

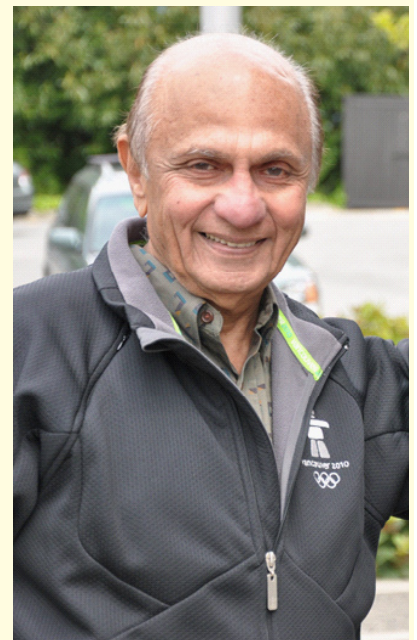
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Stock, Fred Lerner, Michael
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Pictured on the front

are the second place finishers in CNTC B Teams:
John Anthony, Andrew Krywaniuk, Zoran Peca, Sid Segal

and the second place finishers in CSTC (seniors) Teams:

Stephen Vincent, Michael Dimich, Nicholas Stock, Fred Lerner, Michael Shoenborn, Doug Andrews.

In Memoriam

(Condensed from a submission by Marion Crowhurst)
Amirali (Amir) Alibhai died on Saturday, February 16, after a fall three days earlier. He was well-known in the local bridge community, having played in various clubs for several decades.

Born in Tanzania in 1935, Amir trained as an accountant and moved to Canada in 1974 with his family, two sons and a daughter. Amir was a kind, generous, unassuming man with an infectious smile. He bore his problems with patience and equanimity. As one bridge-playing acquaintance put it: "He had a sweet smile and seemed a man who had been through enough in life that he wasn't going to worry about the small stuff."

As a bridge player, he was known both for his skillful play and for his unconventional bidding. In fact his bidding was sometimes the despair of both partners and opponents, but the occasional good score only encouraged him. His cheerful presence will be missed at the bridge table.

President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430

Overall, we are in reasonable shape and it's probable that our recent \$1 increase will hold us for a few more years. That being said, we are looking at some significant cost increases for future site rentals.

We are always looking for possible new sites, but our requirements are not that easy to fill. We need a significant amount of parking, an affordable rate, enough square footage to hold 65+ tables, good lighting, air-conditioning in the summer, a small kitchen area, a somewhat central location, a working area for the Directors, etc. So, if we find a site that works, we try real hard, to keep it; which leads to...

For those wondering what happened to Friday at the Engineers Hall, they won't let us have it. The site is so well located and affordable, although a little small,

that we are trying to make Saturday to Monday work. Hopefully, the membership agrees.

I cannot overstate how incredibly talented and hard-working my fellow Unit Board members are. (You shouldn't end a sentence with a verb.) We are so lucky to have this much ability at work for all of us. With the amount of events = fixing schedules = bookings = flyers = sanctioning = insurance = hospitality = delivering supplies = caddies etc., sweating the details is endless. Guarding the money we have a world class accountant. Our Web site is superior to, and better maintained than, our own Districts' site. (hope they don't read this). Our Editor is a pro.

We still need to encourage one more local Director to help us at our Sectionals. The increased cost of bring in all outside help is significant.

Enjoy your Evergreen Sectional.

Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

Two bidding problems from Penticton. South deals, both vul and you hold:

♠ 9 7 4

♥ A K Q 8 4

♦ 9 8

♣ A K 2

1♥ by you, 2♠ by LHO, 4♥ by partner, 4♠ by RHO, Pass, Pass, 5♥ by partner, Pass, Pass, 5♠ by lefty, Pass, Pass, Double by you, All Pass. Partner, hoping for the Ace of Diamonds in my hand, leads their singleton diamond. This was not a huge success as the full hand was:

♠ 6

♥ J 10 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ Q 10 9 6 5 4

♠ A K Q J 5 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 7 6

♣ J 8 3



♠ 10 8 2

♥ 9 5

♦ A K Q J 4 3 2

♣ 7

♠ 9 7 4

♥ A K Q 8 4

♦ 9 8

♣ A K 2

- 1250. We salvaged at least one matchpoint as one pair gleefully told us they were in 6♠ doubled making 7.

After the deal was over, Partner agreed that they should have bid 5♣ instead of 5♥ and then I would be

able to bid 6♥ instead of doubling 5♠.

