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*Above:* A typical Thursday morning VBC game. *Below:* Duplicate Lite's Christmas Championship and Food Bank Charity game (30 tables) raised \$2363 and 12 food boxes for the Surrey Food Bank.



# President's Message

*from Peter Morse, President, ACBL Unit 430*

JANUARY 2017

Best wishes for 2017 to all Unit 430 ACBL members, our bridge club owners and other bridge players.

We have another busy year ahead in Unit 430 and I will outline below the major Unit activities that we anticipate running during the year, and some changes we are considering.

Unit 430 has a very active Unit Board made up of twelve hardworking individuals, and a number of other volunteers who contribute their help to various Unit events and activities. Thanks to all of you for your efforts on behalf of the membership.

During 2017, we will again be running four Open Sectional tournaments commencing with the Trophy Sectional on January 13-15. This tournament will be played at a new site, the St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre, which is located at 3150 Ash Street in central Vancouver, between Cambie and Oak Streets.

The Spring Sectional will take place on May 19 - 22 and the Evergreen Sectional on September 1 - 3, both at the Queensborough Community Centre, while the Roundup Sectional will be held November 10 - 12 at a site yet to be determined.

In addition to our Open sectionals, we also will have two Future Stars Sectionals for non-Life Masters, one on March 4-5 and the other in October. Both of these events will be held at the Engineers Hall, Burnaby. And a further one day 0-200 Sectional will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on April 1 for players with less than 200 masterpoints.

One subject which the Unit Board considered at our most recent meeting was the cost of providing treats, hospitality and necessary staff at all of our tournaments. Because of the increasing cost, we have decided to restrict treats to a good supply of cookies, while coffee and tea will continue to be available (free if you bring your own cup) throughout.

Unit 430 also sponsors four Mentor-Mentee games each year. We will be running two of this year's games

in the Surrey/White Rock area, in recognition of the large number of developing players who reside there. We very much appreciate the participation of the Mentors (who play free, courtesy of Unit 430) in these games, as they help to raise the general level of and interest in, bridge in the Unit.

Also, as usual, we will be having a Monthly Unit Game (MUG) each month, usually on the first Saturday of the month, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. There are some date exceptions because of nearby tournaments or holiday weekends, but there will be a MUG each month.

Two other tournaments which should draw a lot of local players are the week-long Regional Tournaments in Victoria and Penticton. The Victoria tournament will be held April 17-23 and has been moved back to downtown Victoria in the Conference Centre adjacent to the Empress Hotel, where it was successfully held for many years in the past.

The Penticton Regional will be held June 12 -18 at the spacious Penticton Convention Centre. This is one of the best attended Regionals in Canada, and with the June weather, many places to stay and ample dining options, it usually makes for an enjoyable week away from home, and a good opportunity to add to your masterpoint totals.

In closing, I would like to highlight our Unit website (at [www.vancouverbridge.com](http://www.vancouverbridge.com)). This website, maintained by Unit Board member Tom Anderson, contains a wealth of information concerning bridge locally and beyond. There are details (game times and locations) concerning the many club games available in the Unit area, and the game results in many of the clubs can also be accessed through the website.

But this is just a start, as local players are able to sign up for the Mentor-Mentee games on the website, access detailed information concerning nearby (and further away) tournaments, use the Partnership Desk for help in finding a partner for Unit events, and also search out information concerning Unit 430 administration. There is also an extensive history of the winners of our major Trophy events and year-long masterpoint races, extending back almost 50 years.

If you have any questions concerning any bridge re-

lated issue, please feel free to contact me or any other Unit Board member. The contact information for all of us may be found on the Unit Website under Unit 430 at the bottom of the Home Page.

Best wishes for a happy 2017, and may all your fitnesses and endplays be working this year.

## Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

Slamming at Seaside

You hold ♠ K Q J 4 3 ♥ J 10 9 2 ♦ Q ♣ 9 4 3.  
Partner opens 2NT – so you bid 3♣ (puppet), 3♦ from partner, 3♥ (showing 4 hearts and 5 spades) and drive to slam when partner shows 4 spades.

♠ K Q J 4 3  
♥ J 10 9 2     Lead: ♦J  
♦ Q  
♣ 9 4 3

Can you make

♠ A 7 6 5     this slam?  
♥ A 8  
♦ A K 5 3  
♣ A J 6

You have 10 winners and need two heart ruffs in your hand. The simple answer is not to use the Ace of spades to pull trumps, as you have to use it to ruff the 4<sup>th</sup> heart. So win the ♦Q and play ♥A and a heart. A trump comes back: win the ♠K, ruff a heart low, now a low spade to the ♠Q, ruff the last heart with the ♠A, play the ♦AK throwing clubs and ruff a club low in dummy. Finally, draw the last trump with the ♠J.

[*Editor's note:* playing the ♦AK before ruffing the last heart is better as it avoids some adverse distributions]. Next, you are sitting South at favourable vulnerability and hold:

♠Q 10 2 ♥A J 10 8 7 6 4 ♦A 6 ♣K.

