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Grand National Teams, Flight A runners up:  
 Amy Gao, William Ge, Ben Takemori, James Wu



Sidney  
Yang

111.5 points won  
 2015 Winner  
 Mini Richmond  
 Trophy 0-5



Yen  
Karro

101.24 points won  
 2015 Winner  
 Mini Richmond  
 Trophy 5-20

Congratulations to Mini Richmond Trophy winners from last year Yen Karro and Sidney Yang..

## Unit 430 Board of Directors

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Unit members should note that we are currently without a Unit Treasurer. Any member with a financial background, a little time on their hands and a willingness to help out would be welcomed most heartily by the current board. If you are interested please contact Unit President Peter Morse at (604) 831-8445. Currently we have a sharing of this duty by two non board members but this may not be a permanent arrangement!

# President's Message

from Peter Morse

The times they are a-changin' . . . on a trial basis.

We will be trying out Morning/Afternoon start times for Saturday games at two of the next four Unit 430 Sectionals: the Evergreen Sectional this September and the Trophy Sectional in January 2017. The Saturday start times at the Round-up Sectional this November and the Spring Sectional in May 2017 will follow the Afternoon/Evening pattern used in past years.

Why are we doing this? There are several reasons, including current trends in start times at other Sectionals, our own experience with the Future Stars Non-Life Master Sectionals, and attendance patterns at club games. These are discussed in the following paragraphs.

## Start times at other Sectionals

Most Sectional tournaments follow a standard format, typically pair games on Friday and Saturday, followed by a Swiss Teams event on Sunday. Sunday play is usually scheduled to end before 6:30 pm. to enable those who have traveled to the tournament to arrive home at a reasonable hour. Until the last few years, Saturday play usually consisted of an afternoon game and an evening game. However many tournaments have moved to a morning-afternoon schedule of games for Saturday play, because it is more popular with their players, and fits well with the Sunday start times.

We recently looked at the Saturday start times at 28 Sectional tournaments which took place across Canada and in Washington and Oregon in February, March and April 2016, with an emphasis on BC and Washington Sectionals. Of these 28 tournaments, 15 had a Saturday start time of 11:00 am or earlier, whereas 11 had a Saturday start time of 12:00 pm or later.

One nearby example of the effect on table count of moving to earlier start times is the Spud Sectional in Anacortes, WA which is usually held in early July. In 2014 and 2015, when the Saturday start times were noon and 6 pm, the two Saturday pair games drew 57 tables (in 2014) and 63 tables (in 2015). This year,

with Saturday starting times of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, the Saturday games attracted 81.5 tables, an increase of roughly 30%.

There are many other examples of Sectionals that could be cited, both across Canada and down the Pacific Coast. In fact, some of them have had Saturday morning/afternoon times for so long that it was difficult to find measurable data on whether the change resulted in a table count increase.

## Our Unit 430 Experience

We used to schedule our Saturday game times for the Future Stars (non-Life Master) Sectionals at 1:15 pm and 6:15 pm. In March 2014 and October 2014, we had table counts of 27 tables and 23.5 tables respectively. After we moved them to 10:00 am and 2:30 pm in October 2015 the table counts were 44.5 tables (October 2015) and 35 tables (March 2016).

## Club Game Experience in the Greater Vancouver Area

There is much smaller attendance at evening Club games than there used to be.

For example, a club that has both afternoon and evening games on most days, the Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC), has significantly different table counts for the day and evening games. The following totals for the Tuesday through Friday games over six recent non-holiday weeks indicate a significant difference:

Tables	Tue*	Wed	Thur	Fri	Total
Day	81	97.5	120.5	107	406
Evening	49.5	48.5	35	41	174
* club closed on one day					

For most other clubs more daytime games are available than evening games. I do not have complete data available for the South Surrey clubs, but having been to both daytime and evening games there, I can say confidently that the daytime attendance far outnumbers the evening attendance.

This difference can be attributed to a number of reasons, including night driving, energy levels of the

players, other family and friendship related issues, and the availability of other forms of entertainment in the evenings.

Whatever the causes, we would be in denial if we did not reflect these trends in scheduling our tournament games. While some players will no doubt prefer the 'status quo' of starting times for our Sectional tournament games, we feel it is necessary to experiment with these new starting times to increase our overall table counts.

The Unit Board will review the experience after the next four tournaments, as well as the comments received from players, and determine whether the change is justified on a more permanent basis.

Peter Morse  
President, ACBL Unit 430

## Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

Playing as North with a new partner this was the first hand of the evening:

NS Vul, Dealer N

N (yours truly)

♠ 10 8 3 2

♥ Q 9 8

♦ J 4

♣ A 7 5 4

S (partner)

♠ A K J 5 4

♥ 10

♦ A K Q 10 9 6 2

♣ ----

With the opponents silent throughout, we had this auction:

N	S
Pass	2♣ <sup>1</sup>
2♦ <sup>2</sup>	2♠ <sup>3</sup>
3♠ <sup>4</sup>	4♦ <sup>5</sup>
4♠ <sup>6</sup>	5♣ <sup>7</sup>
5♦ <sup>8</sup>	7♦ <sup>9</sup>
7♠ <sup>10</sup>	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Is this a 2♣ opener? Those who count playing tricks

will say yes. There was an article in the bulletin which gave some rule of the 24 or so, part of which was defensive tricks, which should be 4. I agree with that theory but to me the hand is not a 2♣ opener.

<sup>2</sup> Ace or King

<sup>3</sup> Shouldn't partner bid diamonds first?