When you and your partner have agreed on a convention, do you discuss subsequent bids? For instance, vul you hold:

♠ A K 5 4
♥ A J
♦ K J 10 3
♣ 10 4 2

You open 1NT, partner bids 2♦ and RHO doubles. Do you have meanings for Pass, Redouble and 2♥ by you? One possibility is that Redouble denies three or more hearts, and expresses a strong desire to play 2♦xx. That is what I did and fortunately, my partner was on the same wavelength and passed. The full deal (rotated):

♠ 8 2 ♥ Q 6 5 4 2 ♦ 8 7 ♣ Q J 5 3	♠ 9 6 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q 9 6 4 ♣ A K 8	♠ A K 5 4 ♥ A J ♦ K J 10 3 ♣ 10 4 2
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East started with three rounds of clubs (not good). Partner then cashed Ace and King of spades, ruffed a spade in hand, took the heart finesse, cashed the heart Ace, then played another spade, ruffed and overruffed. The defenders had to give declarer two more trump tricks for +760. Better defence would have been to lead two rounds of diamonds. But declarer always has 8 tricks. *(Editor's note: Jörg, you are making me work hard. Even after Ace and a diamond to start, declarer cannot be prevented from getting the heart finesse. Low spade from declarer, then when back in, Ace and King of spades to strip East of exit cards, then a club to the queen endplays him for the first time. He exits a diamond. Declarer takes Jack and King of diamonds, leads the 10 of clubs which East must duck then finally leads a club to endplay East into leading a heart at trick 11 or 12.)*

A Babe in the Woods

by Gary Harper

For those of you following my chronicles of misadventures with the dreaded “double” (Summer Match-

pointer 2018), you may be relieved that my latest -410 was due entirely to poor judgement and did not involve a misinterpretation of a negative, responsive, support or maximal double. (Sorry Ron, Peter and Judy.) And now an exploration of ace asking bids. In the beginning there was darkness. And in the darkness, bridge floundered: rules were flaunted, games misscored and slams defeated. And God saw this and said “**Let there be Phil Wood**”. Order was restored and games matchpointed flawlessly. And God saw that it was good. But slams continued to flounder.

And Phil Wood begat Blackwood.

Little-known fact: Blackwood was actually invented by Easley's marriage counsellor. Easley and the missus had experienced a series of slams off two aces as a result of different interpretations of the then fashionable Culbertson 4-5NT convention they employed. (Culbertson included the proviso that “in subsequent bidding, common-sense rules apply”. What could go wrong?) These mishaps threatened to erode their marriage and their counsellor wisely suggested they improve their communication by “asking for what they need”. Easley ran with it from there.

And Blackwood begat Gerber.

Another little-known fact: The Blackwoods and the Gerbers were neighbours who regularly played rubber bridge against each other. The Blackwoods were so successful on slam hands that Mrs. Gerber insisted that her husband John play Easley's new convention – the eponymous Blackwood. Inevitably, a hand arose in which John held 16 hcp's in response to his wife's 1NT opening bid. He was about to make the natural 4NT invitational bid when he remembered that it would be “Blackwood”. Unable to invite, he closed his eyes, bid 6NT, and caught his partner with a minimum - down one. But from this misfortune, John Gerber seized opportunity. Tired of having his neighbour rub his nose in “Blackwood”, he decreed that 4♣ over NT would be “Gerber” and ask for aces “Otherwise, 4♣ is about as useless as an ejection seat in a helicopter”, he declared. “And now 4NT over 1NT can go back to its intended purpose”. This was the not the last time 4♣ would be similarly disrespected.

And Gerber begat Sliding Key Card Gerber.

Every new convention invites immediate improvements, variations, mutations and bastardizations. And so it was in the Student Union Building at U. B. C. Garry Barnes and John Sui, cornerstones of the thriving rubber bridge scene, adopted “Sliding Key Card Gerber”. In this variation the responder to 4♣ treated

the king of an agreed suit as a “key card” in showing the number of aces. The next step asked for kings. They may have even asked for queens, once. The kibitzers loved it and Garry and John trotted it out at every opportunity. Unfortunately for them and their wallets, they frequently “slid” one level too high. And Blackwood begat Roman Key Card Blackwood. Little-known fact. At the time the Italian Blue Team was dominating the world bridge scene relations between the U.S. and Italy were tense. As part of a burgeoning trade war, the American restricted the export of bridge conventions. Unable to use Blackwood, the Italians were forced to create their own system ace-asking variation.

And Roman Key Card begat Kickback.

Little-known fact: Kickback was named in honour of an unscrupulous bridge-playing Washington State official. He mysteriously disappeared from the Pacific Northwest and was rumoured to have represented the Cayman Islands in several international events.

And Kickback begat Redwood.

Unconfirmed rumour: convention creator Jeff Rubens was secretly funded by the Sequoia Chamber of Commerce. Redwood’s popularity waned when opponents celebrated any conventional misunderstandings by shouting “timber”.

And Redwood died a natural death. But from the ashes arose Minorwood.