The auction proceeds:

E	S	W	N
P	1♥	P	2NT <sup>1</sup>
P	3♣ <sup>2</sup>	P	3♠
P	4♦	P	5♣
P	6♥	All Pass	

<sup>1</sup> Jacoby – good 4 card raise

<sup>2</sup> Singleton – I don't like showing singleton Kings but the hand was too good to jump to 4♥ showing no slam interest

♠ A 9 7 3  
♥ K Q 9 5     Lead: ♦J  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A 10 9

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

How do you play to make?

The key, of course, is the spade suit – so you do not touch it until the end. Win the ♦A, then ♥A, ♣K, trump to the ♥K, cash the ♣A throwing a diamond, ruff a club, heart to the ♥Q, ruff a diamond, leaving:

♠ A 9 7 3  
♥ 5  
♦ ----  
♣ ----

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ J 4  
♦ ----  
♣ ----

Now you lead the ♠2, covering west's low card with the ♠9. East will win the ♠ as cheaply as possible (♠J) but is end-played. A spade return gives you a guaranteed finesse, while either side suit gives you a spade pitch from your hand and a ruff in dummy.

## Answers to “Who Made These Bids”

by Nick Stock

In the last Matchpointer there were some examples of auctions gone awry and you were asked to determine the “culprits”.

1.     ♠ K x x x x     S     W     N     E  
          ♥ x x             1♠     P             4♥\*     P  
          ♦ A J x           P             P  
          ♣ K J x           \* splinter (N), to play (S)

Correct     □     Matchpointer Editor  
 I confess I passed 4♥ in a moment of idiotic uncertainty while playing with a partner who could be relied on not to have 8 semi-solid hearts and nothing else.

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

Correct     □     Stuart Carr  
 If you play regularly against Stuart, you know you can count on him to inject a little “spin” into any given auction. Not sure of the result, but it probably wasn’t stellar.

3.     ♠ K Q J 10 9 4     S     W     N     E  
          ♥ 10 5 4                                     2♦<sup>1</sup>     P  
          ♦ 6 5     2♥<sup>2</sup>     P             2♠<sup>3</sup>     Dbl  
          ♣ 6 4     4♥<sup>4</sup>     P             P             P  
          ♠ A 7 5     <sup>1</sup> weak 2 in a major  
          ♥ ---     <sup>2</sup> pass or correct  
          ♦ K 10 9 3                                     <sup>3</sup> correct  
          ♣ A Q 10 7 3 2                                 <sup>4</sup> splinter (S), hearts (N)

Correct     □     2016 Spingold finalists  
 Nice to see that excellent, experienced players have these kinds of disasters playing in the finals of national events. Makes us all feel better.

## Can You Bid Better (than us)?

by Nick Stock

Now for more confessions. In a recent team game at the club, one of my frequent partners and I had a few auctions that didn’t end in the right places and then a few poor results. Can you do better?

Here are the hands and problems:

Hand 1: All Vul  
 ♠ Q J 7             Partner             You  
 ♥ 4 3                 1♥     P             1NT     2♣  
 ♦ K 10 9 8 5 4 2     3♥     P             ?  
 ♣ 5

You have a minimum, should you raise or pass?

Hand 2: None Vul  
 ♠ A J 7 6 4             Partner             You  
 ♥ A 9 6                 -----     2♠     ?  
 ♦ A Q 8 4  
 ♣ A

You have the wrong shape for a takeout double. Should you wait for partner to reopen, or should you act now?

Hand 3: There are no problems for you on this hand. The opponents bid to 4♠ and routine defense gives declarer a losing option which they take. +50 for your side. Maybe your partners will make this game.

Hand 4: The opponents bid to a normal 4♠ and easily make 4 - 5♥ is cold so maybe your partners will pick up 1 IMP for you.

Hand 5: None Vul  
 ♠ A K J 10 9 8 2     Partner             You  
 ♥ Q 5 4                 P     P             1♠     2♣  
 ♦ Q J                     Dbl     P             ?  
 ♣ 4

Those spades look very good, but you have quacks in the other suits. How many spades should you bid?

Hand 6: Only you Vul  
 This is a bidding and play problem.  
 ♠ 9 8 4             Partner             You  
 ♥ A 5 4                             P     P             2♥  
 ♦ K 7 2                 Dbl     P             ?  
 ♣ A 9 6 3

Do you bid the full value of your hand or do you bid less? One theory says that partner should have a full opening bid (unless they have the classic 4-1-4-4 shape, in which case maybe they have just 11 or 12). 3♣ would be encouraging (you play Lebensohl) but partner won’t play you for 11 and usually won’t have a heart stopper to allow him to bid game. It’s not too

clear but you don't want to miss game opposite a full 14, 15 count or more. Your heart stopper allows you to hold up in hearts as long as necessary. So you bid 3NT. Partner tables his hand and gives you the usual "Good luck partner". (Is that really a takeout double?)

