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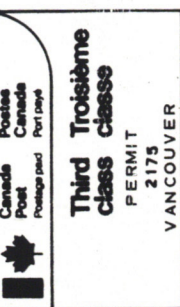
# THE MATCHPOINTER

1973

## CHRISTMAS PARTY TEAM WINNERS



HAS HE GOT HIS EYE ON ME?



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I GUESS HE HAD!

BRIDGE NEWSLETTER OF THE VANCOUVER, B.C. UNIT





Editorial

When we first arrived in Vancouver, we didn't think there were many bridge players as pleasant as those we left in Edmonton. After a few months we got to like a few after knowing them better and now after six months there are quite a few BUT there are still too many obnoxious players around. WHY? How come there are some three or four players who ALWAYS scowl at new opponents or pick up the new convention card which confronts them only to fling it down .02 microseconds later nearly fracturing their wrist in the process.

It's not as if they are great players either, in fact the opposite seems to be the case.

If these players recognise themselves and personally I doubt that they will, please remember that your bridge adversaries are only enemies for a little while.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Andy & Anne Nagy on their recent wedding.

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Vancouver versus Seattle (Dec 1972)

Our two teams were:

Open

Sheila Dickie & Bob Connop  
Neil Chambers & Ron Christensen  
Ron Borg & Paul Hagen  
Pete Nixon & Pete Herold  
Al Graves & Mike Strebinger

Non-playing captain: Brian May

Under 200

Gary Harper & Doug Baldwin  
Norm Gangnes & Jim Marshal  
Marge Gower & Ann Ecclestone  
Jerry McCaffrey & Mike Wilson  
Hal Rodd & Jim Andrews

Non-playing captain: Jim Donaldson

Our open team led by 12 IMP's after the first set of 16 boards and reduced this lead to minus 5 after the next set. By the end of the 3rd session they led by 84 IMP's and were never seriously challenged afterwards ending with a 91 IMP difference after 256 comparisons (128 boards).

Unfortunately our "under 200" team did not fare so well, they lost by 212 IMP's.

Following is a report by Peter Nixon on some of the more interesting hands from the open pairs. There are so many good hands that we will have to wait until next month for the conclusion:

Turning Point

Peter Nixon

Many bridge games have a turning point - that one hand that puts you on the winning path. Sometimes that hand is good bridge; sometimes it is not - always it is memorable.

We had gone into this 5th session up 70 IMP's, but Pete and I had lost (through bad luck, bad playing and bad judgment) 42 IMP's on the first five boards of the sixteen board session.



Then came this gem:

UL: none  
DEALER: east

xx  
Q9xx  
x  
AQxxxx

(me)  
9x  
AK10xxx  
x  
J9xx

N  
W E  
S  
AKQJxx  
J  
Kxxx  
xx

(Pete Herold)  
10xx  
xx  
AQJ109xx  
K

<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
3NT <sup>1</sup>	dbl <sup>2</sup>	P	4D <sup>3</sup>
P <sup>4</sup>	4NT <sup>5</sup>	P	6C <sup>6</sup>
P	6D <sup>7</sup>	P	6H <sup>8</sup>
dbl <sup>9</sup>	6S <sup>10</sup>	dbl <sup>11</sup>	6NT <sup>12</sup>
dbl <sup>13</sup>	P <sup>14</sup>	P	P <sup>15</sup>

Explanation of the bidding: (For those who don't play S.A.)

1. Gambling 3NT. Would you believe my king of clubs was in with my diamonds?
2. I think I can beat this.
3. Perfect opportunity for an expert-type advance cue bid.
4. Without the diamond king, I may not beat it.
5. Blackwood (what else?).
6. If I answer one ace, this guy is liable to pass me in 5D.
7. Correcting (?) to your suit, pard.
8. 6D doesn't look like our optimum contract; let's try this.
9. I can't stand this auction any longer!
10. You're not going to believe this, pard, but this is really my suit.
11. Look, if you can double 6H with two hearts, I can double 6S with two spades.



12. You're right, I don't believe it.

3. My turn!

14. I give up!

15. Me too!

South misplayed the hand and went down 900.

Our turning point had come.

After that hand, it might be unbelievable but there were many fine plays made by all players.

To be continued.....  
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### Hand Probabilities

#### (a) High Card Points

Points (HCP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Probability (%)	0.4	0.8	1.4	2.5	3.8	5.2	6.6	8.0	8.9	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.0	6.9
Points (HCP)	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27 or more
probability (%)	5.7	4.4	3.3	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.03	0.01	0.01

#### (b) Distribution

<u>Shape</u>	<u>Probability</u>
balanced (4333 or 4432)	0.321
semi-balanced (5332)	0.156
3-suited (4441 or 5440)	0.042
2-suited (6-6, 6-5 or 5-5)	0.055
1½-suited (5-4 or 6-4)	0.295
1- suited (6 cards or longer)	0.131

#### (c)

Now to calculate the percentage probability to hold any particular distribution and range of high card points, just use the two tables above, as follows:

For a Standard American 3NT opening bid, holding a balanced or semi-balanced hand and 25 to 27 high card points: First add the percentage probabilities for holding 25, 26, and 27 high card points 0.03 & 0.01 & 0.01 = 0.05%. Next add the probabilities for a balanced and a semi-balanced hand 0.321 & 0.156 = 0.477.

Finally multiply these two figures together to obtain the percentage probability of holding the hand described before anyone has picked up their cards.



Probability =  $0.05\% \times 0.477 = \text{approximately } 0.02\%$

Thus the chance of picking up a Standard American opening bid is about 0.02% or 2 chances in 10,000 which explains why most tournament players use a gambling 3NT.

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### Defense at the Roundup

As previously reported, the winners of the Open Pairs at the Roundup Sectional were Mike Strebinger and Joe Jabon. I asked Mike to submit one of the more interesting hands of the event and, typically, he selected one on which his partner's play decided the outcome. Here is his report:

		A	K	5	K		
		♣	10		8		
		7	9		7		
		3	6				
			2				
Jabon						Strebinger	
S	K54					86	
H	3					AQJ875	
D	KQJ103					92	
C	10932					QJ4	
		Q	4	A	A		
		10		8	6		
		9		7	5		
		2		6			
				4			
North	East	South		West			
2D	Db1	4S		All Pass			

Opening Lead: Heart three

The declarer played low on the table, East won and returned a low heart. Declarer decided to crossruff the hand and played the nine of spades upon which Joe Jabon sluffed a club rather than over ruffing (Not an easy play, knowing that your king is in the lock). Declarer now played the Ace & King of Clubs and ruffed another heart with the Spade ten. Again Joe sluffed! Next came the diamond Ace and a diamond ruff with the spade three. The position at this point was:

		AJ7		
		K10		
		8		
K54			86	
KQ3			AQ8	
			Q	
		Q3		
		876		
		6		

Now came the heart 10 from dummy ruffed by declarer with the spade Queen and (finally) Joe overruffed with the king. Declarer looked extremely startled and when a spade came back he had to reassess his position. Playing for an end play, he won the Jack of Spades in dummy and led the heart king. Strebinger won this trick and led the Queen of clubs.



(6)

A7

This was now the position

5

8

8

Q

KQ

Q

87

6

Declarer followed suit to the Queen of clubs and Joe ruffed the good Queen and led back a diamond.

This promoted my 8 of spades putting declarer down two tricks. Declarer could have made the contract by pitching on the first heart return but almost everyone beat the contract 1 trick. It took the hold-off of the spade king to set it two.

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### ZIRINSKY

Victor Zirinsky of Hong Kong devised a formula for awarding victory points from results of team competitions.

His formula is:

Winners' Victory Points =  $6 \times A / B - 2$

Maximum of 8 VPs.

where A = winners IMPs and B = losers IMPs

Losers' Victory Points = 8 minus the winners VPs

The reason for developing such a formula was that Victory Point scales often give unfair results. A superior team will gain an advantage from highly distributional hands producing slams, games, and part-score swings while the same team will be held to a narrow margin by flat hands.

Mr. Zirinsky's formula determines the Victory Points from the RATIO of the two IMP scores instead of from their DIFFERENCE, thus the winners of a high-scoring game need more IMPs for each VP they earn. This method has won acceptance for major events in the Far East Zone of the World Bridge Federation for matches of eighteen boards or more.

For shorter matches, particularly matches of twelve boards or fewer, the formula is not effective because low IMP scores such as 1-0; 9-5; and 25-15 all convert to 8VPs to zero.

This unsatisfactory result has been corrected in New Zealand by simply adding 3 IMPs to the losers score before applying the formula.

The Modified Zirinsky formula is thus

Winners' Victory Points =  $6 \times A / (B + 3) - 2$

Naturally a difference of 3 or less in the IMP scores results in a draw.

Modified Zirinsky gives sensible results for short or long matches and has been tested with excellent results in competition.



Unit Christmas Party - Sandra Borg

Twenty six teams arrived at the "Ice Palace" on the very cold night of December 3rd. The heat was turned off shortly after arrival and unfortunately everyone had to play very cold contracts. The management has apologised profusely and we are assured that this oversight will not occur again - The next unit game is January 7th, 1973 - Free ear muffs to be supplied at the door.

While on the subject of Christmas spirit - the "Finkle Hand of Fate" award goes from your tournament chairman (who has probably already been nominated for the award) to the life masters in our city who did not sign up for the event. Only 17 out of about 90 lifemasters were kind enough to offer their talents. The lifemasters eagerly gobble up most of the awards and prizes in tournaments - They get free dues and have been asked in many previous Matchpointers to play with inexperienced players. This is the only event in which they are expected to make this sacrifice. Your status wouldn't exist without that large field of "pigeons" and in my opinion it was a poor show.

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Omissions and Corrections

Please note that following our Unit game on the 7th, and Sectional on the 19th - 21st that the Seattle Sectional is on Feb 2nd - 4th and not in January as reported last month.

At the Roundup Sectional, Kay McIntosh & Alex McBeth won the consolation of the Open Pairs.

Club CornerNorthside Club

Membership game: 22 January at 7:45. Pre-registration is requested. Winners of the Olympiad Fund game were Matt Reiffer & Joanne Elliot.

Optimist, Agassiz

Regular weekly game is now on Sunday at 7 P.M. Winners of the December Championship were Dick Cote & R. Skusan.

Community Bridge Club

Membership game: Monday 15th January at 10 A.M.  
Location: West Van Community Centre.

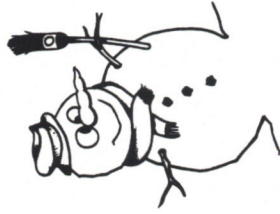
Vancouver Bridge Club

Membership game: Tuesday January 30th.  
One hundred and twelve bridge players appeared at the Christmas party on Boxing night. They split into 16 tables for the Open Pairs and 12 tables for the Ball and Chain. It is difficult to decide which group ate and rank the most of the plentiful food and drink supplied free of charge. We all thank the hosts and cooks most heartily.

Oliver & Faith Nelson from Squamish won the Ball and Chain section, although overall winners were Marquerite Hall and Alan Fawley.

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**TRY B.C. IN '73!**



# **VANCOUVER'S WINTER SECTIONAL**

**BLUE BOY HOTEL  
725 S.E. MARINE  
VANCOUVER**

**DIRECTOR: PHIL WOOD**

**FEES: \$2.50 PER SESSION**

**JANUARY**

**19**

**MENS, WOMENS PAIRS  
1:30 p.m. MIXED PAIRS 8-p.m.**

**20**

**MASTERS SWISS TEAMS  
NON MASTER TEAMS  
2 SESSIONS 1:30-8 p.m.**

**21**

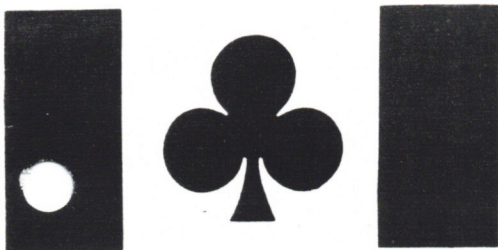
**OPEN PAIRS / 1:30 and  
CONSOLATION / 7:30 p.m.**

★ K.O. STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.  
SIDE GAMES — FRIDAY P.M. SAT., SUNDAY

**BEN LAPIDUS - K.O. MEMORIAL TROPHY**

**THIS IS OUR K.O. SECTIONAL. TOP 8 TEAMS IN MASTERS SWISS  
WILL BE INVITED TO GO INTO THE K.O. ON SUNDAY. STARTING  
TIME 10:00 A.M.**





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## FEBRUARY - MARCH 1973

### EDITORIAL

Following is a list of your unit board of directors and a record of attendance of the last few regularly scheduled meetings.

		NOV. 15	DEC. 13	JAN. 17	FEB 21
Henry Smilie		-----	-----	-----	-----
Don Fraser	RESIGNED	-----	Absent	Absent	Absent
Sandra Borg		-----	-----	Absent	Absent
Joan McDonald		-----	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jim Andrews		-----	-----	Absent	Absent
John Anthony		Absent	-----	Absent	Absent
Roy Pearman		Not yet app.	-----	-----	-----
Hy Waks		-----	-----	-----	Absent
Rosamund Brenan		Absent	-----	Part time	Absent
Paula Zalkowitz		-----	-----	Absent	-----
Jim Donaldson		Absent	-----	-----	Absent
Bob Brooks		-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Present		8	10	5½	4

We require at least seven members present to form a quorum for the transaction of business. We have been unable to meet this objective the last two regular meetings. Absenteeism does not necessarily mean lack of interest or effort. Sandra, for example, is probably the hardest working member and is very active on the Nationals Committee, whilst Don has been hospitalised for some time.

