

THE MATCHPOINTER

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VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL

February 10-12 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond BC

Friday F/10:	1:30 pm	MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00 pm	MIXED PAIRS
		NOVICE PAIRS: 0-20 Master Points
Saturday F/11:	1:30 pm	OPEN PAIRS (Qualifying) - Adrian Hicks Trophy
	8:00 pm	OPEN PAIRS FINAL
		CONSOLATION PAIRS (new entries accepted)
Sunday F/12:	11:00 am & 4:30 pm	**BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS: Unlimited -Willie Weinstein Trophy
		**SWISS TEAMS: 0-1000 Master Points

** Both the Team Events on Sunday will be NON-SMOKING Events. See next page.

Please note early starting times Sunday.

Tournament Director: Phil Wood
Tournament Chairman: Chuck Hodson
Partnerships: Alex Kiper - 298-9616

SIDE GAMES as warranted
by attendance.
DOOR PRIZES!

All events \$4.50 per player per session, except Novice Pairs, \$3.50.

CNTC QUALIFYING GAME

Sunday, January 29 at the ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL
6th St & Royal
New Westminster BC

Director: Liz Hicks
Cost: \$40.00 per team

Two sessions: 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

For info. call
Liz(937-0843,0138)

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Support the Canadian Team Championships. Last chance to qualify! (228-8441)

CALENDAR

January

24-29 Golden State Regional
Monterey CA
29 CNTC Qualifying Game
Royal Towers, New West.

February

3-5 Peace Arch Sectional
Bellingham WA
3-5 Winter Sectional
Spokane WA
5 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME
Elks Hall & Haida Club
10-12 VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL
Richmond Inn
14-20 Golden Gate Regional
San Jose CA
17-19 Seattle Winter Sectional
Longacres, Renton WA
20-26 Oregon Trail Regional
Portland OR

March

4 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME
Haida Club & Elks Hall
3-4 CNTC UNIT FINAL
Marpole Comm. Ctr.
9-18 Spring N.A. Championships
San Antonio TX (GNP Final)
23-25 Yakima Valley Sectional
28 Olympiad Fund Game - CPC
Qualifying Event
31-1 CNTC Zone Final (tentative)
30-1 Lakewood Daffodil Sectional
Tacoma WA

April

1 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME
Elks Hall & Haida Club
10-15 BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL
Empress Hotel, Victoria
27-29 Kootenay Sectional
Cranbrook BC

Unit 430 has engaged us all in an unusual experiment, a Team game designed to accommodate non-smokers. For it to succeed, we need both the full support of non-smokers and the understanding of the other half (big half) who (like myself) smoke.

We all know that our playing area at the Richmond Inn is notoriously smoke-filled. In an attempt to give non-smokers a break and to implement the spirit of the new ACBL guidelines re smoking, we have undertaken this apparently radical experiment.

We felt that a Swiss event would cause the least inconvenience for smokers and the least disruption of the movement for others. Also, since we expect there will be more than the usual amount of 'wandering' (e.g. dummy sneaking out for a quick puff), the Swiss presents fewer security problems than a duplicate game.

If the smokers of the area take their red wagon and go home, this event could be a real fiasco. And if the non-smokers don't take advantage of this opportunity to play in ideal surroundings, it will be a double fiasco.

Therefore, we urge the non-smokers to assemble in large numbers to support their self-interest, and we strongly encourage the smokers to show their spirit of co-operation and try it just this once to see how it goes. If you can't stand it, if you never, never want to do it again, we'll understand. But I really think the non-smokers deserve a day of their own after we've had so many on our terms. Think how much you'll enjoy lighting up when it's over.

Letter Dept.

The Editor,
The Matchpointer

To the (Fraser) Valley Boy who does your handicapping:

Congrats on a totally tubular column. Your picks are like awesome to the max, big fella. That Major Tom must have beamed him up real good, eh, Billy Sol? No flies on him either.

Hate to barf you out, but you did overlook one thing. Since it's an even-numbered year, the Cheap Trick Division has home field advantage for the playoffs, and may choose to play without the designated dummy player. That of course would put the Hopwood team in a quandry, since they'd have a real tough time hiding D. Dohl in the auction. My scouting reports say "trouble fielding high, twisting preempts, consistently overbids cutoff man, faulty pivot keeps him from turning over doubled partscores". Now you know why he demanded a multi-year contract.

In light of this information, don't you think Hopwood's odds should be dropped to 1-7?

A. Fan

[For more on the continuing real-life saga of the IMP league, just keep turning pages.]

CNTC UPDATE

Unit Semi-Final: March 3 at the Marpole Community Centre (990 W59), playing times 1:00 & 7:30, entry fee \$40.00 per team. VP Swiss.

Last year's price for this event was \$48, and we are hoping the price reduction will produce a good turnout. Incidentally, the CBF charges the Unit \$30 per team in this event, so our price can't be much lower.

We have also changed the format to a Victory Point Swiss, rather than the seeded round-robins of recent years. We trust this will prove to be a popular and enjoyable event. The number of teams advancing to Sunday's play will be either 8 or 12, depending on the format of the Zone Final, which has yet to be finalized. Sunday's game site is not confirmed yet, either.

The sanction of this important event provides generous Master Point awards for matches won, so do come out and get your share.

The decision on the structure of the Zone (B.C.) Final or Finals will likely be announced at the Winter Sectional. Tentative dates are March 31 - April 1.

Don't forget you still have a chance to qualify on Jan 29 (see front page)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Future Stars - Vancouver(112 tables):

Super Open (0-100 mp) [64 pairs]:

1. Shael Smith, Richmond - Bernard Pinsky, Van.
2. Mike Takemori - Jack Hopwood, both Van.
3. Alan Harrop - Terry Scott, both North Van.

*6. Diana & Richard Thompson - Novice (0-20) Winners!

Swiss Teams (0-100 mp) [24 teams]:

1. Shael Smith, Richmond - Bernard Pinsky - Tom Satanove, both Van. - Graham Putnam, North Van.
- 2/3. Don & Denise McKay, New West. - Rod Coote, North Van. - Tom Kwan, Van.
- 2/3. Dianne Isfeld, Po. Coquitlam - Pat Blackall, Coquitlam - Sandra Robson, Pt. Moody - Pat Stapff, Delta

Banff Sectional

Open Pairs: 1. Dave House - (G. Tomczyk)

More Kelowna

- Open Pairs: 2. Peter Herold - (J. Dickie)
3. Lauren Miller - Dan Jacob

Swiss: 3. Martin O'Reilly - Lauren Miller - Bob & Aban Gerrie

Victoria Sectional

- Men's Pairs: 2. Martin Johnson - Chris Christofferson
3. Leo Steil - (C. Brown)

Masters Pairs: 2. Laurence Betts - (J. McAvoy)

- Open Pairs: 2. Peter Herold - Peter Cooper
3. John Bryden - Martin O'Reilly

- Consolations 1. Martin Johnson - Dave House
3. Dr. Christopherson - J. Breeze

Swiss Teams:

1. Laurence & Rhonda Betts - Greg Arbour - Stephen Vincent
- 2/3. Leo Steil - John Bryden - Terry Mickelson - (C. Brown)
- 2/3. Gordon Davis - (G. Tomczyk - V. Johnson - J. Ross)

ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL (Medford, OR)

Men's Pairs: 1. Lauren Miller - Don Brander

Open Swiss: 1/3. Doug Baldwin - Lauren Miller - Don Brander - (R. Quinnell)

PAUL N.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS (Bal Harbour, FL)

Hernando DeSoto Men's Swiss: 3. Bob Hirsch - (D. Harris - J. Siebel - R. Cooper - M. Unger)

Honourable Mention to Michael Newcombe & Dave House who were 8th overall after the qualifying rounds of the Life Master Men's Pairs.

HOLIDAY REGIONAL (Reno, NV)

Super Open Pairs - Flight A: 3. Dan Jacob - Nathan Divinsky

Flight A KO's: 1. Dan Jacob - (D. Yarrington - E. Scholes - S. Gupta - D. Westfall)

5/8. Leo Steil - Dave House - Steve Vincent - (C. Brown - H. Allahverdian)

Canadian Women's Team Trials:

The following teams qualified for the Canadian Women's Teams Championship to be held in Vancouver on May 18-20:

1. Susan Peters - Rhoda Taffler - Jonny Paynter - Julene Johnson - Elaine Ryan - Trudy Hurdle
2. Debby McCully - Dee Steil - Dianne Kinakin - Julie Smith
3. Sharon Gropko - Selene Jacobson - Donna MacDuff - Leslie Gold

Men's Pairs (42 pairs):

1. Michael Dimich, Van. - Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
2. Terry Mickelson, Bby. - Dave Waterman, Van.
3. Dave House - Laurence Betts, both Van.

Women's Pairs (50 pairs):

1. Sharon Lee Crapko, Richmond - Selene Jacobson, Van.
2. Betty King - Madeleine Becker, both N. Van.
3. Rose Wrean - Julie Cowan, both W. Van.

Mixed Board-A-Match Teams (34 teams):

1. Elaine Ryan, Van. - Brian May - John & Trudy Hurdle, all Richmond
2. Laurence & Rhonda Betts, Van. - Jim & Connie McAvoy, Victoria
3. Dan & Christina Jacob - Julene Johnson - Don Brander, all Van.

Junior Pairs (18 pairs):

1. Dennis McMahon - John Reay, both Bby.
2. Insa Fricker - Jill Schwaertzel, both Van.
3. Tom Kwan - Jim Munns, both Van.

Friday Side Event (38 pairs):

1. Stan Holding, Langley - Paul Radnai, Aldergrove
2. Delphine Tablotney - Bonnie Anderson, both Van.
3. Shirley McKinney, N. Van. - Julia Smith, W. Van.

Open Pairs Flight A

1. Donna & Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge
2. Alan Graves, Van. - Duncan Smith, Victoria
3. John Bryden, Van - Mike Hargreaves, Pr. George

Open Pairs Flight B (56 pairs):

1. Axel & Margret Schulmann, Delta
2. Shirley McKinney, N. Van. - Julia Smith, W. Van.
3. Don MacMillan, Bby. - Al MacMillan, Surrey

Open Swiss Teams (64 teams):

1. Paul Hagen - Don Brander - Dan Jacob, all Van. - Bob Connop, Bby. - Ron Borg, Richmond
2. John Bryden - Laurence Betts - Steve Vincent, all Van. - Terry Miclelson, Bby.
3. Gordon Davis, Van. - Mel Hoff, Richmond - Don & Ed Murray, Seattle

More Reno:

Flight B Swiss: 2. Doug Hansford - Wilf May - Gordon Estrada - John McDonald

In Sympathy

Members of the bridge community will be saddened to learn of the sudden death in California of Mr. John Delgado, late husband of the former Mrs. May Ginn. Mrs. Ginn for many years looked after the refreshments for us duplicate players, first at the Silador Club and later at various sectionals, Christmas parties and special events. She met John on a 'Love Boat' cruise several years ago, they were married and she emigrated to California. The sympathy of her many friends is extended to May at this time of her bereavement.

New Life Masters!

Doug Hansford, Delta

Laureen Holley, North Van.

Bill Hartford, Whonnock

Ted Trerise, Vancouver

Mrs. Helen L. Montgomery, Vancouver

Linda Sims, Vancouver

Sandy McIlwain, Vancouver

Congratulations, all!

[Martin worked very hard getting the votes out, and may have to work even harder to defend his unusual scoring system, but, what the heck, it's the result that counts, so I must say he did a fine job. Ed.]

1. void Board-A-Match. North-South vul. You are North.
 J9xxxx The auction: E S W N
 xx
 Q7xxx 3S Dbl 4S ? What do you bid?

There are two aspects of this hand that seemed important to me but received little attention in the answers. First, I feel that the major problem with this hand is that partner does not have to have hearts! He could have a club-diamond two-suiter (or a diamond one-suiter) with a lot of high cards and slam potential. Besides my RHO bid only 4S, which makes me think s/he has some values and that partner has some spade length and strength, yet chose not to bid 3NT. Second, I am positive that the auction isn't over, and I would like to give partner a chance to bid again at as low a level as possible. In agreement:

Nick Stock: "Pass. Partner will not go quietly."

Leo Steil: "Pass. Bid 5 hearts when partner doubles again."

Both these passers feel they're too weak to bid and are trying to play 5 hearts eventually. In that case I am closer to agreeing with:

Duncan Smith: "5 Hearts. Distribution more than makes up for lack of HCP."

Stephen Vincent: "5 Hearts - must be right."

[The above logic suggests that it's right to make a pass, but only if your intentions are pure. At least he didn't rate us on that! Ed.]

But I can't go along with:

John Hurdle: "6H - even if 5H is right (and how can anyone tell?) I'll be nowhere when I hear the inevitable 5S. Therefore I'll apply a little pressure of my own."

There will be pressure, and lots of it, but most of it on partner, I'm afraid.

Chris Christofferson: "4NT. The question is which is more encouraging (4NT or 5H). 4NT followed by a correction at least gives my shape."

Yes, but it perhaps over-emphasizes your values just a bit. I can't help feeling that if I pass and partner doubles again - this is what I expect - and then I bid 4NT, he will get a better idea of my values and shape. Incidentally, if you pass, partner bids 4NT. Then, of course, you bid 5 Clubs. Partner held: AQx x AKQ109 AKJx

Maybe partner's original double was incorrect. But most of us do not play fancy gadgets over preempts and wouldn't know what to do with this hand. 3NT might be right, but you'd never get to 6 Clubs, which is odds on when partner has Queen-fourth.

About the scoring: I stuck with my original plan and awarded the most points to those answers which were right at the table. In some cases, particularly problem #2, there was an overwhelming vote against the action that worked best in real life. So don't feel hard done by in the scoring - remember you have lots of company.

AWARDS: Pass = 100 (4 votes, 5H = 80 (15 votes), 4NT = 70 (3 votes), 6H = 10 (1 vote)

2. IMP's. East-West vul. You are North.

x E S W N
 AK108xxx 3D 3S P ?
 x
 Axxx

Once again those nasty opponents have preempted and this time we have an even tougher hand to bid. I expected it would come down to a decision between bidding game and trying for slam - what I didn't expect was that the vast majority would settle for game. Let's see why:

John Hurdle: "4H. All I dare bid since partner is unlikely to have much in hearts."

Laurence Betts: "4H. Partner needs a lot to make slam, a reasonable possibility."

Duncan Smith: "4H. An indifferent (at least) solution to a problem with no clear action."

Nick Stock: "4H. Sometimes we get preempted out of our slams."

David Waterman: "4H. The best result possible, not the best possible result."

Ah, the voices of conviction. I always thought bridge players were more aggressive on paper than at the table. No so here! Let us now hear from a slightly more adventurous soul:

Sandy McIlwain: "5H. 4 seems a bit sheepish and six bullish."

Personally, I'd rather be known as a bull than a sheep, but Sandy obviously doesn't want to be known as an animal.

While I do agree that 5H is a more descriptive call than 4H, I still don't feel that we have tried hard enough to get to slam. If we are considering slam and are prepared to play at the 5-level, maybe we should see if partner has two aces:

Leo Steil: "4NT. On the way to 6H on the offchance we're off two aces."

Well said, Leo! At least I've found one confident bidder. Incidentally, 6H was cold.

AWARDS: 4NT = 100 (2 votes), 6H = 90 (2 votes), 5H = 70 (3 votes), 4H = 50 (17 votes)

3. Matchpoints. Both vul. You are South.

void	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
AQ				
KQJ987	1D	P	P	?
AJ98x				

It's hard to pass such a pretty hand, but the form of scoring, our lack of major suit length and the fact that the opponents are playing in our best suit all make it that much easier to just sit back and take however large a plus we can get. Even if we wanted to bid, it would be pretty tough to describe this hand to partner. Besides, if we do bid I happen to know that the opponents will quickly reach a cold major suit game. Still, some passers weren't as happy with their choices as others:

Laurence Betts: "Pass. Bidding is right only when game is making, which is not worth investigating at matchpoints."

Hmmm. I wonder what Laurence would have bid at IMP's?

Doug Andrews: "Pass. Possibly missing 7C but trying for 200."

Personally, I'm trying for 4,5 or 6 hundred. Someone with a similar appetite:

Lauren Miller: "Pass. Smack, slurp, drool. Anyone who wants to improve this contract would try to trade Bo Derek in on an '11'."