♠ A 10 7      Opening lead: ♥ K  
♥ 9 6  
♦ Q J 8 5 4  
♣ K J 4

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

You duck the first heart as RHO follows with the 2. LHO continues with the ♥ Q. RHO follows with the 7. You decide to duck again as LHO could have only 5 hearts. Fortunately, LHO continues with the ♥ J (instead of switching to a deadly spade) as RHO discards the ♠ 5. You win pitching a spade from dummy, and if you can bring in the diamond suit, you will have a chance for 9 tricks.

You play ♦ 2, 10, Q, A. RHO switches: ♠ Q, 4, 6, A. You win the ♠ A in dummy. Now ♦ 4, 3, ?

## Answers to Can You Bid Better

On hand 1: +620

♠ Q J 7	Partner	You
♥ 4 3	1♥ P	1NT 2♣
♦ K 10 9 8 5 4 2	3♥ P	?
♣ 5		

You raise to 4♥ on the basis on your singleton club. Fortunately, the opponents don't find the most effective defense, so 4♥ rolls in. Your partner, with ♠ K2 ♥ A K Q 10 8 6 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ Q 9, perhaps should have bid 4♥ all by himself, taking pressure off you.

On hand 2: +250

♠ A J 7 6 4	Partner	You
♥ A 9 6	----- 2♠	?
♦ A Q 8 4		
♣ A		

You passed in the vain hope that partner would reopen for you. Unfortunately, partner did not have enough: ♠ Q ♥ K J 8 4 2 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ 10 7 3 2 to reopen, but still had enough to beat the opponents 5. A better bid with this hand would be to ignore the singleton club and just bid 2NT, or on the theory that partner will have a smattering of high cards, 3NT. As the cards lie, you can make 6 NT or 7♥! Ugh.

On hand 3: + 50

On hand 4: - 620

On hand 5: + 260

♠ A K J 10 9 8 2	Partner	You
♥ Q 5 4	P P	1♠ 2♣
♦ Q J	Dbl P	?
♣ 4		

You decide that your queens and jacks are bad cards to do more than bid just 2♠. After Pass by LHO, partner is looking at: ♠ 3 ♥ A J 7 2 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ J 9 7 3 2 and reasonably decides that he's shown his hand and also passes. 2♠ making 6 legitimately, making 7 on careless defense (why **should** they care?) More Ugh!

On hand 6: + 630

♠ A 10 7      Opening lead: ♥ K  
♥ 9 6      Contract: 3NT  
♦ Q J 8 5 4  
♣ K J 4

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

Trick 1: ♥ K, 6, 2, 4  
Trick 2: ♥ Q, 9, 7, 5  
Trick 3: ♥ J, ♠ 7, ♠ 5, ♥ A  
Trick 4: ♦ 2, 10, Q, A  
Trick 5: ♠ Q, 4, 6, A  
Trick 6: ♦ 4, 3, ?

You decide you should finesse against the ♦ 9 by playing the ♦ 7. (Restricted choice tells you that LHO would play ♦ 10 from ♦ 10 9 half the time but ♦ 10 from singleton ♦ 10 all of the time). LHO pitches a

heart. When you cash the  $\diamond$  K, LHO pitches a club. You lead  $\clubsuit$  3, 10, J, 2. It wins and you cash out for 10 tricks. Finally, a good result.

The results for this confessional:

Hand 1: Push. Teammates didn't beat  $4\heartsuit$  either.  
 Hand 2: Lose 6. The opponents bid 3NT making 6.  
 Hand 3: Push. Teammates didn't make game either.  
 Hand 4: Win 1. Teammates bid 4 and made  $5\heartsuit$ .  
 Hand 5: Lose 6. Opponents made the routine  $4\spadesuit + 2$   
 Hand 6: Win 11. Opponents just made  $3\diamond$ .  
 Result: Dead tie.  
 Your scores should be better.

## Good Deeds

The picture on the bottom of the front page shows the large turn out for the Food Bank Special Game held at the Surrey Duplicate Lite bridge club. As reported by Jane Youngberg in her Duplicate Lite newsletter:

“We are extremely pleased to report that we had a fantastic response to the Christmas Championship and Food Bank Special Game held last week on Thursday, December 15. Many thanks to you all for making this event so successful.

The 120 players (a full house of 30 tables) who were in attendance had a great time together. Almost everyone was decked out in colourful Christmas attire and as well as displaying their fun Christmas garments, club members also showed their incredible generosity and Christmas spirit!

Due to the caring efforts of club players from the Duplicate Lite (and Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club), the amount of \$ 2,363.00 was raised for the Surrey Food Bank. In addition, Club members also donated approximately 12 boxes of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. Co-founder of Duplicate Lite and organizer of this fund raiser, John Demeulemeester, along with club member Bob Dillon, presented the money and food donations directly to the Food Bank following the Thursday game. “

On November 15, Marguerite Chiarenza hosted the annual Kenya Foundation to Aid Children through Education charity game at the VBC. According to Vicki Moffat:

“... Twenty eight bridge players attended, all happily donating \$50 to support Kenyan girls in post secondary education, plus anteing up \$20 for the prize pool. We played three rounds before stopping for an excellent lunch including prosecco to get us all in the mood. Another 4 rounds were played after lunch ending around 3:30. ... A good time was had by all. It was rubber bridge scoring...”

