; Tues. & Thurs 11AM, Cathy Miller, Director; Tel 604 257 5111. Games rescheduled for Vancouver Bridge Centre on days JCC is closed. Now with predealt hands and hand records.

**SHAUGHNESSY GOLD COUNTRY CLUB**, Bruce McIntyre, Director; 9:15 AM Thurs. (Members only) 4300 SW Marine Dr. Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604 438 9735.

**RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB**, Monday, 1PM; Bryan Maksymetz, Director; Ramona Josephson, Mgr. (primarily members only) 9100 Steveston Hwy, Richmond, BC Tel: 604 277 3141.

**BETH TIKVAH BRIDGE (Richmond)** Bryan Maksymetz, Director, Larry Meyer, Mgr. Monday, 7PM. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 9711 Geal Rd. Richmond, BC; Tel: 604 271 8692; successor to Tsawwassen Bridge Club..

**DUPLICATE LITE IN SURREY**, John DeMeulemeester, Jane Youngberg, Directors. Thursday, 9:45 AM, Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey, BC; Tel: 604 298 2765. Check with club for Harrison teaching outing in September. Contact club directors for Barbara Seagram teaching seminar planned for Oct. 16-18.

**SURREY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, Ed L'Heureux, Director; Wed. 12:30 PM Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey, BC; Tel: 604 542 6116. Now fully operational. For up to date information consult [Surreybridgelessons@gmail.com](mailto:Surreybridgelessons@gmail.com). The plan is to eventually develop, at Elgin Hall or elsewhere, a second Bridge Centre serving southern lower mainland players.

**WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, Arlene Browning, Director, Wednesday, 7PM, 1845 154 St, Surrey BC; Tel 604 870 9300. Well run, friendly, cooperatively owned.

**PEACE ARCH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, John W. Lien, Director, Tuesday 11AM, Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey, BC; Tel: 604 603 5436. Game has moved from old site to the Elgin Hall location in Surrey, BC

**SOUTH SURREY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, Arlene Browning, Director, Mon. 7PM, 14831 28 Ave. Surrey, BC; Tel. 604 870 9300.

**GOLDEN EARS BRIDGE CLUB**, Garry Skoropada, Director, Wed. 12:30PM, Ridge Meadows Senior Ctr. 12150 224th St. Maple Ridge, BC Tel: 604 462 7320. Friendly, game which has increased in size in recent months.

**CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB**, David Peppar, Director, Monday, 7PM, 9168 Corbould St. Chilliwack, BC Tel: 604 702 9890

**SQUAMISH BRIDGE CLUB**, Colin Ransom and Doreen Ransom, Directors, Monday 6PM, Friday, 1PM, Howe Sound Golf and Curling, 2458 Mamquam Rd. Squamish, BC; Tel: 604 896 1522. Friendly, welcoming game.

**WHISTLER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**, Gillian Schramm, Director, Wed. 1:30PM (long summer break) at Maurice Young Millenium Palace, 4336 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC; Tel: 604 932 5791

## **UNIT 430 CALENDAR FOR 2015-6**

**Sept. 4-6: Evergreen Sectional, Queensborough Community Centre, Annacis Island, New Westminster (Note location change)**

**Sept. 10-12 Sectional, Victoria (Sidney) BC**

**Sept. 12: Monthly Unit Game, VBC**

**Sept. 18-20: Sectional, Powell River, BC**

**Sept. 23-27: Sectional, Anchorage, AK**

**Sept. 25-27: Sectional, Kelowna, BC**  
**Sept. 28-Oct 4: Regional, Seaside, OR**

**Oct. 3: Monthly Unit Game, VBC**  
**Oct. 9-11: Sectional at Grandview, WA**  
**Oct. 16-18: Sectional, Bellevue, WA**  
**Oct. 17: Non Life Master Sectional, Victoria, BC**  
**Oct. 23-25: Sectionals at Kamloops BC, Courtenay BC**  
**Oct. 24-25: Future Stars Sectional, VBC**  
**Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Regional at Leavenworth, WA**

**Nov. 6-8: Roundup Sectional, Engineers Hall, Burnaby BC**  
**Nov. 14: Monthly Unit Game, VBC**  
**Nov. 14-15: NA Open Pairs qualifier Mount Vernon, WA**  
**Nov. 14-15: 0-200 Sectional Tournament, Vernon, BC**  
**Nov. 21: Mentor-Mentee Game, VBC**  
**Nov. 26-Dec. 6: National at Denver, CO**

**Dec. 5: Monthly Unit Game**  
**Dec. 5: One Day Sectional at Van Bridge Centre 0-200 MP's**  
**Dec. 7-13: STaC (Incl. Dist. 19)**  
**Dec. 11-13: Fircrest Sectional, Tacoma, WA**

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**Jan 2: Monthly Unit Game**  
**Jan. 8-10: Sectional, Campbell River, BC; Calgary, AB**  
**Jan. 18-24: Regional, Honolulu, HI**  
**Jan. 29-31: Trophy Sectional (tentatively Burnaby, BC)**

**Feb. 6: Monthly Unit Game**  
**Feb. 12-14: Sectional, Bellingham, WA**  
**Feb. 15-21: Regional, Vancouver, WA**  
**Feb. 26-28: Sectional, Bellevue, WA**

**Mar. 5: Monthly Unit Game**  
**Mar. 4-6: Sectional, Everett, WA**  
**Mar. 10-20: National, Reno NV**  
**Mar. 11-13: Sectional, Duncan, BC**

**April 2: Monthly Unit Game**  
**April 1-3: Sectional: Victoria, BC; Calgary, AB**  
**April 2-3: Sectional, Kamloops, BC**

**April 4-10: Regional, Spokane, WA**

**April 15-17: Sectional, Red Deer, AB; Seaside OR**

**April 22-24: Sectional, Vernon, BC**

**April 29-May 1: Sectional, Qualicum, BC; Cranbrook, BC**

**May 7: Monthly Unit Game**

**May 13-15: Sectional, Ludlow, WA**

**May 21-28: Canadian Bridge Championships, Toronto, ON**

**May 20-23: Sectional, Vancouver BC(New Westminster)**

**May 27-30: Sectional, Osoyoos BC, Bothell, WA**

**June 4: Monthly Unit Game**

**June 6-12: District 19 STaC**

**June 13-19: Regional, Penticton, BC**

**June 21-26: Regional, Anchorage, AK**

**July 2: Monthly Unit Game**

**July 8-10: Sectional, Anacortes, WA**

**July 15-17: Sectional, Bellevue, WA**

**Aug. 6: Monthly Unit Game**

**Aug. 5-7: Sectional, Nanaimo, BC**

**Aug. 22-28: Regional, Lynnwood, WA**