(Editor’s note: OK Gary, you haven’t explained what these increasingly fancy slam bidding conventions are good for and I can tell you, having played most, that they DO have some advantages: Redwood and Minorwood to check for keycards in minor suits without getting too high [when you don’t have enough], Kickback to preserve extra space when bidding heart slams, Roman Key Card to have a way to check for 5 keycards and kings and even third round controls – interested readers and their partners should check out the definitive: Roman Keycard Blackwood THE FINAL WORD, 5th Edition by Eddie Kantar. So Gary, here is a challenge – which methods do you recommend for bidding slams on these two hands taken from actual play – whatever system you choose should give you a reasonable auction to the top spot:

(Author’s note: they would all be things of beauty t’wer it guaranteed that partners were on the same page. Otherwise, - 13 IMPs and fodder for Matchpointer articles. :).

Hand 1

♠ 10 x
♥ A J
♦ A K 10 x x
♣ Q x x x

Auction begins
S W N E
1♠ P 2♦ P
?
How to bid rationally to 7♠?

♠ A K Q J x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ A K J

Hand 2

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ K
♦ 4
♣ A K J 9 6 4 3

Auction begins
S W N E
1NT P 2♣ 2♦
2♥ P 3♣ P
3♠ P ?

♠ A 7 6 4
♥ A Q J 2
♦ Q 5 3
♣ Q 2

How to bid rationally to 6♣

Now back to Gary’s article)

My story begins innocently enough, but then most tragedies do. It was the summer of 2016 and my confidence in our Big Club system was at an all time high. (Well, as high as possible when an aging memory deals with 32 pages of system notes.) Little did I know that at a regional far, far away (Penticton, actually) our system guru (we’ll call him Saul) was sharing a late-night breakfast at the Penticton Denny’s with one of the sharper bridge minds in the bridge community. In most circles the dining partner would be considered too old to be a “young gun”, but within the bridge demographic, anyone within a stone’s throw of 50 qualifies. We’ll call him Brad Henneberger to protect his identity.

The details of that fateful meal have long since disappeared into a haze of waffles, bacon and diet cokes, but our guru emerged enlightened. Like his namesake on the road to Damascus, Saul had been blinded by the logic behind support doubles and Minorwood. He returned to spread the good word and pen a new book for our system bible.

Much like a Trump (capital “T” intended”) campaign strategy, the guru assured us acolytes that it would be simple to incorporate Minorwood. Little did I know that this “simple” convention would soon swell the

system notes from 32 to 34 pages and spawn over 100 clarifying e-mails. Good thing he didn't come home with something more complex.

He explained that Minorwood would only apply when we jumped to four of a previously bid minor or in game forcing auctions where the minor had been established as trump. What could go wrong with such narrow parameters? I was soon to find out.

Churning through a session on BBO, the guru bid 4♣. (I have long since repressed the details of the auction – other than that his 4♣ was the first time he had supported my club suit). Alarm bells rang – this could be Minorwood! Not being too proud to sneak a peak at the system notes, I was relieved that the notes confirmed that Minorwood only applies when the suit had been established. Grateful to be able to return to my “old school” roots, I confidently cue bid 4♠ to show my ace. Partner leaped to 6♣. So much for using the four level to show controls. The play was simple: after the opponents cashed their two aces, I claimed.

Partner's chat was brief and to the point: “MINORWOOD!!!!” I thought that the fourth exclamation point was uncalled for, but so be it.

I meekly responded that he hadn't previously supported my suit. Fortunately, I was not privy to his facial expression but only to his chat that “four of a previously bid minor in a slam going auction HAS to be MINORWOOD!!! I was relieved to note that he had dropped an exclamation mark.

This exception proved to be a slippery slope. Three hands later, we reached a tenuous 3NT contract after partner had bid clubs. With visions of -300 dancing in my head, I averted the potential disaster by reverting to his club suit. I was about to lay down my modest dummy when I realized that he had bid 4♠ over my 4♣. After considering various options, I concluded that this must be some form of delayed Stayman – perhaps a “magical” Moysian fit and passed. After all, one must bid (or pass) with the courage of their convictions.

Unfortunately, partner had the same number of spades as he did aces – two. Minus 300 did not IMP well against our cold six club contract. I was befuddled. I steeled myself for the inevitable chat. “Pulling 3NT to four of a minor is ALWAYS Minorwood!” But only one “!” – I must be wearing him down.

