



THE MATCHPINTER

OCTOBER 1968.

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RESULTS OF VANCOUVER UNIT MONTHLY GAMES - OCTOBER 1968.

WINNERS GAME - Sunday, October 6th, 1968 - 1:00 pm

- 1/2 Ron Borg - Al Graves
- 1/2 Mary Adams - Laura Golding
3. Ede Bonnell - Walter Schick
4. Sefton Levine - Rowland Divers
5. Tony Marsh - Joan Strank

M.M.P. GAME - Sunday, October 6th, 1968 - 7:00 pm

Section A

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| N/S 1. Ede Bonnell - Ron Borg | E/W 1. Ed Bishop - Rowland Divers |
| 2. Hy Waks - Jennifer Paynter | 2. Hugh Walter - Carmen Woolsey |
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Section B

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| N/S 1. Stan Bodlak - Martin Henniger | E/W 1. Sandra Borg - Elizabeth Lee |
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Section C

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| N/S 1. Bob Connop - Al Graves | E/W 1. Harry Oldaker - Matt Reiffer |
| 2. Jean Turnbull - D. Birrell | 2. John Berry - Ed Vivian |
| 3. Haze and Nellie Moore | 3. Gordon Horne - Stan Holding |

NOVEMBER UNIT GAMES

The regular monthly Winners Game will be held at 1:00pm, Sunday, November 3rd, at the Vancouver Bridge Club. The M.M.P. Game follows in the evening at 7:00pm. I'm sure you are all aware by now, of the fact that these Unit Games will be a thing of the past effective January 1st, 1969. This happens as a result of the A.C.B.L.'s newly adopted system for issuance of fractional or rating points. (See September "Bulletin" for details) There is a chance, according to Mr. Phil Wood, that we may be able to have one special event per month under the new ruling; at least, several throughout 1969, but plans are indefinite at this time. Since we can only be sure of the Unit Games for November and December, we ask your special assistance and cooperation in making them the biggest and best Unit Games on record! See you there!

SPECIAL UNIT EVENT

On Sunday, October 27th, the Vancouver Bridge Club will house the annual City Open Pairs Championship. This is a local championship rating, two session event, the first session beginning at 1:00pm and the second at 7:00pm. Do come along and enjoy a full day of bridge with your friends. Everyone is most welcome!

NOTE TO DIRECTORS AND ASPIRING DIRECTORS

Having read the details of the A.C.B.L.'s planned changes for 1969 in the September issue of the "Bulletin", you are aware of the distinct advantage to open clubs in having a Certified Director. Anyone interested in obtaining certification should present themselves at 11:00am, Saturday, November 16th, 1968, at the Dogwood Room, Exhibition Park, Vancouver. They should be prepared to write an examination, the cost of which is five dollars. They should know that they will be permitted to use only the rule book while writing the examination. Examinant will be Mr. Phil Wood.

MEMBERSHIP AND THE MATCH POINTER

Notice of new memberships, transfers from other units and changes of address should be directed to: Mrs. Kay Pattison,
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TOURNAMENT NEWS

UPCOMING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Vancouver Fall Sectional,
Dogwood Room, Exhibition Park,
Vancouver, B.C.

November 15th to November 17th

Portland Winter Sectional,
Silver Skate Arena,
Portland, Oregon.

November 1st to November 3rd

Seattle Puget Sound Sectional,
Seattle Centre,
Seattle, Washington.

November 8th to November 10th

VANCOUVER FALL SECTIONAL

Another exciting, exhausting, exhilarating, exasperating — wonderful weekend of bridge is on the agenda for "us bridge nuts"! Our annual Fall Sectional gets underway November 15th at 1:30pm with the Men's and Women's Pairs, continues in the evening at 8:00pm with the Mixed Pairs. The Open Pairs will be held in two sessions, the first, qualifying, at 1:30pm and 8:00pm on the Saturday. Sunday, the Masters Pairs (50 master points) and Non-Master Pairs events will take place with starting times 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Side events will be run, along with the weekend championship games. Dinner, at a cost of \$1.50 per plate, will be served on Sunday between sessions as usual. Come on out! Join us.....especially those of you who are a little afraid that your brilliant technique may not be quite brilliant enough for tournament play. Heavens, if I can do it, you certainly can!

SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Mr. Henry Smilie, who has, by the way, recently been elected to the directorate of the Western Conference of the A.C.B.L., (Congratulations!!) wishes to forward the League's recommendations concerning publicity for local bridge events. Newspaper coverage in our area is lacking, to say the least. We can help our own cause in two suggested ways:

1. During local tournaments, players should call the City Desk of our local newspapers requesting results. (A tremendous flood of calls might stir them to action.)
2. Players should write letters to the editor, either acknowledging good newspaper coverage, or complaining (not too vociferously) about the lack of it.

Standing on the steps of the Harrison Hotel, looking out over Harrison Lake, one wondered momentarily why he had committed himself to five sessions of bridge in the next day or so. The setting for the Evergreen Sectional couldn't have been "more perfect", distracting as it was in its beauty. Some players found relaxation in a round of golf or a few hours fishing between sessions, but most kept their noses to the grindstone and played all five sessions, with the result that, once again, many of our people carried off the laurels.

MIXED PAIRS

2/3 Ted Hicks - Flora Tereposky

OPEN PAIRS

1. Colin MacMillan - Stan Holding
3. Buddy Crapko - Frank Cady

MASTERS PAIRS

1. Ron Tetreau - Ken Hilborn
2. Dean Mountain - T. Skytte
3. Hy Waks - Chuck Robson
4. Murdoch Smith - Jim Dickie

CONSOLATION PAIRS

2. Karl Kristensen - Mildred Wohlleben
3. Gordon and Eve Hoare

NON-MASTERS PAIRS

- 1/2 Joan MacDonald - Bodil Moller
- 1/2 Ann Ecclestone - Marjorie Gauer
3. Beverley Enns - Sheila Dickie
4. Norm Ganges - Brian Sims
5. G.E. Kerr - W.C. England
6. Barbara Green - Joyce Turner

Puget Sound Regional

Players came from far and wide, some of them being among the top competitors in the country. As might have been expected, many of us attended and came home a little sad, empty-handed. However, in a field as large as was in Seattle, even a tenth place finish overall, is certainly creditable, and once again, some of our people managed to place "in the money".

MEN'S PAIRS - 6th Matt Campbell - Roger Gibson

WOMEN'S PAIRS - 5/6/7 Sandra Borg - Audrey Jones

MIXED PAIRS - 7th John Hurlburt - Betty Shaddock

NON-MASTERS - 2/3 Evelyn Homer - Dorothy Hoffman

KNOCK-OUT TEAMS - 2nd Ron Borg, Buddy Crapko, Jim Donaldson, Paul Hagan,

Worthy of note also, is the fact that two Vancouver pairs WON overall in side events in which they participated. Congratulations to John Grundy & Rowland Divers, Lorraine Olivier & Gerhard Post and to all those above listed.

BY THE WAY

-FLASH!!!!!!! Officially, though they haven't received their gold cards, three of our Vancouver players joined the ranks of the Life Masters during the regional in Seattle. Congratulations to Mrs. Nellie Moore, Mr. Harry Oldaker and Mr. Carmen Woolsey.
-The Matchpointer will soon be looking for a new editor if the one they have now doesn't learn to spell names. Seriously, I wish to express my most profound apologies to those whose names I've misspelled in the last two issues. I now have a list of the membership, so any further errors will result only from further carelessness. I note also, that in the last issue, I credited Al Graves with having been a member of the third place team in the Team of Four in Nanaimo. Correction.....It was my good friend, Don Brander. Sorry, Don. I promise to proof read future issues.
-With a mind to our proposed REGIONAL early in 1970— Some form of entertainment is going to be arranged. Mrs. Joyce Baker, Entertainment and Social Chairman for the Unit (Telephone 266-2454) will coordinate it as far as possible. Will anyone with any suggestion re type of entertainment kindly contact Mrs. Baker. Also, anyone either, having an artistic talent themself or knowing of someone having ability in music, drama etc., please contact Mrs. Baker.

CLUB NEWS

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

On Wednesday, November 6th, the club will hold a special event for 299ers, the Winter Party. A one session Mixed Pairs Championship will be held on Monday, November 11th at 8:00pm. All players are invited to attend.

CITY BRIDGE CLUB

Finn Schultz is planning a Team of Four Championship for the Friday evenings, November 1st and 8th, at 8:00pm. Trophies will be awarded to the winning team. Players are requested to register before November 1st if possible, to facilitate arranging the teams.