There can be many other reasons for lack of attendance. We do not expect anyone temporarily out of the province to return for a meeting but we do expect a board member to fulfill one of his duties by attending this meeting which is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The purpose of this editorial is not to fry anyone but to let everyone know that we cannot function unless something is done. I am presently suggesting a smaller executive, containing directors who will attend EVERY meeting.

We cannot formally act on this or any other suggestion without a quorum of directors. If we fail again we will have to submit a written questionnaire to every member.. I should point out that Henry Smilie, our President, is about to take positive action to remedy the situation.

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### CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

We recently contributed \$978.40 to the CBF as our 1973 Contribution.

Our shortage of funds caused us to eliminate the February Matchpointer. To help defray the costs of this worthy group we may have to reduce our annual output to 8 or 9 rather than 12 issues.

### PHIL WOOD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded annually to the player winning the most points at the four Vancouver Sectionals. Until now, nobody had won 100 master points. In 1972, a close race between Mike Strebinger and Al Graves was won by Mike for the second year in



succession. He earned 103.51, whilst Al won 101.77 master points.

Past winners are as follows:

1968 Jim Donaldson  
1969 Jim Donaldson  
1970 Paul Hagen  
1971 Mike Strebinger  
1972 Mike Strebinger

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## NEW LIFEMASTER

Gladys Sagen of Delta went over at Hawaii (or did she earn her last few fractionals in Vancouver?) Anyway, congratulations on joining the list of about 80 lifemasters in this unit. Photo on front page.

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**WELCOME** to Erika Leah, an 8lb. 3 oz. first born to Judy and Peter Nixon on February 11th.

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## CLUB CORNER

### Vancouver Bridge Club

Tuesday 6th March : Beat the Experts (Adrian & Joe) and win a free play. (First Tuesday of every month).

Sunday, March 25 at 7:30. Trophy Party. Open Pairs with a bar opening at 6:30. We are promised a nominal charge for drinks.

### White Rock Duplicate Club

(Location: Centennial Arena, North Bluff Road. Publicity: Mary Molloy)

Wednesday 14, March: Swiss Team quarterly tournament.

Wednesday 11, April: Olympiad Fund Game (\$1.50)

Regular games (\$1.00) every Wednesday.

### MALASPINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

(New location: Powell River Motor Inn, 7050 Alberni Street. Publicity: K. Joneson)

Regular games: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:45 P.M.

## FROM ROUND AND ABOUT

K. Joneson from Powell River sent the following information:

### 1973 EXECUTIVE FOR POWELL RIVER

President . . . . .	Marg Cairns	
1st Vice President . . . .	Rick Behan	
2nd Vice President . . . .	Dick Sangster	} Ethics & Grievance
Past President . . . . .	Jim McEvoy	
Recording Sec. . . . .	Jean Biach	
Corres. Sec. . . . .	George Joneson	
Treasurer . . . . .	Kay Snow	
Publicity . . . . .	K. Joneson	

Congratulations but players beware there could be a president sitting North, South, East and West.

WINNERS OF THE POWELL RIVER 1972 TROPHIES

- Mixed Pairs: Sharon Moore & Don Campbell
- Ladies Pairs: Isobell Ridgeway & Ruth Carmichael
- Mens Pairs: Frank Brach & Ben Rubboli
- Open Pairs (Two Session): Jack Crosfield & Frank Kilner
- Teams - tie: Jean Brach, Don Campbell, Marg Cairns, & Bill Hoehn.  
Jim Grant, Fred Lee, Dorothy Macarteney & Dick Davies
- Rookie (less than 4 MP): Frank Kilner

TURNING POINT – Peter Nixon  
(Conclusion)

After that hand, it might be unbelievable, but there were many fine plays made by all players. Here are a few that I can remember.  
First, one by the bad guys:

S – 10XXX  
4 – QJXX  
D – XX  
C – XXX

W

S – QX  
4 – XX  
D – AXX  
C – AKJXXX

N

S – KJX  
H – KX  
D – QJXXXX  
C – QX

S

S – AXXX  
H – AXXXX  
D – KX  
C – XX

E

bidding:

E	S	W	N
1H	2D	P	3C
P	3NT	P	P
P			

After winning the opening lead of the heart Q with his K, Ken Christiansen of Seattle disdained the diamond finesse and ran his clubs.  
There is no defense against the squeeze, but I did my best to fool declarer by sluffing a low diamond early. Ken, however, is not easily fooled, and played his ace, dropping my king.  
Vancouver players can play well too, as Mike Strebinger showed in this hand.

S – A10976  
4 – XXX  
D – QXX  
C – XX

W

S – J82  
H - AJ10X  
D – KJXX  
C – KJ

N

S – KQ543  
H – X  
D – AXX  
C – A10XX

S

S – -----  
4 – KQXXX  
D – 10XX  
C – Q9XXX

E



Playing in 4 spades, Mike gave an excellent demonstration in overcoming bad trump breaks.

The Play:

W	N	E	S
HX	H10	HQ	HX
CX	CJ	CX	CX
SA	S2	HX	SK
HX	HA	HX	DX
DX	DX	DX	DA
DX	DK	DX	DX
CX	CK	CX	CX
DQ	DX	DX	SX
S10	SJ	CX	CA
HX	HX	HX	SX
			C10

Making the eight of spades en passant. Imagine how West felt, taking only two spade tricks with A 10 9 7 6 !!!!!!!

Finally, a "bread and butter" hand. For those of you not familiar with the term, a "bread and butter" hand is one in which there are no squeezes, fancy end-plays etc. ----- the ordinary every day type of hand on which players often take the wrong line. I'll pose it as a single dummy problem so you can try your declarer play.

all vul  
IMP scoring

N

S - JXX  
H - KJXXX  
D - AXX  
C - XX

S

S - k10XXX  
H - AXX  
D - KQ  
C - KJX

Contract: 4S, no opposing bidding  
lead D2                      plan your play.

If you won with the DK, cashed the DQ and took the heart finesse, you misplayed the hand. Even if the heart finesse works, you still have the same problems you started with, i.e. club guess. So why take a 50% chance of losing a trick? The recommended line of play is to cash DK and DQ, go to the dummy with the HK, play DA sluffing a heart and lead a low club. If you guess correctly, you can sluff a club and give up two spades.

The missing hands were:

W	E
S - AQX	S - XX
H - XXX	H - QX
D - JXXX	D - XXX
C - XXX	C - AQXXXX

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## TOP MASTER POINT HOLDERS IN THIS UNIT (as of September 25, 1972)

1.	Otto Leesment	Victoria	2529.93
2.	Adrian Hicks	Vancouver	2107.72
3.	Buddy Crapko	Richmond	1912.00
4.	Allan Graves	Vancouver	1874.05
5.	Jim Donaldson	Vancouver	1797.23
6.	Ron Borg	Vancouver	1794.63
7.	E. Stark	Vancouver	1756.39
8.	Lilly Hills	West Vancouver	1667.55
9.	Mrs. S. Bonnell	Vancouver	1582.69
10.	Paul Hagen	Burnaby	1580.36
11.	Neil Chambers	Vancouver	1579.66
12.	J. Marsch	Vancouver	1493.22
13.	Mrs. L. Strebinger	Burnaby	1312.30
14.	L.F. Steil	Port Coquitlam	1213.74
15.	Mrs. S. Shapiro	Vancouver	1151.21
16.	N.M. Turnbull	Vancouver	1134.36
17.	Mrs. J.I. Turnbull	Vancouver	1134.10
18.	E.G. Adams	Vancouver	1104.15
19.	June Budd Hicks	Vancouver	1049.14
20.	Mike Strebinger	Burnaby	1019.27

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## B.C. BRIDGE

There are six units of the ACBL in B.C. Vancouver is the largest and the others are Victoria, Okanagan, Kootenay, Quesnel, & Parksville. Our unit has been assigned number 391.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### More Killing Defense — Kelsey

Kelsey has added another to his impressive array of books. His previous titles are:

Killing Defense  
Advanced Play at Bridge  
Match-Point Bridge  
and  
Improve Your Bridge

This latest book requires full concentration and is not for the beginner unless the beginner expects to improve and is willing to invest \$2.45 (for this is the cost of the well-bound 192 page paperback published by Hart Publishing Co.) for his future.

He covers subjects not previously covered in any great detail elsewhere. Six chapters are devoted to discarding and four to the control of options.

Who has not made the wrong discard under pseudo-squeeze conditions. Kelsey comments thusly:-

“Pseudo-squeezes are rather more common than genuine squeezes. Look up the records of European, American or World Championships for any year you care to name and you will find many instances of slams made on a pseudo-squeeze against imperfect defence”. He then goes on to give examples in the form of a quiz showing only your hand as defender and the dummy.

It is of interest to note that publication in North America in this case is either simultaneous or close to being so with publication in Britain also that paperback rather than hard back covers are chosen. The author must be anticipating a wide sale. In my opinion deservedly so. Within my limitations and on a cursory reading, the book contains only typographical errors which I can assure you are neither English nor Scottish spellings of North American words.



## "PLEASE WAIT" or "ALERT"

There has not been great uniformity in the instructions reaching members on the approved alert procedure following a bid by partner about which you have a special partnership agreement.

The following is a brief history of instructions received regarding the terminology to be used when alerting:

June 1970 "PLEASE WAIT" Source: A New approach to Conventions by Edgar Kaplan (ACBL Bulletin).

May 1971 "ALERT" Source: Club Corner by Alan Oaks (ACBL Bulletin).

August 1971 "PLEASE WAIT" Source: Ruling the Game by Bernard Spiegel (ACBL Bulletin).

November 1972 "ALERT" Source: Meeting of National Appeals and Protest Committee at 1972 Fall Nationals as reported by Peter Pender acting Vice Chairmen of the Appeal's Committee.

In January 1972, in response to my request, I received a categorical statement from Mr. Spiegel that "PLEASE WAIT" was the only acceptable phraseology.

I prefer the term "ALERT" but from all the information available believe that until the ACBL takes a firm and final stand we must use the term "PLEASE WAIT" when we are alerting our right hand opponent to partners conventional bid.

## JACOBY TWO CLUBS

Oswald and James Jacoby, who were captain and member, respectively of the North American Bridge Team which won the 1970 World Championship have introduced the following bid into Jacoby Modern.

An opening bid of Two clubs replaces the forcing-two bids in spades, hearts, and diamonds which are released for other purposes.

The two-club opening is a forcing bid. A response of two diamonds shows 0 - 3 high card points and the bidding must carry on to two no trump, three of a major or occasionally, four of a minor.

The two-club opening is made with balanced hands of 23 - 24 HCP or with 27 or more. In their system, with 25 - 26 HCP and a balanced hand they open 3NT. It is also made with any hand with which you would open a standard forcing-two bid.

With 16 - 22 HCP AND within one trick of game in your own hand, you have the playing strength for one of these forcing two-club openings.

The responses to this bid are simple and effective.

Two diamonds	0 - 3 HCP		
Two hearts	4 - 6 HCP	Two No-trump	10 - 12 HCP
Two spades	7 - 9 HCP	Three Clubs	More than 12 HCP

Any response other than two diamonds, is forcing to game. Opener makes a minimum no-trump rebid with a balanced 23 - 24 HCP and shows his suit with an unbalanced hand.

## HONEYMOON BRIDGE by Our Newly Weds

Honeymoons are a real fine institution but let's face it fellow bridge nuts — true addicts can't live on love alone. And so it was with the brand new husband and wife team, the Nagys, that having driven as far as San Diego, bridgeless, the time had come for us to impress our southern neighbours with our very own system. Armed with an ACBL club directory and a local area map we (eventually) arrived at the San Diego Bridge Club ready, willing, and (as it turned out) unable to "wrap it up"!!

Until now we had always thought that the only things relevant to a bridge club were cards, tables, good competition and good directors. So that it was something of an eye opener to see how the other half lives. The San Diego Bridge club is a joy, warm, friendly and well organized. One whole wall is completely covered with large, signed photographs of the local life masters. We enjoyed looking at them despite not knowing anyone, it just seemed to add to the "Hi, welcome" atmosphere about the place. The closest we've come to this atmosphere elsewhere was at the Portland Bridge Club.

It truly surprised us to realize what a difference pleasant surroundings can make, oh it won't improve your bidding or play, as we found out, but it will contribute to your enjoyment of the game. And if you, as we did, happen to play next in San Francisco at a club housed in a decrepit old building, paint peeling, decks marked, and no coffee, well perhaps the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence but one wonders if it need be, with a little time, energy and imagination, any greener at all.

Anne & Andy

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Since getting married two months ago, this pair won the February unit game and Beat the Experts. Who said husbands and wives should never play together.

Editor.

## BELLINGHAM SECTIONAL FEBRUARY 1973

Al Graves (Vancouver) won the Open Pairs with Joe Jabon.

## VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL JANUARY 19 - 21, 1973

Charles Jaskela won the Open Pairs AND the Mixed Pairs with different partners. The full list of winners is as follows:

### INVITATIONAL KNOCKOUT TEAM-OF-FOUR - 8 TEAMS

1. John Schermer, Seattle; Ken Gorfkle, Medina; Neil Chambers, Burnaby; Allan Graves, Vancouver.
2. Ron Borg, Jim Donaldson, Don Brander, Vancouver; Paul Hagen, Burnaby.

