

UNIT 430 Matchpointer

May 2023 Edition

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people recently achieving various Life Master
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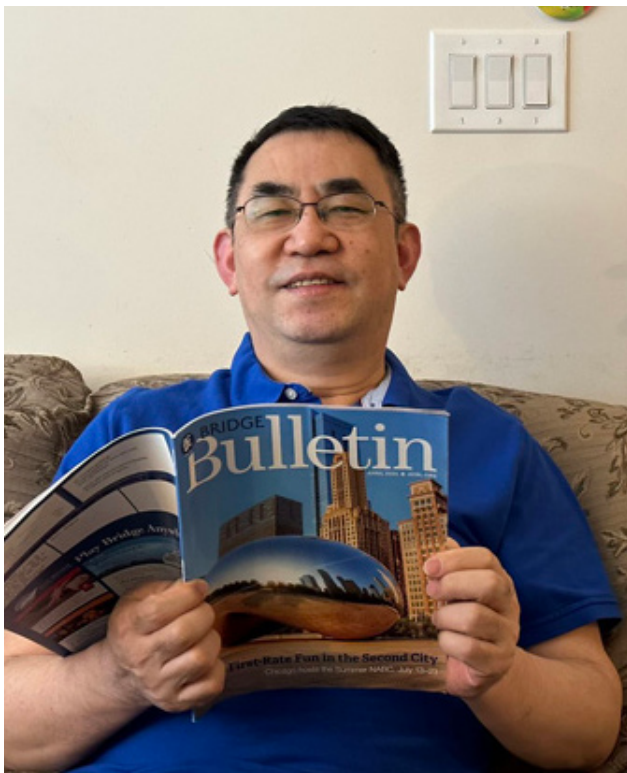
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Recent ACBL Rank Achievements

by the Editor

The pictures on the first three pages are of those people recently achieving new ACBL Life Master ranks by winning masterpoints at ACBL events (clubs, online tournaments, special games).

We want to celebrate all who demonstrate skill improvement in this most difficult game.

<i>Who</i>	<i>New Rank</i>
*Thomas Anderson	Gold Life Master
*Lana Chow	Life Master
Bakul Dalal	Bronze Life Master
*Fiamma Davidson	Life Master
Irene Dundon	Life Master
Deb Harris	Life Master
James Harris	Bronze Life Master
Ian Gilhooley	Life Master
*Bill Goldstone	Sapphire Life Master
Ed L'Hereux	Gold Life Master
Merilyn Hicks	Bronze Life Master
*Wenda Hopp	Ruby Life Master
Myra Johnston	Gold Life Master
*Ching Chung Lai	Bronze Life Master
Tiffany Liu	Silver Life Master
Xiangdong Meng	Gold Life Master
*Andrew Nalos	Gold Life Master
Marlene Powell	Gold Life Master
*David Schmidt	Sapphire Life Master
*George Tu	Gold Life Master
*David Waterman	Gold Life Master
*Rick Wei Wu	Life Master
*Derek Ziola	Gold Life Master

* Did not send a picture

Acting President's Message

by Nick Stock

May 2023

Although Larry wanted me to take on the mantle of president of the Unit, I have too many other responsibilities to make it possible. so I am just

pretending (acting).

This month we welcome a new member to our board, Lana Chow, who is keen to participate in bridge administration. She is also keen to play. Please say "hello" if you see her.

As face-to-face bridge picks up the board is pleased to say that we have a full line up of sectional tournaments booked for the next year (4) and good news on the regional front: Vancouver will host a regional at the Croatian Cultural Centre on Commercial drive from April 08 to April 14 2024. I hope to see many of you at these tournaments.

Apart from tournaments, to support face-to-face bridge we need to get out to our local clubs as much as possible and continue to educate the young in our midst about this great game.

Cheers,
Nick

Look before you Leap

by David Waterman

Playing in a Tuesday evening IMP game, your partner holds:

♠ Q 8 5 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ A Q

and you hold:

♠ A 4
♥ A K 6
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ 10 4 3.