These ever-muddying waters lead to several sleepless nights. I needed a voice of reason - an anchor in the stormy sea of ambiguity. Providence provided in the form of Mike Dimich, with whom I was sched-

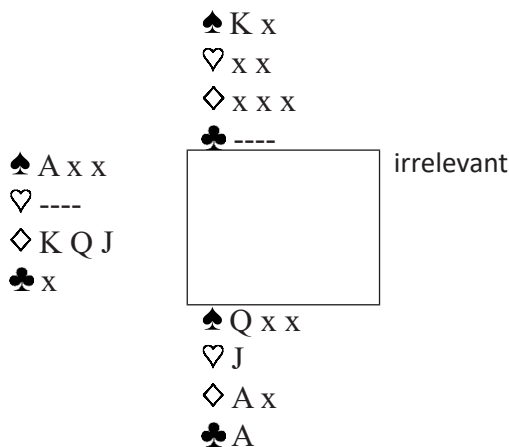
uled to play the following week. When I suggested we meet 15 minutes early to iron out Minorwood, he looked puzzled. “What's to iron out? Four of a minor is always Minorwood.” While theorists may quibble with this approach, what it lacked in subtlety it more than made up for in clarity. I felt my blood pressure drop and was about to exhale when he added “unless it's not”.

So if you know of anyone who still plays the Culbertson 4-5NT, let them know that I'm game to give it a try.

Morton Strikes Again

by Nicholas Stock

A recent hand at the club showed how Morton's Fork (if you don't take your winner when offered, you won't get it) is a frequent occurrence, but this time in an unusual way. The usual way is that in a trump contract, you lead toward Kx of a side suit in dummy. If your left hand opponent takes his Ace, then because you have Qxx in your hand, you get two tricks from the suit and use the extra one to dispose of a loser from dummy. On the other hand, if your left hand opponent ducks, you win the King in dummy, then pitch the other one on an established winner in your hand. E.g.



With hearts as trumps and none outstanding, you lead a spade towards the King in dummy. If LHO takes the Ace, you can win the K and Q pitching a diamond, pitch a second diamond on the club Ace and ruff a diamond in dummy. If LHO doesn't take the Ace, you win the King in dummy, lead a diamond to your hand and pitch the second spade from dummy on the club Ace, finally ruffing two spades in dummy.

Here was the unusual hand:

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

At first glance it seems that only 11 tricks are available. In diamonds, this is true because of the club ruff. But in notrump, you can play as follows: Win the heart lead in hand, lead diamond to dummy's queen, then lead a club. If RHO takes his ace, you can use dummy's heart K and Q to pitch both spades away from your hand, and finesse against the club Jack. If RHO doesn't take his Ace, you can win your King in hand, then use the diamond Jack as a second entry to pitch two clubs on the heart K and Q then run the 10 of spades to set up a second spade trick. When West wins the spade King he has no clubs left. You score 12 tricks either way.

Double Redouble Trouble

by Stuart Carr

It's not often you get to use your Redouble card to run away. How about twice in one auction? I was playing with Tom Davis against Martin Henneberger and Gus Axen. I passed with my 1 point hand, LHO opened 1♥. Partner overcalled 1♠. Sure enough, 2 passes to LHO who reopened with a double. It was passed back to me to Redouble. Tom pulled it to 1NT, which RHO doubled. So I made my second Redouble to run away. Tom bid 2♣, which the opponents doubled.

Here is a recap of the Auction:

Me	Martin	Tom	Gus
P	1♥	1♠	P
P	Dbl	P	P
Redbl	P	1NT	Dbl
Redbl	P	2♣	Dbl
P	P	P	

So we managed to find our best fit in clubs. Actually, double-dummy, we can make 5 tricks in diamonds, and but only 4 in clubs. But we were only making 2 and 3 tricks in notrump and spades, respectively! So after the exciting auction, Tom played well to get out for -3, -800.

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

Unfortunately for us, it seems no other E-W pairs tried penalty doubles, and just bid 3NT, making.

Notable Results

Spring Sectional

May 17 - 20

Winners of each flight

Saturday 0-750 Pairs	B	Adelaine Miller, Cedric Miller
	C	Jennifer Lindsay, Jo-Anne Ellenor
Saturday 0 - 750 Pairs	7 3 1	Machael Desaulniers, Dariusz Matus
Saturday IMP Pairs	A	Alex Hong, Monica Angus
	B	Amy Gao, Baixiang Liu
	C	Ryley Breiddal, Thomas Anderson

Fri-Sat KO Teams	Brkt 1	Debbie and Michael Hargreaves, Don Sache Gordon McOrmond,
	Brkt 2	Jennifer Hong, Henry Yao, Lisa Li, Morris Chen
Fri Aft Open Pairs	A	Yue Su, Larry Pocock
	B C	Tanweer Saqalan, Shaviv Ben Neriah
Fri Aft 0 - 200 Pairs	D E	Daphne Fortin, Louis Fortin
Fri Eve Open Pairs	A	Gustav Axen, June Keith
	B	Laila I Axen, Paul Harding
	C	Stuart Carr, Thomas Davis
Fri Eve 0 - 750 Pairs	7	Shameine Ali, Tom Satanove
	3	David Squance, Michael Squance
	1	Bobbi Moon, Lois Louden
Sunday A/X Pairs	A	Michael Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond
	X	Sidney Yang, James Wu
Sunday B/C/D Pairs	B	Jack Johnson, Bruna Giacomazzi
	C D	Jennifer Hong, Qiang Hua
Monday Open Swiss Teams	A B	Monica Angus, Alex Hong, Kai Zhou, Lu Gan, Sidney Yang
	C	Stuart Carr, Wade Carpenter, Sid Segal, William Osten
Monday B/C/D 0-1000 Teams	1	Jennifer Hong, Henry Yao, Lisa Li, Morris Chen