This charity event raised approximately \$3000 from the bridge community.

## Do As I Say

by Greg Morse

You will recall in a previous Matchpointer, in my ‘Arguing with Eddie Kantar’ article, I stressed that the purpose of signalling is to guide the defense, not to show the location of high cards.

With that as a clue, can you spot the correct defense?

Matchpoints, Both Vul.  
 South deals

$\spadesuit$	K 5 3 2
$\heartsuit$	A 10
$\diamond$	J 7 6 2
$\clubsuit$	Q 8 7

$\spadesuit$	Q 4
$\heartsuit$	Q 8 7 5 4 3 2
$\diamond$	9
$\clubsuit$	A 9 2

South deals and opens 1NT. You decide to risk an overcall of 2H. The auction proceeds:

1NT –  $2\heartsuit$  – DBL – P

$2\spadesuit$  - P -  $4\spadesuit$  -- All pass.

Your opening lead is the  $\diamond$  9. It goes deuce, Queen, Ace.

Declarer now plays the  $\spadesuit$  6, you play the 4, dummy plays the 2, and partner wins the 7!

Partner now cashes the  $\diamond$  King (declarer playing the 3) and you encourage in clubs.

Partner dutifully shifts to the  $\clubsuit$  Jack. You win the Ace, and lead the  $\heartsuit$  8 for partner to ruff. Partner now exits with a spade, and declarer escapes for down 1.

What went wrong?

Here is the full deal:

Matchpoints, Both Vul, South deals

[see top of next column]

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

On the auction partner, was certain the spades were 4-4-4-1 around the table and could not believe that you had a trump left to ruff a diamond with. Still the fault is yours, for encouraging in clubs when partner cashed her diamond King. You are in no hurry for a club shift, and want partner to continue diamonds. You suspect partner is void in hearts, else she would have led her (presumed) stiff rather than cashing the diamond King, so the way to get her to play diamonds is to DISCOURAGE clubs. Partner with nothing better to do will play a diamond and will be astonished when you ruff, give her a heart ruff with the DEUCE, get in again with the ♣ A, and give her another heart ruff for down 3.

Too bad I didn't follow my own advice about signaling to guide the defence rather than show high cards, isn't it?

## Play These Slams

by Nick Stock

In the last Matchpointer I asked this question:

How should you play 6NT on a spade lead?

1    ♠ 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

And here is another slam to play - this one 100%:

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In a friendly team game (ok, not too friendly as you do play for *some* money) you pick up, Vul vs Non vul:

♠ A 5 2 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ A K J 4 ♣ Q 7 6

As you are dealer, you open the bidding with 1♦. LHO interferes with 2♦ Michaels and your partner doubles and RHO passes. Since you have no agreement about this double, you assume diamond length with a few values. Accordingly you bid 3NT expecting to end the auction. Your partner, who you know is unafraid to bid the full value of her hand, surprises you by bidding a prompt 6♦. You await dummy a little anxiously as LHO selects the ♥ J for opening lead:

♠ Q J 3            Teams, Vul vs Non vul  
 ♥ A 5              Lead: ♥ J  
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3 2  
 ♣ K 4

♠ A 5 2  
 ♥ K Q 6  
 ♦ A K J 4  
 ♣ Q 7 6

This is 100% (sort of). Plan the play.

Answers:

1.

You have 10 tricks on top and therefore need two more tricks from one of the minor suits. One way to get those extra tricks is to have the suit break 3-3. An additional chance can come from finessing against the ♣ Q. To do that you need to lead from dummy towards the Jack. You will succeed whenever the club suit breaks 3-3, whenever the club suit breaks 4-2 with the Queen in RHO's hand and very occasionally (on a minor suit squeeze) when the club suit breaks 5-1 with the Queen in RHO's hand. This makes the play in clubs slightly bigger than 60%.

If you play on diamonds, you will succeed whenever diamonds are 3-3 or when diamonds are 4-2 with a doubleton QJ, Q10 or J10 (3 out of 15 combinations). This makes the play in diamonds slightly under 46%.

Clearly, playing on clubs is best.

2.

This hand really is 100% if you can guess which opponent has a particular card. The card to guess is the ♣ A.

After drawing trumps you will lead a club past the ♣ A

scoring a club trick. You'll then return to hand to play the ♥ K Q to pitch a club from dummy. Dummy will be good except for a losing spade. If the opponent with the

♣ A rises (so you have played neither King nor Queen), you will have two pitches from dummy, one on the ♥ K Q, one on the ♣ K Q. To guess who has the ♣ A, just imagine if LHO would bid 2♦ Michaels with just the ♠ K and ♥ J. Not likely, but barely possible. So place the ♣ A with LHO.