David Waterman: "This question is an insult. Anyone who bids should be fitted for a white coat."

I agree. But when I passed Davey forgot to lead a trump. From the fitting room comes:

Leo Steil: "Double. Partner must have spades and not enough to bid."

That was one of the reasons many of us passed so quickly. And then:

Bow Lui: "Double. If partner bids 1S, bid 2D (natural), if partner bids 2S bid 3D. If he now bids 3H, bid 3NT."

I suppose anything is possible. [Except, perhaps, this sequence.Ed.]

AWARDS: Pass = 100 (19 votes), No Bid = 100 (1 vote), Dbl = 1- (2 votes), 3NT, 4NT = 10 (1 vote each)

4. IMP's. North-south vul. You are South.

AKQxx	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	
Jxx					
AKx	P	* P	1H	1S	* limit raise
xx	3H	P	4H	?	

When this problem came up at the table I thought it was strictly a choice between pass and double, but, while the majority chose between these there were a few dissenters. On their behalf:

Cam Lindsay: "4S. Unilateral of course." (He said it, not me!)

Steve Vincent: "4S. On a good day partner will turn up with: Jxx, x, Q10xxx, xxxx, and on a bad day: xx, Qx, xxxx, Kxxxx, in which case a double will work better."

Exactly! For the doublers:

Aidan Ballantyne: "Double. Partner can pull. 4S is a master bid."

Duncan Smith: "Double. A ridiculous call." (Duncan complained about the original 1S call. But if he had doubled then, what would he do now - bid 4S, or double again? Surely with that auction partner is poorly placed to offer any assistance in determining the final contract.)

For the passers:

Nick Stock: "Pass. If I can bid now I didn't do enough the last time around."

I think he means he should have bid one very loud spade.

Perhaps, but is it our best possible spot for a minus? It seems to me that the worst that can happen if we double is that the opponents will make 4H doubled, whereas the worst that can happen if we pass is that there will be a double game swing. I also feel that the arguments presented for 'double' are much more convincing than those for 'pass'.

AWARDS: Double = 100 (17 votes), Pass = 50 (5 votes), 4S = 20 (2 votes)

5.	Axx	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	
	Kx					
	KJ9xx	1NT	P	2C*	P	* Stayman
	J9x	2H	P	4H	P	
		P	P			What do you lead?

Surely this is a guess. Still, even guesses are based on logic. We all know that partner doesn't rate to have much in the way of high cards, but our duty is to look for four defensive tricks. We must assume that both our SA and HK will stand up. We still need two more. Most of the panelists felt the best chance for two more tricks lay in the club or diamond suits:

Chris Christofferson: "Low club least likely to cost."

Cam Lindsay: "Small club. Time to be passive."

Leo Steil: "Club x as neutral a lead as possible."

I'm not sure that it's time to be neutral, and I'm even less convinced that a club lead is passive.

Duncan Smith: "Club J. Hoping this is least likely to give up a trick."

I think Duncan is one of the best I've played against, and his success at the table is phenomenal, yet I can't help but feel that if partner has any values in clubs this could turn out to be the most aggressive lead possible. But if you insist on being passive here's the man who knows how to do it:

Lauren Miller: "4th best diamond. Bidding indicates a passive lead, but only the 5th suit fills the bill, and I'm void."

Or does he?

Dave Waterman: "Low diamond. Suits are breaking well, and they [sic] seem to have lots of values, so we must attack."

Well now I understand what happened to that partnership.

A man who doesn't like to give away trade secrets:

Laurence Betts: "Low diamond. Style."

Well I must admit that anyone bets every year on the 'Habs' to win the Stanley Cup and who gets his wife a kitten for Christmas does show sttle. Back to basics:

Steve Vincent: "Low diamond. Fourth highest from longest and strongest . . . Partner can't have much, but may produce the DQ (or even a singleton)."

I'm not sure I want to lead a diamond if my partner's got a singleton, unless it's the queen.

The lack of consensus doesn't concern me, but I am curious about the passive/aggressive conflict. It's time for those who belong to neither school:

Aidan Ballantyne: "Spade x - sheer inspiration."

Julie Smith: "Small spade."

Sandy McIlwain: "Small spade. I hate leading from jacks, diamonds can't be a source of tricks. Small spade leaves me with entries to switch if I have to. Could be 100% wrong."

Amazing, that's exactly how I felt when I led a small spade and saw dummy hit with KJ10xx, QJ9x, x, K10x. The good news was that I had guessed the only lead to beat the contract - partner's whole hand was the Qx of spades. The bad news was that when declarer played dummy's S10, my partner ducked smoothly. [Probably still explaining why, too. Ed.]

6. IMP's. Both vul. You are East.

	W	N	E	S	
Ax	2H	2S	3H	4D	
J10zx	P	4H	P	4S	What do you
xx	P	5D	P	6C	lead?
Q9xxx	P	6S	P	P	

Maybe this problem was too easy, or maybe I warmed you all up too much with problem 5.

Lauren Miller: "Low club. Choice of finding partner with a stiff club seems superior to hoping they're off two aces."

Bow Lui: "Club 10, while I still retain the A of trumps."

But is clubs the suit partner is most likely short in?

Michael Dimich: "This lead depends on how well your opponents bid. If your opponents' bidding can be trusted, a case can be made for a repeated diamond lead for a ruff."

And while Doug Andrews echoed Michael's thoughts on this problem, all I can say is that if that was the case your opponents would have found their way to 6 diamonds. (Jeez, Dimich, you're so unlucky!)

And if you thought Mike was esoteric:

Cam Lindsay: "Spade A - hold down the overtrick."

And finally, a man who doesn't trust anyone:

Leo Steil: "Heart. They could have made a mistake in the bidding and be off two aces."

The winners of this contest were Susan Peters and Sandy McIlwain, proving once again that "it's not what you know, it's who you know." I'd like to thank everyone who answered and to request that you not form a lynch mob in response to my awards or comments.

p.s. Thanks to Dave Ingham for his excellent answers which arrived too late.

THE IMP LEAGUE

B League

Here are the standings after the first five Matches:

1. Lee	85 Victory Points	7/8. Jorgenson	44
2. Skuce	73	7/8. Rodics	44
3. Strickman	70	9. Cross	40
4. Landau	68	10. Lessard	32
5. Moore	58	11. Montgomery	11
6. Kerr	55	12. Sabiston	7

A few surprises here, the biggest perhaps being Ray Lee's 85% clip to lead the field at the turn. Perhaps Ms. Miller Tait took our prognosticator's advice about raw meat. The Landau and Moore teams are performing ahead of form, but Jorgenson and Cross off to slow starts. The Kerr team doing very well to date. Report is that Montgomery team having a good time despite their 11 VP's. Sabiston avoided trap of peaking too early.

The C League

Play is underway in the all-new C League. Here are the teams:
 Chiarenza (Marguerite, 732-1576, Dennis McMahon, John Reay, J'Anne Greenwood)
 Coiffée (Jeanne, 688-1044, Helen Jang, Denis Levy, Carol Swanson, Anne Mills)
 Fowler (Gordon, 261-8597, Rinky Fowler, Barry McNeill, John Ashwell)
 Gowen (Reg, 736-1325, Lauga Egilsson, Madelene Anderson, Maureen Crompton)
 Kilburn (Weldon, 576-1489, Wendy Foukes, Mark Eddy, Jan Eddy, Bob Isnor)
 Rhodes (Joyce, 274-1078, Insa Fricker, Susan McBride, Marie Wright, Jill
 Schwaertzel, Maria Booth)

Best of luck to you all!

The A League

First of all, the standings at mid-season. Number of matches played is in bracket following victory point totals:

	<u>Ruff Trade Division</u>		<u>Cheap Trick Division</u>
Groden	90(7)	Lindsay	85(6)
Hopwood	84(6)	Bryden	71(6)
Graves	81(6)	Betts	68(6)
Dimich	64(6)	Martineau	67(5)
Hawkes	51(5)	Jacobson	64(6)
Walton	36(5)	McCully	63(5)
Anthony	22(6)	Borg	28(6)
Fouks	7(5)	Neid	24(6)

Before turning our attention to the strong and difficult Cheap Trick Division, let's spend a few idle moments with the pantywaist Ruff Trader's.

Groden's incredibly sorry crew, having added Annie Nagy and god-knows-who else, are, partly by virtue of having played more matches than anyone else (What's the definition of eager, Dennis?), and partly by beating up on the sad likes of Fouks and Anthony, temporarily at least, on top of this poor heap. Hopwood has astounded everyone (see p.2) by living up to their pre-season hype, but who have they played, I ask you? Graves seems determined not to repeat last year's disaster, but they stumbled against the hard-working Jacobson team and turned a sure 20 VP's against Dimich into a squaker just the other day. And what about Dimich? A classic case of two-headedness, both of them a few bricks short. After playing dead in the opener against Hopwood, they pulled off a miracle comeback against Betts, hammered the streaking Groden, held on for victory against Bryden despite going for 1100 against a ludicrously unmakeable slam and selling out without a peep at the two-level to non-vulnerable opponents despite their 26 or so HCP and ten top tricks in spades! And the other night, after spotting the Graves boys 50 or so at the half, staged a whirlwind comeback that just fell short at the buzzer. Definitely an exciting team to watch, but in all honesty, these men should not be allowed on the streets, let's face it.

What about the rest of them? Hawkes has been incredibly average, eking out a 74 draw against the miserable Anthony squad and getting blitzed by the gritty Betts team. Walton probably thinks he's got a chance, but he's the only one who does, and Anthony keeps rubbing his eyes because the year's half done and he's not in the cellar (hold on John, the wind's gusty at those higher elevations). And the only reason Anthony's breathing the fresh air is because Fouks has gone 1, -3, -3, in his last three matches against teams that can follow suit. Bail, Adrian, the storm's not over yet!

That done with, let's turn to the bright side of the A League, where a battle of truly heroic proportions is shaping up. On top, as always, is Lindsay, looking forward to summer and trying to overlook the fact that before summer comes they must go through their annual playoff bellyflop. Behind him is Bryden, clinging to second place despite a recent tendency towards self-flagellation. Could be a 100-aspirin season. Betts, with no real semblance of a team, seems determined, and despite early setbacks finds hard work paying off lately. Martineau, sadder but wiser perhaps after first round blitz by Bryden, has match in hand and is poised to make a charge. On the other hand, may disappear completely in a cloud of smoke. Footloose captain has returned in time for pivotal match with McCully. Jacobson also suffered 1st round blitz (Lindsay), but working hard and back over average.

Too soon to tell if they're for real. McCully - biggest surprise of the league - except for blitzing pathetic Anthony team all their matches have been close. But looks are deceiving (not in your case, Debbie) as all their matches have been high-scoring, and something's got to give when everyone wants the ball. Teams with defence should stop them cold. Bringing up the rear, the veteran S. Borg team is having a very tough year, and just behind them the game new Neid team, who have already upset Betts and almost did the same to Bryden.

A reasoned analysis of the two divisions shows the Cheap Trick to have a considerably higher standard of play, not to mention a higher moral standard, better taste in music and lots more good-looking women. For these reasons, and perhaps also because they are simply more deserving people, look for the Trickers to dominate the playoffs and receive the lion's share of commercial endorsements. If Dimich makes the playoffs and doesn't get locked up by March they will definitely sell the most popcorn at the Haida Club.

See y'all next issue when the playoff pictures will be set. Happy IMPing.

P.S. For those of you who never know how many VP's you've won, look at the bottom of this page for a clue.

Double Dummy Problem

from Big Al

98	43		
KJ983	AQ1052	K7652	
753	KQJ10	764	
864	KJ	6	Contract is 7 No Trump
		Q532	(don't ask how you got there)
	AQJ10		Opening lead: 7 of diamonds
	void		
	A9842		Now take all 13 tricks.
	A1097		

Solution: Win in dummy, finesse the spade, cross with a diamond, run the club Jack, cash diamond honours overtaking to play 13th diamond, pitching a heart to come to this ending:

	4		
	AQ105		
	<u> </u>		
	K	K76	A club to the King followed by the heart
Immaterial	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Ace produces a guard squeeze on East.
		Q53	Note that a heart lead forces you to
	AQJ		finesse as you are forced to play your
	<u> </u>		squeeze card prematurely.
	<u> </u>		
	A109		

Congratulations!

Our best wishes to a couple of recently-married couples well-known to local bridge players:

Alana Skuce & Peter Herold

Maureen Taylor & Michael Newcombe

Both couples tied the knot late in 1983. Best of luck to you!

Don't forget the BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL coming up April 10-15 at the old Empress in Victoria. Show them the support you gave us last year!

IMP LEAGUE VICTORY POINT SCALE

IMPs	VPs	IMPs	VPs	IMPs	VPs
0-2	10-10	17-20	15-5	43-56	20-0
3-5	11-9	21-25	16-4	57-65	20--1
6-8	12-8	26-30	17-3	66-74	20--2
9-12	13-7	31-36	18-2	75+	20--3
13-16	14-6	37-42	19-1		

Vancouver:

November 6 (13 tables):

- Overall: 1. Steve Vincent - Dave House
 2. Linda Sims - Lauren Miller
 3. Anne Nagy - Peter Cooper
 4. Chris Diamond - Jack Hopwood
 5. Rhonda Betts - Aidrian Hicks
 6. Gord Davis - David Waterman

N-S

E-W

Sims - Miller	187½	Vincent - House	191½
Betts - Hicks	173	Nagy - Cooper	187
John Bryden - Martin O'Reilly	165½	Diamond - Hopwood	177½
Sandy McIlwain - Aidan Ballantyne	163½	Davis - Waterman	170

Gloverdale:

November 6 (12 tables):

- Overall: 1. Gordon Estrada - J. McDonald
 2. Chuck & Avril Hodson
 3. Herbie Lum - Pete Walton
 4. Len Feeny - Larry Pocock
 5. T. McCann - A. Austin
 6. Hazel Dressler - D. McAlpine

N-S

E-W

McDonald - Estrada	129½	Hodsons	128½
McCann - Austin	124½	Lum - Walton	126
Dressler - McAlpine	121	Feeny - Pocock	125
Tom Cross - B. Osborne		Mike & Monica Angus	

Christmas Party:

December 11 (35 tables):

- Overall: 1. Don Fraser - Hobart Liang
 2. Sandy McIlwain - David House
 3/4. Ernie Dietrich - Gladys Mackie
 3/4. Rhoda Taffler - Jennifer Paynter
 5. Dianne Kinakin - Tom Kinakin
 6. Don Forsyth - Wilf May

Section A -

N-S

E-W

Taffler - Paynter	188	Kinakins	187½
Forsyth - May	187	Rose Wrean - Mary Fines	183
Sharon & Buddy Crapko	184	Ron & Sandra Borg	179
Elliot Netto - Dr. Christopherson		Len Feeny - Mike Manica	

Section B -

N-S

E-W

Fraser - Liang	200	House-McIlwain	196-
Dietrich - Mackie	188	Bernie Hoy - Bob Sauve	180-
Steve Vincent - Aidan Ballantyne	184-	Leo & Dee Steil	179-
Bob & Donna MacDuff	178-	John Bryden - Rhonda Betts	178

SPECIAL THANKS TO Chuck Hodson for the amazing victuals, to all the Hicks' for their extra efforts, and to all the little unit elves who made our party such a great success.