### MASTER'S SWISS TEAMS (+50 MP'S) - 44 TEAMS

1. Lyle Peake, Kemp Hiatt, Beryl Gorkin, Seattle; Darwin Afdahl, Oak Harbor
2. Doug Baldwin, New Westminster; Gary Harper, West Vancouver; Henry Lortz, Seattle; Ray Loftis, Bellevue

### OPEN PAIRS FINAL - 130 PAIRS

Charles Swanson, Vancouver & Chas Jaskela, Quesnel

### MIXED PAIRS - 108 PAIRS

Hazel Stowards & Charles Jaskela, Quesnel

### MEN'S PAIRS - 38 PAIRS

Mike Wilson & Peter Nixon, Vancouver

### WOMEN'S PAIRS - 68 PAIRS

Helen Mitchell, Delta & Mary Clarke, Vancouver

### 49'ER SWISS TEAMS (0 - 49.99 MP'S) - 16 TEAMS

Peter Marr, Burnaby; Jo Chapple, Edie de Jausserand, Coquitlam; T. Liem, New Westminster

### OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION - 96 PAIRS

George Bell, West Vancouver & R.R. Stephens, North Vancouver

### FRIDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT - 20 PAIRS

Jim Hibak, Sardis & Clarence Carroll, Chilliwack

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE EVENT - 12 PAIRS

W.R. Creech & George Bennett, Seattle

### SATURDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT - 14 PAIRS

Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam & Chester Michno, Vancouver

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE EVENT - 18 PAIRS



The Vancouver Unit  
invites you to attend

## The SPRING SECTIONAL

April 6 7 8

### FRIDAY

1:30 MEN'S PAIRS  
LADIES PAIRS  
8:00 MIXED PAIRS

### SATURDAY

1:30 OPEN PAIRS  
(Qualifying)  
8:00 OPEN FINAL  
and  
CONSOLATION

### SUNDAY

12:00 and 6:00  
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### SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS

March 4 (7:30 P.M.)	Unit Game	B.C.I.T.
March 16, 18	Tacoma Sectional	
March 24, 25	Grand National Teams	Bellingham
March 30, April 1	Kamloops Sectional	
April 1 (7:30 P.M.)	Unit Game	B.C.I.T.
April 6 - 8	Vancouver Sectional	Blue Boy
April 17 - 23	Victoria Regional	
April 20, 22	Easter	
May 4, 6	Lakewood Sectional	Tacoma
May 6 (7:30 P.M.)	Unit Game	B.C.I.T.
May 13	B.C.I.T. Masters Pairs	
May 25, 28	Seattle Sectional	
June 3	Unit Game	
June 22 - 24	Prince George Sectional	
June 12 - 17	Seattle Regional	
July 1	Unit Game	
August 3, 5	Vancouver Island Sectional	
August 5	Unit Game	
September 2	Unit Game	
October 7	Unit Game	





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APRIL / MAY

# THE MATCHPOINTER

1973



Mr. G. Harper  
563 Eastcot Rd.  
West Vancouver, B.C.

RETURN REQUESTED THE EDITOR 736 HEATHER ST., RICHMOND, B.C.

BRIDGE NEWSLETTER OF THE VANCOUVER, B.C. UNIT



## EDITORIAL

This is rapidly becoming a bi-monthly publication. Finances are the major culprit although this month has been rather hectic. At last we're seeing regular weekly Swiss Teams at the Vancouver Bridge Club on Fridays and the Northside Bridge Club on Saturdays. These events would improve Vancouver's performance in upcoming Team trials.

Our unit number is 430 and not 391 as reported last month. Number 391 belongs to the Northern Alberta unit from whence I came. The eagle eyes of Mac Dean Smith, secretary of the ACBL Bulletin and Henry Smilie our unit president spotted the error faster than your worst enemy can say "Down One". Henry informed my old unit via the following gem:

"In a daring raid into territory of neighbouring tribes, our Matchpointer editor stole Unit number 391. His instructions include stealing news items but the particular theft in question had not been authorized. Summary Western justice will be meted out."

Trust a lawyer. I should try suing for intimidation since I am unsure of what form "Western Justice" can take. I wonder if it is connected with our sudden lack of mobility. Anyway as past editor of the "Northern Light", Edmonton is well aware of my tendency to err.

It will soon be election time. Eight vacancies will be filled on the board. Roy Pearman, Marg Gauer and I were appointed by the board to fill vacancies during the year and our term is up in June although we are standing for election. I wish to put on record that Roy has been a diligent treasurer and presents his monthly report with great clarity. Marg, who is first to admit her shorthand is a little rusty, (I spied her taking notes in English at the last meeting) nevertheless manages to produce minutes promptly and adds a welcome air of efficiency to the board.

I urge prospective candidates not to run for any prestige they feel the post may have to offer but for the hard work they are prepared to take on in ADDITION to attending a monthly board meeting. The present executive members who leave the board in July deserve hearty thanks from the entire membership for their efforts during the term they held office.

## NEW LIFEMASTERS

Congratulations to Leslie Gold, Joel Martineau, Pearl Forsyth, John Anthony, Jim Andrews, Stella Alliston, and Gladys Swanson.

## BIRTHS

Amberly Anne Brooks, a second daughter to Lynne and I. Our bridge activities have been curtailed for a while.  
Anna Jean to Wendy and Dick Billingsley.

## DEATHS

Dr. Saul Bonnell (aged 101) and Murial Annable will be sadly missed.

## NEWCOMERS

More than 60 players joined our unit in March. Welcome to you all.

## TRANSFERS

Farewell and good luck to Phil and Dorothy Beazley who have moved to Kamloops.

## SPRING NATIONALS 1974

At least Seven thousand TABLES are expected for this event to be held in Vancouver next spring. Norm Chapple, chairman of the Spring Nationals Committee, took time out to discuss this ten day event with board members at our last executive meeting.

The tournament will be held at the Vancouver Inn and the new Hyatt House both situated on Georgia Street. Some 4000 players are expected to attend between March 22nd and 31st next year.

Coffee has been set at 25 cents per cup and parking will be \$1.75 per day with in and out privileges. More details will be released in the future. The committee is a very impressive one:

Tournament Chairman	Norm Chapple
Assistant Chairman	Sandra Borg
Secretary	Sheila Dickie
Finance	Eve Hoare
Hospitality	Doris Tynan
Partnership	Joan McDonald
Publicity	Jim Dickie
Program	Hy Waks
Accommodation	Pete Nixon
Entertainment	Mary Adams



Be prepared to assist these people in their difficult task.

## HALIFAX REGIONAL JUNE 28 – JULY 2

If 15 players from Vancouver are interested, group fares can be obtained. Enrol immediately with Henry Smilie 325-9444 or 278-1511.

## BRIDGE STUDENTS

Jean and Norm Turnbull run an annual duplicate game for the students taking bridge at night school. There was a fine turnout at this year's tournament held at Churchill School. The bridge teachers of this unit are certainly valuable in helping to increase the size of the bridge playing public.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our present board consists of 12 members. Of these, the term of office for 5 of the members expires in 1974 and the remaining 7 have their term of office expiring this June. The present members, their position and term of office is as follows:

### Group 1 - Term expires June 1974 (elected 1972)

Henry Smilie	President
Jim Andrews	Publicity
Rosamund Brenan	Member at large
Paula Zalkowitz	Member at large
Jim Donaldson	Member at large

### Group 2 - Term expires June 1973 (elected 1971)

Sandra Borg	Tournament chairman
Joan McDonald	Partnership, hospitality & supplies
John Anthony	Membership
Hy Waks	Prizes

### Group 3 - Term expires June 1973 (appointed by board)

Roy Pearman	Treasurer
Marg Gauer	Secretary
Bob Brooks	Editor

Eight positions need to be filled since Henry assumes the position of past president. The nominating committee consists of Jim Andrews, Alina Pearman, and Mike Wilson. They will be preparing a slate of nominees to be mailed to the members at least 21 days before the annual meeting (which is Sunday, July 1st). Voting shall be by mail. Any member other than the nominating committee may send the name of a person or persons with written consent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by June 1st. Club owners and unit employees are ineligible for nomination to the board. All new members joining the Vancouver unit must hold a membership for two months before being eligible to vote at an annual election. The returning officer will be Jean Turnbull.

## CONVENTIONS

### "Becker"

Several years ago, a Mrs. Jones from Calgary wrote Thomas M. Smith then business manager for the ACBL Bulletin asking if Becker was allowed. This was the explanation she received: "In essence, the convention where a 2C overcall of an opponent's 1NT opening is a take-out for the minors and 2D is a take-out for the majors is a modification of Landy. If you should decide to use this convention, however, jot down on your card "2C take-out for the minors, 2D take-out for the majors" rather than modified Landy which does not adequately explain your defensive methods.

To the best of my knowledge this convention has never been described in bridge literature probably because it is self-explanatory. When you overcall with 2 clubs, you have at least nine cards in the minor suits (preferably 5 - 5 or better) and when you overcall 2 diamonds you show a minimum of nine cards in the major suits, which is slightly superior to straight Landy where the overcaller might have only four cards in each major suit. Responses to the overcall are not clearly defined and it would be up to individual partnerships to assign meanings to the various possible bids. I would suggest though, that over 2C, 2NT by the overcaller's partner should be invitational to 3NT, but over 2D it should request that the overcaller bid his longer major, at the game level if he has extra values. All suit bids at the two level over either overcall should be sign-offs, and at the three level, they should be invitational to game.

I have no idea who invented this device, but it certainly wasn't B. Jay Becker who is an apostle of natural bidding and is absolutely astonished at being given credit for this convention. This convention may be used in any class game where Landy is permitted."

## RECENT WINNERS

### Victoria Regional

John Anthony and Jim Andrews won the open pairs tied with a Seattle team in the Swiss Teams and tied 5th thru 8th in the KO Teams. They both earned their lifemaster status. No wonder with that performance. Their partners in the Swiss were Harold McCallister, Ron Ohmart, and Steve Metzger.

Betty Michno and Bruce Ferguson placed 3rd in the open pairs.

### District 19 Grand National Teams

The winning team from Seattle were: Bert Naness, Andy Wright, Ken Christiansen, Jim Costello, Steve Sidell and Henry Lortz. The runners up were Harvey Richer, Doug Oram, Hy Waks, and Jim Andrews from Vancouver.

The zonal trials involving districts 18, 19, and 20 will be held on June 8 in Seattle. We wish our district the best of luck.

### April Unit Game

- 1) Roy Pearman & Karl Van Renesse
- 2) Hy Waks & Willy Weinstein
- 3) Anne and Andy Nagy

## VANCOUVER SPRING SECTIONAL

### Women's Pairs

- 1) Mrs. W.M. Keenlyside, B.A. Hignell
- 2) Ivey Perodie, Aline MacDonald
- 3) Jean Groome, Helen Mitchell

### Men's Pairs

- 1) M. Jacob, Joe Jacob
- 2) Dennis Matsalla, Cliff Gibbons
- 3) Tom Prediger, Phil Ward

### Mixed Pairs

- 1) R.C. MacDuff, D.L. MacDuff
- 2) Sandra Borg, Ron Borg
- 3) Ken Sorensen, Anne Anderson

### Friday Side Game

- 1) E. Christopherson, John Padget

### Open Pairs Final

- 1) Jack Marsch, Don Brander
- 2) Ron Fox, Jim Dickie
- 3) Darwin Afdahl, Kay Afdahl

### Open Pairs Consolation

- 1) Anne Nagy, Andy Nagy
- 2) Betty Michno, Bruce Ferguson
- 3) Bob MacDuffy, Dean Ellis

### Sunday Afternoon Side Game

- 1) J. Ewert, Ernie Gardner

### Team Game

Dave Gold, Leslie Gold, Ken Garfkle  
John Padget & E. Christopherson

### Sunday Night Side Game

Jeff Yankowitz & Joyce Ulmer

## 1972 Trophy Winners - Vancouver Bridge Club

### 1) Goren Shield - Swiss Teams

Betty Michno  
Steve Metzger  
Ron Ohmart  
Larry Betts

Hal Rodd  
Lisa Strebinger  
Frances Waters  
Elia Moyer  
Ken Sorenson

Murdoch Smith  
Rosamunde Brenan  
Bruce Ferguson  
Jim Paskaruk



- 2) Tuesday Open Pairs - Mike Wilson & Pete Nixon
- 3) Mixed Pairs (Karpin Trophy) - Bob Connop & Margaret Stafford
- 4) Wednesday Open Pairs - Jim Andrews & Jim Donaldson
- 5) Marco Polo Pairs (200 club) - Delphine Tablotney & Joyce Baker
- 6) Swiss Teams 200 club (Furs by Jacques Trophy) - Al Jackson, Dave Rintoul, Mildren Wohlleben & Sam Lucow
- 7) Most Improved Players for 1972 - Anne & Andy Nagy
- 8) Lillian Hyams Memorial Trophy (Swiss Teams) - Edie Bonnell, Gertrude Stanford, Tanya Hornstein, Koos Van Lieshout
- 9) Jacobson Trophy (Open Pairs) - Ron Ohmart & Steve Metzger
- 10) Ball and Chain - Faith & Oliver Nelson
- 11) Jacob Trophy (Open Pairs) - Larry Betts & Tom Prediger

## COMING EVENTS

### Unit Events

The monthly game is always at 7:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month at B.C.I.T. despite contrary announcements in the Contract Bridge Forum. The coming unit games are May 6, and June 3rd. On July 1st we hold our July unit game and the annual meeting.

### NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB (987-3733)

On April 30th, the club moved to a brand new building called The Plaza at 145 W. 15th, North Vancouver. The new location is air conditioned, has adequate parking and more playing space. Card fees \$1.50

Mon.	7:45 p.m.	Free play to overall winners to use any Mon. or Wed.
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	
Tues.	7:45 p.m.	
Wed.	7:45 p.m.	Free play to overall winners to use any Mon. or Wed.
Thurs.	8:00 p.m.	Under 50 MPS
Fri.	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Swiss Teams every week starting May 12

### VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB (684-4913)

Starting May 4th, the Friday night game will be SWISS TEAMS.

The following Two-Session Championship events are coming up.

Thurs., May 3 & 10th (8:00 p.m.)	Marco Polo - Open Pairs
Tues. May 8 & 15th (8:00 p.m.)	Jacobson Trophy - Open Pairs
Wed. May 23 & 30th (12:00 noon)	Wednesday Open Pairs
Fri. June 1 & 8th (8:00 p.m.)	Adrian Hicks trophy - Swiss Teams
Sat. June 23 & 30 (8:00 p.m.)	Jacob Trophy - Open Pairs.

### WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

May 9 at 7:30 P.M. Anniversary Party. \$1.50 includes refreshments. June 13th 7:30 p.m. Open Pairs Quarterly Tournament. \$1.25

### COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB ( 2158 Fulton Ave., West Vancouver)

Two session open pairs. Mon June 4 & 11th at 10 a.m.

# 1 PLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS - Vancouver Unit 430 - American Contract Bridge League.

ABBOTSFORD  
 ABBOTSFORD BC  
 FRASER VALLEY INN  
 RC OLSON  
 604 - 859 - 9591  
 N WED 7.30 p.m.  
 O WED 7.30 p.m.

MATSQUI BC  
 MATSQUI INSTITUTION  
 MRS M MADELEY  
 112 - 853 - 3442  
 I TUE 7.00 p.m.  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG  
 SEP

AGASSIZ  
 AGASSIZ OPTIMIST CLUB  
 BOX 1200  
 MR D BURNETT  
 604-792-6856  
 I SAT 7.30 p.m.

BURNABY  
 SIMON FRASER UNIV DBC  
 SIMON FRASER UNIV  
 ELIZABETH MICHNO  
 604-255-1955  
 I TUE 7.30 p.m.

VANCOUVER UNIT 430  
 BC INSTITUTE OF TECH  
 CAMERON CAMERON  
 604-988-0726  
 O SUN 7.30 P.M., MO

CHILLIWACK  
 CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB  
 SENIOR RECREATION CEN  
 M GUMPRICH  
 792-4536  
 O MON 7.30 p.m.

DELTA  
 DELTANA BC  
 IO OF CENT HALL  
 FINN SCHULTZ  
 604-688-1886  
 O MON 8.00 p.m.

HAGENSBORG  
 BELLA COOLA BC  
 SIR ALEXANDER MCKENZIE  
 MRS E' NASH  
 O SAT 8.00 p.m. BI-WKLY

MISSION CITY  
 MISSION D B C  
 RECREATIONAL CTR  
 W C ENGLAND  
 826-2904  
 O THU 8.00 p.m.  
 EXC JUL, AUG

NEW WESTMINSTER  
 FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE  
 ARTS AND CRAFT CTR  
 E T HICKS  
 604-526-0080  
 O THU 8.00 p.m.  
 EXC JULY, AUG

VANCOUVER GOLF CBC  
 771 AUSTIN AVE  
 MRS D E BIGGS  
 521-4701  
 I WED 7.30 p.m.

PORT COQUITLAM  
 PORT COQUITLAM BC  
 2251 PITT RIVER ROAD  
 R W JACKSON  
 942-8031  
 O MON 7.30 p.m.  
 EXC JUL, AUG

POWELL RIVER  
 MALASPINA B C  
 7050 ALBERNI  
 G E JONESON  
 604-485-4546  
 OTUE 7.45 p.m.  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG  
 SEP

RICHMOND  
 EAST RICHMOND COMM CTR  
 1237 CAMBIE  
 MR WM C LEWIS  
 604-277-8103  
 O SUN 1.00 p.m.  
 EXC JUL, AUG

SQUAMISH  
 SQUAMISH D B C  
 OLIVER NELSON  
 898-3670  
 O MON 7.30 p.m.

VANCOUVER  
 ARBUTUS CLUB  
 4226 ARBUTUS ST  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I MON 9.30 a.m.  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG  
 I THU 8.00 p.m. BI-WEEKLY Y  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG

ARBUTUS GARDENS B C  
 4700 ARBUTUS STREET  
 MRS LILLIAN B KRUSE  
 604-266-5075  
 O TUE 8.00 p.m.

HAIDA BC  
 2182 WEST 12TH AVE  
 MRS JEAN TURNBULL  
 604-731-2982  
 O MON 10.00 a.m.  
 N TUE 1.00 p.m.  
 EXC JAN, FEB, MAR  
 O TUE 8.00 p.m.  
 O THU 10.00 a.m.  
 EXC. JAN, FEB, MAR  
 O THU 8.00P.M.  
 EXC JAN, FEB, MAR  
 I FRI 8.00 p.m.

KILLARNEY COMM CTR BC  
 6260 KILLARNEY ST  
 CLIFF H LEIGHS  
 298-8497  
 O WED 7.15 p.m.  
 O FRI 7.15 p.m.  
 EXC JUL, AUG

MARINE DRIVE GOLF CLUB  
 W 57th & SW MARINE DRIVE  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I THU 1.00 p.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC

POINT GREY GOLF CL  
 3350 S W MARINE DR  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I WED 12.30 p.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC

SHAUGHNESSY GOLF G C  
 4300 SW MARINE DRIVE  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I MON 8.00 p.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC  
 I THU 9.30 a.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC

SUNSET MEMORIAL CC BC  
 404 E 51st AVE  
 H C SEXTON  
 433-5118  
 I MON 7.30 p.m.

VANCOUVER BC  
 ADRIAN HICKS  
 604-684-4913  
 O SUN 7.30 p.m.  
 N MON 8.00 p.m.  
 O TUES 8.00 p.m.  
 O WED 12.00 a.m.  
 O THUR 8.00 p.m.  
 O FRI 8.00 p.m.  
 O SAT 8.00 p.m.

VANCOUVER LAWN TEN CL  
 1630 W 15th AVE  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I MON 1.30 p.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC

N VANCOUVER  
 CAPILANO WINTER B C  
 2034 CARLING RD  
 N B MCCONNELL  
 988-4211  
 N MON 7.30 p.m.  
 EXC AUG  
 O MON 7.30 p.m.  
 EXC AUG  
 N WED 7.30 p.m. MO  
 EXC AUG

N SHORE WINTER CL B C  
 1325 E KEITH RD  
 SYLVIA SPRINGER  
 604-985-1995  
 N TUE NOON MO  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG  
 SEP  
 I TUE 8.00 p.m.  
 I THU 8.00 p.m.  
 EXC JUL, AUG, SEP

NORTHSIDE BC  
 THE PLAZA,  
 145 W. 15th  
 LILY HILLS  
 987-3733  
 O MON 7.45 p.m.  
 O TUE 10.00 a.m.  
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 O FRI 8.00 p.m.  
 O SAT 8.00 p.m.

WEST VANCOUVER  
 CAPILANO GOLF C C  
 420 SOUTH BOROUGH  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I TUE 9.45 a.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC  
 I WED 8.00 p.m.  
 JAN, FEB, MAR, OCT,  
 NOV, DEC

COMMUNITY BC  
 2158 FULTON AVE  
 MARGARET W CLUCAS  
 604-926-3266  
 O MON 10.00 a.m.

HOLLYBURN C C  
 950 CROSSCREEK R C  
 PHIL WOOD  
 604-263-7881  
 I MON 8.00 p.m. BI-WEEKLY  
 EXC MAY, JUN, JUL  
 AUG  
 I THU 9.30 a.m.  
 EXC JUN, JUL, AUG

WHITE ROCK  
 WHITE ROCK D B C  
 CENTENNIAL ARENA  
 J CESSFORD  
 O WED 7.45 p.m.

MONTHLY UNIT GAME IS HELD AT BC INST. OF TECH. AT 7:30 P.M. FIRST SUNDAY.

N This directory is constantly being revised, so please call club director before attending.





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EDITED BY BOB BROOKS

JUNE/JULY

## THE MATCHPOINTER

1973

SUNDAY, JULY 1st at 7:00 P.M.

B.C.I.T.

Election Party

Annual meeting,

& unit game

Refreshments available

FRIDAY, JULY 27th at 8:00 P.M.

Olympiad Fund Game

NEW LOCATION: 780 SW Marine Drive

Enter at rear

Located in basement

SUNDAY, JULY 29th

Two sessions 11: A.M. & 6 P.M.

Under 200 Inter-City Trials

LOCATION: Langara Gardens Social Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th

7:30 P.M.

Monthly unit game

at B.C.I.T.

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## 1973 EXECUTIVE

By the time nominations ceased there were only seven nominees to fill seven vacancies. To avoid the expense of conducting a written ballot with no choice available, the entire slate was submitted to the returning officer with the recommendation that the list be ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting on July 1st.

The list was as follows:

Marjorie Gauer  
Margaret Lower  
Anne Nagy  
Andy Nagy  
Clarence Carol  
Chuck Campbell  
Bob Brooks

Chuck Campbell has agreed to serve a one year term, the rest for two years.

Many thanks are due to Sandra Borg, Joan McDonald, John Anthony, and Hy Waks who completed a two year term and to Roy Pearman who served for six months at the board's request.

The Board of Directors for 1973 subject to approval by the membership will consist of:

Henry Smilie  
Paula Zalkowitz  
Jim Andrews  
Jim Donaldson  
Rosamund Brenan  
Marjorie Gauer

Bob Brooks  
Anne Nagy  
Andy Nagy  
Margaret Lower  
Clarence Carol  
Chuck Campbell

## BIRTHS

February 21st      James Ronald joins two older sisters. Parents Jean and Ron Groome picked up their first gold points soon after.

April 14th      David Robert weighing 8 lb. 14 oz. (that's 4.025 kilograms according to my calculations) to Judy and Mike Strebinger.

## FORTHCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

Note August unit game has been postponed to the 19th.

\*      SUNDAY, JULY 1st at 7:00 P.M. B.C.I.T.

Election Party, Annual Meeting, and unit game. Refreshments will be available.

\*\*      FRIDAY, JULY 27th at 8:00 P.M.

Olympiad Fund Game.

NEW LOCATION: 780 SW Marine Drive. Enter at rear. Located in the basement.

\*\*\*      SUNDAY, JULY 29th. Two sessions 11 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Under 200 Inter-City Trials.

LOCATION: Langara Gardens Social Lounge (57th & Cambie).

PRE-REGISTRATION MANDATORY \$4.00/ Player.

This is a pairs event with I.M.P. scoring over approximately 80 boards.

Pre-register with Paula Zalkowitz (telephone 327-0161) or Anne Nagy (telephone 732-8302).



\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th at 7:30 P.M.

Monthly unit game at B.C.I.T. The date has been changed to avoid clash with Nanaimo and Seattle Sectionals.

\*\*\*\*\* SEPTEMBER 14, 15, & 16.

Round up sectional at Richmond Hyatt House.

\*\*\*\*\* NOVEMBER 10 & 11th (To be confirmed)

\* Olympiad Pairs Trials. Vancouver pairs to be selected to play in the Zone VI trials. I.M.P. scoring \$3.50/session.

\*\*\*\*\* NOVEMBER 17 & 18th (To be confirmed)

\*\* Zone VI (B.C.) Olympiad Trials. Local players are requested to contact Joan McDonald (Telephone 922-4442). if they will provide accommodation for out of town players for this event.

\*\*\*\*\* NOVEMBER 23, 24, & 25th.

\*\*\* Fall Sectional at Richmond Hyatt House.

CLUB NEWS

The only club news received was from Ted & Liz Hicks.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Regular open game every Thursday, 8 P.M., at the Moody Park Rec Centre (Century House) on 8th Street in New Westminster. All are welcome. Complimentary refreshments. For further information phone 937-0843 evenings and weekends.

SPOT CARDS

\* Lily Hills must be up in them there mountains.

A local player said to her out-of-town friend "Let's go up to Lily Hills". It was midway through the session that the visitor, playing at the Northside Bridge Club, discovered that Lily Hills was a person and not a place. (Cam Cameron was the fortunate eavesdropper that passed on this story).

\*\* A local team (not sponsored by the ACBL I might add) trounced an Edmonton team and soon won the \$1000.00 bet plus their air fare back to Vancouver some months ago. Local laws prevent me from naming the teams.

\*\*\* There could be up to 425 tables (30 sections) playing in a single event at the Spring Nationals. This tournament will be held at the Vancouver Hotel and the Hyatt House on Georgia Street next March.