<sup>4</sup> Mild slam try – I do have 4 spades and a doubleton

<sup>5</sup> I thought this showed first round control

<sup>6</sup> Maybe I should bid 5♣ to show the Ace but my hand is not that good

<sup>7</sup> Since this cannot show the Ace it must be exclusion Blackwood (*Editor's note: other interpretations are possible*) and now my Ace is almost useless.

<sup>8</sup> My version: 0 keycards, partner's version: 1 or 4

<sup>9</sup> Now what is that?

<sup>10</sup> The automatic correction.

The lead was a club so the heart loser disappeared. A heart lead beats it 2 since the opening leader can get a diamond ruff. This was 37.99 on a 38 top. Don't ask me where the .01 went.

That was a good start.

The last board of the night:

	♠ K Q J 9 2	
	♥ 7 4 2	
	♦ 10 5 4	
	♣ 7 6	
♠ 7 5 4		♠ A 10 8 6
♥ K J 8		♥ 10 9 6 5 3
♦ J 8 6 3 2		♦ K 9
♣ J 9		♣ K Q
		♠ 3
	♥ A Q	
	♦ A Q 7	
	♣ A 10 8 5 4 3 2	

As you can see, NS can make 1NT. (*Editor's note: it takes double dummy defense to hold declarer to 1NT. Spade lead, heart return, Jack unblock if declarer plays the Ace.*)

Our auction drove us to 3NT, making 5 on a diamond lead. This time it was an outright top so we started with a bang and finished with a bang. In between we managed a 64% game but unfortunately had only a 44% game in the afternoon!

# Notable Results

## Grand National Teams

Players from District 19 attended the Grand National Teams event at the Summer Nationals in Washington D.C. this past July. Representing our District were the following Unit 430 members:

Championship Flight: Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz, Rock Shi Yan *plus three others from our district*

Flight A: Amy Gao, William Ge, Ben Takemori, James Wu

Flight B: Yinsheng Tu, Xiangdong Meng *plus two others from our district*

Flight C: Ryley Breiddal, Anne Katrichak *plus two others from our district*

In the Championship flight our team made it to the knockout stage but just missed the overalls.

In Flight A our four person team acquitted themselves excellently, making it all the way to the finals of the event before succumbing to the winners, the team from District 6. Congratulations to Amy, William, Ben and James.

Our Flight B and C teams did not qualify for the knockout stage.

## Penticton Regional (June)

This year Penticton was attended by a large number of professional bridge players making wins and masterpoints hard to come by. Most notably, a Polish team won all of the knockouts (they could enter).

Our local players also did well. Each of the players below scored more than 25 masterpoints at the tournament:

Yue Su, Larry Pocock, Kath Adachi, Joel Martineau, June Keith, Aidan Ballantyne, Ben Takemori, Monica Woods, Michael Yuen, Julie Smith, Rock Shi Yan, Tom Cotton, Cam Doner, Ed L'Hereux, Monica Angus, Ryley Breiddal, Bill Matheson, Raymond Clemmons

# Crusades of Gray – the 2016 CNTC's

by Gray McMullin

Hello! Back from the Canadian Nationals, held in May in Toronto. Placed 2nd in the Imp Pairs (and 1st in the loser Swiss, where players who have not made it to the finals in other events, gather to commiserate). Thought I would share a few hands with you.

1. As West you pick up:

♠ 8 5 2	S	W	N	E
♥ 8 6 3				
♦ 9 8 7 5	1♠	P	1NT	P
♣ 9 8 7	3NT	All Pass		

Wow, what a lousy hand. When I first picked it up, I was sure that it wasn't taking a trick. But it did. My partner, Bryan Maksymetz, makes a brilliant lead of the ♣A on which I play the 9 (upside-down count and attitude). He then leads low to my 8, which declarer DUCKS! My ♣8 holds the trick. I couldn't believe it, I had to laugh. I couldn't help it. All the players thought I was crazy. The full hand:

	♠ Q 3	
	♥ 10 9 7 5 4	
	♦ K 6	
	♣ J 10 3 2	
♠ 8 5 2		♠ K 9 5
♥ 8 6 3		♥ K 2
♦ 9 8 7 5		♦ Q 4 2
♣ 9 8 7		♣ A Q 6 5 4
	♠ A J 10 7 4	
	♥ A Q J	
	♦ A J 10 3	
	♣ K	

Well, I always say that leads are neither good or bad, merely lucky/unlucky. Bryan made a tremendously successful lead. Declarer ducked, of course, to disrupt communication between the two defenders. Note the lazy bidding: 4♥ is best spot. But for the next few days, I was still laughing to myself, thinking about how THAT HAND was actually good for a trick.

[Editor's note – declarer doesn't know it but if he wins the second trick he can take the rest!]

2. As West you pick up:

♠ 4
♥ -----
♦ K 10 8 7 5
♣ K Q J 10 8 6 3

This was an epic fail hand. Bidding goes 1♥ from partner to you. What's your bid?

I don't know about you, but I have a hard time with hands like these. On the one hand, you have enormous trick taking potential, especially with a ♦ (or ♣) fit. On the other, you only have 9 HCP's and no aces. If you are on a gigantic misfit (your partner holding 10 cards or more, in the majors), you may not have game anywhere.

