

UN T 430 Matchpointer

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Below: IMP League C Winners



Team members: Bill Spires, Lynda Harris, Mary Bishop, Bud Bishop, missing: Janet Spires, Aileen Stone, Debra Blacklock

Below: GNT Championship Flight winners. They will represent District 19 in the Grand National Teams at the Toronto Summer Nationals, July 19-23.



Team members (left to right):
 Nick Stock, Brad Bart, Larry Pocock, Kai Zhou, Jack Lee

GNT District Finals, Championship Flight and B Flight, were played at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on March 25/26. Flight A and Flight C were played in Bothell, WA on April 8th and 9th. Winners of Flights A, B and C were not from our Unit.

Below: IMP League B Winners



Team members (left to right):
 Marco Paladino,
 Tom Anderson,
 Anne Katrichak,
 Ryley Breiddal,



Kevin Contzen
 (inset)

President's Message

from Peter Morse, President, ACBL Unit 430

As another busy year for Unit 430 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the Unit Board members for their efforts in putting on a large number of events. In addition to our four Open Sectional tournaments, comprising 14 days of bridge, we have also held two two-day Future Stars (non-Life Master) Sectionals, one one-day 0-199 Sectional, four Mentor-Mentee Games and twelve Monthly Unit Games. This adds up to 35 days of bridge events, each of which involves considerable advance preparation, staffing and communication. In particular, the Mentor-Mentee games require a large time commitment with responding to members' questions, assisting with registration, recruiting mentors, often at the last minute, and then putting on the event with hospitality.

In addition to the Unit Board members involved with the running of our events, Board members handle Unit finances, maintain and transport our bridge supplies, schedule and organize our tournament sites, produce our regular publication, the Matchpointer, and communicate abundant information on our excellent Unit 430 website. Further, the Directors, Bruce McIntyre and Cathy Miller, put a lot of time into preparation for many of our events, in addition to their work in running the actual games.

There are also other Unit 430 members, not part of the Unit Board, who volunteer to transport our supplies to tournament sites, and put up and take down bridge tables. In addition there are non-Board members involved in handling some administrative functions for the Unit. Thank you to all of them for their assistance in enabling our events to take place.

As the current Unit Year is ending with our Annual General Meeting, scheduled between sessions in the Spring Sectional on Saturday May 20, it appears that there will be some members leaving the Unit Board. There will be a new President next year, as I will be stepping aside. Currently, we have a very good Board composed of hardworking individuals and I wish every success to whoever takes on this responsibility as President.

Peter Morse

Outgoing President, Unit 430

Never Too Early

by Greg Morse

The bridge experts all agree, that the time to STOP, THINK and make a plan is before you play to the first trick. But as new evidence arises you must take that into account and revise your plan, and its never too early to do so.

Matchpoints,
None Vul

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

You deal and open 1♣. The auction proceeds:

S	W	N	E
1♣	P	1♥	P
1NT	P	2NT	P
3NT	All Pass		

The opening lead is the club King. Things do not look good. What was partner thinking? At matchpoints you don't have to stretch for games, especially Non Vul. (On this board, +120 would be a top, while -100 rates to be a bottom.) Pard should have realized that:

- He did not have to stretch
- His shape is not good for NT – 4-4-4-1 hands generally play worse than their HCP indicates, and
- He has no help in your suit.

Still you are hardly blameless yourself are you?

You do have chances – the contract would seem to come down to the spade finesse. If that works you have 4 spades, 4 diamonds and the club Ace. You duck the opening lead of course almost without thinking. LHO plays the ♣ Q next, you pitch a heart from dummy, RHO plays the ♣ 10 and you duck aga.... WAIT a minute! Was that the club Ten? That changes matters. Time to regroup.

If the spade finesse fails you might lose a spade, and two hearts. You cannot afford another club loser. Besides what if LHO shifts to a heart at the next trick?

What were RHO's clubs? If Tx, or JTx then you have to hope that LHO has no outside entry and therefore there is no point in ducking further. You win the Ace therefore and take the spade finesse. It loses but RHO has no further club to play, and exits with another spade. That seems a bit promising as he has not tried to find his partner's heart entry. You cash the rest of the spades (RHO pitching a heart), and 3 rounds of diamonds ending in hand. Now you lead a heart. When LHO plays the Ten you go up with the King. RHO takes his Ace, and exits with his last diamond. With nothing else left to try you lead a heart to the Jack. It holds and you make your game, earning the same matchpoints as you would have for making 2NT.

Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

The Wrong Ace

Board 21 at Steve's Monday morning game in North Vancouver was quite interesting. As North, vulnerable vs not, you are the dealer and hold:

♠ 8
 ♥ Q 8 6 5 4 2
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ A 5

You open 1♥ and before long find yourself in 7♥ after this auction:

N	E	S	W
1♥	Dbl	5♥	5♠
6♥	6♠	7♥	P
P	Dbl	All Pass	

East, who thought that a spade would not cash, led the "sure" ♦ A after which darkness descended on the defenders. The full deal:

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

If 6♠ had come around to me I would have doubled and led the ♦ K which is down 4 and only 800. This would have been poor compensation for our cold 6♥ [Ed. note: but maybe a good score anyway in a match-point game].