NEW MEMBERS

\*\*\*\* Mrs. Dean Weisbach of the ACBL informs us that some new members who joined last November only recently received their players numbers. Those new members who had to wait so long because of a local problem are invited to write to her requesting back issues of the Bulletin if they want them. The address to write is:

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A.C.B.L.  
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## MATCHPOINTING

First look at the EW final score column to determine the highest E-W score. If there is no tie, award zero matchpoints to the N-S pair. For each successively LOWER E-W final score award one additional matchpoint to the corresponding N-S pair until there are no more entries in the E-W final score column. Next look for the lowest N-S score (providing it is not zero for a passed out board for you will have already scored that pair) and award this pair an additional point. Now keep awarding one additional point to each N-S pair corresponding to successfully HIGHER scores in the N-S final scores column.

If there are any tied scores then share equally the scores which would have been awarded. For example if the next score you award would be 4 matchpoints and you find two scores are equal then split 4 and the next award which would be 5 and give them  $4\frac{1}{2}$  each. If there were 3 ties then split 4 plus 5 plus 6 matchpoints which would give them 5 each but don't forget that the next award you give will be 7 and not 6.

After matchpointing all the N-S pairs then add all the matchpoint awards to see if they match the check total which is obtained as follows:

Check total = number of tables that played the board multiplied by the next lower number divided by two.

Incidentally, Average score = check total x boards played/round.

To determine the matchpoints, for the E-W pairs, subtract the number of matchpoints awarded to the N-S opponents from the top score which would have been possible on the board if there were no ties.



# OFFICIAL (Mitchell or Howell) TRAVELING SCORE

Bid, Play & Score this board without comment and Proceed immediately to the next.

NORTH PLAYER only keeps score

ENTER PAIR NO. OF E-W PAIR

Board No.

28

N-S Pair	E-W Pair	CON- TRACT	By	E MADE	N DOWN	FINAL SCORE		E-W Match Points	N-S Match Points
						North	South		
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2	4	3D	E		1	100			
3	6	4S	N	4		420			
4	1	3NT	S		1		50		
5	3	3NT	S	4	2	430			
6	5	2H	W		2	200			
7	7	3D	E	4			130		
8								1	
9								2	
10								3	
11								4	
12								5	
13								6	
14								7	

Indulge in post-mortems, if you must, only at end of round. Play congenially. Announce or Display private conventions. Refrain from giving lessons, especially to opponents. Do not make your own rulings. Call your game director, that's his job. Count your cards before and after.

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Form 504

## 2) ANSWER

If you had any difficulty

ask a director to explain the

procedure or reread the notes.

## 1) TEST YOURSELF

Before looking at the answer below, try and

matchpoint this yourself, then determine the

check score and average score assuming that

4 boards were played each round.

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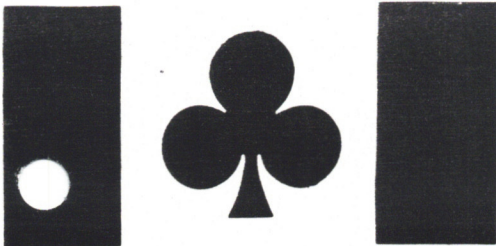
There are about 18,500 life masters in the ACBL at the present time and we have approximately 100. Following is a list of known life masters in this unit and I will be grateful if anyone can inform me of names that have been omitted. Congratulations to Anne Anderson and Bob Conrop our most recent additions.

Earle Adams  
Mary Adams  
Della Allen  
Stella Alliston  
Anne Anderson  
Jim Andrews  
John Anthony  
Barry Barrington  
Phyllis Barrington  
Phil Beazley  
Dorothy Beazley  
Ede Bonnell  
Ron Borg  
Sandra Borg  
Don Brander  
Rosamunde Brenan  
Mac Campbell  
Neil Chambers  
Dr. Christopherson  
Joe Cheng  
Bob Connop  
Buddy Crapko  
Jim Dickie  
Sheila Dickie  
Dr. Divinsky  
Jim Donaldson  
Pearl Forsyth  
Ron Fox  
Don Fraser  
David Gold  
Leslie Gold (1973)

Eleanor Gordon  
Allan Graves  
Paul Hagen  
Marguerite Hall  
Ruby Harris  
Frank Henderson  
Lillian Henderson  
Martin Henniger  
Adrian Hicks  
June B. Hicks  
Ted Hicks  
Lillie Hills  
Gordon Hoare  
Stan Holding  
Gordon Horne  
Joe Jacob  
Dale Jensen  
Brian Johnston  
Joni Johnson  
George Joneson  
Otto Leesment  
Seton Levine  
Minna Loomer  
Bob MacDuff  
Colin McMillan  
Val McMillan  
Jack Marsch  
Joel Martineau  
Brian May  
Alex McBeth  
Virginia McGonigal

Mrs. N. Moore  
Dave Muir  
Pete Nixon  
Harry Oldaker  
Doug Oram  
Jennifer Paynter  
Gladys Sagen  
Marie Scott  
Dolly Shapiro  
Odd Skonnard  
Henry Smilie  
Murdock Smith  
Eric Stark  
Margaret STark  
Leo Steil  
Lisa Strebinger  
Michael Strebinger  
Jean Turnbull  
Norm Turnbull  
Koos Van Lieshout  
Karel Van Renesse  
Gladys Swanson  
Hi Waks  
Hugh Walter  
W.G. Way  
Willie Weinstein  
Jean White  
Mike Wilson  
Anita Wood  
Phil Wood  
Corren Woolsey





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THE UNIT GAME

7:30 P.M.

AUGUST 19th

AT

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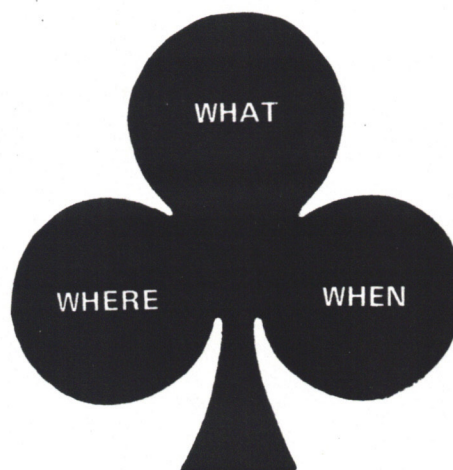
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OVER 200 INTER-CITY TRIALS

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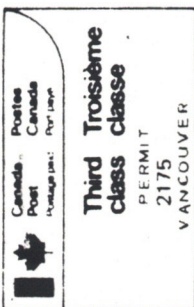
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The above mentioned are your newly appointed unit board. We aim to keep the lines of communication open between the membership and the board. You can help tremendously by expressing your ideas, criticism, comments etc., by using the suggestion box available at all unit games, or contacting any of us personally. Stay anonymous if you like, but please, let us know what you'd like to see improved, changed, incorporated, thrown out.

As your new editor I am fully aware of the size shoes I am attempting to fill! I am sure it is the unanimous opinion of all members that Bob Brooks has done an outstanding job as editor, that the Matchpointer must now rank among the top unit publications and that we all owe him a truly warm vote of thanks. As our new president, he has agreed to submit a regular article to be called "Bob's Bits", I should also, like to encourage contributions from any of you who'd care to submit, on any topic of general interest to our readers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th 7:30 P.M.  
Monthly Unit Game at B.C.I.T.  
(Don't forget the suggestion Box!)

SEPTEMBER 8, 9th  
Over 200 Inter-City TRials. \$4.00/Player.  
Imp. Scoring, pairs event (finals December 1st weekend). Pre-registration mandatory, please call Jim Donaldson 874-7619.

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16th  
Evergreen Sectional. (see flyer on back cover).

NOVEMBER 10, 11th (to be confirmed)  
Olympiad Pairs Trials. Pairs to be selected for the zone VI (B.C') trials.

NOVEMBER 17, 18  
Olympiad Trials. ZONE VI (B.C.) Local players willing to provide accommodation for out of town players for this event please call Joan McDonald 922-4442

NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25th  
Fall Sectional at Richmond Hyatt House.

OMMISSIONS, CORRECTIONS — The September sectional is The Evergreen, not The Roundup. We are still working on the list of life masters in our area; will try to include it in the next issue.

CAMERA BUGS AHOY — Anyone out there interested in being our unit photographer? We need someone who regularly goes to local sectionals, club tournaments etc. All costs (bar camera) to be supplied by the unit, would really be glad of any offers.





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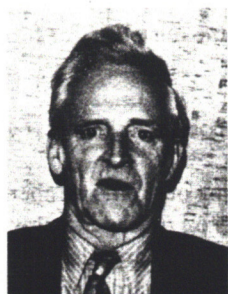
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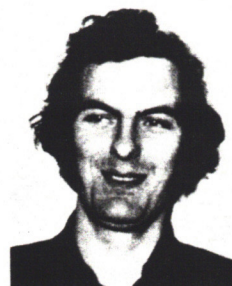
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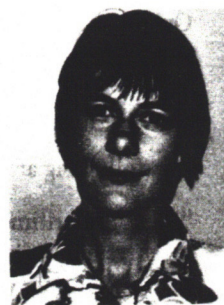
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## RESULTS FROM CALGARY REGIONAL

This really popular event achieved a new high of over 2400 tables with local players doing a fine job of representing our area. In some cases the daily bulletin only listed the top four overall winners, so we may have missed someone, in which case please let us know. Here is the list of events, and local winners with overall standings:

Charity Game, 123 tables	Marg Hall, Helen Montgomery 1st Buddy Crapko, Pat Stevens 3rd	Ladies Pairs, 89 tables	Koos Van Lieshout Doris Tynam 2nd
Men's Pairs, 51 tables,	Jack Marsh 1st Charles Swanson 2nd	Master's Pairs 152 tables	Anne & Andy Nagy 9th
Open Pairs, 172 tables	Don Brazeau, John Hurdle 2nd Mike Wilson, Larry Betts 10th	Knockout teams, 98	Alan Graves, Jack Marsh 1st
		Knockout Consolation	H. Hoare, Pat Stevens E. Hoare 1st Buddy Crapko 5th

Honourable mention must surely be given here to the following players who we noticed consistently placed in their sections: Ed and Mary Fines, Marian Adams, Alina Pearman, Anne Anderson, Elizabeth Lee, Doc Christopherson, Jane Green, Helen Mitchell and Henry Smilie. Congratulations to all.

Sorry not to have the results of the Swiss teams on Sunday but we had to rush to the airport to catch our three hour delay! Due to a lack of cards available (incredible!) the Calgary Airport Bridge Club drew a total of only 3 tables.

### BOB'S BITS

- \* This is to become a regular feature on board dealings. I plan to outline our plans for future action, report on success, and hide our failures (for a little while at least).  
So far we have:

- 1) Written to the ACBL with a proposal for computer scoring at the Spring Nationals in Vancouver in 1974
- 2) Made early preparation for putting our unit members on a computer addressing system. This should eliminate complaints on missed Matchpointers.
- 3) Started investigating the gift certificate awards.
- 4) Decided to list the duties for various board members to cover gaps and avoid unnecessary duplication.
- 5) Started to get our feet wet.

I wish to inform all readers that I can guarantee that the board is prepared to put a great deal of effort into managing the affairs of this unit. Any lack of experience will be adequately compensated in the energy expended.

Our outgoing president, Henry Smilie, is still very busy with his duties as Vice-President of the Canadian Bridge Federation, as a unit representative for the District Nineteen Organization and as Vice-President of this board. Our by-laws wouldn't let him serve as president for 3 years in succession. His experience with bridge politics at high levels remains a great asset to the board.

The following article appeared in Bulletin 4 at the CAN-AT Regional in July:

"What is Maritime Hospitality? That's when a young Maritime couple happen across a starving visitor who has found that local restaurant hours do not happen to coincide with his stomach. Don and Pat Pearson took the hapless gentleman to their own home, fed him, and sheltered him for the night, then returned him the next day to his room at the hotel".

The next Bulletin carried this story:

"To the Bulletin Editor,

I was the hapless, hungry benighted one who was the beneficiary of the Pearsons' Maritime hospitality. Thanks from the bottom of my stomach".

I don't think any member of this unit needs a second guess as to who this might be.

- \*\* That was quite a bit. The second bit concerns the suggestion box which was first used at the annual meeting on July 1st. This was intended for all members who have queries or suggestions for the unit board. The questions raised in July concerned the use of pick up slips in preference to travelling-score slips at the monthly unit game. Two reasons for this are as follows: 1) The director can score faster since when the last round is played, he has already entered the scores from all the other rounds. 2) More players can see the results and matchpoint their own scores from the large display board immediately after the event. If the answer is not satisfactory, please state so in the suggestion box.

- \*\*\* The third bit is a tiny bit. This is all that Norm Chapple, our Nationals Committee Chairman, needs to become a lifemaster. He has 299.64 master points and needs 0.36. Good luck.