You open 1♦, partner bids 1♠, you bid 1NT, and partner bids 3NT.

LHO leads the ♣6 and you play the ♣Q. Luckily it holds, RHO contributing the ♣9.

You play a low heart to the ♥A, and play a low diamond. ♦9 from LHO, ♦K, ♦A. RHO returns the ♣7 to the ♣A. Wanting more information, before playing the second diamond you cash 2 more hearts ending in dummy - a discovery play. LHO shows out

on the third heart, pitching the ♣8! You lead a low diamond from dummy and RHO plays the ♦4. Do you play the ♦Q or the ♦10? LHO seems to have club length, so RHO rates to have the diamond length - stick in the ♦10?

LHO had only 2 hearts and can have at most 2 diamonds. So LHO has 9 or 10 black cards. If he has 9 black cards, the ♦Q will drop his now stiff Jack.

What if he has 10 black cards? He can't have six spades and four clubs - he would have bid over 1♦ and would never have pitched a club. He could be 5-5 in the blacks, but again would maybe/probably have bid and would definitely not pitch a club. RHO's carding (club 9 then 7) and LHO's pitch of a club suggests LHO has 6 clubs, and therefore 3 or 4 spades. Stick in the ♦10? No, of course not! Because if you play the ♦Q and LHO shows out, it means he had 6 clubs. Which means you can play a diamond to RHO, who will cash his 2 good hearts, then surrender as he has no club to return. You make 3 diamonds, 3 hearts, 2 clubs, and 1 spade.

You work all this out at the table, and just when RHO plays the diamond 4 you wonder why you are suddenly smelling burnt toast, and dumbly play the 10.

LHO had

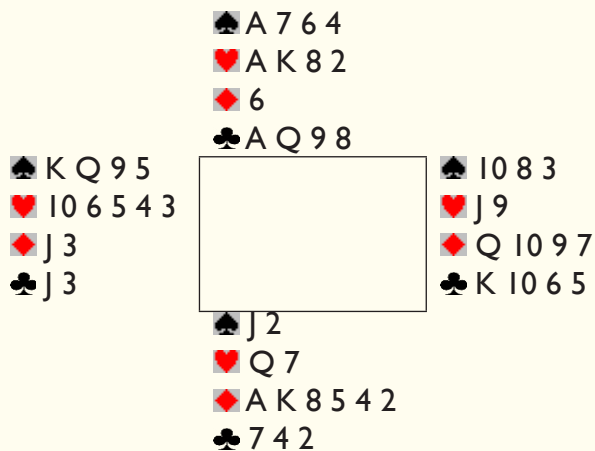
♠ x x x
♥ x x
♦ J 9
♣ K J 8 6 5 2

Before you make a critical decision in a hand, try to glean as much information as possible before making it. Here, playing two extra rounds of hearts before taking the diamond finesse gives you valuable information that could guarantee your contract, but not if a cow flies by.

Matchpoints

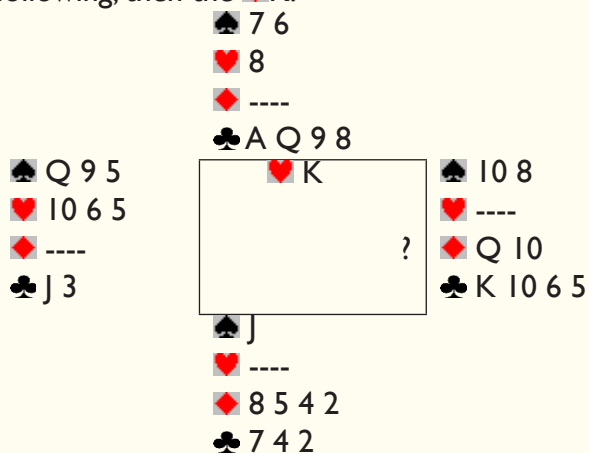
Conservatism

by Nicholas Stock



In a matchpoint event among friends, non-vul vs. vul, I opened the south hand 2♦. The opponents had nothing to say and my partner, having a great hand except for the singleton in my suit, wisely chose a conservative action. (If 2NT had been just invitational and not forcing, he might have made that bid.)