1983 UNIT RACE - Final Standings

Vancouver: 1. Sandy McIlwain	8.57	Gloverdale: 1. Jean Groome	5.41
2. Rhoda Taffler	6.48	2. Don Fraser	4.78
3. Linda Sims	5.81	3. Ron Groome	4.09
4. Dave Waterman	5.73	4. John Findlay	3.97
5. Don Brander	5.39	5. Wilf May	3.69
6. Aidan Ballantyne	5.36	6. Hobart Liang	3.38
7/7. Lauren Miller	5.28	7. Peter Walton	3.18
7/8. Martin O'Reilly	5.28	8. Ernie Dietrich	3.16
9. Dave House	4.90	9. Don Forsyth	3.06
10. Al Chapello	4.64	10. Dan Watson	2.32

Congratulations to Winners Sandy & Jean who receive free plays to '84 Unit Games

Vancouver:

New Year's Day (9 tables):

- Overall: 1. Aidan Ballantyne - Sandy McIlwain
 2. Catriona Brown - Murdoch Smith
 3. Dave Waterman - Gordon Davis
 4/5. Linda Sims - Lauren Miller
 4/5. Harold McAllister - Elliot Netto
 6. George Bell - Frances Waters

N-S		E-W	
Sims - Miller	118	Ballantyne - McIlwain	143
McAllister - Netto	118	Brown - Smith	128½
Bell - Waters	115½	Waterman - Davis	122
Laurence & Rhonda Betts	115	Sefton Levine - Morris Potzold	107

Cloverdale:

New Year's Day (7 tables):

- Overall: 1. Ted & Larry Hicks
 2. Richard & Ina Andersen
 3. Jack Ritch - Joe Dolynski
 4. Ev Hodge - Mary Fines
 5. Mabel Holding - A. Hutton

N-S		E-W	
Hicks'	107-	Andersens	102
Hodge - Fines	95	Ritch - Dolynski	100-
Don Fraser - Laureen Holley		Holding - Hutton	

NEXT UNIT GAMES: Feb 5, March 4, April 1 at the Haida Bridge Club, 2182 W12, Vancouver, and the Elks Hall, 17672 - 57th Ave, Cloverdale. Game time: 7:30, price \$3.50. Everyone welcome!

IT'S YOUR BID

Alan Graves sends us these problems courtesy of the Bridge World.
 Send your answers to me, Sandy McIlwain, 6-2160 W39, Vancouver, V6M 1T5,
 or give them to Alan if you can find him.

1. Matchpoints. Both vul. You are South.

A	S	W	N	E
Q74				
QJ952	1D	P	1H	3S
AKJ2	?			

2. IMPs. Both Vul.

A7	S	W	N	E
AKQ5				
J96	1C	3D	P	P
A863	?			

3. Matchpoints. None vul.

104	S	W	N	E
QJ10652				
AQ	1H	P	2S	P
A102	3H	P	4H	P
	?			

4. IMPs. N-S vul.

Q4	S	W	N	E
A7				
AQ84	-	-	-	4H
AJ872	?			

5. Matchpoints. E-W vul.

A1083	S	W	N	E
KJ1093				
865	1H	P	2C	P
K	2H	P	2S	P
	3S	P	4D	P
	4S	P	5C	P
	5S	P	6H	P
	?			

Please get your answers in by
 March 24.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

Tel. 967-3733

The winner of the Pemberton Club Shield, awarded to the individual who wins the most points in the Quarterly Club Championships, in its inaugural 1983 year is Hobart Liang, who won a close race:

1. Hobart Liang 8.89
2. Hanna Liang 8.82
- 3/4. Cliff & Pat Glen 6.76

The winners of the Rookie Club Championship and the trophies for the best performance in the Quarterly Rookie Club Championships were Shirley Fraser & Gloria Ferrey.

More Winners: Club Championships: Nov 7 - Marg Neate - George Bell
Nov 25 - Marion Adams - Win Trerise
Nov 30 - Hobart & Hanna Liang

Master - Rookie Game: 1. Betty King - Ivor Cohen
2. Dan Watson - Enid Pierce

ACBL-Wide Charity Game: 1. Bruce Buckley - Wayne Atmore
2. Joyce Peters - Alex Kiper

Membership Game: Wednesday, Jan 25.

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Hazel Dressler
438-2102

Open games every Tuesday evening at 7:30.

If you need a partner, come a few minutes early.

January 18: Membership Game (Swiss Team Event).

Please pre-register if possible.

Games Monday Mornings at 10:45 (Ex. Stat. Hols.) Manager: Pat Carruthers
420-6573

WEST VANCOUVER - Brunswick Bowling Alley

Wednesday Mornings at 11:30

December 21, 1983 was the last session to be directed by Adrian & June Budd Hicks. They have been 'in the Business' many years and it was sad to see them go. However, Adrian has found a capable and personable replacement in John Reeve (688-1846), who has already lined up some interesting games.

January 18: Open Swiss Charity Game

January 25: Membership Game - Open Pairs

February 29: Master's Pairs (One partner must have 20+ Master Points)
There will be trophies for the winners.

March 28: Olympiad Fund Open Pairs

SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Tod Moore 327-2298

Every Monday at 7:00 pm (not on Holidays)
Cost of \$2.00 includes free coffee.

Winners of the two-session Sunset Duplicate Bridge Trophy were:

Pauline McClafferty & Doug Strachan

The winner of the Sunset Trophy for the most points won in 1983 was:

John Bryden

KING GEORGE BRIDGE CLUB

George Radic 273-3003

12360 Cambie Road, Richmond

The Christmas Party was a great success. Seventy people enjoyed a variety of food and drink (on the house). Many thanks to Albert & Nadia Yallouz and Thony Stiennon for their help with all the chores. Thanks, too, to our club manager, Helen Shaver, who unfortunately is under the weather. Get well soon, Helen.

Open Games every Wednesday at 7:30 (ex. July & August)

January 11: ACBL Membership Game

March 28 & April 4: Two-session club tournament with the King George Trophy for the winners. You must have attended at least 10 sessions to qualify.

EAST RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Manager: Marie Dollyn 278-2586

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Every Sunday at 1:00 pm.

The club is open all year. For partnerships call George Radic, 273-3003.

EAST HASTINGS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
3096 East Hastings St.

Manager: Marion Scott 298-3932

Games are held Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:30.
Director on Wednesday is Louise Houde, 929-5559, and Thursday, George Radic, 273-3003.

MARPOLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Watch for the opening of the Marpole Club at the Marpole Community Centre, at 59th & Oak. It will be on either Thursday or Friday evening. For more information, call George Radic, 273-3003.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB - The Sequel

Club Championship Dates: Wed. March 14 - Open Pairs

Mon. March 19 - Mixed Pairs

Fri. March 23 - Open Pairs

Director Wanted! The Pemberton Bridge Club requires a director for their Monday evening games. Interested parties please contact Vic Bennington, 987-5537.

1983 VANCOUVER SECTIONAL TROPHY RESULTS

Don Brander won the Swiss Teams in November and therewith the Phil Wood Trophy. Paul Hagen sneaked past his team mates to place second. Laurence B. led several strong closers to finish first in the non-Borg Machine category.

The Phil Wood Trophy

1. Don Brander	83.31	11. John Bryden	49.17
2. Paul Hagen	70.90	12. Andy Nagy	48.56
3. Bob Connop	69.99	13. Ken Scholes	48.10
4. Ron Borg	69.82	14. Martin O'Reilly	47.68
5. Laurence Betts	64.89	15. Aidan Ballantyne	42.68
6. Bob MacDuff	59.97	16. Don Brazeau	42.55
7. Dan Jacob	57.17	17. Dave Waterman	40.41
8. Rhonda Betts	54.13	18. Selene Jacobson	39.60
9. Peter Herold	51.43	19. Michael Dimich	39.55
10. Lauren Miller	49.96	20. Greg Arbour	39.32

On the under side, Steve Vincent had another good tournament to increase his lead. He doesn't make much noise, but you'll be hearing a lot from 'No Bid' in the future. Gord Davis passed everyone else to finish second.

Under 200

1. Steve Vincent	36.02	6. Bill Angus	15.20
2. Gordon Davis	21.45	7. Louis Landau	14.47
3. Larry Hicks	18.20	8. Denise McKay	12.82
4. Pat Landau	16.13	9/11. Dan Watson	11.95
5. Elaine Levins	16.08	9/11. Julia Smith	11.95
		9/11. Shirley McKinney	11.95

Rhonda Betts won the Edie Bonnell handily. Selene Jacobson held down second place all year. Anne Nagy is the only repeater from last year's list.

Edie Bonnell

1. Rhonda Betts	54.13	6. Donna MacDuff	26.03
2. Selene Jacobson	39.60	7. Anne Nagy	22.33
3. Susan Peters	31.68	8. Jenny Paynter	21.75
4. Elaine Ryan	29.64	9. Sharon Crapko	18.80
5. Trudy Hurdle	29.34	10. Leslie Gold	18.41

IN ADDITION to their trophies, the winners of the Phil Wood races, both over and under 200, have won free plays to Vancouver's 1984 sectionals.

Send your Matchpointer correspondence to: Sandy McIlwain, #6-2160 West 39th Avenue, Vancouver, V6M 1T5; tel. 263-2152. The deadline for the next issue is February 29. Thanks to everyone who helped out last year. Happy 84.

THE MATCHPOINTER

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Editor: Sandy McIlwain
Publisher: John Bryden
Club News: Catriona Brown

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 1-3 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond BC

Tournament Director: Phil Wood

Tournament Chairman: Chuck Hodson

Friday June 1: 1:30 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
8:00 pm MIXED PAIRS
JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 master points)

Saturday June 2: 1:30 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 1st session
Flight A - No Restrictions
Flight B - 0-1000 master points
8:00 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS - 2nd session

Sunday June 3: 11:00 am & 4:30 pm OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 Sessions

****N.B.: This is a non smoking event!**

Partnerships: Alex Kiper
298-9616

Side games as attendance warrants.
Please note early starting times on Sunday.

All events \$4.50/ session, except Junior Pairs, \$3.50.

CALENDAR

May

15 International Fund Game -
Qualifying Event for CPC
14-20 Gem State Regional
Boise ID
17-20 Silver Star Spring Sectional
Vernon BC
25-28 Seattle Knockout Sectional
Seattle WA

June

1-3 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS
Richmond BC
10 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club & Cloverdale Elks Hall
8-10 Summer Sectional
Spokane WA
4-10 California Capitol Regional
Sacramento CA
12-17 Puget Sound Regional
Tacoma WA

June

21 A ACBL-Wide Senior Citizens
Event
23-24 Skagit Sectional
Mount Vernon WA

July

29-1 Apple Tree Sectional
Wenatchee WA
8 VANCOUVER UNIT GAME &
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Cloverdale Elks Hall: 6:30!
6-8 Tacoma Firecracker Sectional
13-22 North American Championships
Washington DC
13 International Fund Game -
Qualifying Event for CPC
20-22 GOLDEN EARS SECTIONAL
Maple Ridge BC
27-29 Portland Summer Sectional
Lake Oswego OR

ELECTION 1984

We will have ballots for the 1984 Unit 430 election of board members at the June sectional. Please take advantage of this opportunity to select from our list of outstanding candidates (see inside). Those of you unable to attend the sectional will receive ballots in the mail. We ask your co-operation in returning these ASAP. There are an unusually large number of vacancies on the Board this year, so this election will have a strong impact on the make-up of the Board. Please exercise your right to choose who will spend your money.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The new Unit Board will be unveiled July 8 at the Cloverdale Elks Hall, 17672 - 57th Ave., Cloverdale. Meeting time is 6:30. Please attend and please be on time as we need a quorum to start. Unit game follows meeting.

To the Editor:

Let's get this straight at the outset. I smoke. What's more, I have every intention of continuing to smoke, being well aware of the potential hazard to my own health and the discomfort I may cause to those around me.

When the Unit Board, at the only meeting I did not attend in two years (owing to a previous business commitment), decided to experiment with a non-smoking Swiss at the February sectional, I was most upset. My first reaction, like many others', was to boycott the event. However, I was eventually persuaded to play, but spent the week prior to the game deeply concerned that I could not survive a seven-board match without lighting up.

Much to my amazement, however, I discovered that not only could I survive, - I actually enjoyed it. Our facilities at the Richmond Inn are perhaps the worst playing conditions possible for smoke control. Even I have found the smoke in that room oppressive at times. On Sunday the difference was obvious the minute you walked in the door. The fact that no one else was smoking made you less likely to have the urge for a cigarette, and the frequent breaks that exist in the Swiss format made it the ideal vehicle for such a policy.

So I say to my fellow smokers, especially those who refused to attend, try it next time [see p.1 -Ed.], you might even like it - I did!

This is not to suggest that all tournaments, or even all Swiss teams, should be non-smoking. In pairs it would be much more difficult, and other alternatives, such as having non-smokers in a separate room may be available in the future. But, in my view, the experiment was a success, and I congratulate my fellow board members for having the courage to try it.

Sincerely,

Doug Cowan

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Mr. Stan Tench
200 Clemow St
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed Format for Zone VI CNTC Final, 1984 (split zone final)

The Canadian National Team Championships event is dying in the zone hinterland. (The Okanagan, Kootenay and Prince George units). In the 1982 final we were allotted 2 teams from the Okanagan unit and one of those teams finally had to be made up of one pair each from the 6th and 7th place finishers. It was evident that no one wished to go to the zone playdown.

Why the apathy?

Certainly travelling to Vancouver on a Friday, playing 2 matches on Saturday and driving back home on Sunday is not everyone's cup of tea.

Something dramatic had to be done before this event collapsed altogether in our areas. I for one would like to congratulate Doug Andrews for seeing the situation as it is and doing something about it. Although the split zone final was our suggestion we could not have achieved it without his farsighted vision.

Since we announced the split final interest has blossomed in our areas. Our top teams now know they have a good chance to making that trip to Toronto. I find it hard to believe our first place team will not be close to Vancouver's third place team in ability.

I would point out that this year we will send \$3300. in sanction fees (from our three areas) to assist the second or third place teams. The amount of money raised this year would have been only a very small percentage of this amount without the new format.

Before the split zone final:

1. The Okanagan unit had decided to drop club games and just have a unit final.
2. The Prince George unit reported only minimal interest in the event.
3. The Kootenay unit had decided to drop the event entirely.

With the change in format: Our combined areas had 84 teams at the club level and will have 46 teams at the unit level.

In his letter to you of November 21, 1983, Mr. L. Betts mentions several times that our areas make up only 25% of the total bridge players in our zone. However, if you consider participation in the CWTG you will find we comprise over 50% of the participants at the club and unit levels. And isn't PARTICIPATION what it's all about?

Yours very truly,

cc: Mr. D. Andrews
Mr. L. Betts, Unit 430
Victoria Unit 431
The Matchpointer

Doug Boothe,
CWTG Okanagan Unit Coordinator

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NOTES AND COMMENT

The Victoria Regional

The recent regional at the Empress was the largest ever in DINO, and the largest Canadian tournament ever held outside Toronto. Congratulations are in order to Velma Acres and the bridge players of Victoria for doing whatever they did to get the turnout. The old hotel strained at the seams a little, but we all had a good time (at least I did).

We should also congratulate the players of Unit 430 for their fine showing. Local players were either first or second in all of the major events. Leading the way were Laurence Betts and Greg Arbour, who didn't do much except win all three major team games (the Open Swiss was a four-way tie). Don Brazeau joined them in the Open Swiss and the Knockouts. Lauren Miller, partnered by Seattle's John Maki, led a 1-2-3 Vancouver finish in the Flight A Open Pairs. The ever-dangerous Aidan Ballantyne (I've got the marks to prove it) backed up his win in the Flight A Swiss with a third in in the Masters. Andy Nagy and Steve Vincent rounded out the winning teams. And Susan Peters won her first regional event since leaving the wheatfields. Heck, she even let me play with her.

The Canadian National Teams

Surprises were the big news in the Unit Finals, with the Borg team, last year's number one squad, failing to survive the semi-final cuts, and the highly-ranked McCully team having had what can most charitably be described as a terrible day in the finals.

The split-zone final had Vancouver playing off with Vancouver Island to pick two of BC's three teams. The team of Duncan Smith - Jim McAvoy - Peter Herold - Jim Dickie fooled no one in finishing first. These guys are making a habit of getting to the national finals. The format required the teams of Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - Aidan Ballantyne - David Waterman and Michael Dimich - Doug Andrews - Lauren Miller - Al Chapelle to play off for second place. They did that the other day with Betts winning a fairly close match. Best of luck in the big city, boys. Don't let Waterman too far out of sight.

Plans are underway to restructure the BC Finals in a fashion suitable to the various units of Zone VI (BC). It appears that some form of all-BC final will be reinstated, but involving fewer teams than in the past and with the location moving around the province somewhat. Having recently attended a meeting of unit rep's from around BC to discuss this issue, I can tell you that the Interior players' reluctance to engage us in battle comes not only from travelling and being beaten for their troubles, but also from a lack of hospitality on our part, i.e. rubbing it in. You don't have to be religious to pay for your sins, and those 34 teams who flocked to the all-Interior team championships didn't just do it for a chance to go to Toronto and get thrashed (they couldn't all have thought they were going to win), they were voting with their feet against coming here.