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
31.54	Cameron Doner
30.36	Alex Hong
29.36	Michael Hargreaves
29.36	Gordon McOrmond
27.13	Donald Sache
24.07	Monica Angus
21.48	Julie Smith
20.81	Katrin Litwin
20.81	Aidan Ballantyne

19.40	Joel Martineau
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Penticton Regional

June 10 - 16, 2019

Winners from Unit 430

Monday Eve Charity Open Pairs	A	Nicholas Stock, Gordon McOrmond
	C	Shael Smith, Harry Satanove
Monday Eve 199er Pairs	A B C	Norma Sloan, Ed Arnt
Tuesday Morn 199er Pairs	D E	Ann Corcoran, June Knight
Tuesday Aft Side Pairs	A B	Martha Jackson, Jocelyn Krug
Mon-Tue KO	Brkt 2	Sidney Yang, Edward Hung, William Ge, David Hu
	Brkt 3	Bruce Macdonald, Carol-Ann Halliday, Andrea Petzold, Chic Callas
Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Leo Glaser, Hendrik Sharples, Gerry Marshall, Nicholas Stock
Wed Aft 199er Pairs	F	Donald Chan, Mabel Chan
Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams	B	Sandra Borg, Bud Craig, Judy Strebinger, Danny Zaitsoff
	C 1/2	Gale Gropp, Tracey Meek, Marjorie Sinel, Marilyn Knipp
Wednesday Eve 199er Pairs	A	Mary Frances Bishop, Bud Bishop
Thu Morn 199er Pairs	F 1/2	Ed Arnt, Robert McDonald
	1/2	Marian Webb, Sheila Ritchie
Thursday Aft 199er Pairs	A B C	Paul Teillet, Anne Marie Teillet
Thursday Eve 199er Pairs	D E	Bobbi Moon, Lois Louden
Thursday Eve Side Pairs	B C	D Glassford, Brian Sims
Wed-Thu KO	Brkt 1	Monica Angus, Alex Hong, Jack Lee, Kai Zhou
	Brkt 2	Sidney Yang, Edward Hung, William Ge, David Hu

	Brkt 3	Thomas Anderson, Ryley Breiddal, Andrew Nalos, Kenneth Ramsay
Thu Eve Swiss	A	Bob Todd, Brad Bart, Patrick Dunn, Polly Dunn
Thu - Fri KO	Brkt 5	Ramon Russ Kidd, John Maunsell, Marlene Mahoney, Liis Jeffries
Friday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Roy Harry Sefaniec, Doreen McOrmond, John Keech, Kathy Bye
	B	Bruce Macdonald, Bud Craig, David Mosher, Carol-Ann Halliday
Fri Eve Side Pairs	A B	Anne Scott, Clayton Connolly
	C	John Rousseau, Merrilee Crofton
Friday Open Pairs	B C	Harry Satanove, Corrine Tapley
Wed-Thu-Fri Morn KO	Brkt 3	Ralph Lipe, Lynda Lipe, D Glassford, Brian Sims
Fri-Sat Morn Swiss	A	Sidney Yang, Edward Hung, David Hu, William Ge, Eric Pan
	B	Wolf Fiedler, Bryan Monkhouse, Gordon Hepperle, David De Kezel
Morn Side Series	C	Lisa Li, Morris Chen
Sat Aft 199er Pairs	A B	Janice Porter, Vern Porter
Sat Eve Side Game	B 1/2	Rangie Sylvestre, Richard Syrnok
Sat Gold Rush Pairs	7 5 3	Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad
Sat Open Pairs	B	Dave Adelman, Dick Yuen
Sat Eve Swiss	A B	Eric Pan, Diana Jing, Lisa Li, Morris Chen
Fri-Sat KO	Brkt 1	Monica Angus, Kai Zhou, Jack Lee, David Yu
	Brkt 3	Ryley Breiddal, Thomas Anderson, Andrew Nalos, Kenneth Ramsay
Sun Fast Pairs	B C	Frances Adam, Glenda Affleck
Sun Morn 199er Swiss	C	Sharon Miller, Ken Fraser, Ron Chong, Lori Chong