This reminded me of a hand I played some months ago. I was in 6♥ on this layout:

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

The lead was the ♣ A which I ruffed and when I then played ♥ A, the 10 came down so the ♥ 9 became a (very useful) entry to the King and Queen of clubs in dummy - making 7. Question: Is it better to play small to the 9 hoping for a doubleton 10 with West? It loses to singleton 10 with East and makes if East has 10 doubleton. In that case, nothing helps, so I believe playing the Ace first is just about as good.

[Editor's note: Actually, leading low towards the 9 probably doesn't give up on a singleton 10 with East. You have to ask yourself if anything less than a world class player as West would be ready to play small smoothly from 10 x when you lead low from your hand towards the dummy. So if West ducks smoothly you should also, hoping for a singleton 10 with East. Also, low towards the 9 gains when West has 10 x x. On the other hand, in a matchpoint game, giving up an extra heart trick in order to have a chance to make, probably gives you a cold zero - down 2 instead of down one. Surely many others will be in 6♥].

Old Time Bridge

by Gary Harper

The recent passing of Jim Dickie caused me to reflect on the Vancouver bridge scene I encountered when I took up duplicate in 1971. Jim was an integral thread in what was, in hindsight, a rich tapestry of bridge talent and characters.

I played my first game of duplicate on August 13,

1971 with a university buddy at the North Shore Bridge club in Edgemont Village in North Vancouver. We scored 44% and finished 17/21. I must have overcome my intimidation, for a week later we soared to 54% and a three way tie for third place and, significantly at the time, .10 Masterpoint. I was hooked. I even kept track of my partners and results for the first year I played, including a September 20, 1971 game with Mary Fines. She was a proven winner and dragged me across the finish line for a win and another .53 MP's in my collection. The club was owned and run by Lily Hills, a top player of her generation. She was a short, stocky, chain-smoking woman who would likely have been referred to in that pre-PC era as a "tough broad".

For my first foray into the "big time", I ventured across the Lion's Gate Bridge to the Vancouver Bridge Club, then on the fourth floor of a building on Howe Street. I played with a pick-up partner (Hugh McSheffrey, who I believe still plays). It was the first time I had been exposed to a psych, as Hugh decided to have some fun in the late going. I think I was the last person at the table to figure out what was going on. The Vancouver Bridge Club was owned and run by Adrian and June-Budd Hicks, an older couple who, like Lily Hills, were from a bygone era. Adrian was a strong player, respected by all in the bridge community both as a bridge player and solid guy. A former sailor, he (along with Jim Dickie) was one of a select group permitted to call Laurence Betts "Larry". (Laurence's peers did not fall into that category, though it didn't bother us, as we had no problem coming up with other names for him.)

I was soon invited to join a large group that frequented the Devonshire Hotel following the game to drink beer and, of course, rehash the session. The lack of hand records back then wasn't a problem, as our young and clear minds were able to recall virtually every card. (Now I have to think twice about what I held on the previous board.) Beers were 25 cents each, so a dollar or two would get one to closing time. The games started at 8:00, so it was usually 11:30 when we hit "The Dev" and usually around 2:00 a.m. when we were ushered out. There were often 15 or 20 people at these post-game gatherings – essentially the core of the Vancouver bridge scene.

An active social scene away also helped create community. Sheila Dickie would regularly organize tee times at Lake Padden, Squamish and other local courses. Doug Baldwin, Ron and Sandra Borg, Dennis

Dohl, Jim and Gerry McCully, Jack Marsh, and Brian May (also a tournament director) were among the regulars. My wife and I frequently hosted softball games and barbecues out in sunny Tsawwassen (where Cam Lindsay was the only bridge player within 20 miles). Even without sporting activities, there always seemed to be a gathering of some sort (including evenings of playing "Aggravation" at Judy and Mike Strebinger's place). Jenny Paynter lived in several large houses, which became home to a rotating cast of bridge players and at which a party could usually be found. Vancouver's travelling road show hit most tournaments throughout BC and Washington. Even when the tournament did not provide a hospitality suite, there was never a shortage of places to party and review the hands of the previous session. Given the lack of financial resources of many of us younger players, it was not unheard for five or more to share a room (half-price if you agreed to sleep in the bathtub). Return trips from Vancouver Island tournaments lead to the question "how many bridge players can you stuff into a BC Ferry state room?"

From my viewpoint as a newbie, players seemed to fit into various categories.

There were the "oldtimers": Adrian Hicks, Leo Steil, Willie Weinstein, Hy Waks, Lisa Strebinger, Henry Smilie and Otto von Leesment. They had years of experience and played very few conventions. The more rigid among them scorned "new fangled" weak two-bids and distained anything as sophisticated as transfers. They overcame the lack of system with good judgement and excellent card play.