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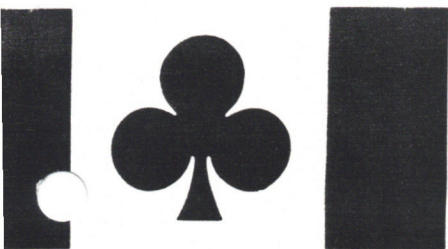
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 14  
1:30 P.M.  
MENS PAIRS  
WOMENS PAIRS  
8:00 P.M.  
MIXED PAIRS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15  
1:30 P.M.  
OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING  
8:00 P.M.  
OPEN FINALS AND CONSOLATION

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16  
12:00 P.M.  
OPEN SWISS TEAMS 1ST SESSION  
6:00 P.M.  
OPEN SWISS TEAMS 2ND SESSION

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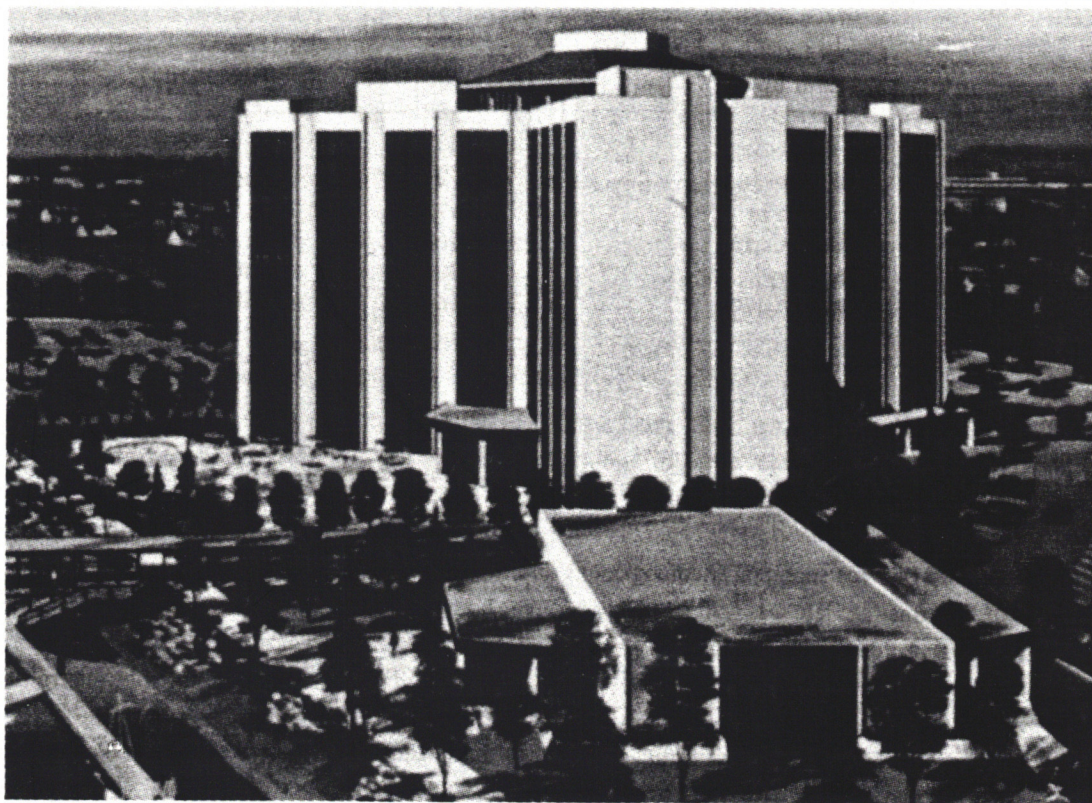


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It is a real pleasure to, on behalf of all our readers, offer our congratulations to Mrs. Mary Fines, of North Vancouver, who recently became a Life Master at the Calgary Regional.

My thanks to all those who gave me such real encouragement on my 'first edition' however the old adage "You can please some of the people some of the time" . . . etc was well and truly brought home to me regarding coverage of the Calgary Regional. Although I specified 'local players' in the honourable mention category I seem to have caused bruised feelings among our out-of-town players and have been reminded that this is a Unit 430 publication, and that there were many players from other areas who deserved mention. The Matchpointer has a circulation of approximately 1200 and covers an area including Powell River Squamish, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Vancouver Island etc., etc., so that I can not possibly recognize the names of all of you. Should I then ignore local players who have done well, in case I miss someone? I would much rather like to see players from out-of-town sending in their local news. Why not contribute to the Matchpointer here of your club's activities, stories, names of players who have done well etc., so that this will indeed be a unit 430 publication.

Hopefully, we have now got an up to date (as of September 1st, 1973) name and address list of all unit members. The list has been put on computer type and should be easier to update and correct monthly. The new labeling format on the front cover includes your ACBL membership number, and leaves room for the new zip codes which we understand will soon be introduced. Our membership chairman, Margaret Lower, asks all of you renewing memberships to be sure to include your zip code if this is in effect when the time comes, and in hoping this new system will completely eliminate those 'lost' Matchpointers.

Vice President Henry Smilie gave me the inside track on this next item. It seems that Mr. Adrian Hicks, of Vancouver, had himself a fine time recently at the Portland Regional, winning the Knockout teams, and on his birthday to boot. Such an auspicious 'double' meant that a celebration was in order, but apparently the celebration itself was not, for the next morning the following letter was delivered to Adrian's room.

Dear Mr. Hicks,

It has come to our attention that you are responsible for a disturbance at this motel last night. We do not discourage celebrations but when the police are summoned not once but twice it proves embarrassing to the management.

I am hereby submitting a bill for the following items:

- 1) 13 broken glasses
- 2) 50 extra pounds of ice

- 3) 1 fractured arm (ambulance call)
- 4) Payoff to the police dept. (hush money)
- 5) Several itmes of ladies (personal) apparel
- 6) 4 broken hearts (ladies')
- 7) The greatest birthday party this joint ever had!!!!!!

As the letter was accompanied by a bill for \$400.00 - it must have been with great relief that our hero read the itemization, he would still however appreciate information concerning the author!!

Still with Henry Smilie . . . As chairman of the CBF Henry has asked me to include some data on the 1974 Pairs Olympiad, May 5th to 17th in the Canary Islands. Any Canadian ACBL member interested in a thirteen day trip to the Canary Islands and/or Madrid and/or Morocco can join the group travel arrangements - fare, from Toronto, is approximately \$265.00. The two members of our open pair of course get their way and fees paid, the CBF however is prepared to designate a limited number for the mixed pairs but can not contribute to their expenses. The proposed 1974 Pairs Olympiad programme is as follows:

May 4th	Opening Cocktail Party
May 5 - 6th	Mixed Pairs, Canada is allowed 8 pairs
May 7 - 11th	Mixed Teams - no limit
May 12 - 17th	Ladies Pairs - Canada is allowed 5 pairs*
May 12 - 17th	Open Pairs - One pair from Zone VI

We will give you more information on this as it bacomes available.

\*There will be a Ladies pairs trials coming up. More on that later.

#### UNIT NEWS

Mr. Cliff Leighs, club manager, tells us that the Killarney Community Centre Bridge Club began its new season, Friday, September 7th. This is an open club, starting time 7:30 P.M. with Mr. Geo. Radice directing. Everyone welcome.

The White Rock Bridge Club, invites everyone to their thanksgiving Game, Wednesday, October 10th at 7:45 p.m. and by the way, a big thank you to you folks out in White Rock from those of us on the unit board who were lucky enough to make it out to the game recently - we really appreciated your warm hospitality.

From the Vancouver Bridge Club, Adiran and June Budd Hicks would like to remind you of their forthcoming trophy events:

Friday, October 19th, 26th	Two session Swiss Teams, Goren Shield 8 P.M.
Wednesday, October 24th, 31st	Two Session Swiss Teams, Lillian Hymes Memorial Trophy, 12 noon.
Saturday, October 20th, 17th	Two session open pairs, 8 P.M.
Thursday, November 8th, 15th	Furs by Jacques Trophy, Swiss Teams 8 P.M.

The Vancouver Bridge Club also tells us that, starting Wednesday, October 3rd, Mr. Jim Dickie will be running, and directing, an open game, starting time 8 P.M.

The Deltarra Bridge Club is changing its game to Thursday evening beginning October 4th. Entry fee for this open game is \$1.25, with free coffee and cookies. In conjunction, the Deltarra is starting a junior game on the same night, first game free, entry fee thereafter 75 cents. Starting times 8 P.M. Our thanks to Mr. Fines for this information, and thanks to everyone else who sent in information regarding clubs activities.



## BOB'S BITS

The last month has been a busy one for most board members. Marj is always busy. Chuck has all but finalised rental details for our new unit game location at 780 S.W. Marine Drive and is preparing for the annual audit which will be completed this month. Andy, with Anne's help and my hindrance, has entered all paid up members on to a complete file which will provide on up to date listings on Matchpoint address labels. Anne has been preparing the Matchpointer. Rosemundie has been busy with tournament correspondence and Jim Donaldson ensured that equipment was available for each game. Margaret was first to produce a list of her duties and is getting prepared for her busy season which is rapidly approaching. Paula managed the partnership desk at the Sectional and assisted Margaret at the membership desk. Henry is always involved with CBF and DINO and I have not rested.

I could add that Sandra, who retired in June, has worked hard for the board this last two months and deserves a rest. She provided our tournament chairman copious notes and well organised files. A big thank-you.

Apologies — We apologise to those pairs that arrived close to 8 P.M. for the Olympiad Fund game on July 27th and were turned away because it was thought there were no more tables. There were, in fact, sufficient tables on the premises.

We also apologise to the two pairs that were not immediately informed regarding the change of time and venue for the under 200 playoffs to determine who would represent Vancouver versus Seattle. This was due to a misunderstanding that occurred between one or two board members and a third person.

Normally, the board contains twelve elected members and the past president. Henry, who was elected in 1972 for a two year term, chose to remain on the board as an active elected member rather than as past president. He was elected as a board member for two years and as an active participant, he has a right to complete his term.

Do politicians play bridge? A report from Ottawa by the member for Burnaby - Seymour contained the following sentence whilst making serious statements regarding the possibility of an Ottawagate. "Simply because the U.S. has preempted wiretapping and the U.K. has lead in sex scandals, it doesn't mean that we're not vulnerable." I think he made his point!

The final bit concerns us men since we are dominated by women. 53% of this unit are of the fair sex. I'm unsure about the remainder.



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August 23, 1973

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Memphis, Tennessee -- The North American trials to decide who will represent this continent in the 1974 Bermuda Bowl World Championships of contract bridge will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 26-30. Competing in this event will be the winners of the four major national team championships sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League -- the Spingold, Vanderbilt, Reisinger, and Grand National. The following have been appointed captains of the four competing teams: Reisinger, Dan Morse, Houston, Texas; Vanderbilt, Ira Corn, Jr., Dallas; Grand National, Jeff Glick, Miami; Spingold, Bill Root, New York City.

#### Members of the competing teams:

Spingold: A. E. "Bud" Reinhold, Highland Park, Illinois; Edwin B. Kantar, William Eisenberg, Dr. Richard H. Katz, Los Angeles; and Larry Cohen, Chicago.

Vanderbilt: Robert Wolff, Robert Goldman, Robert Hamman, Mark Blumenthal, Dallas.

Reisinger: Steve Goldberg, Marietta, Ga.; Steve Parker, Alexandria, Va.; Steve Robinson, Washington, D.C.; and Lou Bluhm, Atlanta.

Grand National: William Seamon, Miami; Russell Arnold, North Miami Beach; Robert Sharp, Miami Beach; Jane Jaeger, North Bay Village, Fla.; Jim Beery and Richard Pavlicek, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Each team captain will select additional players to fill out his team to a full complement of six players.

The winner of the Milwaukee competition will compete for the world championship in Europe, probably in May, 1974.



## THE WINNERS!

### AUGUST UNIT GAME:

Congratulations to Dave and Leslie Gold, winners of our largest unit game, over 30 tables.

### ON THE TOURNAMENT TRIAL:

Nanaimo Sectional; Anne Anderson, Elizabeth Lee, Buddy Crapko, Helen Mitchel, Mike Wilson, Betty Midino, and Ron Ohmart.

Portland Regional: Adrian Hicks, Dave Gold, Bob Macdoff, Buddy Crapko.

Seattle Sectional: Lawrence Betts, (twice!) and Mike Wilson.

And from the San Francisco Regional, Alan Graves was a member of the winning Life Masters Team event. Congratulations to all!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

UNIT GAME	Sept. 23rd, 7:30 P.M. 780 S.W. Marine Drive
CANADA'S 1st CONTINENT WIDE OLYMPIC FUND GAME	Oct. 14th, 780 S.W. Marine Drive.
UNIT GAME	Oct. 21st, 7:30 P.M. 780 S.W. Marine Drive.
UNIT GAME	Tentatively scheduled for Nov. 4th.
OLYMPIAD PAIRS TRIAL	Nov. 10th, 11th.
OLYMPIAD ZONE TRIALS	Nov. 17th, 18th.
VANCOUVER SECTIONAL	Nov 23rd, 24th, 25th, Richmond Hyatt House.
INTER - CITY MATCH	Vancouver vs Seattle. Dec 1st, 2nd. (Will have full report on this next month).
UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY	Dec. 9th

## TRAVEL NEWS

Going places soon?

For your next vacation or business trip, call me at

GOING PLACES INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL LTD;  
8562 Fraser Street,  
Vancouver 15, B.C.  
324-6707, or 922-3892. (I am as near as you phone)  
Signed: Elinor Hallgren

For best group rate fares to 1974 Hawaii Regional, please call or write to indicate your preference—

1 week in Hawaii, January 10 to 17, or,  
2 weeks in 2 Islands, 1 in Hawaii, 1 in Maui.

(I require this information before the end of September)

Signed: Elinor Hallgren 324-6707 922-3892

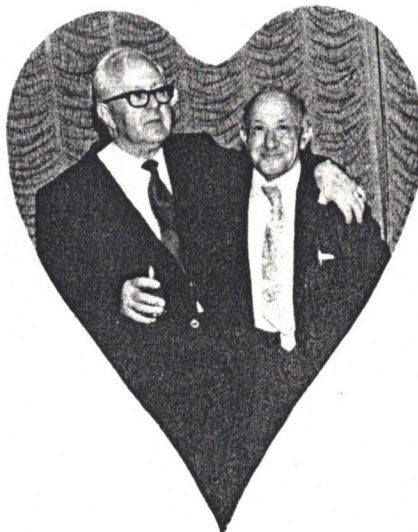


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NOVEMBER

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BRIDGE NEWSLETTER OF THE VANCOUVER, B.C. UNIT





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	Andy Nagy	(732-8302)	(Forum Reporter)
	Paula Zalkowitz	(327-0161)	(Partnerships)

Congratulations to Sheila Dickie and Jim Andrews, our newest Life Masters.