The play:

Win the ♥ A in dummy. Draw 3 rounds of trumps ending in hand (trumps are 3-0, LHO has 0). Lead a club towards the King in dummy. LHO ducks. Win the club King. Now ♥ 5 to the King. ♥ Q, pitching a club from dummy. Dummy has only a spade loser. [At the point you lead a club towards the dummy, LHO is in the grips of what is called a Morton Fork Coup - rising with the ace and ducking lead to the same end result but by different forks in the road.]

## In Memoriam

This past year we lost quite a few regular bridge players and some have already been commemorated at local clubs. Gray McMullin reflects on someone who others may not have known very well:

RICK GORMAN

Back in September, we had a spate of bridge players dying off. These included Greg Lamb, Chester, Toyo, Charlotte, and a couple of others. Unbeknownst to us, my friend and Friday afternoon partner, Rick Gorman, had died in mid-August.

When I played with him on a Friday, he seemed fine, but when trying to confirm for the next week, he never got back to me. And he was absent on BBO.

I feared the worst even then. His phone was set up on my account, and in checking it, there were zero calls after mid-August. We finally had confirmation from his building manager, late November, that the manager had found him passed away when he entered Rick's suite to check on him, as he had failed to show up to pay his rent.

Rick and I went back 40 years, but we'd lost touch until he showed up back in my life three years ago when

he came to the "bridge lessons" that I was offering at the downtown community center. He became my #2, taking over in my absence, and helping with the other players.

Through hard living, Rick had damaged his hearing. This made communicating with him most difficult. He constantly missed alerts, and had a hard time understanding explanations. And of course, coming to partnership understandings was most painful. Other bridge players would recognize Rick as the guy that I yelled at a lot. We would have loud exchanges, both at and away from the table.

Let me tell you a side of Rick that you may not have known. He was a good friend, that helped me immensely with every endeavour. I have been the Supplies Manager for the Unit Board for many years. The most tedious and boring part of my job, is to travel to the club, where the Unit Board supplies are located, and organize and re-organize materials (this has to be done after every tournament), order new stuff, refurbish bidding boxes and duplicate boards..... the list goes on. Rick donated a lot of his hours helping me out. His most important job was simply showing up. I am a great procrastinator: I will find any excuse to put off this boring work. But with Rick committed to showing up, I HAD to show up too. And of course, once we were there, the work went faster and was more fun with more people involved.

Rick's help also extended to my personal life. He helped me re-plant plants, do spring cleaning, etc., but when I tried to pay him for his work, he would refuse payment. He was not rich, but the most he would ever allow me to do for him, was to buy him breakfast, or lunch. He wouldn't even let me pay for his bridge.

This was my friend Rick. One Friday afternoon, we are arguing with each other, playing bridge, and the next week ..... nothing.

Next time you play, be nice to one another. Be nice to your partner, be nice to your opponents. And really look at your partner, really look at your opponents. Look at them, as if it's the last time you will ever see them. Because, who knows, it may be.

I miss my friend, Rick Gorman.  
Gray McMullin



# Notable Results

## Evergreen Sectional

Sep 03-05

Saturday Morning Open Pairs	Thomas Devine, Robert Borge
Saturday Morning 0-750 Pairs	Shameine Ali, Ginger Chiew
Saturday Afternoon Side Open Pairs	Robert Borge, Thomas Devine
Saturday Afternoon 0-750 Pairs	Jack Johnson, Win Bromley
Jean Turnbull Trophy Mixed Pairs	Marge Neate, John Demuelemeester
Sunday Open Pairs	Ben Takemori, William Ge
Sunday 0-750 Pairs	Tom Jen Kwan, John Maunsell
Monday B/C/D 0-1500 Swiss Teams	Vincent Yung, Robin Chan, Ching Chung Lai, Cyril Tsou
Monday A/X Swiss Teams	Gustav Axen, Andrew Nalos, Dee Steil, Ken Ramsey

### Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

31.34	Thomas Devine
29.34	Robert Borge
24.07	Michael Yuen
20.65	William Ge
20.10	Doug Hansford
19.69	Brad Bart
18.76	Ben Takemori
17.14	Gustav Axen
16.99	Les Fouks
15.49	Michael Dimich

## Unit 430 199er

Sep 24

### Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

3.51	Eric Promislow
3.51	Barry Promislow
2.63	Terie Grad
2.63	Corrina Wong
1.97	Lois Loudon
1.97	Bobbi Moon
1.67	Cory McCaig
1.67	Betty Brophy
1.66	Bryan Brooking

1.66	Alan Borden
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## Roundup Sectional

Nov 04-06

Ev Hodge Charity Pairs	Fri 1:00 PM	Sydney Yang, James Wu
Stratified Open Pairs	Fri 7:00 PM	Gus Axen, Don Sache
0-200 Pairs	Fri 1:00 PM	Stanley Grey, Jennifer Tal-lentire
0-750 Pairs	Fri 7:00 PM	Shameine Ali, C. K. Damle
Aft B/C/D Pairs	Sat 12:30 PM	James Harris, Keith Lee
Eve B/C/D Pairs	Sat 6:30 PM	Tom Cotton, Marlene Sumi
A/X Pairs	Sat 12:30, 6:30 PM	Gary Harper, John Bryden
Stratified Open Swiss	Sun 10:00AM	Nicholas Stock, Martin Henneberger, Diane Isfeld, Aidan Ballantyne