Sun Aft 199er Swiss	A B C	Sharon Miller, Ron Chong, Ken Fraser, Lori Chong
Sun A/X Swiss	A	Monica Angus, Alex Hong, Kai Zhou, Jack Lee, David Yu
Sunday Flt B Swiss	Brkt 1	Andy Hellquist, Tom Cotton, Debbie Montignago, Marlene Sumi
	Brkt 2	Jane Craig, Margaret Elligott, Richard Syrnok, Wayne Goodman
	Brkt 4	Wolf Fiedler, Sally Craig, Lisa Li, Morris Chen
	Brkt 5	Paul Teillet, Anne Teillet, Eleanor & Mark Cosman
	Brkt 7 1/2	King Lee, Monica Leid, Art Loy, Roberta Carter

Top 10	Unit 430 Masterpoint Winners
116.26	Alex Hong
112.05	Kai Zhou
112.05	Jack Lee
111.73	Monica Angus
83.04	Sidney Yang
81.58	William Ge
81.58	Brad Bart
80.58	Edward Hung
80.58	David Hu
76.82	Nicholas Stock

Las Vegas Nationals

July 18-July 28 2019

Winners from Unit 430

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs	7	Shameine Ali, Monique Donck
Edu Fund Thurs Eve 299er	C	Sheila Ritchie, Ivan Marchant
Friday AM 49ers	B	Kent Taylor, Sheila Ritchie
Fir-Sat KO	Brkt 3	Monica Angus, Alex Hong, Xinguo Chen, Guoxu Zhang, Kai Zhou
Sunday AX Swiss	A 1/2	Daniel Lyder, Bryan Maksymetz, Cameron Donor, Michael Hargreaves
Sat-Sun KO	Brkt 7	Shameine Ali, Monique Chausse-Donor, William Fogel, Marina Fomenkova

Sunday AM 299ers	C	Sandy Young, Carrie Cade
Tue Eve Side Pairs	A	Les Fouks, Sid Segal

The Signs Were Everywhere

by Nicholas Stock

On my arrival at the Las Vegas Nationals host hotel, I was shocked to see crowds of scantily dressed young men and women lined up inside the hotel for the Marquee Day and Night Club. I briefly thought that I should be joining them instead of devoting myself to the labours of the bridge table, then I remembered my age. Still, the signs were there.

This one:



And this one:



And this one:



Apparently I chose pedestrian bridge.

Not all was lost. After not qualifying for the LM Pairs second day, we played in a pairs event and had one glorious hand to remember:

♠ A K Q J 10 4

♥ J 3

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ 6

♠ 6 2

♥ A K Q

♦ A K Q 4

♣ K J 10 2

Our auction:

Me	LHO	Partner	RHO
2♣	P	2♠	P
2NT	P	3♠	P
4♣*	P	7NT	Dbl
*cheapest cue bid			
P	P	P	

On lead with: ♠ 83 ♥ 108762 ♦ 6 ♣ 97543 my LHO

had to guess what to lead. He didn't know where his partner's trick was coming from, so chose a heart. Meanwhile with only twelve tricks unless diamonds broke, I was reduced to finding RHO with both the club Ace and four diamonds. Fortunately, that was the case, and, unwilling to throw her club Ace, RHO eventually threw a diamond from J 10 3 2 after I cashed hearts and ran the spade suit. + 1790 but that wasn't the glorious part though. When I played diamonds from the top, I carefully unblocked the 9, 8 and 5 from dummy and took the 13th trick with the diamond 7. My partner still owes me a beer.

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).

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.

Unit 430 Board of Directors

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Future Stars Sectional October 19-20, 2019

An opportunity to play in a 0-500 non-life master tournament and earn Silver Points

Location: **East Delta Hall, 10379 Ladner Trunk Rd., Delta**

Game times: Saturday 10:00 and 3:00 Pairs; single session accepted
Sunday 10:00 Pairs and 3:00 Swiss teams

Stratification: 0-50, 50-150, 150-500
(no player may be above the 500 limit or a life master)

Card fees: \$10 per session \$4 surcharge for unpaid members.
Not a member?... you can buy a temporary 1 month membership for \$9.95 and avoid the surcharge.