On the ♠K lead, I took the obvious line: ♦A all following, ♦K all following, ♥Q all following, ♥A all following, then the ♥K.

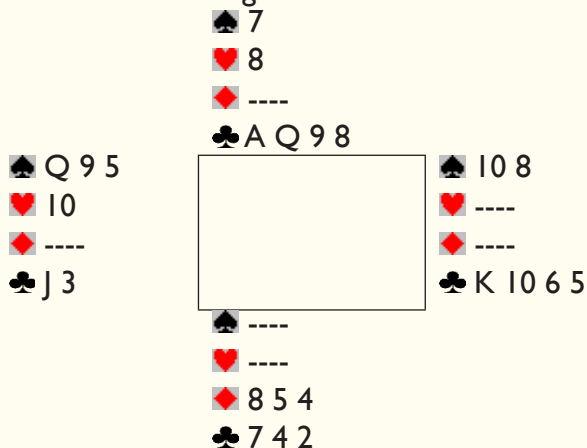


My RHO paused briefly before throwing a “useless” spade. From his point of view, throwing a club could give me a third club trick if I held the ♣J, and, ruffing in front of me could hardly gain as I would just pitch a loser.

I pitched the ♠J then continued with a ♠ ruff in my hand. This stripped RHO of exit cards. When I now played a ♣ to the 9 in dummy, RHO had

two good diamonds to cash but was forced to lead into the ♣AQ in dummy. Making 4.

When considering how to play when declarer has left you with high trumps, try to look ahead to see the likely ending and be sure to keep a safe exit card. In this case, ruffing the ♥K, cashing the other high ♦ and then forcing me to ruff a second spade would have led to a different ending:



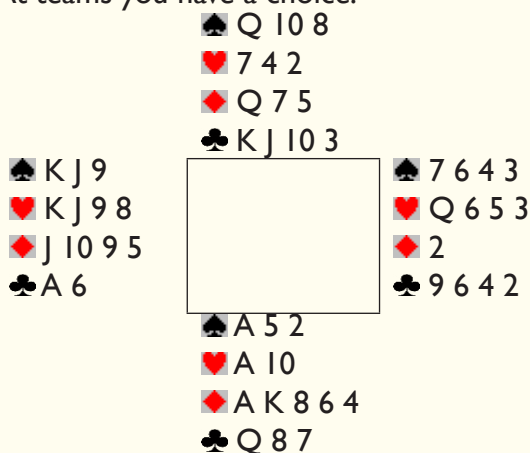
The ♠10 forces me to ruff, and I can cash one diamond, but if I cash the last diamond, RHO can hold onto his ♠8 and ♣K 10 to hold me to nine tricks, a much better Matchpoint result.

Play or Defend Answer

by Nicholas Stock

Last issue I left you with this double dummy problem.

At teams you have a choice:



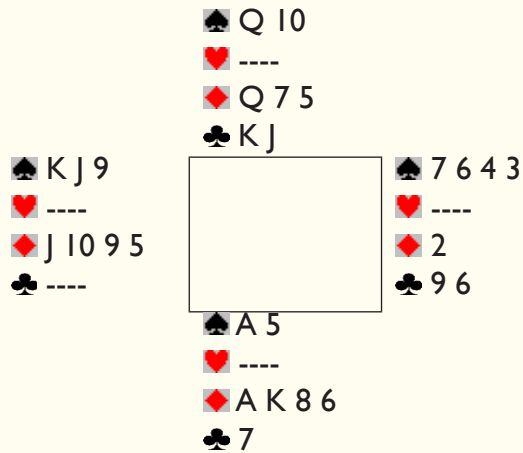
North South are in the contract of 3NT played by South. Would you rather play or defend?

The answer is that you should opt to play this hand, the defence has no chance.