Next were the "established players" – the ones to beat in local tournaments. The team of Jim Donaldson, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop and Buddy Crapko had considerable success. Mike Strebinger often played with Nathan Divinsky. Allan Graves and Neil Chambers had established themselves as among the best in the northwest, as well. Jim Dickie, Peter Herold and Jack Marsh were also among the top established players. Jack Marsh had a million stories, often involving the line "I'm here to tell you". Ron Christianson and Don Brander were solid players, though their passions lay in poker rather than bridge.

Ron Borg helped me secure an articling position at the Workman's Compensation Board in 1975. Originally, I thought he was impressed by my steel-trap mind and winsome personality, but it turned out that Ron and John Berry desperately needed a fourth for their lunch hour bridge game.

Joel Martineau was already established as a top young player at the time, though he was of our generation. In the summer of 1973, Bob Gerrie and I decided to hit the tournament trail before our summer jobs beckoned. We had regionals in Medford (Oregon) and San Bernardino (California) lined up, with a stop at a sectional in Seaside (Oregon) on the way home. We gave Joel a ride to Medford and somewhere near Mount Vernon, he espoused the virtues of a big club system with positive transfer responses. Bob and I (for reasons long since forgotten), adopted this system for the trip. We had inexplicable success in the early going – upsetting a couple of the professional teams with pick-up partners. Unfortunately, someone questioned the legality of the system during the Sunday Swiss Teams. We were told to cease and desist, and forced to adapt the system on the fly to eliminate positive transfer responses. Easy come, easy go, I guess.

Then there were the “young guns” of the era. (As I approach my 65th birthday, it’s nice to remember that I was once a “young gun”.) This was my peer group and I apologize in advance for those I omit – my memories are strongest of the group I played with and against whom I competed as we strove to make our mark.

The rubber bridge games at universities were the main source of new blood to the duplicate world. My alma mater UBC produced Bob Gerrie, Mike Wilson, Gary Barnes, Dennis Dohl, John Sui, and Gerry and Jim McCully. The SFU contingent was headed by Laurence Betts, Mike Dimich, and Morris Potzold. The “Saskatoon Mafia” also infiltrated the west coast with the likes of Joe Kerger, Doug Baldwin, Terry Gould, Karen Billet and Susan Peters. The war in Vietnam also led to Ron Ohmart and Steve Metzger (the hippies who played Precision) and Lauren Miller gracing our midst. Victoria had more than its share of fine young players as well: Jim McAvoy, Duncan Smith, Gord McOrmond and Mike Hargreaves. Despite disparate backgrounds, we were a community bound by a love of the game (and a willingness to party).

Doug Baldwin was my first regular partner. We played Kaplan-Sheinwold, which featured a “daring” 12-14 weak notrump and “controlled psych’s”. My first “away” tournament with Doug was a regional in Seattle, at which Don Brazeau and Andy Nagy won the 49’ers pairs. At the time, it seemed like a lofty height to which I could only aspire.

Other regular teammates and partners of that era were Laurence “Don’t Call Me Larry” Betts, Bob Gerrie

(before Aban swept him off his feet), Mike Wilson, John Hurdle, Peter Nixon and Jim Andrews (aka “The Rabbit”). There was never a dull moment with The Rabbit – at or away from the bridge table. Laurence’s quintessential “Rabbit story” (and we all have one) involved back to back slam hands in the Vanderbilt during the 1974 Vancouver Nationals. On the first hand, The Rabbit bid a slam off two aces for down one. Undaunted, he asked for aces on the next hand and confidently bid another slam. The opponents refused to believe he would repeat the error of the previous hand and failed to cash their two aces - so we broke even on the two hands.

We regularly played in the Duncan Sectional (which offered the coveted Cowichan Indian sweaters as prizes). One year Mike forgot his board, so we had to improvise with a “Tender Tootsies” slipper box. We went on to win the event and have our picture in the bulletin. The caption focused on Mike, but added “other members of the team were Gary Harper, John Hurdle and Laurence Betts”. We attempted to capitalize on this publicity by entering team games as “Captain Foot and the Tender Tootsies”, but dropped the idea when the anticipated sponsorship failed to materialize.

I was also fortunate to have been mentored by Henry Lortz from Seattle. We played 2/1 while it was still called “Walsh” or West Coast Scientific. My quest to earn the 300 masterpoints needed to qualify for the McKenney List (now the Barry Crane) took us to both the Walla Walla and Wenatchee sectionals. Henry played the folks from his native Central Washington like a fine violin (or fiddle), as we swept both tournaments.

Though not part of the scene when I began to play, current stalwarts Aidan Ballantyne and Nick Stock joined us in the mid-seventies and have been making their mark ever since.

Our community of the early 1970’s was blessed not only with many characters, but also with many top-flight players who have gone on to great heights in the bridge world: Allan Graves, Neil Chambers/John Schermer, and Bruce Ferguson.