Partnerships: Go to partnership desk at www.vancouverbridge.com

Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee with your own mug

Contacts: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net
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Bridge Clubs	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
Chilliwack			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 1pm	604-858-7838	
Maple Ridge			
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Jim Garnier 604-467-1118	12150 224th Street playabridge@gmail.com
North Vancouver			
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7pm	Mrs B Mulock 604-987-8289	1325 East Keith Road
Shelley's Bridge Club	Tuesday 1:00 pm* Wednesday 7:00 pm* (Supervised Bridge)	Shelley Burns sburns@rogers.com 604-988-0990	1695 Orkney Place
Squamish			
Squamish Bridge Club	Monday 6:00 pm Friday 10:30am	Valerie Breen, Vic Puchmayr info@squamishbridgeclub.com	40194 Glenalder Pl, Squamish, BC.
South Surrey / White Rock			
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Monday 10:00am	Jane Youngberg 604-542-6116	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7pm	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116	Seniors Come Share Centre 15008 26th Avenue
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11am	John Lien 604-603-5436	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Peace Arch Bridge Club (White Rock)	Wednesday 7pm	John Lien 604-603-5436	Cranley Place 2141 Cranley Drive
Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 10:15am*	Ed L'Heureux Jane Youngberg surreydcg@gmail.com	604-542-6116 East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Thursday 10:15am*	John Demeulemeester Jane Youngberg 604-298-2765	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Vancouver			
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Tuesday/Thursday 11am*	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496	950 West 41st Ave
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	10:15am M/W/F 10:30am Tu/Thu 7:00pm Tu/W/Thu 1:00pm Sun	Ken Lochang 604-267-2202	2177 West 42nd Ave
West Vancouver			
Hollyburn Country Club	Monday 7pm	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	950 Cross Creek Rd
Vancouver Bridge Club	Monday 10am Wednesday 10am	Homa Boustani homa_@shaw.ca Partner? 604-922-8577	St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way
Whistler			
Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club	Thursday 1:00pm	Gillian I Schramm	Whistler Racquet Club 4500 Northlands Blvd.



Vancouver 0-200 Sectional

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019

An Opportunity to play with your peers in a restricted masterpoint tournament and earn silver points

Location: East Delta Hall, 10379 Ladner Trunk Rd., Delta

Game times: Saturday 10:00 am and 3:00 pm Pairs, single session entries accepted.

Stratification: C 0-50, B 50-100, A 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 per session, \$4 surcharge for unpaid ACBL members
Not a member? No problem. You can buy a temporary 1 month membership for \$9.95 and avoid the surcharge

Partnerships: Please see the online partnership desk at
www.vancouverbridge.com

Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee, bring your own cup

Tournament chairs: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net
Don Guichon parklanedon@gmail.com

Whistler BC Regional

Oct 28 – Nov 3, 2019 Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Tournament Chair: Bruce Busby buzz01@telus.net, Gill Schramm gillsch@shaw.ca

Partnership Chair: Anna Crouch anna_c47@hotmail.com

Director in Charge: Doug Rankin

Monday, October 28, 2019

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (Eve side series 1 of 6)	7:30 pm
Monday Evening KO 1 of 3, continues 7:30 Tues & 7:30 Wed	7:30 pm
199er Pairs	7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Tues.-Wed. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Tues, 10 & 3:00 Wed.	10:00 am	ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	199er Pairs	10:00 am
Morning Side Series 1 of 5	10:00 am		
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	Tues – Wed KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm	199er Pairs	3:00 pm
Afternoon Side Series 1 of 5	3:00 pm		
Evening KO 2 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 2 of 6	7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Wed. – Thurs. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Wed. 10 am & 3:00 Thurs.	10:00 am	Tues – Wed KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 2 of 5	10:00 am
Tues – Wed KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm	Wed - Thurs KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 2 of 5	3:00 pm
Evening KO 3 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 3 of 6	7:30 pm

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Thurs. - Fri. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Thurs., 10 & 3:00 Fri.	10:00 am	Wed – Thurs KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 3 of 5	10:00 am
Wed – Thurs KO 4 of 4	3:00pm	Thurs – Fri KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 3 of 5	3:00 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 1 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 4 of 6	7:30 pm

Friday, November 1, 2019

Fri – Sat KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Fri., 10 & 3:00 Sat.	10:00 am	Thurs – Fri KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 4 of 5	10:00 am
Thurs – Fri KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm	Wed – Thurs KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 4 of 5	3:00 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 2 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 5 of 6	7:30 pm

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Saturday Compact KO 1 of 2, continues 3:00 Sat.	10:00 am	Fri – Sat KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 5 of 5	10:00 am
Saturday Compact 2 of 2	3:00 pm	Fri – Sat KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 5 of 5	3:00 pm
Board-A-Match Teams	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 6 of 6	7:30 pm

Sunday, November 3, 2019

AX Swiss (0-3000, 3000+)	10:00 am & TBA	BC Swiss (0-1250, 1250-2500)	10:00 am & TBA
Gold Rush Swiss (0-300, 300-750)	10:00 am & TBA		

Strata limits for events not listed above:

Side pairs, side Swiss and evening Swiss 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

Gold Rush Pairs 0-200, 200-300, 300-750

199er Pairs 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

Bracketed events with only one bracket will be handicapped.