Suppose you start with the strongest lead for the

defence, ♥K. The idea is that you can knock out the heart Ace and leave your partner with an entry, the ♥Q, so they can win and cash the rest of the heart suit after you have your winners.

But Declarer can duck this lead and if you continue, win the second heart. After that, declarer simply leads clubs until you win your Ace. Now you have the option to cash your remaining hearts, ending in your partner's hand. Your partner can now lead a spade through declarer, to establish your ♠K.



Unfortunately, Declarer can win the ♠A and then you will face the situation above without one round of spades. Declarer leads his third club towards dummy and you can afford to throw the ♠J on that club. On the fourth club, Declarer pitches his remaining spade in hand and you can either give up your diamond guard, or your ♠K. You are squeezed.

Other variations where your side does not cash all your hearts allows declarer to keep another spade in each hand while forcing you to pitch your last heart (winner) away. Declarer can then lead a spade towards the ♠Q for trick 9.

In Teams, Play to Make

by Nicholas Stock

Playing in the semi-final of a regional knockout against a pro-team, partner and I bid to a normal looking 3NT with the opponents silent.

♠ A Q 8 x
 ♥ J x
 ♦ K 8 7 x
 ♣ J 9 8

♠ 10 x x
 ♥ K x x
 ♦ A Q 6 4
 ♣ A Q x

(I use x's in the diagram because they were not important and, in any case, I can't remember them!)

INT – 2♣
 2♦ – 3NT

LHO leads the ♥10. Looking at the dummy, I am tempted to play the ♥J, hoping that LHO has lead from ♥AQ109x. I consider this possibility as unlikely and it would mean that I would need the ♠K in LHO's hand to avoid losing a trick to RHO who could then lead a heart through my King. If hearts are 4-4 that might be alright, as long as the ♣K is also in RHO's hand. Against that, if RHO does have a heart honour, perhaps it is the Ace, in which case I'll be able to hold up for two rounds assuming they play it at trick 1. If they have the Queen and naturally duck trick one, I might have to win my King right away. I will just have to guess the correct play. I guess to play low from dummy.

RHO plays the ♥Q. Looking at that, I see that it is likely that RHO also has the ♥A, so I play low from my hand, leaving myself with a stopper Kx opposite J. RHO continues with the ♥A then leads their third heart. I win the King and throw a spade from dummy. It appears that hearts are 5-3 with the opening leader starting with ♥109xxx.

Counting winners, I see 4 diamonds (if they break), 2 clubs (if RHO has the King), 2 spades (if LHO has the King) and my current heart trick. There are some additional chances: RHO has the ten of clubs, LHO has ♠KJ doubleton but these seem a little more unlikely. I also look carefully at my diamond spots and see that I can retain a fourth round entry to my hand if necessary to make a spade play towards dummy. Accordingly, I test the diamond suit by cashing first the ♦A, then the ♦Q. On the ♦Q, LHO throws a low spade.

Darn, I now need a minor miracle to get to 9 tricks. I heart, 3 diamonds only, 2 spades, 2 clubs and ?. I see a possibility if RHO has the ♣K.

Accordingly, I lead a spade towards the dummy and holding my breath play the ♠Q. RHO follows small. I lead a club from dummy in this position, still holding my breath:

♠ A 8
♥ ----
♦ K x
♣ J 9 8

♠ 10 x
♥ ----
♦ 6 4
♣ A Q x

When I play the ♣Q, LHO follows low. Now I know that RHO has remaining in his hand: 2 diamonds and the ♣K. From LHO's discard of a spade but not a club, I am sure that they started with 4 spades and probably the ♣10xx. So RHO started with two spades. I lead a diamond towards the dummy's ♦K, cash the ♠A to which RHO follows with the ♠J, and lead the last diamond off the dummy. RHO congratulates me as he is left to lead away from his ♣K. I give up a spade at the end. The end game was this:

♠ A 8		♠ J
♥ ----		♥ ----
♦ K x		♦ J 10
♣ J 9 8		♣ K x x x
♠ K x		
♥ 9 x		
♦ ----		
♣ 10 x x		
♠ 10 x		
♥ ----		
♦ 6 4		
♣ A Q x		

Notice that cashing the ♠A is necessary to strip RHO of his (small) spade exit card.