Players are reminded that the club now offers a Saturday evening game at 7:30pm and two afternoon games, Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 11:00am.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Ted and Elizabeth Hicks wish to announce that they will be holding their annual Open Pairs Championship in two sessions, on Friday November 1st at 8:00pm and Friday, November 8th at the same time. The event will take place at the New Westminster YMCA, corner of 6th and Queens in New Westminster. Everyone is welcome.

NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB

Two special events have been scheduled for the next month. A two session Open Pairs Championship will be held Tuesday, November 19th and 26th at 10:30am, and a two session Junior Pairs (20 master points or less) on Thursday, November 28th and December 5th at 8:00pm.

Monday, November 4th, 8:00pm is the start of a seven week series, the overall winner of which will be the proud owner of a turkey. Friday, November 1st, 8:00pm sees the beginning of a similar six week series, excepting November 15th, when the club will be closed.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

Leaders at the half-way mark in the Jacobson Trophy Open Pairs are Eleanor Gordon and Ann Anderson, closely pursued by Dale Jensen and Andy Meija. Final session takes place Tuesday, October 22nd.

An upcoming special event in the form of the Masters Pairs is planned for Fridays, November 22nd and 29th. All players holding twenty or more master points are invited to attend.

GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Director, Mrs. Ella Shaw, invites all new and intermediate duplicate bridge players to join her every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at the Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive. M.M.P. Game is the 3rd Wednesday each month. Information is available by telephoning 255 - 7854.

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

The novice game (9 or fewer master points) which takes place Monday evenings along with the regular open game, will now begin at 7:30pm and will be preceded by a half hour lesson on basic bridge and duplicate style. Newcomers, most welcome.

Well, here I go apologizing again. We'll have to clear up the ambiguity of the second hand printed in last month's Matchpointer before we go on the the next. At trick five, after East had won the Heart Ace and shifted to the Spade King.... .Would you believe that West overtook the King and continued a spade? Well, that's what Buddy said, so now we can all get some sleep.

This month's column is written by one of the Pacific Northwest's most esteemed players, Ron Borg. Both hands are deals encountered by Ron and Jim Donaldson in the Masters Pairs at the Evergreen Sectional.

<u>Declarer - South</u>		S	8 x x x		
		H	x x		
		D	J x x		
		C	9 x x x		
S	K x		N	S	A x x
H	J 9 x x		W E	H	Q 10 x x
D	A x x		S	D	10 9 x x
C	K 8 x x			C	J x
		S	Q J 10 x		
		H	A K x		
		D	K Q x		
		C	A Q 10		

Declarer opened the bidding with 2 No Trump and after two passes, my partner doubled. This action is not as reckless as it first appears since dummy will usually be barren and declarer will be hard pressed to come up with eight tricks in his own hand. It will be noted that the double was a three to one favourite to succeed because only a Club lead allows declarer to make his contract.

A Heart lead was out of the question since I never (or hardly ever) lead from four to the Jack against No Trump. The Diamond lead did not appear attractive. With calm assurance I led a small Club! It seems on reflection, now that I have an antipathy about leading away from four to the King in Clubs, that the only reasonable opening was the Spade King. The inherent problem with such a lead is that your partner and the opponents will be left with the impression that you are some kind of supernut; former partners will shun you; opponents will curse when you skip their table.....Anyone for golf?

In an uncontested auction, we arrived at an optimistic Four Hearts. (A better contract than the 3 No Trump found by many pairs.)

		S	8 2		
		H	A 10 9 8		
		D	A 8 4 3		
		C	9 4 2		
S	K Q J 7		N	S	10 6 5 4
H	7		W E	H	J 6 4 2
D	K Q J 9		S	D	10 6 2
C	J 10 8 3			C	Q 5
		S	A 9 3		
		H	K Q 5 3		
		D	7 5		
		C	A K 7 6		

The Diamond opening was won by the Ace and three rounds of Clubs followed. The four-two break indicated a cross ruff was needed. The Diamond Queen won the next trick and I ruffed the continuation. My last Club was led and West was allowed to hold the trick as dummy and East discarded a Spade. Three tricks had now been lost and West could defeat me by leading the fourth diamond. The Spade King hit the table. (Better by far than a Heart) I won the Spade, ruffed a Spade and led the last Diamond from dummy. East ruffed with the Heart six, forcing my Queen. My last Spade was ruffed with the Heart Ace, East being forced to under ruff. It was routine and natural to finesse East for the Heart Jack to make the last two tricks and the contract.

Well, good-bye again.....long-winded as usual*. See you next time.

Shula