Well, I didn't know what to do. But I had an idea. What if I bid 1NT (forcing); then over my partner's informative bid, bid 2♠? Can't be a real suit. My partner is forced to bid again; I can then make a judgement call, place the contract. Only problem is, my 1NT is not ABSOLUTELY forcing. It can be passed, usually with a 4-5-2-2 hand. And that is what ended up happening - my partner passed. The full hand:

♠ 4 ♥ ---- ♦ K 10 8 7 5 ♣ K Q J 10 8 6 3	♠ Q 9 6 3 ♥ A 9 7 6 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A 5	♠ A K J ♥ J 10 8 5 2 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 7 2
	♠ 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ 9 4	

I ended up taking 12 tricks, for plus 240. Don't see that score very often. We weren't vulnerable, so only lost 160 on the deal.

3. As West you hold

♠ A K Q J x x x
♥ ----
♦ K x
♣ A K x x

One of my partnership faults (which I am certain that none of you possess), is that I try to "make things up", at the table, without having a clear understanding of how my partner will interpret my bid. We play a convention called "Leaping Michaels". Over 2♥, for instance, a 4♣ bid shows ♣s and ♠s. How about Super-Michaels? So after two passes to a 2♥ bid by RHO, then not-vul vs vul, I bid 4♥. I thought that this had to be exclusion. My partner bid 4NT, which

I took as 1 ace, so I bid 6♠. Down 1. My partner took my bid as a stronger ♠/minor hand. He meant his 4NT, as bid my minor. Ironically, 6♣ is cold.

The full hand

♠ A K Q J x x x ♥ ---- ♦ K x ♣ A K x x	♠ x x x ♥ A x x ♦ A Q x x ♣ x x x	♠ x ♥ K J 9 x ♦ x x x x ♣ Q J 10 x
	♠ x x ♥ Q 10 x x x x ♦ J x x ♣ x x	

The opponents at the other table simply bid 6♠ making on the ♥A lead.

So, another year at the CNTC's. Missed the cut of the CNTC's by about 7 IMP's. Not a lot if you consider that we played 182 hands over a span of four days. Already planning for next year.

## Vancouver Spring Sectional Results (only winners listed)

Lapidus KO Bkt 1 - 8 Tables	
Winners	Michael Dimich - Steve Vincent, Burnaby BC; Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC; David Waterman, Surrey BC
Lapidus KO Teams Bkt 2 - 5 Tables	
Winners	Stuart Carr - Vilas Namjoshi, Burnaby BC; Thomas Davis, North Vancouver BC; Yen Karro, Surrey BC
Friday Aft Open Pairs - 27.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables	
Winners A	William Ge - Eric Pan, Burnaby BC
Winners B	John Teschke - Marta Zahorecz, Burnaby BC
Winners C	Ronald Dixon - Jim McKenzie, Vancouver BC

# Auctions We Have Known

## Canadian 3NT

by *Martin Henneberger*

The Gold Coast Bridge Congress in Queensland, is one of my favourite all time bridge destinations. Located in a region known as Surfer's Paradise, it offers fantastic weather, dining, beaches, and a first rate venue. The format differs from events in North America in that pair and team events don't overlap one another.

In the open pairs event you play qualification sessions to determine which of eight groups you will play in the final. You then have a chance to win your group. There are also senior, intermediate, restricted, and novice categories with the same format.

The team event is equally massive with everyone playing collectively. In the open event, teams are seeded and play in a 2 day Swiss, followed by head to head matches for the top six teams. It is indeed a great feat to make the top 6 with an average of 200+ teams entering the open event. There are also senior, intermediate, restricted, and novice team events as well.

In the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss pairs, a favourite event for many, several giant screens post the results after each round and those results determine which table you go to for the next round. Your success propels you to a higher ranked (lower numbered) table. It can be quite exhilarating to be seated at tables 1-3 late in the event.

All events award prize money to the top finishers and several door prizes daily. The hospitality is absolutely incredible. There was an 8000+ sq ft beachfront apartment serving a wide assortment of snacks and beverages for out of town guests. If you are one of the lucky ones, an invite to a true Aussie "barbie" is indeed a delight.

I wanted to keep the participants in this story anonymous to protect all parties involved, but if you've never played in a 3-0 fit you've never really lived. I have also learned that laughing at oneself is good for the soul and builds character. I can only hint that the protagonists (ant-) have the initials Martin Henneberger and Kelvin Raywood. I had the absolute pleasure of playing with Kelvin in 2014 at The Gold Coast Congress. I had met two Australian bridge internationalists

Friday Aft 0-750 Pairs - 15.0 Tables	
Winners P, Q	Patrick Johnson - Elizabeth Axford, Clinton WA
Winners R	Roger Walker - Joan Walker, Royston BC
Friday Eve Open Pairs - 22.5 Tables	
Winners A,B	Lisa Li, New Westminster BC; Eric Pan, Burnaby BC
Winners C	Waldemar Jez, Delta BC; Greg Barszcz, Coquitlam BC
Friday Eve 0-750 Pairs - 11.0 Tables	
Winners P	L Ralph Buckley - Jerry Shapiro, Vancouver BC
Winners Q	James Harris - Keith Lee, Vancouver BC
Winners R	Roger Walker - Joan Walker, Royston BC
Saturday IMP Pairs - 29.5 Tables / Based on 50 Tables	
Winners A	Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC; Mike Wilson, New Westminster BC
Winners B	Long Xie - Eric Pan, Burnaby BC
Winners C	Jane Shimokura - Howard Shimokura, Vancouver BC
Saturday 0-750 Pairs - 14.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables	
Winners P,Q	Gisele Maher - Carole Clugston, Abbotsford BC
Winners R	Shameine Ali - C.K. Damle, Vancouver BC
Sunday A/X Pairs - 26.5 Tables / Based on 43 Tables	
Winners A	Les Fouks - Sid Segal, Vancouver BC
Winners X	Long Xie - Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC
Sunday BCD Pairs - 11.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables	
Winners B,C	Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
Winners D	Glenda Affleck - Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
A/X Swiss Teams - 24 Tables / Based on 42 Tables	
Winners A	Julie Smith - Michael Yuen - Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC; Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC
Winners X	David Huang - Alex Chuang, Burnaby BC; Xiangdong Meng, Surrey BC; Yinsheng Tu, Vancouver BC
0-1500 Swiss Teams - 18 Tables	
Winners	Shameine Ali - C.K. Damle, Vancouver BC; Yen Karro, Surrey BC; Vilas Namjoshi, Burnaby BC