Notable Results

Trophy Sectional

Winners from Unit 430

Event		Winners	MPs
Friday Aft Open Pairs	A	Nicholas Stock, Larry Pocock	9.63

Event		Winners	MPs
	B, C	David Gabel, Tanweer Saqalan	3.58
Friday Aft 0-750 pairs	7, 3	Debbie Smith, Dorothy Trask	2.60
Friday Eve Henry Smilie BAM Teams	A	Kathy Adachi, Ben Takemori, Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin	3.94
	B	Diana Jing, David Huang, Yen Karro, Alan Karro	2.96
Friday CBF IF Open Pairs	A, B	Wade Carpenter, Stuart Carr	6.65
	C	Anne Katrichak, Stephanie Williams	2.39
Friday 0-750 Pairs	7, 3	Debbie Smith, Dorothy Trask	2.60
Sat Adrian & June Budd Hicks Open Pairs	A	Rock Shi Yan, Xiaoming Shen	15.68
Sat Consolation Pairs	A	Andrew Nalos, Kenneth Ramsay	3.96
	B, C	John Zohrab, Paul Fournier	3.04
Sat Morn 0-750 Pairs	7	Debbie Harris, Peter Altridge	2.74
	4, 3	Bobbi Moon, Lois Loudon	2.09
Sat Eve 0-750 Pairs	7, 4	Cedric Miller, Adelaine Miller	2.31
Willie Weinstein A/X Swiss Teams	A	Ken Lochang, Andrew Krywaniuk, June Keith, Gustav Axen	11.22
	X	Jennifer Hong, Long Xie, Qiang Hua, Rick Wei Wu	3.22
Mary Clarke B/C/D Swiss Teams	B, C	Cedric Miller, Adelaine Miller, Roy Livingstone, Nimi Bhachu	3.37

Trophy Winners

Pictures at the January Sectional for 2020/2 Trophies



Jack Lee, 2020 & 2022 Phil Wood Trophy



Ken Lochang Monthly Unit Game Trophy



Kathy Adachi, Edie Bonnell Trophy



Jack Lee, Nick Stock 2020 Adrian Hicks Pairs Trophy



John Lai, Phil Wood Under 200 & Rocket Rookie Trophy



Susan Peters, Brad Bart, Yue Su, Larry Pocock 2020 Mixed BAM Teams Tied, missing Aidan Ballantyne, Doug Hansford,

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners at the Trophy Sectional
21.93	Nicholas Stock
17.54	Andrew Krywaniuk
16.58	Rock Shi Yan
16.58	Xiaoming Shen
15.46	Ben Takemori
15.28	June Keith
14.03	Ken Lochang
12.88	Gustav Axen
12.72	Aban Gerrie
12.72	Robert Gerrie

Victoria Regional

Winners from Unit 430

Cherry Blossom Bracketed Knockout	Bracket 1	Nicholas Stock, Michael Dimich, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, James Galand	38.11
Tuesday Morn Side Pairs	B	Dick Yuen, Tom Nault	4.32
Tuesday Bald Eagle Bracketed Teams	Bracket 2	Jadwiga Polujan, John D Agular, Tom Nault, Dick Yuen	15.18
Wednesday Open Pairs	A	June Keith, Gustav Axen	37.71
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs	7, 5, 3	Kathryn Templeton, Wendy Williams	7.72
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs	A, B	Dariusz Matus, Michael Desaulniers	5.45
Tulip Bracketed Knockout	Bracket 1	Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Piotr Klimowicz	48.76
	Bracket 2	John D Agular, Jadwiga Polujan, Dick Yuen, Tom Nault	26.76
Thursday Open Pairs	C	Cindy Oishi, Thomas Anderson	12.02