New Unit Game Site

The Haida Bridge Club, site of our Vancouver Unit Game, is moving to new premises at 456 W. Broadway, Suite 203. They are moving June 1, so our June 10 and subsequent games will be played there (except July 8, AGM in Cloverdale).

Errata

There were several errors of fact in the last issue. The editor regrets any confusion or complications resulting from those mistakes.

UNIT GAMES

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Vancouver :

February 5 (5 tables):

1. Andy Nagy - Ron Dixon	65
2. Koos Van Lieshout - Lisa Strebinger	62
3. Marguerite Chiarenza - Pauline McClafferty	61
4. Mike Takomori - Jack Hopwood	54

March 4 (10 tables):

1. Les Fouks - Aidrian Hicks
2. Catriona Brown - Murdoch Smith
3. Andrew Ross - Julian Adams
4. Lisa Strebinger - George Bell
5. John Anthony - Howard Sussman
6. Leo Steil - Softon Levine

N-S		E-W	
Fouks - Hicks	158	Brown - Smith	132
Anthony - Sussman	121½	Ross - Adams	131
Marguerite Chiarenza - Ron Dixon	109½	Strebinger - Bell	129½

April 1 (12 tablos):

1. Elliott Netto - Harold McAllister
2. Jane Rogers - J. MacDonald
3. Harvey Piercy - Gord Davis
4. Don Brander - Bob Connop
5. Murdoch Smith - Catriona Brown
6. Koos Van Lieshout - Gertie Stanford

N-S		E-W	
Rogers - MacDonald	131	Netto - McAllister	135
Van Lieshout - Stanford	121½	Piercy - Davis	128½
Ted & Ruby Trerise	118	Brander - Connop	124½
Sid Segal - Les Fouks	116	Smith - Brown	124

Cloverdale:

February 5 (6 tables):

1. Dan Watson - John Findlay	67½
2. Larry Hicks - P. Stapff	59½
3. Alex Kiper - Dennis Groden	59
4/5. Tony Marsh - Colin Collin	58½
4/5. Thony Stiennon - Ron Groome	58½

March 4 (8½ tablos):

1. John MacDonald - Gordon Estrada
2/3. Don Forsyth - Wilf May
2/3. Ernie Dietrich - John Findlay
4/5. Ron & Jean Groome
4/5. Richard & Ina Anderson

N-S		E-W	
Dietrich - Findlay	118	MacDonald - Estrada	121½
Ted Hicks - Bill Hartford	100.7	Forsyth - May	118
Denny & Edie Denman	99.6	Groomos	101½
		Andersens	101½

April 1 (10½ tablos):

1. Axel & Margaret Schulmann
2. Ted & Larry Hicks
3. Stan Holding - Paul Radnai
4. John Findlay - Dan Watson
5. Jean & Ron Groome
6/7. Elaine Levins - Maureen Chancey
6/7. Tony & Joan Marsh

N-S		E-W	
Schulmanns	132.2	Findlay - Watson	118½
Hicks'	125.4	Groomos	117½
Holding - Radnai	119.3	Levins - Chancey	116

UNIT GAME SCHEDULE 84

June 10	Haida & Elks	September 2	Haida & Elks
July 8	<u>Elks Hall only</u> - Annual Meeting	October 7	Haida & Elks
August 5	Haida & Elks	November 4	Haida & Elks

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Those of you voting at the June Sectional and by mail will have to choose from the following strong list of candidates:

DOUG ANDREWS: Doug is an actuary, a former Unit 430 board member, former Unit 116 (Toronto) board member, and will be stepping down as BC Zone Director of the Canadian Bridge Federation in June. As CBF Director he expanded the CNTC Finals to increase BC representation; brought the Canadian Ladies Team Championship to Vancouver; was instrumental in setting up the Canadian Pairs Championship; and much more. He is a former editor of The Matchpointer, and as a player has had many successes, including two appearances in the GNP Finals and one in the CNTC Finals. His reasons for seeking election are: 1) believes the Unit will disburse large amount of funds over next few years and would like to see this done in 'an appropriate manner'; 2) help Unit to work more with CBF to enhance Canadian bridge; 3) see that Unit decisions service wider range of members' interests (e.g. country club players, novices, newcomers); 4) feels that Unit 430 should take stronger position re DINO & decisions made by DINO that affect us adversely.

TRUDY HURDLE: Trudy is a Grade 5 teacher who came to us from the rocky shores of Newfoundland. A popular player and a frequent visitor to the winner's circle, she will be playing for BC in the Ladies' Team Championship. A hard worker and a flexible thinker, her main concerns are 1) improving the social environment at the bridge table, i.e. dealing with the continuing problems of ethics and table manners; 2) novice programs, particularly the transition period from junior bridge to mainstream play; 3) working to improve the reputation of Women's Bridge locally.

STEPHEN P. BEATON: A Vancouver native, Stephen graduated from U.B.C., studied for two years in Scotland, and, after 10 years in Eastern Canada, moved back to the Squamish area, picking up a degree in business from Queen's on the way. Steve discovered duplicate in Kingston and plays now regularly at the Squamish and Pemberton clubs and at local tournaments. He helps run the Squamish club, and directs there regularly. He's a certified director, and a 'stand-by' director at Pemberton. While in Kingston, he was on the executive of a private company bridge league. He enjoys working to help bridge and is running for the Unit Board in that spirit.

DOUG COWAN: Running for a second term, chairman of the Vancouver Regional in 1983 and expected to continue as chairman for the '86 Regional. Has been our Unit's corresponding secretary for two years. Resides in West Van. and plays regularly at Pemberton (also Burnaby and New West.). His main interest is in promoting 'grass roots' support of Unit activities. An ACBL member for over 25 years, Doug has been active on the local bridge scene since moving here in 1978. A Life Master "by longevity", his favorite partner is his wife, Julie.

TOM CROSS: A West Van. resident who attained Life Master earlier this year, Tom plays primarily at Pemberton, where he is on the club executive, but can frequently be found at various other clubs. He actively supports all local events and attends most nearby regionals. Tom is a successful businessman whose organizational abilities would be a strong asset on the board. Often partners his charming wife, Gerry, who is a fairly recent convert to duplicate.

SANDY McILWAIN: Sandy is the current Matchpointer editor and will continue to be if re-elected. A recent LM, Sandy just won his first Regional event in Victoria (good partner). He believes bridge can be played competitively, by the rules and still be fun. He would like to see the Unit, DINO and the CBF get along better.

ROSE WREAN: This charming lady plays mostly at Pemberton, where she has been on the executive of the club since its inception. A mother of three and married to a non-duplicate player, she successfully combines family responsibilities and a full-time career, while finding time for one or two sessions of bridge per week. One of the North shore's most popular players, she became an LM in 1980, and her many talents would be of great value to the board.

RHODA TAFLER: A French Immersion teacher and consultant with the Surrey School Board, Rhoda recently decided to make Vancouver her home, after an extended stay which included two years teaching at S.F.U. She is a former treasurer of the Montreal Unit Board, and as our treasurer is stepping down she will be a most welcome addition. Rhoda would also like to see more done with the novice programs, and believes the image of bridge needs upgrading for it to become more popular.

MARTIN O'REILLY: Martin has spent the last two years running our special events and has done the job with a great deal of enthusiasm. His hard work has been a great service to the Unit. He hopes to do the same job if re-elected, believing that his experience will help him do an even more successful job. A Vancouver native, Martin is well-known and well-liked around the local bridge scene. A man who gets things done.

JENNIFER PAYNTER: Jenny is running for her third term on the Unit Board. She has been IMP League Commissioner for some time now, and was a fixture at the partnership desk for ages (behind it, of course). A social worker by trade, this lady is a voracious reader and one of the best darn crocheters in town. A true fund of information, Jennifer knows (almost) everyone. Has donated her basement and environs for the printing of The Matchpointer for several years now. Works hard, loves the game.

GREG ARBOUR: Greg is a self-employed lawyer who lives in Vancouver. He learned his bridge basics in (you guessed it) Ontario, and since his arrival in Vancouver has honed his skills to a fine point. Will represent BC in this year's Canadian Team Championships (2nd appearance). Greg is interested in tournaments and the competitive aspects of the game.

N.B: You are asked to choose no more than six (6) candidates from this list. Please make an effort to vote at the sectional, as our volunteers have to mail ballots out to all those who don't vote there.

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Missing Boards

Unit 430 is unable to locate a partial set of duplicate boards. Boards 1-14 from a set of metal boards were borrowed over a year ago, probably from the Haida Bridge Club, and not returned. Anyone who finds these boards cluttering up some dark corner of their residence is asked to please return them to the Unit or to the Haida as soon as possible. We do need them.

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New Life Masters

We salute new Life Masters Tom Cross and Ruby Trerise. Well done!

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In Memoriam

We note with regret the passing of Mrs. Betsy Teerink, of Burnaby, and Mr. Clarence Carroll, of Chilliwack. Both were very active members in their time, and they will be missed by many.

Bellingham Sectional

Masters' Pairs:

3. Donna Morrison - Mary Fines

Open Pairs (Fri.):

- 1/2. Margie Neate - Mary Fines
- 1/2. Sally McAlary - Peggy Williams
3. Ina Andersen - Jean Groome

Open Pairs Flight A:

1. Donna & Bob MacDuff
- 2/3. Brian Dixon - John Whittlesay
- 2/3. Lauren Miller - Elaine Ryan

Open Pairs Flight B:

1. Sharon Lessard - Erwin Slopach
3. Louis & Pat Landau

Swiss Teams:

1. Martin Johnson - Chris Christofferson - Jim McCully - Derek Ward
2. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - John Hurdle - David Gold
- 3/? . David Waterman - Stephen Vincent - Connie Delisle - Rhonda Betts
- 3/? . Richard Christie - Dan Jacob - Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully
- 3/? . Aidan Ballantyne - Joel Martineau - (Bob Hitchens - Carl Hansen)

Vancouver Winter Sectional (399 tables)

Women's Pairs (58 pairs):

1. Sandra Borg - Joan Marsh
2. J. Willborn - B. Hamilton
3. N. Folkins - B. Anderson

Men's Pairs: (46 pairs):

1. Aidan Ballantyne - Terry Mickelson
2. Greg Arbour - Gordon Davis
3. Dave House - Gary Tomczyk

Junior Pairs (20 pairs):

1. J. Treloar - B. Treloar
2. Y. Klan - P. Ashby
3. D. Glen - W. Borman

Friday Night Side (18 pairs):

1. Corrine Tapley - B. Prestage
2. Derek Ward - Graham Putnam
3. Danny Lee - Raymond Lee

Mixed Pairs:

1. Don Brander - Connie Hamm
2. Doug Hansford - Kathy Adachi
3. Lisa Strebinger - George Bell

Open Pairs (61 tables):

1. Gordon McOrmond - Dan Jacob
2. Laurence Betts - Steve Vincent
3. Cam Lindsay - Bob Connop

Open Pairs Consolation (64 pairs):

1. John McDonald - Gordon Estrada
2. Ted Hicks - Liz Hicks
3. Don Paskaruk - Merilee Elliot

Saturday Night Side (18 pairs):

1. Kelvin Fleming - Ormond Fleming
2. Nan Pranger - B. Hamilton
- 3/4. Rinky & Gordon Fowler
- 3/4. Maryellen Hunchak - John Sokolowski

Flight A Swiss Victory Points (22 teams):

- 1/2. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - Aidan Ballantyne - David Waterman
- 1/2. Duncan Smith - Gordon McOrmond - Doug Baldwin - Gerry McCully
3. David Gold - John Hurdle - Sandy McIlwain - Martin O'Reilly

Flight B Swiss - C-1000 mps. (53 teams):

1. Gordon Davis - Ken Lee - Dennis Groden - Andrew Ross
- 2/3. James Craig - Barbara Wise - Doug Woods - Mark Kawasaki
- 2/3. A. Rantamaa - Anita Dymond - R. Rumsby - Carol Thompson

PORTLAND REGIONAL

Open Swiss Teams:

- 2/4. Lauren Miller - Martin O'Reilly - Dave House - (Cec Brown)

Women's Pairs:

4. Kathy Adachi - Ina Andersen
8. Stella Alliston - Margie Neate

Charity Speedball Swiss:

- 1/4. David House - (J. Percy - J. Dunlap - B. Arthur)

Knockouts:

- 5/8. Tom Cross - Doug Cowan - Bill Osborne - Don Jorgenson
- 5/8. Kathy Adachi - Ina Andersen - (G. Parker - M. Pruitt)

Super Open Pairs Flight A:

2. Bob MacDuff - (John Maki)
4. Dan Jacob - Lauren Miller
10. Dave House - Martin O'Reilly

Super Open Pairs Flight B:

7. Hobart & Hanna Liang
10. Garry Skoropoda - Larry Hicks

Masters' Pairs 200+ :

1. Dan Jacob - (Carl Hansen)
12. Donna Morrison - Mary Fines

Masters' Pairs Under 200:

6. Madeleine Becker - Angela Fenton

Swiss Teams Flight B:

1. Ted & Ruby Trerise

SAN ANTONIO SPRING NATIONALS

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS: 4. Doug Andrews - Michael Strebinger

This is the best ever placing by a Vancouver pair!

Chisolm Trail Swiss Teams - Smoking:

- 2/3. David House - Elliott Netto - (G. Tomczyk - R. Ward)

Open Swiss Teams:

- 1/4. Andy Nagy - Don Brazeau - Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour
- 7/8. Dan Jacob - Cam Lindsay - (Pat Dunn - John Maki)
- 9/16. Ev Hodge - Stella Alliston - Margie Neate - Mary Fines
- 9/16. Brian Dixon - Dorothy Dixon - (Henry Anderson - Margaret Pearce)

Women's Pairs:

- 2. Phyllis Gerber - Dolphine Tablotney
- 44. Enid Burfitt - Anne Oakley

Men's Pairs:

- 2. Ron Borg - Don Brander
- 8. Pete Walton - Dennis Dohl

Open Pairs:

- 2. Peter Herold - (Duncan Smith)
- 3. Don Brander - Bob Connop
- 5/6. Steve Vincent - Greg Arbour
- 7/8. Dennis Dohl - Jack Hopwood
- 12/13. Dave House - (Jim Dickie)

Consolation: 4. Gary Phelan - Ron Dixon

Master Pairs Flight A:

- 1. Susan Peters - Sandy McIlwain
- 3. Leo Steil - Aidan Ballantyne
- 7. Peter Herold - (Dave Westfall)
- 8/9. Laurence Betts - (Jim Dickie)
- 15/16. Don Brander - Doug Andrews

Master Pairs Flight B: 4. Bryan & Margaret Sutton

Open Pairs Flight A:

- 1. Lauren Miller - (John Maki)
- 2. Cam Lindsay - Bob Connop
- 3. Dan Jacob - Ron Borg
- 12. Peter Herold - (Jim Dickie)

Open Pairs Flight B:

- 4. Bill Osborne - Danny Lee
- 11/12. Henry & Paul Chow
- 15. Julie Cowan - Joyce Peters

Knockout Teams:

- 1. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - Don Brazeau - (Pat Dunn)
- 5/8. Gerry McCully - Doug Baldwin - Michael Dimich - Bob MacDuff
- 9/16. Gordon Estrada - Don Forsyth - Doug Hansford - John MacDonald - Wilf May
- 9/16. Derek Ward - Jim McCully - Chris Christofferson - (Darrell Keel)
- 9/16. Leo Steil - Dave House - (Gary Tomczyk - Cec Brown - Jackie Matthews - James Dunn)
- 9/16. Dan Jacob - (Dick Yarrington - Ken Scholes - Subash Gupta)

Super Swiss Flight A:

- 1. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - Aidan Ballantyne - Steve Vincent

Super Swiss Flight B:

- 2/3. Doug Stachan - Don Orchard - Michael Newcombe - Maureen Taylor

(I'm sure other teams placed on Sunday, but our reporter had a ferry to catch.
If you want a mention, notify us for the next issue.)