Welcome aboard to Gus Otsing, our new photographer. As you can see, he has already been busy at our last sectional and unit game. Please help him out by coming forward at tournaments to have your picture taken. We didn't get too much response at the last sectional.

Updating the address list last week, we find we have many new recruits and folks coming into the Unit from other districts. Welcome aboard everyone.

Members of this unit will be saddened to learn of the accidental death of Mr. Bill Waddington of Victoria on Oct. 8th.

It's that time of year again and anyone wishing to renew ACBL memberships for 1974 who would like to do so at the upcoming Vancouver Sectional in November, are reminded to bring their ACBL computer cards.

BRIDGING IN BRITAIN

Andy and I recently spent three weeks in England and were truly impressed on the bridge scene, not by the calibre of play but by the true bridge etiquette at the table. We played 2 local club games and a "Congress", what would be a sectional here, and through 6 sessions saw only one display of annoyance when a fellow was left in a splinter bid, (one spade, pass, four diamonds, all pass!). Perhaps we English are really a cold uncompassionate lot, but I can only say that despite some atrocious plays, there were no emotional outbursts whatsoever. Psyching didn't seem to exist there. The ACOL System seems to open lighter than we would (often 9-11 points) and they use weak NT so that there were rarely pre-emptive bids either. It was actually in the 6th session that we heard our first "Director" call. We had noticed that leads out of turn and minor errors were handled quietly at the table by the players themselves. Beside the ACOL System, several Precision type systems, the Big, Blue, and Nottingham Club systems prevail. We marked our card Kaplan Sheinwold and receives some polite "Oh Really's" for our trouble. Afternoon sessions (beginning at 2:15p.m.) were interrupted at precisely 4 p.m. when each player was served a cup of tea and a cookie at the table. Everything really does stop for tea, in England.

CLUB NEWS

Grandview Community Centre, 18th and Victoria Dr., have a class III game, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Fee is 50¢

Killarney Community Centre has an open Friday night game at 7:30 p.m. Mr. George Radics directs both the above mentioned games.

The White Rock Duplicate Bridge Club tells us of the upcoming "White Rock Sun" trophy, two sessions open pairs event Wednesday, Nov. 21 and 28. Please remember if you enter this tournament you must be prepared to play both nights. Wednesday Dec. 19 the White Rock Club invites all of you to their Christmas Party. It is a wine and cheese and X-mas cake get together beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by bridge at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$1.75 and they would appreciate it if you could get them early or reserve. You can get your tickets at any regular Wed. night game at the Centennial Arena, White Rock.

Upcoming events at the Vancouver Bridge Club include:

Thursday, November 8th & 15th  
Sunday, December 16th

Furs by Jacques Trophy, 2 Session Swiss Teams, 8 p.m.  
Membership Tournament, Open Pairs, Sectionally Rated,  
at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 26th

Christmas Part, Boxing Day. Ball and Chain Open Pairs,  
food and drink. Bar opens at 6:30 p.m., bridge at 8 p.m.

### UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our unit Christmas Party will be held at 780 S.W. Marine Drive, Dec. 9th. There will be a full turkey, ham and all the trimmings, supper and bar followed by bridge. Complete cost is \$5.50, and members are asked to make reservations with either Rosamunde Brenan, 731-5432 or with Mrs. Gynne at the Vancouver Bridge Club.

### NOTE:

To any qualified or higher ranking directors: Anyone wishing to improve their ability, Phil Wood is willing to lecture. If interested, please register with Lynne Brooks (929-2221).

### THE 1974 SPRING NATIONALS COMMITTEE

Headed up by Norm Chapple, this enterprising committee is in full swing working really hard to make this a truly fantastic event. Norm has promised us some up to the minute news of preparations for our next issue, meanwhile the committee is asking unit members who would like to become involved in Western Canada's first National, to volunteer to man the hospitality desk during the event. This will in no way interfere with your playing in any events and is help which they dearly need and would appreciate. Please call Doris Tynan, 437-9253, soon.

### THE 1974 PAIRS OLYMPIAD

Pairs wishing to enter the unit trials to be held November 10th and 11th at Langara Gardens, are asked to register with either Sandra Borg at 327-5288 or Paula Zalkowitz at 327-0161,

before November 8th.

Entry fee is \$15.00

The top 5 or 6 pairs will then play in the zonal trials for the following weekend starting Friday 16th November at 8:00 p.m. at Marine Drive. They will be competing against the winning pairs from Victoria, the Okanagan, Quesnel and hopefully, Parksville. The winning pair will then have their way paid to the 1974 Pairs Olympiad, Canary Islands, next May as members of the Canadian team, representing this zone.

Anyone interested in playing in the mixed pairs, mixed teams, or Ladies pairs are asked to contact Henry Smilie, at 278-1511 for more information. These pairs/teams may participate at their own expense.

\*See travel opportunities for both this event and the Las Vegas Nationals in December, in this issue!



EVERGREEN SECTIONAL  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
SEPT. 14-16, 1973

MEN'S PAIRS - 40 PAIRS

1. A. Hicks, Vancouver and W. Weinstein, Burnaby
2. Buddy Crapko, Richmond and Allan Graves, Vancouver
3. Doug Cram and David Walker, Vancouver

WOMEN'S PAIRS - 60 PAIRS

1. Norma Howard, Vancouver and Mrs. Myrtle Vandale, Saskatoon
2. Gladys Rigg, North Vancouver and Edna Woodward, Vancouver
3. Mrs. Frances Waters, Vancouver and Gladys Sagen, Delta

MIXED PAIRS - 106 PAIRS

1. Mrs. E. Bonnell, Vancouver and Andrew Wright, Jr., Seattle
2. H.H. Oldaker, Vancouver and Mrs. M.K. Peers, New Westminster
3. Paul Meichsner, Vancouver and Dagmar Donaldson, North Vancouver

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT - 20 PAIRS

1. Gerry McCully, Kamloops and John Hurdle, Vancouver
2. Otto Leesment, Vancouver and C. Jayarajah, Victoria
3. Chester Michno, and Brian Badger, Vancouver

OPEN PAIRS - 120 PAIRS

1. Gary Harper, West Vancouver and Henry Lortz, Seattle
2. David Gold, Port Moody and Kemp Hiatt, Seattle
3. Beryl Gorkin, Seattle and Ken Scholes, Bellingham

CONSOLATION PAIRS - 92 PAIRS

1. Joyce Turner, West Vancouver and Audrey Jones, Half Moon Bay
2. Sam Lucow and J. Montgomery, Vancouver
3. Doreen Maurer, Victoria and C. Jaskela, Quesnel

SWISS TEAMS

Buddy Crapko, Bob Cannop, Jim Donaldson, Paul Hagen, Dean Ellis }  
Don Grubb, John Kamb, Donna MacDuff, R.C. MacDuff } Tied 1st

October Unit Game:      1st D. Orchard, M. Dimich  
                                 2nd E. Moyer, F. Walters  
                                 3rd C. Worsely, A. Smith

Tournament Trial:

Kamloops Sectional:      Mixed Pairs, 1st, Francis Walters, Harry Oldacre.  
                                 Swiss Teams 1st, Doris Tynan, Koos Van Lieshout,  
                                 and Mr. and Mrs Henderson.

Regina Regional:      Mixed Pairs, 2nd, Henry Smilie and Marian Adams.  
                                 Knockout Teams, Doc Christopherson, Al Graves.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10th, 11th,	Langara Gardens (57th and Cambie) Olympiad Trials, (pre-registration mandatory)
November 17th, 18th	780 S.W. Marine Drive Olympiad Zonal Trials.
November 23rd, 24th, 25th	Vancouver Roundup Sectional - Richmond Hyatt House Football/Bridge fans, please note late starting times on Sunday 25th (as we go to press, B.C. still has an out- side chance to make the Grey Cup.)
December 1st, 2nd	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver vs Seattle Intercity Match Open and under 200. (Do not have final details on this as to date.)
December 9th,	Unit Christmas Party, 780 S.W. Marine Drive.

## BOB'S BITS

Distribution of Players by Rank:

The following table shows the percentage of players in each category both for the ACBL and for our unit:

RANK	MASTER POINTS	ACBL	VANCOUVER UNIT
Unranked	less than 1	15.1%	17.2%
Junior Master	1	28.5%	32.6%
Master	20	15.4%	17 %
National Master	50	12.2%	10.7%
Senior Master	100	13.8%	10.2%
Advanced Senior Masters	200 (50 of these must be red and 25 must be gold)	4.4%	3.3%
Life Masters	300 (50 of these must be red and 25 must be gold)	10.6%	9.0%

## BOARD DEALINGS

Because of other committments, Jim Andrews has resigned from the unit board of directors. We are sorry to see him go but grateful that he did not retain an inactive position. Too often one hears a person say that "I'll sit out the position until my term ends". Jim didn't, for which we thank him.

I am interested in obtaining names of persons interested in working hard on the unit board. Please call me at 929-2221. Clarence Carroll is now our unit charity representative.





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Secretary	Marj Gauer	987-6277	
Treasurer	Chuck Campbell	732-5035	(Prizes)
Membership	Margaret Lower	531-0296	(Hospitality)
Tournament	Pat Stevens	731-7766	
Co-Chairman	Jim Donaldson	874-7619	
Matchpointer	Anne Nagy	732-8302	
Forum Reporter	Andy Nagy	732-8302	(Address File)
Unit Games	Lawrence Betts	939-4273	
Charity Rep.	Clarence Carroll	988-6568	(Supplies)
Partnerships	Paula Zalkowitz	327-0161	

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE  
VANCOUVER UNIT 430  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1973  
(with 1972 figures for comparison)

	1973	1972
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 2743.12	\$ 2164.25
RECEIPTS:		
Sectional Tournaments	14537.66	17078.08
Less expenses	<u>12972.95</u>	<u>14585.70</u>
	1564.71	2492.38
Unit games and special events	2661.69	3742.01
Membership fees collected	4982.00	4935.00
Bank interest earned	<u>98.46</u>	<u>113.91</u>
	9306.86	11283.30
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Rents	517.00	1126.25
Directors fees and scoring expenses	616.50	958.50
Supplies and printing	528.29	729.67
Matchpointer costs	1980.88	1624.10
Trophies and prizes	365.71	152.22
A.C.B.L. memberships and sanction fees	3414.91	3452.50
Olympiad Fund fee and donation	154.00	640.00
Canadian Charity Fund donation		37.00
Canadian Bridge Federation dues	978.40	882.00
Food, beverages and entertainment	621.39	927.81
Miscellaneous	<u>304.24</u>	<u>409.68</u>
	9481.32	10939.43
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	( 174.46)	343.87
ADD: prior year prepayment re Olympiad	<u>          </u>	<u>235.00</u>
NET CASH INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR THE YEAR	( 174.46)	578.87
CASH BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 2568.66</u>	<u>\$ 2743.12</u>
CASH FUNDS:		
Toronto Dominion Bank Certificate	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00
Cash deposit in special account	758.79	386.96
Balance in general account	<u>309.87</u>	<u>856.16</u>
TOTAL CASH AT END OF YEAR, AS ABOVE	<u>\$ 2568.66</u>	<u>\$ 2743.12</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

R. Brooks R. Brooks, President

C. Campbell C. Campbell, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Vancouver Unit of the American Contract Bridge League for the year ended June 30, 1973. In my opinion the attached statement of receipts and disbursements presents fairly the financial position of the Unit at June 30, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year then ended on a cash basis, consistent with that of the preceding year.



1974 SPRING NATIONALS - COMMITTEE

Chairman	Norm Chapple (also Publicity)	936-8419
Asst. Chairman	Sandra Borg	327-5288
Secretary	Pat Stevens	688-2643
Finance	Eve Hoare	433-6652
Entertainment	Mary Adams	266-7878
Hospitality	Doris Tynan	437-9253
Partnerships	Marguerite Hall	922-3461
Program	Virginia McGonigal Sheila Dickie (Assistant)	685-6009
Logistics	Jack Marsh	688-5909

I am indeed appreciative of the efforts of the committee members and their sub-committees, who are too numerous to list here, and sincerely hope that, if and when any members are called upon to assist, particularly regarding partnerships and hospitality, you will show the same willingness and dedication that the above have for almost a year now. Much effort has gone into the planning and much more remains to be done.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,



Norm Chapple

November 19, 1973:

COUNT DOWN - TO THE 1974 SPRING NATIONALS

As I write this 11 months have passed since the Tournament Committee held their first meeting. Now only 122 days and 22 hours remain before the National Director-in-Charge, our own Phil Wood, will announce the "Blast Off"!

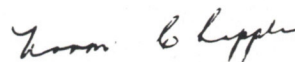
Our tournament theme is "HAPPINESS IS" and our objective is to make it the ultimate in pleasantness, comfort and courtesy so that our thousands of out-of-town visitors will leave impressed with all aspects of Western Canada's first NATIONALS.