Thursday Morn Side Pairs	C	Stephanie Hackett, Dana Cameron	1.99
Thursday Eve Side Pairs	C	Patricia Hartley, Deborah Davy	2.55
Thursday Morn 299er Pairs	B	Caroline Patterson, Barbare Ebelt	1.82
Barred Owl Bracketed Teams	Bracket 2	John Emmerson, Barbara Hillman, Rosemay Vazeux, Arthur Resnick	14.26
Friday Morn 299er Pairs	B	Caroline Patterson, Barbara Ebelt	1.82
Friday Aft 299er Pairs	D, E	Andrew Popovich, Doug Steil	2.83
Magnolia Bracketed Knockout	Bracket 3	Marlene Powell, Myra Johnston, Margaret Duncan, Pamela Moore	19.06
Saturday Aft Side Pairs	A	Trudy Hurdle, John Hurdle	
Sunday Top Flight Swiss Teams	B	Jordan Tessarolo, J Mark Siegrist, John Valliant, Daniel Lyder	19.25
Sunday 0-2500 Bracketed Teams	Bracket 1	Debbie Martignago, Marlene Sumi, Khosrow Shad, Mojgan Shad	11.91

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430
134.12	Dan Jacob
101.39	Gustav Axen
79.21	Michael Dimich
76.55	Nicholas Stock
67.24	Dick Yuen
63.33	Cameron Doner
61.11	June Keith
46.99	Michael Yuen
39.75	Daniel Lyder
27.26	Barbara Hillman

Mentor Mentee Mar 25 2023

Held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre 14 Tables

Pairs	A	Nita Dalal, Lilin Beames	3.50
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Future Stars Feb 11 2023

Held at Elgin Hall

0-500/NLM Pairs	A	Don Gurski, William Ophoff	3.71
	B, C	Nancy Newton, Doug Steil	2.81

Monthly Unit Game

Leaders as of May 12, 2023

11.34	Nigel Fullbrook	Flight A
11.34	Julien Levesque	Flight B
4.46	Nolan Derby	Flight C

Ace of Clubs Leaders

across Unit 430 as of May 12, 2023

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Cindy Turner, Darrell Madill	15.49
5-20	Anne Bowen	6.69
20-50	Dennis Kinney	25.32
50-100	Ron Senda	11.64
100-200	Doreen Blake	12.60
200-300	Linda Palm	15.13
300-500	Lisa Li	29.40
500-1000	Lana Chow	31.91
1000-1500	Fred Baldwin	32.57
1500-2500	William Osten	64.75
2500-3500	Barry Kirkham	60.63
3500-5000	John Demeulemeester	37.01
5000-7500	Tai Eng	22.18
7500-10000	June Keith	15.50
10000+	Bryan Maksymetz	9.85

Mini-McKenney Leaders

across Unit 430 as of May 12, 2023

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Cindy Turner	16.91
5-20	David Dreisinger	7.37
20-50	Dennis Kinney	25.32
50-100	Robert Jeanes	28.06
100-200	Dan Majewski	17.09

Category	Leader	Points
200-300	Thomas Rippon	56.00
300-500	Nimi Bhachu	63.89
500-1000	Lana Chow	57.41
1000-1500	Daniel Lyder	75.09
1500-2500	Shameine Ali	86.00
2500-3500	Gustav Axen	138.24
3500-5000	John Demeulemeester	67.36
5000-7500	Xiaojing Deng	194.45
7500-10000	Donald Sache	116.67
10000+	Dan Jacob	235.80

What's on the Web

by Tom Anderson

Our Unit 430 website is:
vancouverbridge.com

Because of COVID, various resources on the Unit 430 website ended up being shutdown, such as info about games, times, location and contact information for clubs. With the gradual reopening of clubs, the clubs information has recently been extremely hard to track.

In other cases, the information has not been updated since 2020, such as games that are welcoming for newer players, bridge lessons, the Mentor-Mentee page and so on.

Schedules were turned upside down, or cancelled, and it was too time consuming, and often seemed pointless, to try to track every club or event as it shut down or reopened or went online.