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OLD TIMER'S QUIZ

Match the nickname to the player:

NICKNAME	PERSON
Balloon	Lauren Miller
Creaky	Bruce Ferguson
Doctor Death	Joe Kerger
Harpo	Doug Baldwin
Lucky	John Hurdle
Milhouse	Mike Wilson
Reggie	Gary Harper
Square John	Peter Nixon
Superstar	Bob Connop
The Brute	Jim Andrews
The Crow	Jim Donaldson
The Foot	Marty O'Reilly
The Rabbit	John Anthony
The Turtle	Dennis Dohl

Other nicknames deemed to be potentially derogatory and withheld from the above quiz on the advice of counsel:

“The Whale”, “Too Short”, “The Pig”

Trey McMullin

by Kel Raywood

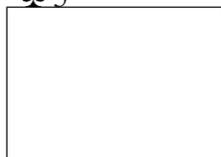
In a swiss-team match run by the Burnaby Bridge-club at the VBC, Gray McMullin led my suit after a quick auction to 3NT:

W(Gray) N E (Kel) S
 1 ♠ 3 ♥ 3NT

All Pass

Dealer: N ♠ K Q 8 5 2
 Vul: None ♥ A 8
 IMPS ♦ K J 9 8 3
 ♣ 5

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



Lead: ♥ 9

Declarer won the ace in dummy and led the three of diamonds to his queen.

Gray took the ace and played a second heart. Declarer won the king in hand and played a low diamond to 6

the king as I followed low. The club five was led and it went jack, queen, king. Gray was on lead in this position:

♠ K Q 8 5 2
 ♥ ---
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ ---

♠ A J 10 4 3
 ♥ ---
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 8 6

We had two tricks in and, quick as a flash, Gray put declarer in dummy with the diamond ten. Declarer took his diamond tricks while Gray pitched clubs, but then had to break spades. He started with the king but Gray won the ace and returned the jack. Dummy's eight was taken with the ten, then the four went to the five. Dummy was left with the deuce of spades and Gray won the setting trick with the trey.

This was the full deal:

♠ K Q 8 5 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K J 9 8 3
 ♣ 5

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

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J 7 5 4 3 2
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 10 7

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A Q 9 4 3 2

In the end position, declarer might have tried starting spades by leading the deuce to his nine, Gray would have won the ten then exited with the all important trey. Declarer could run this to the seven and cash the ace of clubs, but then I would have won the last two tricks with the club ten and a heart. Or declarer could smother the seven with the eight to play a top spade. But Gray would just duck ensuring that he took the last two tricks with the ace and jack.

Later in the same week, Gray was declaring a club contract which just made as on the final trick he beat the deuce of clubs with the trey. Henceforth he will forever be known as Trey McMullin.

When All Else Fails...

by Nick Stock

In a matchpoint game at my local club, only the opponents vulnerable, as West I pick up:

♠ A 10
♥ 4
♦ J 10 6
♣ A K J 10 8 7 6

After 2 passes to 1♥ by RHO, I bid a simple 2♣. LHO has nothing to say, but partner suggests their own preferred strain by bidding 2♠. I am just about to rebid my clubs at the three level, when RHO butts in with 3♥. Now I have to assess whether our side has a plus score coming in spades (I could bid 3♠), or could venture the four level in clubs. Since partner didn't make a weak two bid in spades they probably have only 5 spades in a moderate passed hand. This makes 3 spades look like it might not make unless partner has a quality 5 card suit, something like KQ fifth and partner would have to ruff hearts in my hand. Unless partner has a club fit as well, spades doesn't rate to play too well. Spades also don't rate to break. On the other hand clubs will play reasonably as long as partner has a little help in diamonds. Another useful way to think of this: my hand will take more tricks with clubs as trumps than if spades are trumps.

Perhaps I should defend? Not knowing how many club tricks we can take on defense I bid what I think I might make: 4♣. Everyone passes. The auction has been:

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♥	2♣
P	2♠	3♥	4♣

All Pass

Predictably, LHO puts the ♥ 8 on the table and the dummy appears:

♠ Q 9 7 6 3
♥ Q 9 3
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ 9

♠ A 10
♥ 4
♦ J 10 6
♣ A K J 10 8 7 6

I am thankful for all of those 9s and tell my partner this. I cover with one of them as RHO wins with the

♥10. With apparently nothing better to do, he continues with the ♥ K which I ruff. I could try to get to dummy with a diamond in order to take a club finesse, but that seems dangerous and unnecessary because RHO, in advertising long hearts is likely to have shorter clubs. Accordingly, I cash the two high clubs, pitching a spade, and am gratified to see RHO follow with small, then the Queen. I draw LHO's last trump, pitching another spade from dummy as RHO throws a heart. All I need now is the ♦ Q onside and I'll have 10 tricks, possibly 11 if I can score a fourth diamond to pitch my spade loser. I try the ♦ J, small, small ♦Q. RHO plays the ♥ Ace as I ruff and LHO pitches a spade. That is disappointing as I am now scheduled to go one down unless I can score an extra spade or diamond. I play the ♦ 10 but everyone plays small. These are the remaining cards:

♠ Q 9 7
♥ ---
♦ K 9
♣ ---

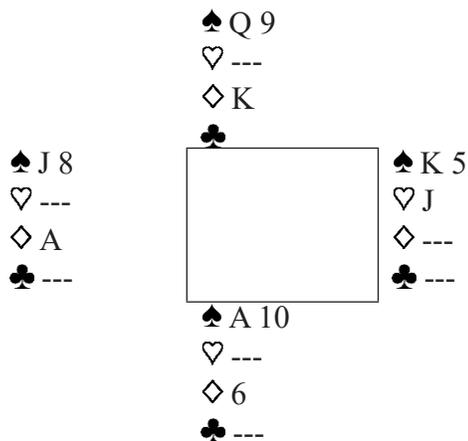
♠ A 10
♥ ---
♦ 6
♣ 10 8

What is left to try? RHO started with 7 hearts, 2 clubs and has followed to 2 diamonds. So they have either: one spade and three diamonds or 2 spades and one diamond. Who has the ♠ K? RHO must have it otherwise they would have exited a spade when they won their diamond trick. How about the ♦ A? It looks like RHO doesn't have it, because LHO didn't signal count on the play of the diamonds (which he can see he would need to do). Is the only possibility left playing for a singleton ♠ K? No.

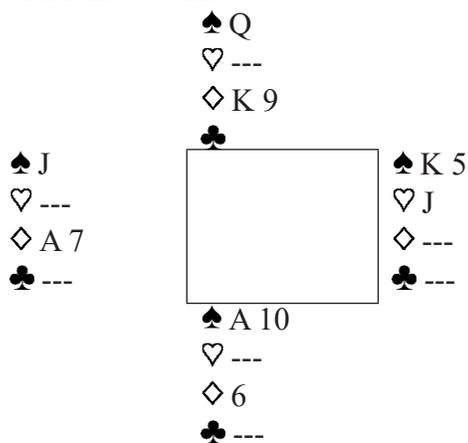
It's time for "*when all else fails...
...cash your remaining winners to put pressure on the opponents*".

I run my trumps.

On the ♣ 10, LHO pitches a spade, dummy a spade, and RHO a heart. On the ♣ 8, LHO pitches a diamond, I pitch a diamond from dummy and RHO another heart. In the three card ending below I lead a diamond. LHO wins the ♦ A and has to break spades, choosing the ♠ J to give his partner no problem.



Making 4. After we replace our hands in the board I'm amused to hear RHO complain that his partner should have pitched his spade and kept his diamond so he wouldn't have to play a spade back to break the suit. I don't point out that had he done that I would also have pitched a spade. The three card ending would have been:



After winning the ♦ A, LHO could either give dummy a winning diamond or lead a spade. There was no defense.

100% Failure

by Nick Stock

In a bracketed knockout (bracket 2) at a regional event during the Nationals (you didn't qualify in the National pairs event) you are playing with a good partner against sound opponents and pick up an opening bid:

♠ K 7
 ♥ A Q 10 3
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 3

The auction:

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♦	P
2 NT	P	3 NT	All Pass

LHO leads the ♣ A.

IMPS

Contract: 3NT

♠ J 6 4 3 2
 ♥ K
 ♦ A Q J 9 3
 ♣ 5 4

♠ K 7
 ♥ A Q 10 3
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 8 3

Trick 1: ♣ A - ♣ 4 - ♣ 6 - ♣ 3

Trick 2: ♣ K - ♣ 5 - ♣ 2 - ♣ 9

Trick 3: ♣ J - ♠ 2 - ♥ 5 - ?

Plan the play. (Solution on a later page)

In Memoriam

To the editor:

Pearl Minkoff passed away, at age 90, on February 12, after several weeks of illness and three years of such failing eyesight that she could no longer play bridge. But she had a wonderful life with bridge a top priority. I first played with Pearl 50 years ago and teamed up with Sid and her many times since. Sid died 26 years ago and I wrote a brief obit then describing their defence, in a hand against a professional couple, in which Sid cashed a stiff ace then underled AKQJT9 of the suit he had been bidding - in which dummy had a singleton - in the hope that Pearl had the 8. She had the 8 and 6, put up the 8 ahead of declarer's 7, showed no surprise and gave Sid his ruff.

Since then I have partnered Pearl at clubs and tournaments hundreds of times - errors and differences galore - but never a dispute. She was wonderful to play with. And one of the great delights of being at the table with her was seeing, particularly in the last decade, how many old competitors came over to the table to give her a hug and wish her well. It was something she really treasured, and I know she would want me to thank you for your friendship at the table and making bridge so worthwhile.