during my travels who had extended an invite to play in the open team event. We graciously accepted. We were discussing our system on the plane from Melbourne when we had the following conversation:

“What should we play as a 3NT opener?”

“Let’s not open 3NT.”

“Oh come on, we need something.”

“Fine you pick.”

“Ok how about a solid major.”

“Sure.”

That was the extent of it as we had more important issues to discuss (or did we?). I knew that having an incomplete discussion regarding any convention could lead to disaster but that this one would probably never come up, or if it did how tough could it be? During the team portion of the team event “our” 3NT convention did indeed rear its ugly head. I have since discovered that when gross disasters occur at the bridge table it is most important to have teammates that have a sense of humor or that can be bought with a cold beverage. I will now defer to my teammate’s description:

*From the Australian Gold Coast Congress February 28th Daily Bulletin*

CANADIAN 3NT by Neville Francis

This deal was played in round four of the Open Teams qualifying. I was playing with Magnus Moren.

Dealer: South

Teams Qual R4

Vul: E-W

<p>♠ 6 5 4 ♥ AKQJ1092 ♦ ---- ♣ KJ 10</p>	<p>♠ AK972 ♥ 5 4 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ A 9 5</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>♠ ---- ♥ 8 7 6 3 ♦ AKQ 10 9 5 ♣ 8 4 3</p>
	<p>♠ QJ 10 8 3 ♥ ---- ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ Q 7 6 2</p>		

W	N	E	S
	<i>Moren</i>		<i>Francis</i>
2♣	2♠	3♦	4♦
5♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Rdbl	All Pass

Partner led the ♣A for one down and plus 400 to us. We were feeling very good about this result, because even if our teammates got to only 4♥, plus 680 and plus 400 means 14 IMPs to our side. If they got to 6♥, we gain 17 IMPs. Little did we know that our teammates had a gadget and West did not miss his opportunity to unleash it on the poor opponents. The bid was 3NT to show a solid major suit. If you have a weak stomach, stop reading now. Here’s what happened at the other table:

W	N	E	S
			Pass
3NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4♠ <sup>2</sup>	Double
Pass <sup>3</sup>	Pass	Pass	

1 Long Solid Major

2 East believed 4♠ was pass or correct

3 East could have bid 4♣ to ask about opener’s major

West thought that if East wanted to know about his major he would have bid 4♣, so 4♠ must have been natural. Presumably East thought 4♠ was pass or correct! As dummy was tracked, East was last seen heading towards the toilet. The result was minus 1700. Instead of a big plus, we lost 16 IMPs. Well, I warned you. By the way, Team 17 is the place to come to meet two wonderful Canadians, and if you ask nicely, they might give you their notes on this convention as they are not using them any more.

*Martin Henneberger:*

I would like readers to know that after being unsuccessful in the team event, Kelvin and I went on to place 3rd in a field of 270 pairs to end the tournament. We earned a prize money payout, but more importantly we have a story we can look back on, laugh, and own as “The Canadian 3NT”.

## Who Made These Bids?

Martin Henneberger is not alone in having embarrassing results from auctions that went awry. Here is a selection of auctions (with the corresponding hands of course) that resulted in dubious contracts. The challenge is to determine who you think perpetrated the auction. Offered are some occasionally creative bidders and therefore likely candidates. You choose.

Answers in the next Matchpointer.

1.

♠ K x x x x				
♥ x x	S	W	N	E
♦ A J x	1♠	P	4♥*	P
♣ K J x	P	P		

\* splinter (N), to play (S)

Candidates:

- Martin Henneberger
- Chris Diamond
- 2016 Spingold finalist
- Stuart Carr
- Matchpointer Editor

2.

E-W Vul				
♠ K Q	S	W	N	E
♥ 9 7 3 2	1♣	P	1♠	1NT*
♦ 7 6 5 3	* sandwich notrump			
♣ 10 5 3				

Candidates:

- Martin Henneberger
- Chris Diamond
- 2016 Spingold finalist
- Stuart Carr
- Matchpointer Editor

3.

♠ K Q J 10 9 4				
♥ 10 5 4	S	W	N	E
♦ 6 5			2♦ <sup>1</sup>	P
♣ 6 4	2♥ <sup>2</sup>	P	2♠ <sup>3</sup>	Dbl
	4♥ <sup>4</sup>	P	P	P

1 weak 2 in a major  
 2 pass or correct  
 3 correct  
 4 splinter (S), hearts (N)

♠ A 7 5				
♥ ---				
♦ K 10 9 3				
♣ A Q 10 7 3 2				

Candidates:

- Zia Mahmood & partner
- Chris Diamond & partner
- 2016 Spingold finalists
- Welland, Auken
- Meckstroth, Rodwell

# Play These Slams

by Nick Stock

In a recent matchpoint club game, a couple of slam hands presented interesting play problems.