Mid-chart conventions allowed in top bracket of KO's and Sunday flight AX Swiss

ABC Pairs 0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+

199er Pairs 0-50, 50-100, 100-200 based on attendance

Side game series offer gold point awards for individual leaders who play in two or more sessions in that series.

Book by September 15, 2019 to receive the Early Bird Rate from \$139



Roundup Sectional

November 9 - 11, 2019

Engineers Hall

4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3T3

Saturday Afternoon ** 12 noon November 9 **
Ev Hodge Charity Pairs (2500+ / 750-2500 / 0-750)
**Premier Trophy Event (+ 40% more silver points!)*
0-200 Pairs (100-200 / 50-100 / 0-50)

Saturday Evening ** 6pm November 9 **
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250)
0-750 pairs (300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100)

Sunday Morning 10:30am November 10
Flight A / X Pairs (1 of 2, single session accepted) (1500+ / 0-1500)
Flight B / C / D Pairs (1 of 2, single session accepted) (500-1500 / 200-500 / 0-200)

Sunday Afternoon 3:30pm November 10
Flight A / X Pairs (2 of 2, single session accepted) (2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250)
Flight B / C / D Pairs (2 of 2, single session accepted)(300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100)

Monday Morning & Afternoon 10:00am & TBA November 11
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (2500+ / 1500-2500 / 0-1500)
Non Life Master Swiss Teams (Stratified if attendance warrants)

Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams' entry fee

Online Partnership Desk: www.vancouverbridge.com
Tournament Co-Chairs: Larry Pocock: vcwood007@gmail.com 778-389-5966
Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875
Fees: \$11.00/player for Pairs session. \$108 for Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4)
\$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member?
No problem. You can buy a temporary 1 mo. membership for \$9.95.
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

All events are non-smoking/non-vaping, with convenience breaks.
Also, please be considerate and avoid the use of scented products



Trophy Sectional

January 24, 25 & 26, 2020

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre
3150 Ash St, Vancouver V5Z 3C9

Friday Afternoon	1pm	January 24
Stratified Open Pairs 0-200 Pairs	(2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750) (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50)	
Friday Evening	7pm	January 24
Mixed Teams B.A.M. Henry Smilie Trophy [CBF international fund game 40% more points] Stratified Open Pairs 0-750 Pairs	(2000+ / 1250-2000 / 0-1250) (2000+ / 1250-2000 / 0-1250) (300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100)	
(All Friday events are single session)		
Saturday Morning	10:30am	January 25
Open Pairs - Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy (Qualifying - single session accepted) 0-750 Pairs (single session)	(0+) (300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100)	
Saturday Afternoon	3:30pm	January 25
Open Pairs - Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy Final Consolation Pairs (single session accepted) 0-750 pairs (single session)	(2000+ / 1250-2000 / 0-1250) (300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100)	
Sunday Morning & Afternoon	10am & TBA	January 26
Willie Weinstein Trophy Flight A/X Swiss Teams Mary Clarke Trophy Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams	(2000+ / 0-2000) (500-1500 / 200-500 / 0-200)	

Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams' entry fee

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Tournament Co-Chairs:	Larry Pocock: yewood007@gmail.com	778-389-5966
	Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net	604-809-9875
Fees:	\$11.00/player for each Pairs session. \$108 for Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4) \$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member? No problem. You can buy a temporary 1 mo. membership for \$9.95.	
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)	
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Calendar of Events

2019/2020

August 31-September 02, 2019	Evergreen Sectional	Engineers Hall, Burnaby
September 07, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
September 07, 2019	*0-200 Sectional	East Delta Hall
September 13-15, 2019	Victoria Sectional	Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Avenue West, Sidney
October 05, 2019	MUG (Teams)	VBC
October 12-13, 2019	District 19 NAOP Finals	East Delta Hall
October 19-20, 2019	*Future Stars Sectional	East Delta Hall
October 28-November 03, 2019	*Whistler Regional	Fairmont Chateau Whistler
November 02, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
November 09-11, 2019	*Round Up Sectional	Engineers Hall
November 16, 2019	Mentor-Mentee	VBC
November 28-December 08	NABC	San Francisco
December 02-08	STAC	participating clubs
December 07, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
January 24-26, 2020	*Trophy Sectional	Ukrainian Catholic Centre
March 19-29, 2020	NABC	Columbus, OH
May 16-18, 2020	Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
May 27 - June 07, 2020	Canadian Bridge Championships	Crowne Plaza Niagara Falls-Fallsview
July 16-26, 2020	NABC	Montreal, PQ
September 04-06, 2020	Evergreen Sectional	Engineers Hall
November 13-15, 2020	Roundup Sectional	? we are looking
November 26-December 06	NABC	Tampa, FL

* see flyer(s) in this Matchpointer

STAC = Sectional Tournament at Clubs

MUG = Monthly Unit Game

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