Super Open Pairs Flight C: 6. Richard & Alice De Roo

Parksville Sectional:

- Open Pairs: 3 Laureen Holley - (Kal Kalcem)

There have been a few changes recently in the events at Vancouver Sectionals. Here is a look at our sectional year as it now stands:

Winter(February): Fri: Men's - Women's Sat: Open Pairs Sun: Flighted Swiss
Mixed/ Junior (qualifying) Fl. A: VP's
Pairs Pairs Fl. B: Swiss

BC Championships: Fri: Men's - Women's Sat: Flighted Pairs Sun: Open Swiss
(June) Mixed/ Junior (playthrough)

Evergreen: Fri: Men's - Women's Sat: Open Pairs Sun: Flighted Swiss
(September) Mixed / Junior (qualifying) Fl A: BAM
Fl. B: Swiss

Round-Up: Fri: Men's - Women's Sat: Flighted Pairs Sun: Open Swiss
(November) Mixed BAM Teams (playthrough)
& Junior Pairs

All flighted events are: Flight A - unlimited & Flight B - 0-1000 Master Pts.
Junior Pairs: 0-20 MP's

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TROPHY RACES

Before listing the leaders, The Matchpointer and Unit 430 would like to thank John Bryden for his long and valuable service in compiling the trophy standings for us. It's a tough job, and he did it flawlessly. Our new man, Laurence Betts, says these are the unofficial standings:

<u>Phil Wood</u> :	1. Gord McOrmond	35.60	<u>Edie Bonnell</u>	
	2. Laurence Betts	32.98		
	3. Dan Jacob	26.64	1. Kathy Adachi	9.34
	4. Aidan Ballantyne	23.75	2. Connie Hamm	7.73
	5. Greg Arbour	22.55	3/5. Barbara Wise	6.75
	6. Gerry McCully	20.39	3/5. Carol Thompson	6.75
	7. Don Brander	20.10	3/5. Anita Dymond	6.75
	8. Duncan Smith	18.76	6. Sandra Borg	5.74
	9. Doug Baldwin	17.85	7. Joan Marsh	5.47
	10. Gordon Davis	14.66		

No Under 200 standings available this time.

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UNIT GAME RACES (through April)

Vancouver: 1/2. Catriona Brown	2.38	Cloverdale: 1. Larry Hicks	2.96
1/2. Murdoch Smith	2.38	2. Ted Hicks	2.88
3/4. Harold McAllister	2.26	3. John Findlay	2.48
3/4. Elliott Netto	2.26	4. Dan Watson	1.62
5. Les Fouks	1.79	5/6. Axel Schulmann	1.58
6. Gordon Davis	1.55	5/6. Marg Schulmann	1.58
7. Aidrian Hicks	1.50	7/8. John MacDonald	1.43
8/9. Aidan Ballantyne	1.43	7/8. Gordon Estrada	1.43
8/9. Sandy McIlwain	1.43	9/10. Richard Anderson	1.39
10/11. Jane Rogers	1.16	9/10. Ina Anderson	1.39
10/11. J. MacDonald	1.16		

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A Letter From Squamish

Dear sir,

This is to inform you of the passing of two of our Bridge Club Members. Oliver Nelson, our club manager, died in May, 1983, and Martha Lowinger died in January, 1984, both from cancer. They will be missed.

Our new manager is myself, Kathy Boothroyd, and one of our directors, Steve Beaton, recently passed his certified exam.

We also send get well wishes to Carl Malm in Squamish General Hospital, where he is recovering from surgery.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.)Kathy Boothroyd

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

The Haida Club is moving! Effective June 1st, 1984, the Haida Bridge club will be moving to new premises at:

456 West Broadway, Suite 203, Vancouver.

Free parking is available in the evenings in the City of Vancouver parking lot directly behind the building. The weekly schedule of games will be the same as at present.

BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Hazel Dressler
438-2102

Games every Tuesday evening at 7:30.

There was an excellent turn-out for the Charity Game - 32 tables. \$200 was donated to the Canadian Heart Foundation.

The annual summer contest will be held during July and August. The player earning the most master points in these two months will receive a free play to an upcoming Vancouver Sectional.

Monday morning game is at 10:45 (except stat. hol.'s) Manager: Pat Carruthers
420-6573

SUNSET BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Tod Moore (327-2298)

Open games every Monday evening at 7:00. Closed on stat. hol.'s.
Cost of \$2.00 includes free coffee.

Leaders in the 1984 Sunset Trophy race are: 1. John Bryden
2. Morris Potzold
3/4. Al Logie & Alex McBeth

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

Director: John Reeve (688-1846)

Brunswick Lanes, Park Royal South
West Vancouver

Every Wednesday at 11:30 am.

May 23: Charity Swiss Teams

June 21 (Thursday): ACBL Nation-Wide Senior Citizens Event
1 session, sectionally rated
All players must be 55 years of age or older.

Recent winners: Jan 18 Charity Swiss: Doris Frizzell, Stella Alliston,
Mary Fines, Brian Badger
Jan 25 Membership Game: Win Tresise & Marion Adams
Feb 29 Masters Pairs: Win Tresise & Marion Adams
Mar 28 Olympiad Fund Pairs: E-W - C. Brown & P. Barrington
N-S and Overall: Pat Landau &
Gladys Hamilton
April 25 Ambleside Open Pairs: Bette Nash & Joyce Turner

HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Every Wednesday morning at 11:00

Winners of Feb 1 Club Championship: 1. Dolphine Tablotney & Helen Montgomery
2. Jill Wainborn & Bev Cullen

March 28 Swiss Team winners: Sandi White, Ida Goodland, Dolphine Tablotney,
Phyllis Gerber

KING GEORGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Director: George Radics
273-3003

12360 Cambie Road, Richmond

There were two new names on the King George Trophy this year. For the last three years Danny & Raymond Lee have been the winners, but this year's champions are Liz Lee and Rosemary Spratt. Twenty tables took part in the event. Winners for March 28 were R. Spratt and L. Lee tied with Sharon Crapko and Dennis Dohl. The April 4 winners were Phyllis Gerber and Dolphine Tablotney in Section A, while Section B Surprised with Marie Dallyn and Betty Purrot.

Don't forget the club is closed during July and August.
The first game after summer will be September 12 at 7:30.

EAST RICHMOND BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Marie Dallyn
278-2586

Games every Sunday afternoon at 1:00
The club is open all year.

Winners of the recent Club Championship were David Waterman and Danny Lee.

HASTINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE D.B.C.

Manager: Marion Scott (298-3932)
Director: George Radics (273-3003)

Games every Thursday evening at 7:30.

Winners of the last Club Championship were Ozzie & Shirley Isfeld.

TWO NEW FRIDAY BRIDGE GAMES:

1. DELTA BRIDGE CLUB

7655-120th St. (Scott Road), Delta
St. John's United Church

Time: 7:30 Cost: \$2.00 with free coffee

Call Leslie Morrison: 581-2939

2. MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Director: George Radics (273-3003)

59 & Oak St., Vancouver

Time: 7:15 Cost: \$2.00 with free coffee

Attendance is picking up due to a slightly later starting time
than was first announced.

The club will be closed during July and August. First game after
summer: September 14.

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Ted & Liz Hicks: 937-0843

Century House, 620-8th St.
New Westminster

Open game every Thursday - 7:15 pm sharp!

Free coffee and refreshments

Special events coming up: June 14 - Charity Game (for Canadian Cancer Soc.)
July 12 - Quarterly Open Pairs
August 2 - Grand National Pairs (tentative)

ABBOTSFORD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Bob Percher
792-4389

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Rd., Abbotsford

Friday evenings at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

Rookie Swiss Team winners, Jan 31: Pat Fox, Ena Frazer, Murray Augustine,
Gordon Ferguson

Winners of 1st quarterly Rookie Club Championship: Feb 14: Joyce Snowball &
Norma Malcolm

Club Championship Winners: March 19 - Louise Houde & Stew Forbes
March 23 - Marian Zartchta & Steve Beaton
March 28 - A. Marr - N. Fong

Next Club Championships: Wed. June 20 - Unmixed
Mon. June 25 - Open
Fri. June 22 - Open

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Audrey Loy (581-9806)
Director: Finn Schultz

Sunnyside Community Centre
1845 - 154 St., White Rock

Game held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Next special event: Charity Game - May 30.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

SILVER STAR SECTIONAL MAY 18TH - MAY 21ST VERNON B.C.

BRIDGE BUS DEPARTS	BRIDGE BUS RETURNS
DATE: FRI MAY 18TH	DATE: MON MAY 21ST
DEP : SEATTLE 5.00 PM	ARR : VANCOUVER 9.00 PM
DEP : VANCOUVER 6.00 PM	ARR : SEATTLE 10.00 PM

CONVENIENT PICK UP POINTS IN EVERETT, MT. VERNON, BELLINGHAM,
SUMAS, BURNABY, SURREY, LANGLEY, ABBOTSFORD, CHILLIWACK, HOPE.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: BRIDGE BUS FARE, 3 NIGHTS HOTEL SHARING
A DOUBLE ROOM AT VILLAGE GREEN INN.

PRICE: FROM SEATTLE US\$98.00 FROM VANCOUVER CAN\$98.00
SINGLE ROOM ADD 60.00 SINGLE ROOM ADD 60.00

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL JUNE 15TH - JUNE 17TH TACOMA WA.

BRIDGE BUS DEPARTS	BRIDGE BUS RETURNS
DATE: FRI JUNE 15TH	DATE: SUN JUNE 17TH
DEP : CHILLIWACK 6.00 PM	ARR : VANCOUVER 10.00 PM
DEP : VANCOUVER 6.00 PM	ARR : CHILLIWACK 10.00 PM

CONVENIENT PICK UP POINTS IN ABBOTSFORD, LANGLEY, SURREY,
BURNABY, BELLINGHAM, EVERETT, SEATTLE.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: BRIDGE BUS FARE, 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM.

PRICE: FROM CHILLIWACK CAN\$89.00 FROM VANCOUVER CAN\$89.00
SINGLE ROOM ADD 50.00 SINGLE ROOM ADD 50.00

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TACOMA FIRECRACKER SECTIONAL

JULY 6TH - JULY 8TH

TACOMA WA.

BRIDGE BUS DEPARTS

DATE: FRI JULY 6TH

DEP : CHILLIWACK 6.00 PM

DEP : VANCOUVER 6.00 PM

BRIDGE BUS RETURNS

DATE: SUN JULY 8TH

ARR : VANCOUVER 10.00 PM

ARR : CHILLIWACK 10.00 PM

CONVENIENT PICK UP POINTS IN ABBOTSFORD, LANGLEY, SURREY, BURNABY, BELLINGHAM, EVERETT, SEATTLE.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: BRIDGE BUS FARE, 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM.

PRICE: FROM CHILLIWACK CAN\$89.00 FROM VANCOUVER CAN\$89.00
SINGLE ROOM ADD 50.00 SINGLE ROOM ADD 50.00



POLAR REGIONAL

AUGUST 13TH - AUGUST 20TH

ANCHORAGE AK.

OUR BRIDGE BUS WILL TAKE US TO THE AIRPORT IN VANCOUVER AND OUR FLIGHT IS FIRST TO SEATTLE WHERE WE ARE JOINED BY OUR FRIENDS FROM THE USA.

ON ARRIVAL IN ANCHORAGE OUR U DRIVES ARE WAITING WITH DIRECTIONS TO OUR ACCOMMODATIONS. EACH DAY WE HAVE THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR CARS FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE SITE OF THE POLAR REGIONAL. EACH EVENING WE ENJOY THE RELAXED COMFORT OF BED AND BREAKFAST OR APARTMENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

ON THE LAST DAY WE LEAVE OUR U DRIVES AT THE AIRPORT AND TAKE THE EARLY MORNING FLIGHT TO SEATTLE WITH CONNECTIONS TO VANCOUVER AND OUR BRIDGE BUS TO BRING US BACK TO OUR CONVENIENT PICK UP POINT

PACKAGE INCLUDES: *** BRIDGE BUS TRANSFER TO/FROM VANCOUVER
*** RETURN AIR FARE VANCOUVER OR SEATTLE TO ANCHORAGE INCLUDING TAX
*** AIRPORT TAX
*** SHARE OF U DRIVE EACH DAY INCLUDING UNLIMITED MILEAGE, TAX AND INSURANCE
*** BED AND BREAKFAST OR APARTMENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 7 NIGHTS.

PRICE: FROM VANCOUVER CAN\$819.00 FROM SEATTLE US\$640.00

(Based on each of 2 sharing a double room or each of four sharing a one bedroom apartment).

Subject to a minimum of 10 passengers travelling. If less than 10 travel price may be increased.



HOW TO BOOK: All Bridge Bus departures can be reserved by calling us (collect for out of town). We will take care of all the details and inform you of your nearest convenient pick up point and time.

PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$25.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance payment is due at least 3 weeks prior to departure.

GROUP SIZE: A minimum of 30 passengers are required for each Bridge bus departure unless otherwise stated. Should the minimum not be reached 3 weeks before departure the bus may be cancelled.



edited by Allan Graves

[We'd like to thank Allan for persevering with this issue's problems despite his recent surgery. Our best wishes to him for a continued speedy recovery.

For those of you who may be unaware, Allan Graves is one of Canada's finest bridge players. He has represented us internationally and is likely to continue to do so for some time to come.

Allan has made the slightly innovative gesture of including himself on the voting panel. Good luck to the rest of us!-Ed.]

Evaluation and judgement play secondary roles to various partnership trust themes in this issue. Eleven panelists: Duncan Smith, Laurence Betts, Steve Vincent, Aidan Ballantyne, Sandy McIlwain, Lauren Miller, Doug Andrews, Martin O'Reilly, Dave House, Andy Nagy and myself are the voters of record.

For scoring purposes I have awarded top marks to the majority direction while adjusting the also-ran scores arbitrarily.

Thanks to the panelists for contributing, and I would like to encourage a rebuttal tradition through letters to the editor to continue the debate when I (or some other pontificating moderator) am completely outrageous.

1. Matchpoints. Both Vul. You are South:

A	S	W	N	E
Q74	1D	P	1H	3S
QJ952	?			
AKJ2				

SCORES: 4C + 100 (6 votes), Smith, Miller, Andrews, O'Reilly, Nagy, House
 4H = 90 (5 votes), Betts, Vincent, Ballantyne, McIlwain, Graves
 Pass = 50 (0 votes)

The panel:

Andrews: 4C, intending to bid 4H over 4D.

Smith: 4C. If life is fair, partner will bid 4D over 4C.

Even if the majority does get their hoped-for continuation (why do they want partner to have a weak hand?), might not partner interpret 4H as a game grope with only honour-x? I'm sure we are all a little uncomfortable when we are wishing at the bridge well. The minority digs a little deeper at the source of the discomfort:

Vincent: 4C could lead to the wrong game if partner feels compelled to bid five of a minor.

Ballantyne: 4H. 4C should have more high card or playing strength.

This is a true 'least of evils' situation. Our natural desire to find a 'good' bid distracts us from the long term partnership implications of the choice we end up making. The minority is trying to maintain the integrity of their future 4C bids in this situation so that partner will feel confident in evaluating them. The pre-empt has caused great damage and all choices could have frequent disastrous consequences. 4H is a particularly oafish, sow's ear of a bid, but at least it saves 4C for some future silk purse.

T There are a couple of side issues that the panel raised:

Betts: 4H. I hope this isn't going to be a lesson on 'support doubles'.

Let's say you open the bidding, LHO passes, partner responds 1 over 1, and RHO interposes at the one-level. Since a passed out penalty double [at this level] is rare, some attach a new meaning to a double by opener (e.g. 3-card support - Laurence's support double - I prefer a hand of 2NT rebid strength which wants a flexible auction - and of course many other 'best' uses fresh from the laboratory). Personally, I would hate to give up the penalty double when they butt in at the two-level, but handling the weak jump overcall by RHO in this situation is altered because we rarely have a trump stack and are often stymied with a good hand. I'm sure Bridge World readers will be 'treated' to the moderator's polemic on this issue.

Miller: 4C. Granted pass would leave more options open: 3S, 3S^x, 3NT, and Riverview for partner.

Lauren and I would make a great 'second choice' partnership. At match-

points, pass has a lot going for it. If everyone's too high we're laughing, and, not only might partner re-open with a double or 3NT, but pass is also the most accurate way to get to slam. Lauren, does Riverview deliver?

2. IMPs. Both vul.

	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
A7				
AKQ5	1C	3D	P	P
J96	?			
A863				

SCORES: Pass = 100 (5 votes), Smith, Andrews, Betts, Vincent, Graves
 Dbl. = 60 (1 vote), Ballantyne
 3H = 50 (5 votes), Miller, O'Reilly, Nagy, McIlwain, House

First, the bidders. I mean, do these guys sound confident or what?