Now that things are sort of returning to normal, it will take some time to rebuild these resources (but that work has already started).

In the meantime, we've been using the home page to track recent developments in all of these areas.

Given all that, the good news is that there is still lots of information available on the website! Check out:

- The Matchpointer page (all past issues going back to 2012 are available there. And McBruce has

unearthed a treasure trove of issues going back to the 60's, so a long term plan is to scan those, and make all of that local bridge history, and the great bridge articles, available to everyone).

- The Races tab. Here you can check current results for Unit 430 trophy event races, as well as the ACBL Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs current standings for Unit 430 members.
- The Unit 430 tab. This takes you to official documents (bylaws, published policies relating to such things as subsidy payments and the consequences of cheating, info about board members, and their duties, Board minutes and so on).
- A new-ish feature on the home page is a score calculator.

The next project in bringing things back up to speed is restoring the Event calendars on the home page, so you can easily figure out the tournaments, and other bridge events, you want to attend over the next half year or so. With F2F tournaments now back in business, we gave priority to getting those going again.

Emails for Board Members usually contacted:

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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

Unit 430 Board of Directors

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>
(Acting) President	Nick Stock
Vice-President	Nick Stock
Treasurer	Stuart Carr
Secretary	Rhoda Tafler
WebMaster	Tom Anderson
Matchpointer Editor	Nick Stock
Sanctions & Tournaments	Nick Stock
New	Lana Chow
Tournament Equipment	Gray McMullin
Non LifeMaster/STAC	Judy Chang
Mentor - Mentee	Mojgan Shad
New Bridge Players	Julie Smith
IMP League	Volunteer Needed
Past President	Larry Pocock
Hospitality	Volunteer Needed
District Associate Recorder	June Keith



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

September 2 - 4, 2023

Queensborough Community Centre 920 Ewen Ave New Westminster B.C. V3M 5C8

Please note: **health protocols** expected to be in place for the tournament are available at www.vancouverbridge.com/health.php and will be updated as required.

Saturday Afternoon	1:00pm	Sept. 2
Open Pairs	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Saturday Evening	6:00pm	Sept. 2
Jean Turnbull Open Pairs*	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
<i>*Premier Event - Jean Turnbull Trophy awarded to top Mixed Pair</i>		
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
(All evening events: CBF International Fund Games - 40% more silver points!		
No extra charge to participants - that's paid by Unit 430 on your behalf)		

Sunday Morning	10:30am	Sept. 3
Open Pairs (1 st of 2 sessions)*	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs (single session event)	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
<i>*(single session accepted, but then not eligible for overall awards)</i>		

Sunday Afternoon	3:30pm	Sept. 3
Open Pairs (2 nd of 2 sessions)*	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs (single session event)	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Monday Morning & Afternoon	10:00am & TBA	Sept. 4
Open Swiss Teams	(2500+ / 1500 - 2500 / 0 - 1500)	
B/C/D Swiss	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>Monday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams Entry Fee</i>		

Online Partnership Desk: www.vancouverbridge.com
Tournament Co - Chairs: Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875
Fees: *Credit/debit cards now required* \$13.00/player for each Pairs session.
\$124/Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4). \$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member? No problem. Register as a Guest at <https://www.acbl.org/guest>
Stratification: By average, but each player must be below the event limit
Coffee/Tea: FREE with your own cup (cups are \$1 - donated to the subsidy fund)
Tournament Results: live.acbl.org and also www.vancouverbridge.com

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



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - ROUND UP SECTIONAL

November 11-13, 2023

Engineers Hall

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

Please note: **health protocols** expected to be in place for the tournament are available at www.vancouverbridge.com/health.php and will be updated as required.