## Whistler Regional

Nov 07-13

### Whistler Regional Event Winners

*Only events with Unit 430 winners listed*

Monday Eve Charity Swiss	Don Sache, Mike Moffat, Vicki Moffat, Pete Marinus
Mon Eve Charity Side Prs	Dave Westfall, Ben Takemori
Tuesday Aft 199er Pairs	Aziz Fancy, Kassamali Jinnah
Tuesday Aft Side Pairs	Lamya Abougoush, Rita Dodge
Tuesday Eve 0-750 Pairs	Ted Parker, Joanne Parker
Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams	Don Sache, Ed Ulman, Ben Takemori, Dave Westfall
Wednesday Morn Side Pairs	Jean-Philipp Weber, Keith Hibbert
Tue-Wed Morning Swiss	Kay Enfield, Cam Doner, Polly Dunn, Patrick Dunn
Wednesday Aft 199er Pairs	Louise Boudreau, Keith Erickson

Tues-Wed KO Teams Brkt 3	Keith Hibbert, Jean-Philipp Weber, Anne Katrichak, Ryley Breiddal
Wednesday Open Swiss Tms	Mark Itabashi, Peter Gelfand, Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne
Wednesday Gold Rush Swiss	Harry Satanove, David Herbert, Shael Smith, Tom Satanove
Wednesday Open Pairs	Gustav Axen, Dee Steil
Thursday Eve 199er Pairs	Glenda Affleck, Ian Affleck
Thursday Eve Side Pairs	Bill Angus, Insa Fricker
Thursday Evening Swiss	Marv Norden, Pete Marinus, Garry Skoropada, David Schmidt
Friday Aft Side Pairs	Garry Skoropada, David Schmidt
Friday Eve 199er Pairs	Gulshan Ajania, Zebi Jamal
Friday Open Swiss Teams	Xiangdong Meng, Dong Yan, Richard D'Litzenberger, David Huang Baixiang Liu, Ping Ding, Diana Jing, Amy Gao
Thur-Fri KO Bracket 1	Ron La Cour, Anne La Cour, Doug Hansford, Susan Peters
Thur-Fri KO Bracket 2	Bruce Busby, Brian Busby, Gerald Leckie, Janneke Noort
Saturday Morn Side Pairs	Merilyn Hicks, Laila I Axen
Saturday Open Pairs	Michael Yuen, Nicholas Stock
Saturday Aft Side Pairs	Margaret Gibson, Judy Chang
Saturday Aft 0-750 Pairs	Mary Wondra, Marilyn Knipp
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1	Baixiang Liu, Amy Gao, Diana Jing, Ping Ding
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 2	Eda Kadar, Elena Ransom, Ken Ramsay, Andrew Nalos
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 3	Alan Borden, Murray Cutten, Chic Callas, William Curtis
Saturday Afternoon Swiss	Don Sache, Pete Marinus, Doug Hansford, Susan Peters
Sat Eve GNT Fund Swiss	Eric Pan, Baixiang Liu, Ping Ding, Jack Lee

Sunday Open Swiss Teams	Robert Bjorge, Thomas Devine, William Ge, Eric Pan
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#### Top 10 Masterpoint winners:

- 79.83 Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 79.83 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 72.03 Judy Harris, Salmon Arm BC
- 72.03 Don Bell, Vernon BC
- 61.13 Susan Peters, Vancouver BC**
- 61.13 Doug Hansford, Surrey BC**
- 59.92 Donald Sache, Delta BC**
- 52.79 Ron La Cour, Freeland WA
- 51.23 Dave Westfall, Spokane WA
- 45.93 Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC**

## Unit 430 Races

### Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners

Category	Pts	Winner
0-5	18.37	Ethan Wu
5-20	32.2	Shameine Ali
20-50	35.73	Lyll Lev
50-100	35.00	Harry Satanove
100-200	93.00	Yen Karro
200-300	64.74	Marlene Sumi
300-500	98.50	Thomas Anderson
500-1000	85.36	Tom Cotton
1000-1500	89.32	Diane Griffiths
1500-2500	93.57	James Lenobel
2500-3500	127.86	Shirley Fitterman
3500-5000	147.93	Ben Takemori
5000-7500	85.78	Doug Hansford
7500-10000	163.73	Kathy Adachi
10000+	60.95	Aidan Ballantyne

### Mini-McKenney

Category	Pts	Winner
0-5	24.60	Bill Walter
5-20	115.65	Shameine Ali
20-50	56.23	Anne Katrichak
50-100	60.70	Harry Satanova
100-200	149.06	Yen Karro
200-300	139.15	Marlene Sumi
300-500	180.28	Thomas Anderson
500-1000	200.72	Tom Cotton
1000-1500	275.47	James Wu
1500-2500	196.76	Baixiang Liu
2500-3500	567.35	Susan Peters
3500-5000	413.85	Ben Takemori
5000-7500	598.17	Doug Hansford
7500-10000	274.05	Michael Yuen
10000+	1362.5	Dan Jacob

# Letter from an attendee

Whistler – Whoopee! (abridged)

I decided to attend the Whistler Regional as soon as it was announced but was worried that attendance might be poor, so I kept emailing Cam Doner, the tournament chairman. The number of room reservations kept rising.