The Gambler -- O'Reilly: 3H. The percentage bid is probably pass.
 The Thrill Seeker - McIlwain: Definite white knuckle territory.
 The Doubter - Miller: 3H, disregarding the evil little voice in my head.
 The Exhibitionist - House: 3H, show my values and go for a number.
 The Masochist - Ballantyne: Dbl. -800 here and there is good for the soul.

Again, what are the long term partnership implications? Don't we want partner to draw certain inferences and bid aggressively? Do the 3H bidders really want an aggressive club preference (the right bid if we have a 5-6 or a good 4-6)? Does the doubler really want to hear spades?

Smith: Pass. The pre-empt strikes again. Best chance for a plus appears to be defending 3D.

Vincent: Pass, seems a bit pathetic, but partner didn't act.

Sure, we might have to sit through some snivelling young weasel's stealing our slam with 3D, but that's a lot better than watching him smirk through every undertrick on our way to -1100 in 4C^A, and at least our partnership is still intact for the rest of the match.

3. Matchpoints. None vul.

	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
104				
QJ10652	1H	P	2S	P
AQ	3H	P	4H	P
A102	?			

SCORES: 5H = 100 (5 votes), Smith, Andrews, O'Reilly, Vincent, Graves
 4NT = 80 (4 votes), Miller, Nagy, Ballantyne, McIlwain
 5C = 50 (1 vote), House
 5NT = 50 (1 vote), Betts

This is an interesting problem in slam bidding, but in the interest of space I'll summarize the panel's views.

The 5H majority all mentioned the 'both aces' inference (no cue bid) and wanted to continue in an equal exchange. The 4 and 5 no trumpers wanted to simplify and focus on key cards. No one, including myself, approached a fruitful tree of matchpoints, 6NT.

4. IMPs. N-S vul.

	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
Q4				
A7	-	-	-	4H
AQ84	?			
AJ872				

SCORES: Dbl. = 100 (7 votes), Smith, Miller, Andrews, O'Reilly, Betts, Vincent, Nagy
 Pass = 80 (3 votes), Ballantyne, McIlwain, Graves
 4Nt = 10 (1 vote), House

I upgraded 'pass' for two reasons: 1) It's the bid I made, and 2) everyone sort of wanted to but just felt too strong to go quietly:

Andrews: Dbl. I'd like to pass, but I'm afraid partner won't re-open.**
 Nagy: Dbl. 4-2 spade fits play well sometimes.

Smith: Dbl. The worst that can happen is partner bids 4S, and that isn't necessarily bad for our side. Anything else I'll welcome with open arms.

I'm not so sure on this bad-breaking hand with the cards offside that

that I agree with Duncan's last statement. Remember, partner is also aware that vulnerable games are important. Perhaps the risk should come from him? Only Andrews and Nagy stated what they'd do if partner pulled to 4S. Whom do you agree with? Finally, what does a double of 4H specifically mean and which hands are suitable violations? This is very much like problems 1 & 2 only much less clear cut, in my opinion.

For the minority:

Ballantyne: Pass. I've already gone for 800. I've learned my lesson.

McIlwain: Pass. They haven't invented a bid for this hand yet.

The long term integrity issue again.

And, yes, Lauren, Riverview does deliver!:

House: 4NT. Hard to double with a doubleton spade. Hard to pass, especially if it goes 5H or 6H on my left [????? AG] I think I'll pretend my heart 7 is a diamond [that's the hand that Andrews wants for his sequence(**If partner pulls double (primarily for penalties) to 4S, I'll bid 4NT and hope. DA)) when partner bids 4S. AG].

I hope I'm not teasing Dave too hard, but his first statement reminds me of someone who, having recognized the folly of stepping in front of a ten-speed, steps in front of a train. He does get part marks, though. Not for bidding 4NT but for anticipating the advance sacrifice.

5. Matchpoints. E-W vul.

A1083	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
KJ1093	1H	P	2C	P
865	2H	P	2S	P
K	3S	P	4D	P
	4S	P	5C	P
	5S	P	6H	P
	?			

SCORES: 7C = 100 (4 votes), Miller, O'Reilly, Ballantyne, Graves

7S = 80 (2 votes) Andrews, McIlwain

6S = 50 (5 votes), Smith, Betts, Vincent, Nagy, House

The majority was downgraded because a) I didn't make the bid, and b) the panel voted 6-5 to bid the grand.

Smith: 6S. Expect partner has something like. . .

House: 6S. Partner has. . .

Nagy: 6S. Partner has 4-0-3-6 with a great hand, but I still can't count 13 tricks.

Betts: 6S. Wouldn't have opened unless playing Flannery. [so what? AG]

Vincent: 6S. Has all the makings of a disaster if partner bid 2S on a fragment.

One of the attributes of an expert bidder is his ability to reconstruct partner's hand, hold that hand in abstraction, and then evaluate the likely trick-taking potential of the combined assets prior to making the logical final decision dictated by that process. One of the common failures of the expert bidder, then, is to truncate the information exchange by prematurely reconstructing partner's hand. It's another of the trust issues. This tendency on our part to want to take control from partner can also make simple hands impossible.

McIlwain: 7S. No doubt about the value of the round K's.

Andrews: 7S. If we can trust partner, no Blackwood and no GSF means he's interested in specific K's.

Trusting partner does help, but why not carry it all the way through?

Miller: 7C. I've already signed off twice.

Ballantyne: 7C. Disclosing the card they haven't seen. Since I don't know what partner's hand is, this allows the choice of five contracts..

Exactly - six automatic bids followed by a probable tour as dummy. Part of having stamina is knowing which hands don't require any decisions. All the decisions on this hand were partner's. Don't you trust him or her?

I haven't added up the scores but I'm sure I won. Let's sharpen up those letters to the editor and start some debates fermenting. [The first debate might be over the scoring. For the record, Andrews was first with 480, followed by Graves with 470 and Smith with 450. -Ed.]

The C.W.T.C. will take place at the Chateau Granville from May 18-22, 1984. Eighteen team from across Canada are registered and will be welcomed at a reception on May 17. All teams play during the first three days, with four qualifying for the semi-final on Monday and two for Tuesday's final match. Monitors are needed for the last two days. Please contact Debbie McCully at 588-3669 if you can donate some time. Kibitzers are welcome throughout.

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IMP LEAGUE - 'C' DIVISION

The C League has completed its season with CHIARENZA emerging as the champion from a sudden death playoff against FOWLER. The complete results are as follows:

1. CHIARENZA (Mserguerite, J'Anne Greenwood, Dennis McMahon, John Reay) 93 VP's
2. FOWLER (Gordon & Rinky, Barry McNeill, John Ashwell) 60 VP's
3. RHODES (Joyce, Insa Fricker, Susan McBride, Marie Wright, Jill Schwartzel, Maria Booth) 55 VP's
4. KILBURN (Weldon, Wendy Foukes, Jan & Mary Eddy, Bob Isnor) 44 VP's
5. COIFFEE (Jeanne, Helen Jang, Denis Levy, Carol Swanson, Anne Mills) 20 VP's
6. GOWEN (Reg, Madeline Anderson, Lauga Egilsson, Maureen Crompton, Bea Sadgroce) 13 VP's

This was the first year that Unit 430 has held a team event for players with under 100 master points and we hope that the participants enjoyed the experiment. The Commissioner is planning to renew the C League for the 1984-85 season. Registration will start at the September sectional and end at the Future Stars Tournament in October.

[A & B League results in the June issue. Ed.]

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IT'S YOUR BID

by Al Chapelle

[Well-known for his aggressive work in the corners, Big Al is most often compared at the table to Bob Gainey. Tied as his heart is to the fate of certain Flying Frenchmen, the Rookie always manages to keep you guessing.-Ed.]

1. IMPs. Both vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
xx				
AQxxx	P	P	1H	Db1.
K10x	2N*	P	3H	3S
Kxx	4D	4S	?	

* Dormer(limit raise)

2. IMPs. Both vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
10xxxx				
Qxx	-	1S	P	1NT
9xx	3S	P	3NT	P
xx	P	*	4C	*
	4D	5C	P	P
	P			

(It's your lead.)

3. Matchpoints. None vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
AQJ9				
KQJ10	2C	P	3D*	P
Q10	?			
AK10				

* 5-card suit with two of top three honours

4. IMPs. N-S vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
A10				
void				
AJ9xxx	-	1H	2D	2H
Axxxx	2S	P	?	

5. IMPs. Both vul.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
AQ10xx				
void	1D	P	1H	P
AKJxxx	2S	P	2N	P
Kx	3S	P	3N	P
	?			

Send your IYB answers to Al Chapelle at 101-2225 W7 Ave, Vancouver, or to the Matchpointer executive suite at 6-2160 W39, Vancouver.

Since the next issue will be out in five weeks, we'll save the response to these problems until the August issue. Therefore, deadline for answers is July 20.

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The Second Annual

GOLDEN EARS SECTIONAL

July 20-22 at the MAPLE RIDGE CURLING CLUB
 11995 - 224th St. (Haney Place)
 Maple Ridge, B.C.

Friday July 20:	1:30 pm	UNMIXED PAIRS
	8:00 pm	MIXED PAIRS
		JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 masterpoints)
Saturday July 21:	1:30 pm	OPEN PAIRS (Qualifying)
	8:00 pm	OPEN PAIRS (Final)
		CONSOLATION (New entries accepted)
Sunday July 22:	11:00 am & 4:30 pm	OPEN SWISS TEAMS (2 sessions)

*No or low smoking sections where feasible.

**Free coffee and muffins before Sunday's game.

Tournament Chairmen: Ted & Liz Hicks (937-0843)

Tournament Director: Margo Johnson-Putnam

Partnerships: Ted Hicks (937-0843)

Events \$4.50 per player per session, except Junior Pairs, \$3.50.

THE CANADIAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Your last chance to qualify for the 1985 CPC will be on

Friday, July 13. Check with your local club to see if they're

participating. This is the third qualifying game. The top 30% and ties are eligible to participate in the Unit Final. Approximately 6 pairs from our Unit will be able to go to the National Final in 1985, to be held in conjunction with the Montreal Spring Nationals. Some subsidies will be available for the Final.

The qualifying game is being held in combination with the Continent-wide International Fund Game. This is the first year for the re-established CPC, and we urge you to come out and support this CBF event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>July</u>			
28-9	Bridge Week Regional Pasadena CA	13	International Fund Game & CPC Qualifying Game
29-2	Apple Tree Sectional Wenatchee WA	20-22	GOLDEN EARS SECTIONAL Maple Ridge BC
6-8	Tacoma Sectional	<u>August</u>	
8	VANCOUVER UNIT GAME & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Elks' Hall, Cloverdale	31-6	Klondike Days Regional Edmonton AB
13-22	NA Championships, Washington Washington, DC	5	Vancouver Unit Game Haida & Elks Hall
		10-12	Kootenay Sectional, Rossland
		24-26	Nanaimo Sectional

UNIT 430 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 8: Cloverdale Elks Hall, 17672-57 Ave., Cloverdale. 6:30 pm sharp!
 July Unit game follows meeting. No July game at Haida Club.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2.

B.C. Championships (Richmond): (412½ tables)

Ladies' Pairs: (54 pairs)

1. Kathy Adachi, N. Delta - Ina Anderson, Richmond
2. Mary Clarke - Else Baerwald, both Van.
3. Phyllis Gerber - Delphine Tablotney, both Van.

Men's Pairs: (46 pairs)

1. Peter Cooper, Van. - George Mittleman, Toronto
2. Chris Christofferson - Derek Ward, both Van.
3. Ben Takemori - Al Chapelle, both Van.

Mixed Pairs: (112 pairs)

1. Leslie Gold, Richmond - Lauren Miller, Van.
2. Kathy Adachi - Doug Hansford, both Delta
- 3/4. Susan Peters - Martin O'Reilly, both Van.
- 3/4. Connie Delisle, Van. - Bob MacDuff, Maple Ridge

Junior Pairs: (26 pairs)

1. Doug Reeves, Aldergrove - Jim Mayer, Surrey
2. John Ashwell - David Grannis, both Van.
3. Carmen McKay, Richmond - Reg Gowen, Van.

Friday Side Game; (17 pairs)

1. Graham Putnam - Bernie Hoy, both Van.
2. Gary Tomczyk, Parksville - Cec Brown, Ocean Shores, WA
3. Catriona Brown - Murdoch Smith, both Van.

Super Open Pairs Flight A: (60 pairs)

1. Sandy McIlwain - Aidan Ballantyne - both Van.
2. Jennifer Paynter, Van. - Dick Yarrington, Seattle
3. Leslie & David Gold, both Richmond

Super Open Pairs Flight B: (60 pairs)

1. Thom McCann, Richmond - Alvin Austin, New West.
2. Alan Harrop - Terry Scott, both N. Van.
3. Jacques Printz - Reg Harron, both Van.

Saturday Side Game: (22 pairs)

1. Brian & Joni Johnston, both Van.
2. Catriona Brown - Murdoch Smith, both Van.
3. Allen & Ann Nielson, both Richmond

Open Swiss Teams: (77 teams)

- 1/2. Laurence & Rhonda Betts - Grog Arbour, all Van. -
Duncan Smith, Victoria
- 1/2. Ted Hicks, Coquitlam - Jim Marshall, Pt. Coquitlam -
Wilf May, Surrey - Gail Perrin
- 3/5. Michael Newcombe, N. Van. - Sandy McIlwain - Susan Peters
- Martin O'Reilly, all Van.
- 3/5. Don Brazeau - Leo Steil, both Van. - David Gold - John
Hurdle, both Richmond
- 3/5. Michael Dimich - Doug Andrews, both Van. - Anna & Gilles
Boivin, both Montreal

IACOMA REGIONAL:

Open Swiss Teams:

2. Cam Lindsay (G. Baze - R. Walsh - D. Yarrington -
C. Compton)
4. John Hurdle - Don Brazeau (M. Jones - P. Rahn)

Open Pairs Final:

8. Don Brander - (C. Hamm)
11. Gladys Mackie - Betty King

Open Pairs Consolation:

4. Don Brazeau - John Hurdle

Masters Pairs Flight A:

4. Bob MacDuff - (J. Anderson)
 5. Cam Lindsay - Aidan Ballantyne
 9. Dan Jacob - (D. Yarrington)

Masters Pairs Flight B:

1/2. Jim Kerr - Maarten Tjebbes

Super Open Pairs Flight A:

6. Peter Herold - Lauren Miller
 7. Cam Lindsay - Aidan Ballantyne

Super Open Pairs Flight B:

5. Hobart & Hanna Liang

Knockout Teams:

1. Cam Lindsay - (G. Baze - R. Walsh - D. Yarrington -
 M. Itabashi)
 3/4. Bob MacDuff - Donna MacDuff - Dave House - (C. Brown -
 S. Summers)

Mount Vernon Sectional:

Swiss Teams:

1. Bob & Donna MacDuff -
 2/3. Aidan Ballantyne - Steve Vincent - Laurence & Rhonda
 Betts
 2/3. The June Swoons

99'ers Pairs: 1. Roberta Miller-Tait

VICTORIA REGIONAL

Swiss Teams Flight B:

2/3. Joan MacDonald, - Ann Cooper - Ann Ecclestone - Bouil
Moller

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Defensive Problem

-Lauren Miller

Matchpoints. N-S vulnerable.

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
3C	3H	5C	5H
6C	P	P	Dbl.
P	P	P	

South(you)

A962

1073

AQ7

843

East (dummy)

KJ4

A82

KJ10853

K

Trick 1: Heart 4, A, 3, 5Trick 2: Club K, 3, 2, A

trick 3: Spade 7, K, ?

Plan your defense.

(answer on p.7)

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NEW LIFE MASTERS

We have eight new LM's to report this time! Congratulations, one and
 all! (Now if we can teach them to sing madrigals...)