1

♠ K
♥ A K 10
♦ A K Q 7 4 3 2
♣ A 9

  

♠ A J 10
♥ J 7 5 4 3 2
♦ 10
♣ Q J 10

Contract: 6♦ Lead: ♠9

You arrive in 6♦ after your partner opened 2♣, you responded 2♦ but you didn't find your heart fit.

Trick:

1. ♠ 9, K, 2, 10
2. ♦ A, 5, 10, J
3. ♦ K, 6, ♥2, ♠3
4. ♦ Q, 8, ♥3, ♣5

If hearts are 2-2, you just lose a diamond (but 6NT and 7♥ are cold).

*What now?*

2

♠ K J
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ 6 3
♣ A K 8 6 5

  

♠ A 3
♥ A J 7 5
♦ A K 9 8 2
♣ J 7

Contract: 6♥ Lead: ♥9

If hearts are 3-2, this looks easy. What about 4-1? And what about the other possibilities diamonds or clubs not breaking nicely?

*Plan the play.*

*Answers on the next page...*



*Solutions to Play These Slams*

1 ♠ K  
♥ A K 10  
♦ A K Q 7 4 3 2  
♣ A 9

♠ A J 10  
♥ J 7 5 4 3 2  
♦ 10  
♣ Q J 10

Contract: 6♦ Lead: ♠9

Trick:

1. ♠ 9, K, 2, 10
2. ♦ A, 5, 10, J
3. ♦ K, 6, ♥ 2, ♠ 3
4. ♦ Q, 8, ♥ 3, ♣ 5

Since diamonds are 4-1, East has a trick and your slam depends on bringing in the heart suit or does it? If you could get to your hand you could pitch dummy's club loser on your established heart suit or on your ♠A. Since East will be on lead if you play another diamond, he will have to lead something that will help you. The recommended play is: ♥A to check for a singleton Queen and/or strip East of an exit, ♦2. East is in. If he leads a spade you can guess to play the ♠J (opening lead was the ♠9) and pitch both of dummy's losers away; if he leads a club you can play the Queen and pitch your potential heart loser on the ♠A; and if he leads ♥9? Here you have to guess whether he has lead from ♥Q 9 or from a doubleton, because in the first case you have to play the ♥J (to win in hand) and in the second case you have to play small so that you can overtake the ♥10 in dummy with your ♥J to finally get to your hand. What makes sense? East, looking at ♥Q 9 has no good reason to believe that a club shift is wrong so you should assume he has a doubleton heart.

2 ♠ K J  
♥ K Q 8 2  
♦ 6 3  
♣ A K 8 6 5

♠ A 3  
♥ A J 7 5  
♦ A K 9 8 2  
♣ J 7

Contract: 6♥ Lead: ♥9

If hearts are 3-2 you can play for either minor to be 3-3 or 4-2 and make your slam by ignoring the third trump. E.g. win the heart in hand with the ♥J, play a second round of hearts to the ♥K in dummy, cash the ♦AK. If an opponent ruffs in they will return a black card. If a spade, then you win the Ace in hand and can still play on clubs to set up the suit using diamond ruffs and the ♠K as an entry. In this case if clubs are also 5-1, you will go down. To cater to this possibility you should lead towards each of the minor suit high honours so that an opponent that ruffs in front of you doesn't ruff your winner. So the recommended line (mine) is:

win the heart in hand with the ♥J, play a second round of hearts to the ♥K in dummy; assuming both follow, ♦3 to ♦A, ♣7 to ♣A, ♦6 to ♦K, ♣J to ♣K, ♣5 – ruff (if clubs are 3-3 draw last trump and claim), else ♦2 – ruff (if diamonds 3-3 draw trumps and claim). ♣6 – ruff with ♥A, ♠3 to ♠K, ♥Q to draw the last trump and claim.

If hearts are 4-1, what happens to the suggested line? From the lead, only East can have 4, as leading the ♥9 from ♥109xx risks losing a trump trick when partner has a heart honour (Jack). When East has 4 hearts, if he can ruff in on the second diamond from dummy, he can lead a third round of trumps and reduce you to finding clubs 3-3. If diamonds are not 5-1, the same applies if you try to ruff a third round of diamonds low in dummy and he can overruff your ♥8 with the 10. What you could try is to ruff high in dummy. If diamonds are 3-3 you can then lead a heart from dummy, finessing against the 10, spade to hand, draw trumps and claim. If diamonds are 4-2, cash the ♠K, cash the second high club, come to hand with a spade and ruff your 4<sup>th</sup> diamond in dummy. If East overruffs, he has nothing good to do. You will ruff his black suit return and claim and if he doesn't, you ruff a club in hand to score 12 tricks. So the recommended line fails only if hearts are 4-1, clubs are 4-2 or worse and diamonds are 5-1. Those are good odds.

When I presented this hand to one of our leading Canadian experts, Nick Gartaganis, he took about a minute to say that he would play the eight of hearts from dummy at trick one, then lead diamonds twice from dummy without playing a second round of trumps. This gains against my recommended line as it handles the combined 5-1 diamond and 4-1 heart break (if RHO ruffs the second diamond from dummy

and leads a trump – you can win that in hand with your 7 and ruff two diamonds with high trumps in dummy and draw his last trump).

Sorry about all that analysis, but here is an easier question:

*How should you play in 6NT on a spade lead?  
(Answer in the next Matchpointer).*

## So All Can Play

*by Norma Doucette*

For several years the ACBL, the Unit, and most clubs have been asking players to avoid the use of scented products. It is noted on flyers for tournaments, on websites, and on special event flyers. It's wonderful so many players understand and cooperate with this request.