Your committee and the A.C.B.L. staff can ensure that the accommodations, entertainment and mechanics of the tournament are first-class but the rest is up to you, the individual. Courtesy, both at the table and elsewhere, and suitable attire are a must if we are to attain our objectives and we respectfully request your co-operation as your contribution to this all out effort.

District 20 recently established regulations regarding acceptable attire, i.e., no shorts, barefeet, dirty patched blue jeans or overly revealing clothing and we endorse this policy. Also, gentlemen do not wear hats indoors!

Please help us make this the "Best-Ever" Spring Nationals!

Yours sincerely,  
The Tournament Committee



Norm Chapple, Chairman.

## CLUB CORNER

### NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB 1124 Lonsdale, Room 303

There is a Swiss team game every Sunday at 1:15 P.M. Patti Card directing, call 253-0672 for information.

Xmas Party Week - Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21st. One session events, Xmas fun for everyone!

Upcoming events in January include a membership tournament and a charity game. Call Lily Hills, 987-3733.

### POWELL RIVER: Powell River Motor Inn, 7050 Alberni St.

An invitation to visiting bridge players to join Powell River players, Dec. 14th, for their Xmas Party Night. Dinner, annual trophy presentations and social evening.

### VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB:

Dec. 16th, Sunday, at 7:30 P.M. Sectionally rated membership tournament. To be eligible for this event you need 1974 ACBL memberships, available at the game.

Dec. 26th Xmas Party. Ball and Chain and open pairs, the bar opens at 6:30 P.M.; don't miss this popular event.

### WHITE ROCK

Please note -- the White Rock Duplicate Club is making a move from the Centennial Centre to the Catholic Community Centre in the new year. Wednesday, January 2, at 7:45 play will begin in our new home. Come and help us get a good start for a year of good bridge.

The Catholic Centre is in the heart of White Rock, on Pacific Avenue. Players entering White Rock proceed down Johnston Road, through two lights to Pacific Avenue (a drug store on the right, a filling station on the left) turn left and near the end of the first block on the right is the Centre. There is ample parking behind the building. The parking lot is reached from Fir Street -- just go around the corner on the right and you will see the entrance.

There are still tickets available for our wine and cheese Christmas party on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 P.M. Price \$1.75 inclusive. Phone Margaret Lower, 531-0296 for a reservation. This will be at the Centennial Arena in White Rock.

### HI TO EVERYONE IN POWELL RIVER!

I was pleased to hear news of your activities (thanks to Kathleen Joneson) and to be able to report, at long last, on some out of town events. There is no doubt that you players are a credit to this unit and if it seems that you are the "forgotten few" I can only reiterate my comments of a few issues ago, please let us know about your club activities. Regretfully, I was unable to attend the Kelowna Sectional this year. Having called the directors and some of the local players who went to Kelowna, I still couldn't get the full sleight of winners in time for the last issue. You'll see under the 'Results' that I missed mentioning local players also. I plan to designate a representative in the future, to cover events which I can not, so that I can publish full details and avoid missing players who deserve recognition.

Powell River clubs are now on a winter schedule, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M., at the Powell River Motor Inn, visitors always welcome.

In October, winners of the Super Value Trophy team championships were Jean Beach and Don Campbell, Marg Cairns and Bill Hoehn, 14 teams competing. Also in October, in aid of the local retarded association, ARTABAN, \$175.00 was raised with the help of local merchants and support of rubber bridge players, a fine effort, and continued success in future projects from all of us in unit 430.



FORUM PRESS RELEASE  
ROUND-UP SECTIONAL  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
NOVEMBER 23-25, 1973

**MEN'S PAIRS - 64 PAIRS**

1. Donna Morrison, North Burnaby and Ev Hodge, Burnaby
2. Stella Alliston, West Vancouver and Mary Fines, North Van.
3. Gwen Fear, Burnaby and Mildred Wohlleben, Vancouver

**MEN'S PAIRS - 42 PAIRS**

1. Jim Costello, Seattle and Frank Cady, Bellevue
2. M.H. Campbell, North Vancouver and Sherman Kwan, Van.
3. Jack Marsch, Vancouver and David Gold, Port Moody

**MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS - 54 TEAMS**

1. David and Leslie Gold, Port Moody Beryl Gorkin and Kemp Hiatt, Seattle
2. Mike and Judy Strebinger, Burnaby Joan and Tony Marsh, Van.
3. Earle and Mary Adams, Virginia McGonigal, Giles Mackenzie, Van.
4. Bill and Deanie Breeze, Frank and Claudette Cady, Bellevue

**FRIDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT - 26 PAIRS**

1. J.S. Cheng and Harry Chow, Vancouver
2. Wendy and George Geyer, Richmond
3. Don Brazeau, Vancouver and Jim McCully, North Vancouver

**OPEN PAIRS - 140 PAIRS**

1. Mike Strebinger, Burnaby and Joe Jabon, Seattle
2. Ron Borg and Tony Marsh, Vancouver
3. Jack Marsch and Don Brander, Vancouver

**UNIT EVENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Norm Chapple and Derek Ward, our newest Life Masters.

**REMEMBER**, Remember the 9th of December!!!!

The Unit Christmas Party, 780 S.W. Marine Drive at 6:00 P.M. (rear entrance) Come join in the fun of a full turkey dinner, bar and bridge. This annual event is always fun, so please make your reservations now with Mrs. Gynne at the Vancouver Bridge Club, at 684-4913 or call me, Anne Nagy, 732-8302. Dinner and bridge is all inclusive at \$5.50, but please get those reservations in so that we know how many to cater for.

**CONTINENT WIDE CHARITY GAME**, December 14th.

Make your plans to take in the Continent-wide Charity Game at The Vancouver Bridge Club, 8:00 P.M., Dec. 14th. This game is sectionally rated, all monies received, above the regular card fees stay in Canada, forming part of the Canadian Charitable Fund of the ACBL. Hand analysis will be distributed at the end of the event. Please try to attend to help a worthy cause and at the same time create good will for tournament bridge in general. Entry fee is \$3.00 (card fee \$1.25 and charity contribution \$1.75). Our last Charity Game contributions to the fund was second only to that of Montreal, across Canada, so let's see if we can be no. 1 this time!

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**OPEN CONSOLATION - 92 PAIRS**

1. Ann Dye, Victoria and G.V. Pyka, Prince George
2. Hy Waks and Virginia McGonigal, Vancouver
3. William Osten and Larry Han, Vancouver

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE EVENT - 8 PAIRS**

1. Claudette and Frank Cady, Bellevue
2. Bill and Deanie Breeze, Bellevue
3. M. Chancey and Ev Buhr, English Bluff

**SUNDAY EVENING SIDE EVENT - 14 PAIRS**

1. Roy and Beck Schloss

**MASTER'S PAIRS (+100 MP's) - 80 PAIRS**

1. Brian Sims and Bob Neuls, Burnaby, B.C.
2. Greg Brink, Seattle and Ken Scholes, Mercer Island
3. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Blustein, Seattle

**99'ers PAIRS (-100 MP's) - 38 PAIRS**

1. A.Y. Marr, North Vancouver, and M. Fong, Vancouver
2. Ted Trites and Roger Hache
3. R.S. Milne and D.K. Mauzy

**NOVEMBER UNIT GAME RESULTS**

- |            |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st        | Bill Worsfuld and Mary Clarke     |
| 2nd        | Margaret Schulmann and Jane Green |
| 3rd        | Joan Marsh and Derek Ward         |
| Tied - 3rd | Sid Segal and George Stuart       |

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## RESULTS

### THE INTER CITY TRIALS

With the glory of the "Best in the Northwest" at stake, the stage is now set for the Vancouver vs. Seattle match and hopefully, a clean sweep for both our over and under 200 teams. (It was split last year.)

The over 200 team is:

Al Graves & Mike Strebinger, Ron Fox & Oddie Skanard, Derek Ward & Jim McCully, Ron Borg and Paul Hagen  
At large pair, Jim Donaldson & Don Brander. Non playing captain is Jim Dickie.

The under 200 team is:

Mike Wilson & Lawrence Betts, Helen Mitchell & Jane Grood, Tom & Diane Kinakin, Vernice Wilson & Zaila Lay.  
At large pair, David Walker & Mike Massey. Non playing captain is Martin Henniger.

The match will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Club on Saturday and Sunday December 1st and 2nd. Sessions will begin at 1:00 P.M. Kibitzers and home-town rooters welcome, and all success to both our teams.

### THE OLYMPIAD TRIALS

Twenty four pairs entered the unit trials, playing a total of 138 boards over the two days, from which five pairs emerged victorious:

1. Mike Wilson and Bruce Ferguson (342)
2. Dave Gold and Bob McDuff (312)
3. Charlie Swanson and Andy Smith
4. Al Graves and Mike Strebinger
5. Paul Hagen and Ron Borg

These five pairs then played the representatives of the other B.C. units in the zone V1 finals. The 12 pairs played a total of 132 boards over the two days with Al Graves and Mike Strebinger emerging victorious. They will represent B.C. on the Canadian team at the 1974 Pairs Olympiad in the Canary Islands. Final Standings were:

1. Graves and Strebinger, Vancouver (136½)
2. Hepperle and Purcell, Okanagan (123½)
3. Hagen and Borg, Vancouver (123)
4. Miller and Scarje, Quesnel (119½)
- Gold and McDuff, Vancouver (118½)

The 4 day, 270 total boards, scoring marathon, IMP scoring converted to Victory points was ably accomplished by Brian May, who also directed. A fine job!

### SPOKANE REGIONAL

Joel Martineau and Sandy Gammie were 3rd in the open pairs. Buddy Crapko and Jim Donaldson were 3rd in the masters pairs, Joel Martineau was on the 2nd place knockout team.

### KELOWNA SECTIONAL

George Joneson and John Polyk, Bill Hoehn, Tom and Diane Kinakin, Betty Michno and Ron Ohmart; my apologies for missing you all last month. Congratulations on a fine sectional.



## BOB'S BITS

Rosamunde Brennan has resigned from the unit board, since her outside interests left her insufficient time to continue. But we appreciate her past service to the unit.

We have appointed Lawrence Betts as unit game manager and Pat Stevens as tournament co-chairman (with Jim Donaldson) to fill the two vacancies on the board.

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The cat has been let out of the bag. Norm Thesbog overheard Henry and I discussing unit tapes. I must admit these exist. Since we are taperecording our board meetings to assist Marj Gauer in preparing the minutes. These secret tapes are destroyed at the following meeting and not filed for future reference. I do not have a list of enemies but understand from my friends there is much criticism of our unit board. We appeal to these people to criticize openly via the Matchpointer rather than by making disparaging remarks in private. We can then answer the charges or improve our performance.

The average master point holding for members of our unit is 103.09. This average includes at least 20 players that have in excess of 1000 and 4 that have over 2000 master points.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

Playing in the Master's Pairs at Spokane, partner and I came up against a couple of ladies from our unit. I've always found it a strange experience to play against people that I know personally in distant tournaments, because the informal rapport one can enjoy with the adversaries at a local club game just doesn't seem to exist at tournament level. The only thing that seems to matter is getting good boards, two at a time.

However, I sort my cards and after partner bids a notrump I raise to three on two small, ace third, king ten sixth, and doubeton king. They lead a club to partners jack so they should be in good shape if partner can handle the diamond suit. He heads the ace ace, low on my right low from dummy's K10 X X X X, and finally the jack of diamonds after considerable fumbling on my left. Partner now goes deep into thought and I worry about whether he has a spade stopper. He finally leads a low diamond up to dummy, and my right hand opponent smiles sweetly and significantly at her partner as she pops the queen of diamonds. Partner calls dummy's king with obvious relief as left hand pitches in. Dummy's ten of diamonds draws the last of the suit as partner and right hand each follow!!! At this juncture my partner was able to run all thirteen tricks for a cold top.

I found out later that our opponents could have won their section had not the queen of diamonds been put up on the hand I have described. My partner would have played the king hoping for a two-two break with the intention of falling back on the hearts and clubs to make his contract.

However, my right hand opponent was not willing to see my partner reject a restricted choice play in diamonds on the grounds of her partner's inadvertant hesitation on the first round of that suit.

Would that opponents were always so ethical. It makes me feel a whole lot better about being a bridge player. I'll have to buy one of those ladies a drink some time soon.

Signed,

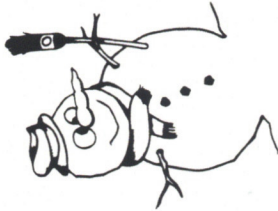
John Hurdle

### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED -

One of our players is, by proffesion, a taxi driver, and this story just couldn't have happened to anyone else. Our hero answered a call to a downtown supper club about 12 noon one day. He had barely pulled up at the entrance when a young girl rushed from the door jumped in the back and gave an address saying "step on it" Fire? Accident? Emergency? What was the disaster? "G-String" said the girl, "I've left it at home!"

### NEW ANNUAL TROPHY

As you know the Phil Wood trophy is awarded annually to the player winning the most master points at Vancouver Sectionals. As of January 1st, there will be an "Under 200" award also, to be presented to the player who as of January 1st has less than 200 master points, and who in 1974 collects the most, at Vancouver Sectionals. I do not have further details of the award at present, but the race begins at the January Sectional.



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**JANUARY**

**18 MENS, WOMENS PAIRS 1:30 &  
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2 SESSIONS 1:30 - 8 p.m.**

**20 OPEN PAIRS / 1:30 and  
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