Bonny Anderson, Burnaby
 Ann Ecclestone, West Vancouver
 Gordon Estrada, Surrey
 Danny Lee, Vancouver

Anne Oakley, Vancouver
 Joyce Peters, West Vancouver
 Frank Shedden, Powell River
 Stephen Vincent, Vancouver

A Report From The Final

by David House

The CWTC was held in Vancouver May 18-22 to determine our Women's entry for the World Team Olympiad in Seattle this fall. Eighteen teams from eight provinces engaged in a three-day round robin. Surviving to the semi-finals were the following teams: B.C.'s Ron Borg (NPC) team: Sharon Crapko, Selene Jacobson, Donna MacDuff, Leslie Gold, and Jean Groome; Alberta's Pat Lopushinsky, Lucille Barton, Judith McGillis, and Karen Kilworth; and from Central Canada, George Mittleman (NPC), Dianna Gordon, Sharyn Kokish, Mary Paul, Francine Simon, Sandra Fraser, and Katie Thorpe; and Michael Roche (NPC), Wendy Geyer, Christine Hutton, Ruth Gold, Gloria Silverman, Joan Eaton, and Shelagh Paulson. Over the 64-board semi of Roche (6 IMP carryover) vs. Borg, the score was, by quarters, 35-17, 29-42, 37-11, 35-39, Roche winning 142-109. Mittleman took a 6 IMP carryover into its match against Lopushinsky, and after three quarters (29-36, 17-38, 33-11) the match was tied, 85-85. Mittleman won the fourth quarter, 40-13.

Roche entered the all-Eastern final with a 5 IMP carryover. Mittleman won the first quarter 26-21 to tie the match, but Roche won the second quarter 41-22 and increased their edge slightly with a 27-23 third quarter. Mittleman was down 23 entering the final set.

For the last 15 boards Sharyn Kokish and Dianna Gordon (N-S) faced Gloria Silverman and Ruth Gold (E-W) in the Open Room. After four push boards came this one:

Board 20. West dealer. All vulnerable.

		N	The auction:		W	N	E	S
W		AKJ103			P	1S	P	2D
		AJ632			P	2H	P	2N* *forcing
		102	E		P	3H	P	4C
		7			P	4S	P	6NT
2			Q985		P	P	P	Lead: Nine of clubs
984			Q5					
J764			93					
J9842		S	K10653					
		764						
		K107						
		AKQ84						
		AQ						

Dianna Gordon bid the slam with the most possibilities, protecting her club AQ in the process. Her bidding was well rewarded when she lost to the obvious spade Q but found the heart Q and twelve tricks. In the Closed Room, Roche bid to 6S by North, also receiving a club lead. Declarer rose with the Ace, lost to the spade Q, and was forced to ruff a club. When she misguessed the heart Q, she lost control of the hand and went down three (-300). Mittleman plus 1740, a gain of 17 IMPs.

Another partscore push was followed by Board 22:

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

		N			E	S	W	N
W		A62			P	P	P	1C
		854			P	1D*	P	2C
		8	E		P	3C	P	3S
		AKJ963	Q873		P	3NT	P	P
J95			AQ6					
K973			Q54					
AJ932		S	1084					
5		S						

*not necessarily diamonds
Opening lead: 3 of diamonds

The one diamond call by South was alerted as possibly artificial (Gordon-Kokish play Weak No Trumps, and this helps the strong hand to play NT, among other things), and eventually Dianna and Sharyn dared each other into game. After some thought, West refrained from leading the unmentioned heart suit, and instead tracked a suspecting D3 towards the might-have-diamonds bidder. Nine tricks were now assured, and some injudicious spade pitches allowed an overtrick: +430. South, at the other table, also took 10 tricks in NT; however, the auction there was: P,P,P, 1C, P, 1NT, 3 passes: +180. A 6 IMP swing, and Mittleman now had a 1 IMP lead.

Mittleman picked up an IMP on the next hand, another partscore.

N
 AQJ4
 A10753
 W 4 E
 1032
 963 K102
 8 J92
 J10863 Q95
 Q964 KJ85
 S
 875
 KQ64
 AK72
 A7

N E S W
 2H* P 3H** P *Flannery(11-16)
 4D***P 4H P **Asks for description
 P P P ***Minimum with
 short diamonds
 Opening lead: club five

Kokish-Gordon conducted a simple
 auction to reach only game - Sharyn
 gave an audible sigh of relief when the
 spade K appeared offside. Unfortunately
 for Roche, their N-S pair in the closed
 room also had a Flannery auction, but
 one which ended in six hearts. Mittleman
 +450 and +50.

This board brought 11 IMPS to Mittleman, and the momentum in the
 match had shifted. Roche picked up 10 on Board 27 on a game swing, but
 Mittleman won IMPS on the last three boards to win the Championship 121-110.
 Board 25 turned out to be very pivotal, for if the king of spades had been
 onside, Roche would likely have won the match.

A close match indeed, and our best wishes to our Canadian Women's
 Team Champions in Seattle this November.

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VANCOUVER SECTIONAL TROPHY RACES

Phil Wood (over 200)

1. Laurence Betts	52.88	11. Martin O'Reilly	23.40
2. Aidan Ballantyne	44.65	12. Dick Yarrington	23.10
3. Greg Arbour	42.33	13. Dave Waterman	23.05
4. Duncan Smith	37.19	14. Wilf May	22.66
5. Sandy McIlwain	36.05	15. Don Brander	21.72
6. Gordon McOrmond	35.60	16. Gerry McCully	21.37
7. David Gold	29.36	17. Leslie Gold	20.85
8. Dan Jacob	29.30	18. Steve Vincent	20.14
9. Rhonda Betts	25.34	19. Gail Perrin	19.67
10. Ted Hicks	24.32	20. Jim Marshall	19.18

Not content with his strong finishes of the last two years, Laurence
 Betts is off to an excellent start in this year's race. Arbour and Smith
 have tied for win in both team games to date. Ballantyne won June Open
 pairs with McIlwain to stay close.

Under 200

1. Elliott Netto	8.20	5/6. R. Rumsby	6.25
2. A.K. Rantamaa	7.09	7/8. Jacques Printz	5.41
3/4. Thomas McCann	6.50	7/8. Reg Harron	5.41
3/4. Alvin Austin	6.50	9. Merilee Elliot	4.97
5/6. Carol Thompson	6.25	10. Paul Chow	4.79

Eddie Bonnell

1. Rhonda Betts	25.34	6. Susan Peters	12.33
2. Leslie Gold	20.85	7. Anna Boivin	7.92
3. Gail Perrin	19.67	8. Ina Andersen	7.76
4. Kathy Adachi	18.91	9. Connie Hamm	7.73
5. Jenny Paynter	13.05	10. Sandra Borg	6.86

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Rookie-Master Game

Congratulations to John Berry and Diana Dean, who were Zone VI (BC)
 winners of the recent CBF Rookie-Master game. They played at the Haida
 Bridge club. They received trophies and certificates for their win.

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Heart Foundation

Those of you attending the various charity games held throughout the
 year should know that this year's charity is the Heart Foundation.

Vancouver:

May 6 (15 tables)- Overall: 1. David Gold & John Hurdle
 2. Ted & Ruby Trerise
 3. Dave Waterman & Jack Hopwood
 4. Michael Dimich & Les Fouks
 5. Donna MacDuff & Leslie Gold
 6. Mike Takemori & Dennis Dohl

N-S

E-W

Trerises	195	Gold - Hurdle	205½
Dimich - Fouks	174½	Waterman - Hopwood	185½
Koos Van Lieshout - Gertie Stanford	172	MacDuff - Gold	173½
Bob MacDuff - Dr. Christopherson	168½	Takemori - Dohl	173

June 10 (15 tables):-

Overall: 1. Bob MacDuff & Dr. Christopherson
 2. Phyllis Barrington & Andrew Ross
 3. Bernie Hoy & Shiela Shoring
 4/5. Pauline McClafferty & Frank Harris
 4/5. Leo Steil & Marguerite Chiarenza
 6. Peter Walton & Bob Sauve

N-S

E-W

MacDuff - Dr. Chris	201	Barrington - Ross	186½
McClafferty - Harris	180½	Hoy - Shoring	182
Elaine Ryan - Trudy Hurdle	175½	Steil - Chiarenza	180½
Charlie Swanson - Adrian Hicks	171	Walton - Sauve	179½

Cloverdale:

May 6 (10 tables) - Overall: Dan Watson - John Findlay
 2. Larry Hicks - Ted Hicks
 3. Ray Morrison - Pat Stapff
 4/6. Ev Hodge - Donna Morrison
 4/6. Axel & Margaret Schulmann
 4/6. Paul Radnai - Stan Holding

N-S

E-W

Watson - Findlay	130	Morrison - Stapff	117½
Hicks - Hicks	119	Ernie Dietrich - Gladys Mackie	114
Hodge - Morrison	115½	John MacDonald - Gordon Estrada	113
Schulmann's	115½		
Radnai - Holding	115½		

June 10 (9½ tables):

Overall: 1. Axel & Margaret Schulmann
 2. Ted & Larry Hicks
 3. Alex Kiper - Ernie Dietrich
 4. Al & Donna Freeze
 5/6. John MacDonald - Gordon Estrada
 5/6. Mike & Monica Angus

N-S

E-W

Schulmanns	137½	Kiper - Dietrich	119.8
Hicks's	132½	Freezes	117.6
Dan Watson - John Findlay	108½	MacDonald - Estrada	116.4
		Angus's	

UNIT RACE STANDINGS

Vancouver: 1. Les Fouks	2.61	Cloverdale: 1. Larry Hicks	5.06
2/3. Catriona Brown	2.38	2. Ted Hicks	4.98
2/3. Murdoch Smith	2.38	3. John Findlay	4.36
4/5. Harold McAllister	2.26	4/5. Axel & Margaret Schulmann	3.61
4/5. Elliott Netto	2.26	6. Dan Watson	3.50
6/7. Bob MacDuff	2.21	7. Ernie Dietrich	2.14
6/7. Dr. Christopherson	2.21	8/9. John MacDonald	1.74
8. Andrew Ross	2.07	8/9. Gordon Estrada	1.74
9. Adrian Hicks	2.02	10/11. Richard & Ina Andersen	1.39
10/11. David Gold	1.88		
10/11. John Hurdle	1.88		

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Pemberton Bridge Club is moving to expanded premises at 1520 Pemberton St., North Vancouver. The new location is directly across the street from the present club. The move will take place on or about August 1, 1984. The telephone number remains the same, 987-3733.

Watch for future announcements about expanded game schedules, including non-smoking games. In the meantime, the present schedule will remain in force:

Monday - 7:30 (open)
Tuesday - 7:30 (novice)
Wednesday - 7:30 (open)
Friday - 7:45 (open)

Also, on Wed. August 8, 1984, Yvan and Rolande Pageau of Montreal will be the guests of our club. They are touring North America to promote the North American Championships in Montreal next spring. Let's give them a good Vancouver welcome!

Club Championship winners: June 12 (rookie) - Carol Day & Heather Wanless

June 20 - Arthur Ma - Ted Recht
June 22 - Ted & Joyce Seeberg
June 25 - Haidere Nazak - Nurdin Kassir

DINO-Wide Charity Winners (rookie) - Freda Golbourn - Ivor Cohen

Next Club Championships: Wed Sept 12 - open
Mon Sept 17 - open
Fri Sept 21 - mixed
Tues Sept 25 - rookie

Other events: Wed Sept 5 - Grand National Pairs
Tues Sept 18 - Grand National Rookie Game
Aug 14 - Rookie Charity Game: 7:15 pm (Tuesday)
-Charity for the Silver Harbour Centre for Seniors

EAST HASTINGS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Louise Houde: 929-5559

Open game Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Upcoming special events: Sept 26 - Club Championship
Oct 10 - Team Game - pre-register if possible
Oct 31 - Local Charity Game
Nov 14 - Club Championship
Dec 19 - Christmas Party
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Answer to Problem

Why did partner, who is known to have more than four hearts, lead her lowest instead of fourth best? It must be the exotic and dreaded "Wake up partner!" lead, alerting you to make an unusual shift when you get in. Did you sleepily turn off the alarm, or did you wake up long enough to win the spade and return the seven of diamonds?

+700 was good for all the matchpoints.

The hands were:

		<u>N</u>	
		Q10873	
		KQJ964	
		-	<u>E</u>
		A5	KJ4
			A82
			KJ10853
			K
	<u>W</u>		
	5		
	5		
	9642		
	QJ109762	<u>S</u>	
		A962	
		1073	
		AQ7	
		843	
Thanks to my			
partner, Linda			
Sims, for an			
excellent lead (and for not			
freaking out while I was in the			
tank figuring out what to do).			

B League

There were several surprises in the B division this year, but the final round-robin standings were little different from the early-season results. The four leaders held on to the playoff berths, with Skuce moving from second to first and Landau from fourth to second, dropping Lee to fourth, while Stiennon hung on to the third spot. No one else was really in contention, but the Sabiston team had an incredible second half to finish sixth:

1. Skuce	167 VP's	7/8. Jorgenson	88
2. Landau	157	7/8. Radics	88
3. Stiennon	145	9. Lessard	87
4. Lee	132	10. Kerr	81
5. Moore	109	11. Cross	79
6. Sabiston	102	12. Montgomery	42

The playoffs pitted Skuce against Lee and Landau against Stiennon. The first and second place teams were both upset and Lee advanced to the final against Stiennon. Stiennon scored 59 IMP's in the first half to Lee's 34, and held on to win 92-82.

Congratulations to the team of Thony Stiennon, Catriona Brown, Colin Collin, Walter Link, Wilf May and Ina Andersen on their victory, and special thanks to outgoing B League Commissioner Thony Stiennon, who ended his service in style.

A League

[Our early-season A League Correspondent was returned to the mail room after we told him to do a match-up job on the two divisions and he thought we'd said 'hatcht job'. Easy mistake, he said. Easy for you, we said, closing the door behind us.]

Well, well, another delightful season of IMP League play has wound down to a dandy conclusion. Those of you who have been paying attention know that the top three teams from each division qualified for the playoffs, after which the playoff mechanism was engaged and the inevitable came to be.

In the Cheap Trick Division, Lindsay finished strongly (20, 18, 20) to hold on to first place. Bryden staged yet another late-season spurt, winning their final two matches to end up only a point behind Betts. The key match here was Bryden vs. McCully, the last of the year for both teams. Bryden needed a victory (at least 13 VP's) to pass McCully, who had won eight of their ten previous matches. Despite the home field advantage and the new blouse worn by one of their players, McCully got into trouble by bidding a couple of non-slams, and Bryden prevailed 19-1. An excellent showing by the McCully crew nonetheless. Martineau's playoff hopes went out the window after a ninth-round blitz by Lindsay.

Over on the Ruff Trade side, Groden, despite blitzes by both Dimich and Hawkes, finished well to edge Hopwood for first. Their success was perhaps due to their ability to handle the soft underbelly of the other division. They took 66 out of 80 VP's from their interlocking matches. Graves lost their last match to Hawkes, leaving the door open for Dimich to grab third spot rather easily, but Dimich beat the surprising Anthony team only 11-9, to finish a disappointing fourth. Hopwood's opening round win over Dimich was a big factor in this closely grouped field.

Cheap Trick

1. Lindsay	161 VP's
2. Betts	151
3. Bryden	150
4. McCully	138
5. Martineau	115
6. Jacobson	92
7. Berg	83
8. Neid	27

Ruff Trade

1. Groden	137
2. Hopwood	135
3. Graves	133
4. Dimich	128
5. Hawkes	115
6. Walton	79
7. Anthony	56
8. Fouks	23

The playoffs were an interlocking affair, with the first place teams getting a bye into the semi-final. The quarterfinals saw Betts knock off Graves 78-68, while Hopwood bested Bryden when Bryden, this time, had trouble with some slam hands.

According to the time-honoured formula, the semi's matched Betts-Lindsay and Groden-Hopwood. Betts had already beaten Lindsay in the regular season and beat them by 16 IMP's in the rematch. Hopwood, who had lost to Groden in their first meeting, got an improved performance from their big front line, and won rather handily, by 28.

And so, both division winners, who had led all season long, found the playoffs not to their liking. While this is something of an annual event for the somewhat frustrated Lindsay team, the game Groden group showed grit just getting this far. They were longshots going in, but they made their presence known.

Another longshot, in some people's eyes if not in their view, Hopwood had to take on a Betts team with a little muscle of their own in the final. It was a tight match, but Betts led all the way and won by 17 IMP's to become the 1984 A League Champions. Congratulations to captain Laurence Betts and victorious teammates, Al Chapelle, John Hurdle, Aidan Ballantyne, Don Brazeau and Andy Nagy, and to all the players in all the divisions who made this 1983-84 season such a successful one. We hope to see you all back again next year.