For players with an environmental sensitivity, it is not merely unpleasant while they are at the table. It causes them health effects that can last for hours or days. Headaches and respiratory problems, allergic reactions, nausea, insomnia, and a myriad of other conditions. These individuals can't control how their body reacts to the scent. But the person wearing the scent can solve the problem.

There is no one type of scent at fault. It can be subtle, expensive, organic or natural. It can be hand cream, cologne, aftershave, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. These products are available in unscented varieties. If you can't find the word "unscented" on a product, usually "original" is close to scent free. To ensure all players enjoy themselves and suffer no ill after effects, please do not use scented products on days you will be playing bridge. If someone suggests to you that something you are wearing is causing them difficulties, please believe them. They have no reason to make this stuff up.

Hospitals, doctors' offices, public buildings, and many workplaces have brought in no-scent policies because of health effects. Below is the website for the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety which deals with this topic. It gives a more complete list of products and impacts.

[http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/scent\\_free.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/scent_free.html).

Thank you for taking the time to read this piece.

## Use the On-line Partnership Desk

*by Tom Anderson*

Need a partner for any tournament events? Have you checked out the on-line Partnership Desk at the Unit 430 home page? If you aren't already using this, please take a look. It's the best way of getting in touch with others who are looking for a game, and finding a good partner.

Go to the home page ([www.vancouverbridge.com](http://www.vancouverbridge.com)).

Near the top there will be a listing for upcoming tournaments. The Partnership Desk is opened up usually about 30 days before the event takes place.

When you click on the link, it will open up a new page. At the top you can click on the flyer to figure out what events you want to play. Then click on "Add my name to the partnership desk." You will be asked for your name and a password (the password is so you can revise your listing).

Then add a note listing the events you want to play, contact information (people usually include either or both an e-mail address and telephone number), and something about yourself (masterpoints and preferred system are often listed) and maybe the kind of partner you're looking for (someone patient with newbies, maybe, or who likes to experiment with new gadgets or who likes pina coladas--okay maybe not that last bit). There's lots of space that you can use.

*This is important:* once you find a partner, then please go back and revise your listing (you'll need to remember your password to do this--if you've forgotten your password, then use the contact info on the website to get the webmaster to make the changes). If you've found a partner for all of the games you wanted to play, delete the listing. Otherwise, revise it to target any events where you are still looking.

If you haven't done so yet, please give the Partnership Desk a try. Feedback is always welcome. We want these resources to work as well as they can for our members!

## Did You Know?

The ACBL now endorses the opening of 1NT with a singleton A, K or Q as long as you don't have another doubleton: 4-4-4-1, 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 allowed in normal play - the General Chart of conventions.

<b>Bridge Clubs</b>	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
<b>Chilliwack</b>			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 7pm	604-702-9890	
<b>Maple Ridge</b>			
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Garry Skoropada 604-462-7320	12150 224th Street
<b>New Westminster</b>			
The Suburbia Bridge Club	Tuesday 7pm, at VBC	Gilbert Lambert 604-817-6612	Vancouver (VBC)
<b>North Vancouver</b>			
North Shore Bridge Club	Monday 10am	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	Lynnmour Jaycee House 1251 Lillooet Road
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7pm	Mrs B Mulock 604-987-8289	1325 East Keith Road
Shelley's Bridge Club	Tuesday 1:00 pm* (Oct-April) Wednesday 7:00 pm* (+ Supervised Bridge) Reservations required.	Shelley Burns sburns@rogers.com 604-988-0990	1695 Orkney Place
<b>Richmond</b>			
Beth Tikvah Duplicate Bridge Club	Monday 7:00pm	Larry Meyer 604-271-8692	Beth Tikvah Synagogue 9711 Geal Road
<b>Squamish</b>			
Squamish Bridge Club	Monday 6:00 pm Friday 1:00 pm <i>(but on hiatus until Sept)</i>	Colin Ransom 604-896-1522	Squamish Valley Golf Course 2453 Mamquam Road Squamish Curling Club - 2nd Level
<b>Surrey / White Rock</b>			
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7pm	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116	14831 28th Avenue
Peace Arch Bridge Club (White Rock)	Wednesday 7pm	John Lien 604-603-5436	1845 154th St.
Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Ed L'Heureux Jane Youngberg surreydcb@gmail.com 604-542-6116	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Thursday 9:45am*	John Demeulemeester Jane Youngberg 604-298-2765	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
Peace Arch Bridge Club (Elgin Hall)	Tuesday 11am	John Lien 604-603-5436	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
<b>Vancouver</b>			
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Monday 7pm, Tuesday/Thursday 11am*	Cathy Miller 604-257-5111	950 West 41st Ave

Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	Open daily except Saturday*	604-255-2564	2776 East Broadway
<b>West Vancouver</b>			
Hollyburn Country Club	Monday 7pm	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	950 Cross Creek Rd
Vancouver Bridge Club	Monday 10am Wednesday 10am	Homa Boustani homa_boustani@shaw.ca Need a partner? Homa at 604-922-8577	St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way
<b>Whistler</b>			
Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 1:30PM (Nov-May only)	Gillian I Schramm	Maurice Young Millenium Place, 4335 Blackcomb Way

## Burnaby 0-199 Sectional

Saturday September 24, 2016

An opportunity to play with your peers in a restricted masterpoint tournament and earn Silver Points.