David Walker

Notable Results

Vancouver Trophy Sectional

Winners of each flight

Friday Aft Strat Pairs	A	Ben Takemori, Barry Yamanouchi
	B1 C1	Andy Hellquist, Thomas Anderson
Fri Aft 199er Pairs	D 1 E 1	Joyce Pearkes, Susan O'Bryan
	F 1	Lori Staehling, Karen Munro
Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs		David Huang, Lisa Li
Fri Eve Strat 0-750 Pairs	D 1 E 1	James Harris, Keith Lee
	F 1	Wade Carpenter, Jeff Mear
Fri Eve Smilie Mixed BAM	A 1	Aban Gerrie, Robert Gerrie, Trudy Hurdle, John Hurdle
	B 1	Thomas Anderson, Dee Steil, Debbie Martignago, Andy Hellquist
Saturday Morn 0-750 Pairs	E 1	Bryan Brooking, Alan Borden
	F 1	Wade Carpenter, Jeff Mear
Saturday A & JB Hicks Prs		Sid Segal, Les Fouks
Saturday Aft 0-750 Pairs	D 1	Deborah Cool, Geraldine May
	E 1	Zainool Esmail, Gulshan Ajania
Sat Aft Consolation Pairs	A 1	Amirali Alibhai, Marion Crowhurst
	B 1	Andrew Krywaniuk, Vincent Yung
	C 1	Harry Satanove, Tom Satanove
Sun W Weinstein AX Swiss	A 1	John Bryden, Laurence Betts, Steve Vincent, David Waterman
	X 1	Wink Andres, Ann Andres, Jim Walker, Maarten Tjebbes
Sun M Clarke BCD Swiss	B 1	Peggy Winter, Fred Baldwin, Tom Cotton, Marlene Sumi

	C 1 D 1	Shameine Ali, Alan Borden, Glenda Affleck, Ian Affleck
Top 10	Masterpoint Winners	
35.56	Aidan Ballantyne	
28.37	Laurence Betts	
27.02	John Bryden	
27.02	David Waterman	
26.52	Les Fouks	
22.56	Sid Segal	
19.39	Rock Shi Yan	
18.93	Monica Angus	
18.18	Ben Takemori	
17.88	Steve Vincent	

IMP League 2016-2017

A/X League

With two round-robin matches still to play (Sache vs. Isfeld, Sache vs. Anthony) the standings are as follows:

Vincent	190	
Su	183	
Sache	112	
Johnson	136	X 1
Isfeld	110	
Fenton	86	
Burns	80	X 2
Carr	66	X 3
Anthony	57	

To determine Trophy engraving the playoffs will follow after the round-robin matches are completed.

B/C League

Pictures of the winners of the B and C leagues are on the front page. The 6 Teams in the B/C IMP League played 2 matches monthly (12 boards) on prearranged Sundays starting last October in a round robin format. The top two B teams played in a final to determine the winners. The top two C teams also played a final match to determine the winners.

Victoria Regional

Victoria Regional Winners

Only Unit 430 Players are listed.

Dan Jacob won several team events with some other professional teammates and finished tied for 1/2/3/4 for most masterpoints won: 122.26

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Mon Eve Charity Side Prs	B1, C 1	Tom Satanove, Shael Smith
Tue Aft New-comer Pairs		Barbara Downs, Jane Ferris
Tue Aft 0-200 Pairs	A 1, B 1	Gary Kaiway, Kenneth Putt
Tuesday Eve Side Pairs	B 2, C 1	Ed L'Heureux, Diane Griffiths
Tuesday Eve 199er Pairs	A 2, B 1	Zaitoon Shariff, Marie-France Cook
	B 2, C 1	Kathryn Templeton, Wendy Williams
Mo-Tu Cherry Blossom KO	Brkt 3	Alan Borden, Shameine Ali, Ian Affleck, Glenda Affleck
Wednesday Morn Side Pairs	A 2, B 2, C 1	Gary Kaiway, Kenneth Putt
Wednesday Eve Side Pairs	A/B	James Lenobel, Cindy Oishi
	C	Caroline Solonenko, Anne Katrichak
Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams	B 2, C 1	Brian Stone, Howard Haugom, Daniel Allard, Rob Fought
Thursday Eve Swiss Teams	B	Eda Kadar, Andrew Nalos, Cindy Oishi, James Lenobel
Wed-Thu Crocus KOs	Brkt 3	Ed L'Heureux, Diane Griffiths, Stephanie Williams, Deborah Cool
Wed-Thu Crocus KOs	Brkt 4	Alan Borden, Shameine Ali, Ian Affleck, Glenda Affleck
Wed-Fri AM Rhodo KO	Brkt 2	Brian Stone, Daniel Allard, Howard Haugom, Rob Fought
Friday Eve Side Pairs	A 1, B 1, C 1	Elsie Mackinnon, Ivy Pye
Thu-Fri Rose KO	Brkt 1	Susan Peters, Doug Hansford, Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish
Saturday Aft Side Pairs	C 1	Margaret Gibson, Judy Chang
Saturday ABY Open Pairs	X 2,3 Y 1,2	James Lenobel, Cindy Oishi
Evening Side Game Series		David Gabel, L Ralph Buckley

Fri-Sat Magnolia KO	Brkt 4	Alan Borden, Shameine Ali, Ian Affleck, Glenda Affleck
Sat Magnolia Compact KO	Brkt 2	Roy Sadd, Harry Sadd, Ryley Breiddal; Caroline Solonenko
Sat Magnolia Compact KO	Brkt 3	Maryellen Gallo, Jack Johnson, Thomas Anderson, Marco Paladino
Saturday Eve Swiss Teams	B 1	Marlene Powell, Myra Johnston, Louise Elliott, Sally Craig
Sunday Fast Open Pairs	B 1	Andrew Nalos, Eda Kadar

CNTC

The Canadian National Team Championships were held this year in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Other championship events are also held during Bridge Week at the same location). Our unit sent quite a few players to the CNTCs:

Brad Bart (Team Todd), Rock Shi Yan, Monica Angus (Team Yan), Gray McMullin, Bryan Maksymetz, Ben Takemori, Joel Martineau (Team McMullin), and Mike Yuen (Team Kuz) played in the A Flight.