The minute I arrived at the Fairmont Chateau I felt great as all of the employees, bellhops, front desk, concierge, room service and Banquet employees provided excellent service with a smile.

The playing area, the large ballroom, had plenty of room for tables. The sale of entries, coffee & muffin bar, weekend lunch bar, Hospitality Desk and Partnership Desk were conveniently accommodated in the adjoining hallway alcoves. 25% of entry sales were handled by credit card thanks to David Schmidt. Services were so good that many bridge players said thank you to the volunteers such as Eurydice Nours and Eugene Chan who managed the partnership desk. One woman came looking for Cam at the Hospitality Desk and, as he wasn't around, told me "Best vacation and bridge experience of my life!" There were players from many different locations: Dallas, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Saskatchewan, Calgary, San Francisco, Squamish, Sequim, Denver, Alaska, and Vancouver Island.

The hotel was very happy to have us there, showing their appreciation by throwing a reception on one evening. Many players really liked the venue, some for the great hotel, some for the outdoors experience and yet others for the dining (particularly the 5-star restaurant, Araxi).

Only a couple things didn't work out: the daily newsletter was missing, and lighting in the ballroom was inadequate.

I, for one, had a wonderful week at the tournament, and I think that many felt the same way. I really hope that we are able to have a repeat next year.

Rhoda Tafler

*[Editor's Note: A District 19 decision on holding a Whistler regional every year is currently pending...]*

# 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!

<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 Westminister</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 surreydcdb@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

## How did that happen?

by Nick Stock

Marge Neate told me this story about an unusual result she had at a recent pairs game. On the third board of the round they had the slightly unusual auction (well unusual for us inveterate bidders):

Pass Pass Pass Pass

Shortly thereafter they called the director and he ruled that both pairs would get an average minus on the board. Both pairs were chagrined.

How and why did that happen?

As Marge explained, the players had been having a lively discussion after the second board. After pulling out their cards for the third board, Marge was in first seat without an opening bid and so passed. Her LHO also didn't have an opening bid. Her partner, **looking at the cards from the second board**, passed. And, finally, her RHO, **also looking at the cards from the second board**, made the final pass.

After they entered the score, they realized what they had done and got the ruling from the Director.

Did you ever pull out cards from the wrong board? [I have but never had a full auction.]

How about bidding AND PLAYING AND CLAIMING as declarer on a hand with 12 cards in dummy, 14 in hand? [The director was bemused by everybody's ability to recognize dummy's shape!]

## Unit 430 Board of Directors

*What*

*Who*

President	Peter Morse
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Co-Treasurer	Cia Van Horne
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Full contact information on the Unit 430 website:  
[vancouverbridge.com/unit430\\_members.php](http://vancouverbridge.com/unit430_members.php)

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# 2017 Canadian Bridge Championships

April 29 – May 7, 2017 – Winnipeg, MB  
 Radisson Hotel – 288 Portage Ave – (800) 333-3333

Event	APR29	APR30	MAY1	MAY2	MAY3	MAY4	MAY5	MAY6	MAY7
CNTC-A	RR	RR	RR	RR	QF	SF	SF	FIN	FIN
CNTC-B	RR	RR	SF	FIN					
CNTC-C	RR	RR	SF	FIN					
CWTC	SF	SF	FIN	FIN					
CSTC					RR	RR	RR	SF	FIN
CIPC							FIN		
COPC								QUAL	FIN
CNTC-B – 2,500 MPs									
CNTC-C – 1,000 MPs									

# 2017 Canadian Bridge Federation Regional

May 1 – May 7, 2017 – Winnipeg, MB  
 Radisson Hotel – 288 Portage Ave – (800) 333-3333

	Mon May1	Tue May2	Wed May3	Thu May4	Fri May5	Sat May6	Sun May7
<b>10:30</b>	B/C/D Stratified Pairs Session 1 B 0-2500 C 0-750 D 0-299	Compact Bracketed KO Session 1	Stratified IMP Pairs A/B/C Session 1 A Unlimited B 0-1500 C 0-750	Strata-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X/B/C Session 1 A Unlimited X 0-2500 B 0-1250 C 0-299	Compact Bracketed KO Session 1	Strata-Flighted Pairs A/X/B A Unlimited B 0-2500 C 0-750	CBF International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams A Unlimited B 0-1500 C 0-750
<b>15:00</b>	B/C/D Stratified Pairs Session 2 B 0-2500 C 0-750 D 0-299	Compact Bracketed KO Session 2	Stratified IMP Pairs A/B/C Session 2	Strata-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X/B/C Session 2	Compact Bracketed KO Session 2	Strata-Flighted Pairs A/X/B Session 2	CBF International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams

Gold Rush Events – ALL 0-750 Events

Email: [tournaments@bridgemanitoba.org](mailto:tournaments@bridgemanitoba.org)

# VANCOUVER UNIT 430 SPRING SECTIONAL

May 19, 20, 21, 22 2017

Queensborough Community Centre 920 Ewen Ave New Westminster

## Friday Afternoon

Open Pairs

0-200 Pairs

(Both Pair events with 40% more silver points)

May19, 1:00 pm

(0-1250 / 1250-2500 / 2500+)

## Friday Evening

Ben Lapidus Trophy bracketed KO'S

Stratified Open Pairs

0-750 Pairs

May19, 7:00 pm

Brackets by MP totals

(0-1250 / 1250 – 2500 / 2500+)

(0-100 / 100-300 / 300-750)

**Saturday May20, 11:20am – 12:10pm**

**‘Visualization is Key’**

**Celebrity Speaker: Mike Wilson**

(Interactive – Audience Participation - Handouts)

## Saturday Afternoon

Stratified IMP Pairs (1 of 2 sessions, single session accepted)

0-750 Pairs (2 session event, single entries accepted)

Ben Lapidus Trophy KO'S (2of 3)

May20, 12:30 pm

(0-1250 / 1250 – 2500 / 2500+)

(0-100 / 100-300 / 300-750)

**The Unit 430 Annual General meeting will commence immediately after this session**

Members will provide input and nominations will take place for new board members

## Saturday Evening

Stratified Imp Pairs (2 of 2 sessions, single session accepted)

0-750 pairs

Ben Lapidus Trophy KO'S (3of 3)

May20,6:30 pm

(0-1250 / 1250 – 2500 / 2500+)

(0-100 / 100-300 / 300-750)

## Sunday Afternoon and Evening

A/X pairs (2 session single session accepted)

B/C/D pairs (2session,single sessions accepted)

May 21,12.30 am and 6.30pm

(0-2500 / 2500+)

(0-200 / 200-500 / 500-1500)

## Monday 10.00 & TBA

Stratified Open Swiss Teams

B, C, D Swiss

May22,10.00 am

(0-1250/1250-2500/2500+)

(0-200/200-500/500-1500)

**Buffet luncheon \$5.00 per player is included in the Sunday entrance fee**

### Notices:

Online Partnership Desk: [www.vancouverbridge.co](http://www.vancouverbridge.co)

Tournament Chair

Fees:

Stratification:

Handicap Policy:

Coffee / Tea:

Tournament Results:

Jim McKenzie: [jimfmckenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:jimfmckenzie@hotmail.com) 604-374-0109

\$10.00 per player for Pairs session. \$100 per team Monday Swiss

\$3.00 additional per person, per session for non or unpaid ACBL members

By average, but each player must be below the event limit

KO Events may be handicapped if only one bracket

FREE if you bring your own cup, or cups are available by donation

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**Smoke free playing site – Please be considerate and avoid the use of scented products**

# Calendar of Events 2017

January 23-29, 2017	Honolulu Regional	Honolulu
February 4, 2017	MUG (teams)	VBC
February 10-12, 2017	Bellingham Sectional	Bellingham, WA
February 18, 2017	Mentor Mentee	VBC
February 20 -26, 2017	Vancouver WA Regional	Vancouver, WA
February 26, 2017	B/C IMP League game	VBC
March 4-5, 2017	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall
March 4, 2017	MUG	VBC
March 19, 2017	B/C IMP League game	VBC
April 1, 2017	0-199er Sectional	VBC
April 1, 2017	MUG	VBC
April 2, 2017	B/C IMP League game	VBC
April 17-23, 2017	Victoria Regional	Victoria Conference Centre, Downtown Victoria
April 29, 2017	Mentor Mentee	Surrey
May 6, 2017	MUG	VBC
May 19-22, 2017	Spring Sectional	Queensborough
June 3, 2017	MUG (teams)	VBC
June 12-18, 2017	Penticton Regional	Penticton
July 8, 2017	MUG	VBC
August 4-6, 2017	Nanaimo Sectional	Nanaimo
August 5, 2017	MUG	VBC
August 12, 2017	Mentor Mentee	VBC
August 21-27, 2017	Lynnwood Regional, WA	Lynnwood, WA
September 1-3, 2017	Evergreen Sectional	Queensborough
September 9, 2017	MUG	VBC
October 2-8, 2017	Seaside Regional	Seaside, OR
October 7, 2017	MUG (teams)	VBC
October 14-15, 2017	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall
October 16-22, 2017	Olympia, WA Regional	Olympia, WA
October 21, 2017	Mentor Mentee	Surrey
November 4, 2017	MUG	VBC
November 10-12, 2017	Round Up Sectional	
December 2, 2017	MUG	VBC