



Vancouver, B.C. Unit

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

THE MATCHPOINTER

October 1969

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Results of the Unit Tournament - Sunday, October 4th, 1969

Section A - 11 Tables

North - South

1. Jean Turnbull - Lisa Strebinger
2. Paula and B. Zalkowitz
3. Adrian and June-Budd Hicks
4. Sid and Pearl Minkoff

East - West

1. Hal Rodd - Matt Reiffer
2. Sheila Dickie - D. Brander
3. Koos Van Lieshout - Jo MacDonald

Section B - 11 Tables

North - South

1. Paul Hagen - Allan Graves
2. Buddy Crapko - Jennifer Paynter
3. Ron Borg - Ede Bonnell
4. Gordon Horne - Stan Holding

East - West

1. Mr. and Mrs. Ross
2. Mr. and Mrs. Bowes
3. Frank and Lillian Henderson
4. Dunc Williams - Hy Waks

Overall Winners

1. Hal Rodd - Matt Reiffer
2. Mr. and Mrs. Ross
- 3/4 Paul Hagen - Allan Graves
- 3/4 Buddy Crapko - Jennifer Paynter
5. Jean Turnbull - Lisa Strebinger
- 6/7 Paula and B. Zalkowitz
- 6/7 Mr. and Mrs. Bowes

Congratulations to the winners of the October Tournament. It was a good turnout but there is still plenty of room for more. Next Unit Tournament is on Sunday, November 1st so why don't we all take the opportunity to prep for.....

VANCOUVER FALL SECTIONAL NOV. 14 - 16
BLUE BOY MOTOR HOTEL (Fraser and Marine)

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Up and Coming Tournaments

Vancouver Fall Sectional Nov. 14 - 16 (see enclosed flyer).

Although it is now apparent that we enjoy, in the Blue Boy, the finest accommodations for a tournament in the northwest, there was some talk to the effect that the meal between Sunday sessions in April was not in keeping with our high standards. To remedy this the board has elected to subsidize, for the players, the magnificent Blue Boy smorgasbord (hot and cold). The cost to the player will be \$2.50. Although this may appear a little high, compared to what we are used to, the cost to the unit is about \$6.00 so you really are getting a bargain for this magnificent spread.

The Fall Sectional is also the climax of the Phil Wood Trophy, inaugurated last year and awarded to the player winning the most master points in the four Vancouver sectionals. Leading at the 3/4 pole is last years winner, Jim Donaldson (a destitute man's Barry Crane) closely followed by Paul Hagen, Ron Borg, Allan Graves and Mike Strebinger.

Puget Sound Nov. 7 - 9 Seattle Center

This tourney features Life Masters and non Life Masters teams on Sunday.

Tournament Trail

Harrison Sectional

Due to an astonishing attitude on the part of the hotel to not provide even the barest necessities, Harrison was not what we have been used to in the past. The unit apologizes for any inconvenience to the players and promises serious discussion regarding next years location.

Overall Results

Mixed Pairs

1. Joe Cheng - Gladys Sagen
2. M.A. Duce - F. Tereposky
3. Fred Chiorando - A.A. Chiorando
4. Clarence Carroll - Marguerite Hall
5. George Steiner (Sea) - Sharon Cruikshank (Sea)
6. D. Hoffman - Sam Hoffman

Consolation

1. J.M. Desaulniers - Gordon Horne

49ers Pairs

1. F.J. Field - J.B. MacFarlan

Open Pairs

1. F. Hagen - B. Naness (Sea)
2. Paul Hagen - J. Donaldson
3. Hy Waks - Marg Stafford
4. G. Steiner - S. Cruikshank
5. Blair Andrews - Paul Radnair
6. Tony Marsh - Dolly Shapiro

Masters Pairs

1. Ron Borg - Tony Marsh
2. S. Levine - J. Hurlburt
3. J. Donaldson - D. Brander
4. D. Whitcher - Leo Svarce
5. Murdoch Smith - Sam Lucow
6. G. Steiner - S. Cruikshank

Bellvue K.O. Sectional

Not too many Vancouverites down for this one, however we did have some representation. Jim Donaldson, Don Brander, Mike Strebinger and Bob Connop lost out in the quarter finals of the K.O. and Paul Hagen and Allan Graves won the Open Pairs.

Kelowna Sectional

One reason that there wasn't too much Vancouver representation in Bellvue could be that they were all in Kelowna.

Mens Pairs

2. Tom Burke - Carl Malm
6. Cam Cameron - J. Hurlburt

Masters Pairs

1. J. Hurlburt - D. Phelps
2. Jim and Sheila Dickie
3. F. Henderson - J. Rossetti

Womens Pairs

5. Bertha Purves - D. Fredrickson
6. L. Henderson - V. McGonigal

49ers Pairs

6. Tom Burke - Carl Malm

Mixed Pairs

1. Lillie Hills - J. Hurlburt

Team of Four

- 2/3 Henry Smilie, Matt Campbell, N. Brooks, V. Stewart
- 2/3 Frank and Lillian Henderson, Ron Fox, Roland Divers
4. Buddy Crapko, Jack Marsch, Jim and Sheila Dickie
6. Cam Cameron, Harry Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. Bussey
- 7/8 J. Hurlburt, J. Rybere, V. McGonigal, Larry White

Thanks to Sheila Dickie for these very complete results and special congratulations to Buddy Crapko and Jack Marsch for their above average game.