Saturday Afternoon	1:00pm	Nov. 11
Ev Hodge Charity Pairs	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
<i>Both Afternoon events are single session and CBF international fund games-40% more silver points!</i>		
<i>No extra charge to participants - that's paid by Unit on your behalf</i>		
Saturday Evening	6:00pm	Nov. 11
Open Pairs	(2500+ / 1250 - 2500 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Sunday Morning	10:30am	Nov.12
A/X Pairs (1 st of 2 sessions)*	(2500+ / 0 - 2500)	
B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (single session event)	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>*(single session accepted, but then not eligible for overall awards)</i>		
Sunday Afternoon	3:30pm	Nov. 12
A/X Pairs (1 st of 2 sessions)*	(2500+ / 0 - 2500)	
B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (single session event)	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	

Monday Morning & Afternoon	10am & TBA	Nov. 13
A/X Swiss Teams	(2500+ / 0 - 2500)	
B/C/D Swiss Teams	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>Monday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams Entry Fee</i>		

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Fees: *Credit/debit cards now required* \$13.00/player for each Pairs session. \$124/Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4). \$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member? No problem. Register as a Guest at <https://www.acbl.org/guest>
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Bridge Clubs	Game time(s)	Contact
We are moving back to having Face to Face club games, with clubs still sponsoring some Virtual (online) games for their clubs. For a detailed explanation about online games and generally how to use BBO go to: http://mcbruce.ca/VVBC.html		
The information below is current as of December 03 2022		
Fraser Valley		
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 1:00 (Open)	Ms Lois M Mazuren 604-858-7836 8871 School St
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30 (Open)	Jim R Garner 778-903-6147 12150 224th St Maple Ridge
North Vancouver		
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7:00 (Open) BBO	John DeMeulemeester 778-859-1097
North Shore Bridge Club	Friday 10:30 (Open) BBO	Margaret/Paul Pattison 604-987-8289
Squamish		
Squamish Bridge Club	currently no game	Vic Puchmayr vicpunch@gmail.com info@squamishbridgeclub
South Surrey / White Rock		
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	All Face to Face games at Elgin Hall Wednesday 10:15 (Open) F2F Wednesday 10:15 (0-300) F2F Thursday 10:15 (Open) F2F	Jane Youngberg Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116 VACB265157 Bob Dillon bdquad@telus.net
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7:00 (Open) BBO	Ed L'Heureux, 604-542-6116, edlheureux@yahoo.com, VACB216234
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11:00 Face to Face at Elgin Wednesday 7:00 online	Jack Johnson 604-679-0414 VACB221192
Vancouver		
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Tuesday 10:15 (Open) F2F Thursday 10:15 (Open) F2F	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496 vacb234880
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	Monday 10:30 (Open) Tuesday 10:30 (Open) Wednesday 10:30 (Open) Thursday 10:30 (0-500) Friday 10:30 (Open) Saturday 10:30 (Social Supervised Play) Sunday 12:00 (Open)	All games Face to Face 2177 W 42nd Ave, Vancouver Ken Lochang 604-267-2202
West Vancouver		
Hollyburn Country Club	Thursday 9:30 (Open) Face to Face	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974 www.bridgeclubnews@shaw.ca
VBC - St. David's	Monday 10:00 (Open) Wednesday 10:30 (Open) BBO	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577 homa_boustani@shaw.ca Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974

Calendar of Events

2023

We are holding Monthly Unit Games Face to Face at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Sunday afternoons. Such events are just pairs for the time being.

Date	Event	Location
June 04, 2023	MUG	VBC
June 12 - 18, 2023	Penticton Regional	Penticton Convention Centre
July 02, 2023	MUG	VBC
July 12 -23, 2023	NABC	Chicago Illinois
Aug 06, 2023	MUG	VBC
August 21 - 27, 2023	Puget Sound Regional	Lynnwood Convention Center
September 2 - 4, 2023	*Evergreen Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
October 21, 2023	Future Stars Sectional	West Vancouver Senior Centre
October 23 - 29, 2023	Leavenworth Regional	Leavenworth Festhalle
November 11 - 13, 2023	*Round Up Sectional	IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, Burnaby
December 04 - 10, 2023	STaC	At participating clubs

* See Flyer in this Matchpointer

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VBC = Vancouver Bridge Centre 2177 W 42nd Vancouver

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