Location:	Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby
Game times:	10:00 am and 3:00 pm (Pairs, single session entries accepted)
Stratification:	0-50, 50-100, 100-200 (no player may be above the 200 masterpoint limit) Stratification may be adjusted on the day at the Director's discretion.
Card fees:	\$10 (\$3 surcharge for unpaid or non ACBL members)
Partnerships:	Please see the online partnership desk at <a href="http://www.vancouver-bridge.com">www.vancouver-bridge.com</a>
Hospitality:	Light refreshments, complimentary tea/coffee with your own mug. Cups available, \$1 environmental fee. Lunch available (\$6), must be ordered at morning registration.
Notes:	Unit 430 events observe the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy. Scent free and smoke free playing site. Please be considerate of others.
Co-chairs:	Maryellen Gallo (778-438-2349) Kathryn Shannon (778-710-1846)

# Audrey Grant Cross Canada Tour



Sponsored by the Canadian Bridge Federation October 17-18 2016  
At the Vancouver Bridge Centre

**Teacher Accreditation** will commence at 9am on Monday and will continue throughout the two days.

This course is free for CBF members and \$90 for non members.

We would also like to welcome existing teachers to participate for a refresher and update.

**Beginners Bridge Players** 1pm to 4pm on Monday 17th October.

The fee for this is \$40.

This includes hands on training from Audrey Bridge Basics 1 textbook. The Audrey Grant bridge basics disc and a 1 year subscription to the Canadian Bridge Federation which includes biweekly access to the Audrey Grant bridge column and access to the bi monthly Bridge Canada Magazine and other perks which are available to CBF members.

**Multilevel** 09.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday October 18th.

The fee for this will be \$32 for members and \$50 for non members.

This includes Hands on play with Audrey, a student textbook, a weekly 'Sunday coffee article' from Better Bridge magazine and a one year membership to the CBF for non members which includes biweekly access to the Audrey Grant Bridge Column, access to the bi monthly Bridge Canada magazine and other perks available to CBF members.

**Reception** 1pm to 2pm Tuesday October 18th for all teachers, club managers and owners, to meet with Audrey to discuss innovative methods to grow the game, including materials available to teachers and managers, the advantages of the short game, and the appeal of the non-sanctioned game.

**To register please contact [angelaf@telus.net](mailto:angelaf@telus.net)**



Vancouver Unit 430  
**Roundup Sectional**  
 Nov 4, 5 & 6, 2016

Sunbury Hall -10409 Dunlop Road  
 Delta, B.C., V4C 2L1 New Location!!!

<b>Friday Afternoon</b> Ev Hodge Charity Pairs 0-199 Pairs	<b>November 4, at 1:00 pm</b> (0-750 / 750-2000 / 2000+) (0-50 / 50- 100 / 100-199)
<b>Friday Evening</b> <i>Membership Appreciation</i> Stratified Open Pairs <i>Membership Appreciation</i> 0-750 Pairs The Friday evening games are subsidized by Unit 430 (Cost for ACBL members is \$2, \$13 for non-members)	<b>November 4, at 7:00 pm</b> (0-750 / 750-2000 / 2000+) (0-100 / 100-300 / 300-750)

**Saturday November 7, 11:20am - 12:10 pm**  
**Slam Bidding Methods**  
**Celebrity Instructor: Nick Stock**  
 (Interactive - Audience Participation - Handouts)

<b>Saturday Afternoon</b> Flight A/X Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)* Flight B/C/D pairs	<b>November 5, 12:30 pm</b> (0-2000 / 2000+) (0-200 / 200-500 / 500-1500)
<b>Saturday Evening November 5, 6:30 pm</b> A/X Pairs (2nd of 2 sessions)* B/C/D pairs <i>*Single session entries accepted</i>	(0-2000 / 2000+) (0-200 / 200-500 / 500-1500)

<b>Sunday Morning &amp; Afternoon</b> Stratified Open Swiss (0-750 / 750-2000 / 2000+) Non Life Master Swiss <i>Buffet luncheon is included in the Sunday entrance fee</i>	<b>November 6, 10 am &amp; TBA</b>
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<b>Online Partnership Desk:</b>	<a href="http://www.vancouverbridge.com">www.vancouverbridge.com</a>
<b>Tournament Co-Chairs:</b>	<b>Jim McKenzie:</b> <a href="mailto:jimfmckenzie@hotmail.com">jimfmckenzie@hotmail.com</a> 604-374-0109 <b>Angela Fenton:</b> <a href="mailto:angelagf@telus.net">angelagf@telus.net</a> 778-386-4343
<b>Fees:</b>	\$10.00 per player for Pairs session. \$100 per team for Sunday Swiss \$3 additional per person/session for non or unpaid ACBL members By average but each player must be below the event limit
<b>Stratification:</b>	By average but each player must be below the event limit
<b>Handicap Policy:</b>	KO Events may be handicapped if only 1 bracket
<b>Coffee / Tea:</b>	FREE if you bring your own cup. Cups available \$1 environment levy
<b>Tournament Results:</b>	<a href="http://www.vancouverbridge.com">www.vancouverbridge.com</a>

**Smoke free playing site - Please be considerate and avoid the use of scented products**  
**Please ensure your car is legally parked**

# Whistler Regional

Western Canada Regional Tournament

**Whistler - Nov 7 – 13, 2016**

Host Hotel: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Moderate Room Cad \$105\* plus taxes

Fairmont Room Cad \$129\* plus taxes

Free parking for bookings made prior to September 16, 2016

To book call toll free 1 800 606 8244 & \* identify yourself as a member of the American Contract Bridge League

Tournament & Partnership Chair:

Cameron Doner, Email: camdoner@hotmail.com

Director in Charge: Matt Smith

## Whistler Regional Schedule of Events

### Monday, November 7, 2016

Charity 0-750 Pairs (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Charity Pairs -- open / 2000 / 1250	7:30 pm
Charity Swiss Teams (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series (Session 1 of 5)	7:30 pm

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Tuesday-Wednesday Morning Swiss Teams (Session 1 of 2)	9:15 am
Morning Side Game Series (Session 1 of 5)	9:15 am
199er Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 1 of 5)	1:30 pm
Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout Teams (Round 1 & 2 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
0-750 Pairs (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Swiss Teams (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series (Session 2 of 5)	7:30 pm

### Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Tuesday-Wednesday Morning Swiss Teams (Session 2 of 2)	9:15 am
Morning Side Game Series (Session 2 of 5)	9:15 am
199er Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 2 of 5)	1:30 pm
Gold Rush 0-750 Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout Teams (Round 3 & 4 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
199er Pairs (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series (Session 3 of 5)	7:30 pm

### Thursday, November 10, 2016

Thursday-Friday Morning Swiss Teams (Session 1 of 2)	9:15 am
Morning Side Game Series (Session 3 of 5)	9:15 am
199er Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 3 of 5)	1:30 pm
Gold Rush 0-750 Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30pm
Thursday-Friday Knockout Teams (Round 1 & 2 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
199er Pairs (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Swiss Teams (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series (Session 4 of 5)	7:30 pm

### Friday, November 11, 2016

Thursday-Friday Morning Swiss Teams (Session 2 of 2)	9:15 am
Morning Side Game Series (Session 4 of 5)	9:15 am
199er Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 4 of 5)	1:30 pm
Gold Rush 0-750 Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Thursday-Friday Knockout Teams (Round 3 & 4 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Open Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
199er Pairs (Single Session)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series (Session 5 of 5)	7:30 pm

### Saturday, November 12, 2016

199er Pairs (Single Session)	10:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (Session 5 of 5)	10:00 am
Compact Knockout Teams (Round 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 & 3:00 pm
Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 & 3:00 pm
0-750 Pairs (Single Session)	3:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 5 of 5)	3:00 pm
Swiss Teams (Single Session)	3:00 pm
Swiss Teams (Single Session) benefitting District GNT fund	7:30 pm

### Sunday, November 13, 2016

Gold Strike 0-750 Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2) (7 rounds of 7 boards short lunch break )	10:00 & TBA
Open Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2) (7 rounds of 7 boards short lunch break )	10:00 & TBA

# Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events: 2016		
Date	Event	Location
8-10 Sep	Sectional	Sydney, BC
10 Sep	MUG	VBC
23-25 Sep	Sectional	West Kelowna BC
24 Sep	0-199 Sectional *	Engineers Hall Bby
1 Oct	MUG	VBC
3-5 Oct	DuplicateLite Barbara Seagram	Harrison
14-16 Oct	Sectional	Sequim WA
	Future Stars	
22-23 Oct	Sectional	VBC
28-30 Oct	Sectional	Kamloops BC
28-30 Oct	Sectional	Courtenay BC
	MUG	
29 Oct	(November)	VBC
30 Oct	B/C Imp League	VBC
	Round Up	
4-6 Nov	Sectional *	Sunbury Hall Delta
7-13 Nov	Regional *	Whistler
20 Nov	B/C Imp League	VBC
24 Nov-4 Dec	Nationals	Orlando, FL
26 Nov	Mentor Mentee	VBC
3 Dec	MUG	
5-11 Dec	STaC Unit 430	various clubs
11 Dec	B/C Imp League	VBC
2017		
6-8 Jan	Sectional	Campbell River BC
7 Jan	MUG	
	Trophy	
13-15 Jan	Sectional	Engineers Hall Bby
	B/C Imp League	VBC
23-29 Jan	Honolulu Regional	Honolulu HI
4 Feb	MUG (teams)	
10-12 Feb	Sectional	Bellingham WA
17-19 Feb	Sectional	Seattle WA
18 Feb	Mentor Mentee	VBC
20-26 Feb	Regional	Vancouver WA
	B/C Imp League	VBC
26 Feb	Future Stars Sectional	VBC
4-5 Mar		

4 Mar	MUG	
10-12 Mar	Sectional	Duncan BC
10-12 Mar	Sectional	Everett WA
	B/C Imp League	VBC
19 Mar		
31 Mar-2 Apr	Sectional	Sydney
	0-199er	
1 Apr	Sectional	TBD
1 Apr	MUG	
17-23 Apr	Regional	Victoria
29 Apr	Mentor Mentee	
6 May	MUG	
	Spring	
19-22 May	Sectional	Queensborough
3 Jun	MUG (teams)	
12-18 Jun	Regional	Penticton BC
8 Jul	MUG	
4-6 Aug	Sectional	Nanaimo BC
5 Aug	MUG	
12 Aug	Mentor Mentee	
21- 27 Aug	Regional	Lynnwood, WA
	Evergreen	
1-3 Sep	Sectional	Queensborough
9 Sep	MUG	
30 Sep-Oct 1	Future Stars Sectional	VBC
2-8 Oct	Regional	Seaside OR
7 Oct	MUG (teams)	
16 -22 Oct	Regional	Olympia WA
21 Oct	Mentor Mentee	
4 Nov	MUG	
	Round Up	
10-12 Nov	Sectional	
2 Dec	MUG	

MUG = Monthly Unit Game. All games are held at Vancouver Bridge Centre.

\* See Schedule of Events in this Matchpointer