Oversight Sectional Held monthly in my mailbox

Joe Cheng did indeed have a partner in the Seattle mens pairs in which he finished 4th (sorry to break the myth Joe). He was Jack Crossfield, of Powell River. Partnered by Bill Hoehm, also of Powell River, Jack also won the Nanaimo sectional Open pairs.

The Vancouver Bridge world recently suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of Frank Roberts. Frank gave great support to this unit and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

The Unit has the authorization to nominate one pair for the womens pair olympiad in Stockholm. The successful pair however would have to provide their own expenses. Would any pair interested in this event contact Sheila Dickie or Stan Bodlak before the Fall Sectional. If there is sufficient interest there will be some method of selection.

Believe it or Else Dept.

That rumor on the Tacoma 2 club convention is true. There was indeed a woman in Tacoma recently who had to solve that nasty bridge problem regarding a weak hand with a long club suit. How is the best way to handle this hand when a partner opens one no trump? She gave the matter several minutes thought, then took her partners convention card, erased Stayman, and bid 2 clubs which her partner duly passed. Sneaky, but effective. More on this fascinating personality in future issues.

CLUB NEWS

Van. Bridge Club, Goren Shield Team of 4, Friday 21st, November and 28th.

Inter-city B.C.

Bob and Jim tentatively plan the start of a long awaited masters club in Dec.

City B.C.

Tues. Nov. 18 - 99ers Open Pairs for the Tony Marte trophy.

Fraser Valley B.C.

Ted Hicks would like to announce the 8th annual club championship. Two sessions, Fri., Oct. 31 and Fri., Nov. 7, 8:00 at the New Westminster Y.

Northside B.C.

Tuesday, Nov. 4th and 11th, 2 session open pair championship at 10:30 A.M. for the Northside Cup. Thursday, Nov. 13th and 20th, Class 3 Invitational 2 session championship at 8 p.m.

Lillian Fox directing, home phone 988-7259 - 922-5466.

Club 987-3733.

HAND OF THE MONTH

PAUL AND THE RED KINGS

Have you ever played with a partner who trumped your ace? How about one who discards good tricks? ... Maddening isn't it ... well sometimes. The following hand was played by Paul Hagen in a recent tournament, so read on and decide if you would have been upset when he discarded a good trick. We arrived at 3 N.T. with the opponents silent.

S Q 10 x x
H A K 8 7
D x x
C x x x

S x x x
H Q 10 9 x
D Q x x x
C A Q

S A J 9 x
H x x x
D 10 x x
C 10 x x

S K x x
H J
D A K J x
C K J 9 8 7

Opening lead - low heart.

Paul ducked the heart to his Jack, led the club Jack and took the unfortunate diamond switch with his Jack. (are Jacks wild?). He then misquessed the clubs by leading the King. West now led a high heart. Paul won with the Ace, knocked out the club ten and took the diamond return, by east, in his hand. He then cashed his two remaining clubs coming down to this end position.

	S Q 10 x	
	H K	
	D void	S A J 9
	C void	H void
immaterial		D x
	S K x x	C void
	H void	
	D K	
	C void	

Paul now led the diamond King, discarding the heart King!! A spade to the King now endplayed east in spades for the ninth trick. Note that discarding a spade on the diamond King is fatal as east can duck the spade King or take the spade Queen and return the Jack.

NEW DEPT.

Starting next month the matchpointer will feature a bidding forum modeled after the Bridge World's Master Solvers club. Top Vancouver players will give their solutions to difficult bidding problems along with their reasons and comments. On the back page you will find the problems to be discussed in next months' issue. These "paper battles" are always interesting as even if you are not in the majority there is always someone backing your call.

November biddings problems

A. S - A K 7 H - A Q 8 5 3 D - A C - 8 7 2

east west vul - match point scoring

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	2C

3C * 25 3H

A A A 8
K O 7
x x x x x x x

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Sitting south what do you call?

B. S - J H - 10 42 D - A K 10 7 3 C - A K 9 2

east west vul - matchpoint scoring

S	W	N	E
--	--	--	1H

2D

?

Sitting south what action do you take?

C. S - void H - 10 x D - Q J x x x x C - Q x x x x

S	W	N	E
--	1S	D	P

Both Vul
Match points

2D P 2H 2S

3C 3S D P

? Pass

10 Q Q
x J x
x x x
x x x
x

Sitting south what do you call?

D. S - 7 5 3 H - K 9 7 5 D - 6 2 C - A 7 3 2

S	W	N	E
--	P	1D	1S

Neither Vul
Match points

P 3S 4H 4S

?

7 K 6 A
5 9 2 7
3 7 3
5 2

x A A x
Q K
x x
x x
x y

Sitting south what do you call?

6C or 6H

Well those are the first set of bidding problems. Happy solving and everyone out to the Fall sectional. See you next month ...

Allan Graves