Andrew Nalos, Kenneth Ramsay, Elena Ransom, Andrew Krywaniuk (Team Nalos) played in the B Flight. Gray McMullin's team made it to the semi-final before bowing out but Brad Bart's team played in the final and in a close and exciting match overtook their opponents in the last four boards to win the event! Congratulations to Brad for a fine performance.

GNT

The winners of the Championship Flight are shown on the front of the Matchpointer.

Unit 430 Races

Mini-McKenney

0-5	7.57	Jeremy Bowman
5-20	17.45	Kathryn Templeton
20-50	18.24	Shaviv Ben Neriah

50-100	40.80	Tom Satanove
100-200	102.48	Shameine Ali
200-300	73.37	Alan Borden
300-500	70.15	Marlene Sumi
500-1000	81.22	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	74.85	Shelley Burns
1500-2500	84.25	James Lenobel
2500-3500	74.65	Vicki Moffatt
3500-5000	143.38	Susan Peters
5000-7500	148.44	Doug Hansford
7500-10000	87.24	Michael Yuen
10000+	347.48	Dan Jacob

Ace of Clubs

0-5	6.48	Jeremy Bowman
5-20	10.74	Joel Wener
20-50	14.17	Shaviv Ben Neriah
50-100	16.04	Tom Satanove
100-200	26.66	Harry Satanove
200-300	34.44	Yen Karro
300-500	32.64	Jim Glanville
500-1000	45.82	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	29.56	Rowena Huberman
1500-2500	66.49	Jim Walker
2500-3500	45.65	Shirley Fitterman
3500-5000	65.25	Ben Takemori
5000-7500	51.19	Les Fouks
7500-10000	42.78	Kathy Adachi
10000+	18.72	Aidan Ballantyne

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

Bridge Clubs	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
Chilliwack			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 7pm	604-702-9890	
Maple Ridge			
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Garry Skoropada 604-462-7320	12150 224th Street

with others who are looking for a game, and finding a good partner.

Go to the home page (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!

New Westminster			
The Suburbia Bridge Club	Tuesday 7pm, at VBC	Ken Lochang 604-255-2564	Vancouver (VBC)
North Vancouver			
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
Richmond			
Beth Tikvah Duplicate Bridge Club	Monday 7:00pm	Larry Meyer 604-271-8692	Beth Tikvah Synagogue 9711 Geal Road
Squamish			
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
South Surrey / White Rock			
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7pm	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116	14831 28th Avenue
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11am	John Lien 604-603-5436	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
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 surreydcbb@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
Vancouver			
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
West Vancouver			
Hollyburn Country Club	Monday 7pm	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	950 Cross Creek Rd

100% Failure Solution

by Nick Stock

LHO leads the ♣A.

IMPS

Contract: 3NT

♠ J 6 4 3 2

♥ K

♦ A Q J 9 3

♣ 5 4

♠ K 7

♥ A Q 10 3

♦ K 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 3

Trick 1: ♣A - ♣4 - ♣6 - ♣3

Trick 2: ♣K - ♣5 - ♣2 - ♣9

Trick 3: ♣J - ♠2 - ♥5 - ?

If you are like me, you routinely count your tricks at trick one before playing from dummy, then make mental adjustments as the play proceeds. At trick one, this hand looks easy: 3 hearts, 5 diamonds and a trick in whichever black suit LHO leads after trick one. Accordingly, when I played it and LHO started with the ♣A, I was confident that if LHO continued clubs, I'd have 9 tricks. I therefore won the ♣Q at trick three and played a diamond towards the table. LHO showed out. I cashed the ♥K played a diamond to my hand and hopefully played ♥A, ♥Q but no ♥J x x in LHO's hand. Down 1 as RHO had a natural diamond trick. FAILURE. After the hand was over I realized that I should have made it.

It was 100% after two tricks!

LHO has overcalled 1♠, showing 5, and at trick three proved to have started with 5 clubs. To guarantee 3NT I should have played a small club at trick 3, guarding against a 0-5 diamond break and preparing for a throw in. If diamonds are 0-5, then RHO will have 1-5-5-2 shape or possibly 0-6-5-2 shape. That means that after **four** rounds of clubs, he would have to hang onto 4 hearts (else my 10 would be good) and 5 diamonds and therefore no spades. But in that situation, he is perfectly set up for an endplay: cash the hearts and 4th club by coming to hand with the ♦K. Play the 4th round of hearts to RHO. He has to lead a diamond

to the AQ9. The extra round of clubs, 4 instead of 3, squeezes RHO out of a necessary exit card, his small spade. After Ace and King of clubs, other leads by LHO are also fatal for the defense because declarer can eventually force a spade trick by leading towards the King, then leading towards the Jack. LHO can defeat 3NT only by not cashing the two high clubs at tricks 1 and 2.

Unit 430 Board of Directors

What

Who

President	TBD
Vice-President	Kathryn Shannon
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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

Visit the Unit 430 website for more information: vancouverbridge.com

VANCOUVER UNIT 430 EVERGREEN SECTIONAL
September 1, 2 and 3rd, 2017
Queensborough Community Centre
920 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B.C.

Friday Afternoon

Stratified Open Pairs
0-200 Pairs

September 1st 1:00pm

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

(both events with 40% more silver points!)

Friday Evening

Premier Trophy Event!
The Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs
Side Open Pairs
0-750 Pairs

September 1st 7:00pm

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

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

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

Saturday Afternoon

Open Pairs (1of2, single session accepted)
0-750 pairs (1of2, single session accepted)

September 2nd, 12:30pm

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

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

Saturday Evening

Open Pairs (2of2, single session accepted)
0-750 pairs (2of2, single session accepted)

September 2nd, 6:30pm

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

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

Sunday Morning & Afternoon

A/X Swiss Teams
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams

September 3rd, 10:00am & TBA

(0-2500/2500+)

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

Buffet luncheon is included in the Swiss Teams' entrance fee

Online Partnership Desk:

www.vancouverbridge.com

Tournament Co-Chairs:

Jim McKenzie: jimfmckenzie@hotmail.com 604-374-0109

Angela Fenton: angelagf@telus.net 778-386-4343

Fees:

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

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

Stratification:

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

Coffee/Tea:

FREE if you bring your own cup, or cups are \$1 (environment levy)

Tournament Results:

www.vancouverbridge.com

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

Notices

Survey

In the next month or so, you will be receiving an email inviting you to participate in a short online survey to determine your preferences for Saturday start times at Sectionals. As the Unit has received mixed messages from members about the start times, the Unit Board has decided to use a survey of all unit members to help make this decision. The survey itself is very simple to complete. The email address used will be the email address you have registered with the ACBL. To ensure you receive an invitation to participate, please check that your ACBL email address is correct. You can do this easily by visiting acbl.org and clicking on My-ACBL login.

Mentor-Mentee Games

In an effort to introduce the competitive thrill of duplicate bridge at our clubs to beginning players (and experienced casual bridge players), four years ago the unit started a series of Mentor-Mentee games in which willing veterans of clubs, Mentors, agreed to play a session of bridge with a Mentee who registered to play. Registration for the Mentors and Mentees is done online at our website.

To date, this has been a very successful event as newer players get a chance to “ease into” a duplicate game with a gentle partner. Last year we had more than 120 tables over 4 separate events, each event held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Recently, with the success of the bridge clubs in South Surrey, especially with newer players, it made sense to attempt to expand the venues for Mentor-Mentee games to include those bridge clubs. Accordingly, Elgin Hall was used as the location for the Mentor-Mentee game on April 29. The hall was filled with 30 tables and the hospitality was outstanding. Our thanks go out to the sixty mentors who made this event possible and to the excellent volunteer support offered by the South Surrey clubs. Those volunteers were:

Dick Baker, and Frank Vick, Carroll Guichon, Nancy Ruegg, Robin Adams, Lauren Cockroft, Rich Schmit, Ed Youndberg, Ed L’Heureux, John Demeulemeester, Bruce McIntyre, Diana Juliusson, Mike Foster, Marga-

ret Gordon and Lyndia Bowie.

The next Mentor-Mentee game will be held at the VBC on August 12 and the one following that will once again be hosted in Surrey on October 21.

Tournament Pre-registration

In order to reduce cash handling by Directors and Unit Board members at sectional tournaments, the board has started looking into an online pre-registration system that would, for those players that use it, shorten the wait for event registration, allow prepayment by credit card and perhaps provide some other advantages for players and Directors. Work on this system will start in the summer months (at no cost to the unit).

A tribute to a retiring President

After many years serving on the Unit Board and representing Unit interests at higher levels, Peter Morse is stepping down as President. The unit would like to thank him whole heartedly for such yeoman like service, most of which goes unnoticed and unremarked by the players in our unit. Besides making announcements at tournaments, the president has to organize and run board meetings, think ahead about maintaining and improving tournament attendance, and generally pick up and perform any duties not handled by the other volunteering board members. Peter, you have done a tremendous job. Thank you.

Article submissions and ideas for the Matchpointer are most welcome, even those that are not well formatted or complete: please send items to the editor: Nick Stock - ngstock@telus.net

Calendar of Events 2017

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
October 31-Nov 5 2017	Whistler Regional	Fairmont Hotel, Whistler
November 4, 2017	MUG	VBC
November 10-12, 2017	Round Up Sectional	st mary
December 2, 2017	MUG	VBC
March 3-4, 2018	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall
April 14, 2018	0-200 Sectional	VBC
October 13-14, 2018	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall

As is customary, after the Saturday first session at this, the Spring Sectional, Unit 430 is holding its Annual General Meeting. At this time, a number of members of the Board of Directors who have fulfilled their two-year terms step down and new board members are elected. Besides elections, this is an opportunity for unit members to bring up any unit bridge matters for discussion. Please attend this meeting to express your opinions, nominate board members and cast your votes.