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THE FOUR MONKEYS

by Aidan Ballantyne

The 1983-83 Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) Finals were held recently in Toronto, at the Carlton Inn near Maple Leaf Gardens. B.C. was represented by three teams including one from Vancouver: BETTS (Laurence - Greg Arbour, Dave Waterman - Aidan Ballantyne). The performance in the finals of our unit's team can be likened somewhat to that of the 'Spruce Goose': we just never quite got off the ground.

Altogether, twenty teams from all over Canada participated in Toronto. The format required entrants to play a full round robin of ten-board matches, using duplicated boards. IMP's were converted to Victory Points using a 0-80 VP scale. The top four finishers in the round robin went on to the playoffs, with the round robin winners having their choice of semi-final opponents. This selection was critical in that round robin results between teams were carried over into the playoffs.

Overall, the performance of the B.C. teams was disappointing, since none of the three teams made the playoffs. The round robin standings were, in part:

Playoff qualifiers:	1. SILVER (Montreal)	904 VP's
	2. BRAMSON (Toronto)	890
	3. GUPTA (Calgary)	879
	4. MIKE BETTS (Halifax)	869
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B.C. Teams:	6. MCAVOY (Victoria)	813
	18. L. BETTS (Vancouver)	659 (760 average)
	20. BORAU (Okanagan)	434

In the playoffs, SILVER elected to meet M. BETTS, since BETTS would have to start that semi-final some 25 IMP's in the hole. SILVER beat BETTS easily and secured a berth in the final. In the other semi, GUPTA had a 20 IMP edge on Branson at the start of play. This carryover proved decisive, since BRAMSON and GUPTA were virtually even over the boards played during the semi-final. The final thus pitted GUPTA against SILVER, with GUPTA enjoying about a 10 IMP carryover. When it was all over, we could bring home some consolation from the fact that the national championship went westward for the first time: GUPTA (Subhash Gupta, Doran Flock, Gordon Campbell, Bryan Maksymetz, Mike Choman, Drew Cannell) had soundly beaten the favoured Easterners (Joe Silver, Eric Kokish, Keith Balcombe, Ross Taylor, Irving Litvak).

But what happened to the Spruce Goose? Unfortunately, all three B.C. squads were victims of slow starts. After 10 of the 19 round robin matches had been played, BETTS had 377 VP's, MCAVOY had 376, and BORAU, who had qualified for the National Final in the infamous 'split zone final' in which they did not have to play anyone from the Island or Lower Mainland, had 265. This wasn't too good as average at that time was 400 VP's.

In the second half of the round robin, BETTS and BORAU continued to

sink in the standings. However, MCAVOY (Jim McAvoy-Duncan Smith, Peter Harold - Jim Dickie) made a valiant run at the playoffs, winning eight of their last nine matches. Experience and team spirit were undoubtedly key elements in MCAVOY's second half streak.

The BORAU team finished the round robin in last place, 196 VP's behind the next-to-last team. A lack of experience in high-level competition was surely one reason for the Okanagan's poor showing. Fatigue may also have played a part, since BORAU was blitzed five times in second half of round robin play.

The performance of the BETTS team was also dismal. I can state from first hand experience that the team was rather embarrassed about our 18th place finish. Bad luck was a factor in our poor showing, but misdefense and inaccurate bidding judgement surely cost us a playoff spot. Describing our most costly errors would only cause bad feelings, so I will finish by describing two hands where, ironically, our total ineptitude resulted in major triumphs. These hands illustrate the old saying that, given enough paper, even monkeys would be able to write Shakespeare's "Hamlet"!

1.	<u>Monkey #1</u>		All Vulnerable.	
	Q42			
<u>Boris Baran</u>	KJ632	<u>Mark Molson</u>	The auction (opponents silent):	
	K832		<u>Monkey #1</u>	<u>Monkey #2</u>
J106	6	875	P	2C(strong, art.)
Q84		10985	2D(waiting)	2NT*
1075		QJ6	3D(Transfer)	3H (sigh)
Q1083		954	4D	4S**
	<u>Monkey #2</u>		5N(pick a red suit slam)	6D
	AK93			
	A			
	A94			
	AKJ72			
			*Don't want to lose Stayman!	
			**When in doubt, cue-bid.	

*Don't want to lose Stayman!
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Molson led a club, Monkey #1 won in dummy, ruffed a club, played the diamond King, diamond to the Ace, ruffed another club, heart to the Ace, played dummy's last diamond. When trumps were 3-3, he claimed. This won us 16 imp's when the other side foolishly played 6Nt and went down after playing on clubs instead of hearts. "Where was God?", Molson moaned. "On our side", chortled Monkey #2.

2.	<u>Monkey #3</u>	Monkeys vul. vs. not.
	864	
<u>West</u>	A42	
	A86	<u>East</u>
10	AK107	KQJ5
KQ865		J973
J95		7
6532		QJ84
	<u>Monkey #4</u>	
	A9732	
	10	
	KQ10432	
	9	

*Weak two in either major
**Strong, balanced
***Sets the level

West led the spade 10, 4, 5, Ace. Monkey #4 began on trumps. On the second diamond, East threw the spade J. Monkey #4 quickly drew the last trump - spade Queen from East! At this point Monkey #4, with his usual tact, told East, "You've just thrown the only two cards to allow me to make this contract." East muttered that he thought West's Weak-two was in spades (on 10xxxx ?!) and that he was being squeezed in the round suits. At this point Monkey #3 berated Monkey #4 for not making the overtrick: "Another round of trump would surely have caused East to throw his last spade!". Our side won 13 IMP's on this board, as the everyday Four Spades was bid and made at the other table.

CNTC Quiz: Who were the Betts team's four monkeys?

[While AB provided the answer to this expert quiz, I'm going to let our readers monkey around with the possibilities.Ed.]

The deep thinkers among you will undoubtedly have discovered the fundamental truth underlying this story: "Diamonds are a monkey's best friend."

by Aidan Ballantyne

In the afternoon of June 15 I found myself playing with Cam Lindsay in the Masters Pairs at the Tacoma Regional. I felt a bit fuzzy, having returned by air from Toronto and the CNTC Finals that very morning at 4:00 am. Self-deluded as usual, I was sure I would be able to follow suit. A About halfway through the session this hand came up:

<u>Cam</u>		<u>Cam</u>	<u>Me</u>
A1053	The Auction		
10		1D	1H
AKQ832		1S	2H
J5		3D	3NT

Me The left-hand earnest-looking young lady opponent led the ten of clubs. I decided to cover, and the King, played on my right, held the trick. After some thought this earnest-looking young lady returned the Queen of spades. I won the King and began playing diamonds. The suit broke 4-1 and RHO won the Jack on the fourth round as LHO pitched three clubs. RHO now exited a heart. I cashed my two high hearts, opponents following, and threw a club from dummy. It was obvious that RHO had a stiff club king to go with four diamonds and at least two hearts. Now when I led a spade, LHO showed out. RHO's shape was now revealed: 6 spades, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds and one club. My expert(?) mind saw that if RHO won this trick, she would be endplayed and would have to load a spade into the A-10 for my tenth trick.

In true expert fashion this in-depth analysis took all of three seconds, and I confidently called for a low spade from dummy. Unfortunately for me, my earnest-looking right-hand young lady opponent now showed what expert thinking was all about. She eyed my spade 8 and after some time produced the spade 4. I found to my dismay that it was I who was endplayed, and I had to concede the rest of the tricks. Cam fixed me with something resembling a cold stare as LHELYLO ran her tricks and I discarded dummy's winners. Down three in a cold 3NT!

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Grand National Pairs 84

The GNP qualifying period this year is August 1-21. Most clubs are eligible to hold qualifying games. If you require further information or if you are going to hold a qualifying game, please contact Martin O'Reilly at 261-4892.

Our GNP Unit Final will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 (1:00 & 7:30) at the Arbutus Club, 4226 Arbutus St., Vancouver.

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Little McKenney

Belated congratulations to last year's winners of the little McKenney races for Unit 430: Non-Master - Pat Landau (15th in ACBL), Master - Steve Vincent (3rd in ACBL), Advanced Senior Master - Dave House (6th in ACBL). We'll mention the other winners and runners up if our list of winners is ever returned!

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Top 500

Some familiar names and some new faces on the top 500 list last year:

#219. Laurence Betts	406. Peter Herold
237. Dan Jacob	429. Greg Arbour
328. Leo Steil	462. David House

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85 Years Young

A while back, Mr. Gordon Horne celebrated his 85th birthday playing bridge at the Fraser Valley Bridge Club in New Westminster. Playing with Don Fraser, Mr. Horne won the game by a board and a half!

NEW UNIT BOARD

12.

The recent elections produced quite a new-look unit board. The new faces are Trudy Hurdle, Doug Andrews, Rose Wrean, Tom Cross and Rhoda Tafler. Cowan, McIlwain, O'Reilly and Paynter were re-elected. After the traditional arm-wrestling ceremony was over, this is who got what:

President:	<u>Susan Peters</u>	8-2160 West 39 Ave., Vancouver V6M 1T5 Tel. 261-4892
Past President:	<u>Al Chapelle</u>	101-2225 West 7 Ave., Vancouver V6M 2Z5 Tel. 732-7719
Vice-President & Corresponding Secretary:	<u>Doug Cowan</u>	1856 Mathers Ct., West Vancouver V7V 2L2 Tel. 926-5849 W: 682-6651
Recording Secretary:	<u>Rose Wrean</u>	1795-28 St., West Vancouver, V7V 4L9 Tel. 922-9587 W: 988-1175
Treasurer:	<u>Rhoda Tafler</u>	318-8540 Citation Dr., Richmond V6Y 3A3 Tel. 273-6980 W: 531-5731
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Membership, Club Liason & Novices:	<u>Tom Cross</u>	3160 Travers Ave., West Vancouver V7V 1G3 Tel. 925-2172 W: 687-3233
Special Events:	<u>Martin O'Reilly</u>	8-2160 W 39 Ave., Vancouver, V6M 1T5 Tel. 261-4892
IMP League:	<u>Jennifer Paynter</u>	3549 E 22 Ave., Vancouver, V5M 2Z5 Tel. 438-3095 W: 224-5012
Partnerships & Assistant Tourn. Chairman:	<u>Trudy Hurdle</u>	10611 Fundy Dr., Richmond, V7E 5K8 Tel. 272-4302 W: 224-5012
Tournament Chairman:	<u>Doug Andrews</u>	1841 E 38 Ave., Vancouver, V5P 1G6 Tel. 325-8018 W: 669-2022
Statistician & DINO Corres- pondence	<u>Laurence Betts</u>	404-1274 Barclay, Vancouver, V6E 1H3 Tel. 688-1651 W: 732-1311
Unit Games & Christmas Party:	<u>Chuck Hodson</u>	12772 Drummond Pl., Surrey, V3V 6G3 Tel. 590-1762 W: 526-5254

Special thanks to outgoing board members Mildred Wohlleben, Don Jorgenson, Don Forsyth, Alex Kiper, and the irreplaceable Aidan Ballantyne.

Please feel free to contact the above persons if you have any questions, problems or complaints about ACBL activities.

In Memorium

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mr. Matt MacGregor, who died of cancer at age 73. He was a regular at the Richmond Community Centre and will be missed by those who knew him.

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The Next Matchpointer

Deadline for the next issue is July 31. This is very soon, so get your club news into Catriona Brown, 103-2150 Brunswick, Van., 879-2810, and your other stuff to me, Sandy McIlwain, 6-2160 W 39, Van., 263-2152.

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EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

September 7-9 at the RICHMOND INN
7551 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond B.C.

Director: Phil Wood

Friday S/7 1:30 pm MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
 8:00 pm MIXED PAIRS
 KNOCK-OUT TEAMS - 1st session (unseeded)
 (for the Ben Lapidus Trophy)
 JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 masterpoints)

Saturday S/8 8:30 am KNOCK-OUT TEAMS - 2nd session
 (if required)
 1:30 pm OPEN PAIRS - Qualifying (KO'S cont.)
 8:00 pm OPEN PAIRS - Final & Consolation
 KNOCK-OUT FINAL

Sunday S/9 11:00 am & FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
 4:30 pm Flight A: Board-A-Match (no limits)
 Flight B: IMP Swiss (0-1000 MP's)

Partnerships: Trudy Hurdle
 272-4302

Side games as attendance warrants.

Tournament Chairman: Doug Andrews
 325-8018

Free play certificates to all winners.

All events \$4.50 per player per session, except Junior Pairs, \$3.50.

*** FUTURE STARS III ***

The Vancouver Unit presents its third annual tournament for all bridge players with less than 100 ACBL masterpoints. Everyone welcome!

October 20-21 at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
990 West 59 Ave.
Vancouver BC

Directed by: Cam Cameron

Saturday O/20 1:30 pm OPEN PAIRS - open to all players with
 less than 100 masterpoints
 7:30 pm FLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS
 Flight A: 0-100 masterpoints
 Flight B: 0-20 masterpoints

Sunday O/21 11:00 am & SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions
 4:30 pm - for teams of 4-6 players
 - partnerships arranged

Orientation sessions held before game time!:

Saturday at noon - Introduction to Duplicate Play.

Sunday at 10:15 - Instructions on Team Play, plus free coffee and muffins!

PANEL SHOW: Saturday evening at 11:30 pm:

Aidan Ballantyne heads an expert panel to discuss the day's problem hands. Hand records will be provided. Don't miss this!

Entry fee \$3.50 per player per session. Unaffiliated players welcome! Prizes!!

Partnerships: Trudy Hurdle - 272-4302 Organization: Martin O'Reilly - 261-4892

CBF REPORT: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING, July 9-11, 1984

[Leslie Gold has replaced the retiring Doug Andrews as our Zone VI (BC) Director of the Canadian Bridge Federation. We wish her great success in this challenging position. -Ed.]

As your new zone representative to the CBF, I attended the meetings of the Board of Directors in Shynow Bay last month. It is extremely difficult to give you a brief overview of our 33½ hour meeting, but I shall try.

Doug Andrews was elected Vice President of the CBF Board of Directors. The complete slate of officers is:

President:	Victor Goldberg
Vice President:	Doug Andrews
Treasurer:	Aaron Goodman
Asst. Treasurer:	Dick Anderson
Executive Secretary:	Irene Warner

A fund raising committee was established last year to look into ways of raising funds for the many CBF activities. Several ideas were brought forth and discussed. It was decided to have a cross-Canada fund raising cards game with CASH PRIZES on TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1985. The details of this event have not yet been worked out, but be sure to find your favorite partner and mark that very important date on your calendar.

The 1985 International Fund Games will be held on May 17 and August 2, 1985.

The 1985 Olympiad Fund Games will be held on February 21 and October 23, 1985.

If you are in Seattle for the 1984 World Team Olympiad (Oct. 27-Nov. 10, 1984), watch for the Canadian players in navy blue blazers with maple-leaf crests. If you need any information while you are there, Alvin Baragar is the CBF representative.

Calgary, unfortunately, lost its bid to hold the 1986 World Pairs Olympiad. It will be held in Bal Harbour, Florida.

Without going into detail for the moment, the CBF will hold another Canadian Ladies Team Championship in 1985. This event will qualify a ladies team to represent Canada in the WBF Roscablum Cup Open Teams in Florida in 1986. Sandra Borg has agreed to be the Zone Co-ordinator and she will have more details for you soon.

The National Final for the Canadian National Team Championships will be held June 2-12, 1985. The site will be chosen shortly.

There was, of course, a great deal of discussion about the Canadian National Team Championships. Watch THE MATCHPOINTER for details.

The next meeting of the CBF Board of Directors will be held March 5-7, 1985, in Montreal.

I very much enjoyed attending these meetings as your representative, and I look forward to a very busy and productive term of office. If you need to contact me, phone me at 271-0776, or drop me a note at 11480 Trumpeter Drive, Richmond, V7E 3V3.

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WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION TEAM OLYMPIAD 1984

September 27 - October 10 in

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The Seattle Sheraton Hotel will host the WBF Team Olympiad next month. We recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity to see the world's finest (including Canada's) players in competition, but more than that, we urge you to WUZZ! People are needed as monitors, vugraph aides, for hospitality and many other interesting jobs in the thick of the action. If you can help out, even for one session, you are desperately needed! Send your name and phone number to: George Steiner, 811 34 Ave. East, Seattle, WA, 98112.

This is a rush situation, so please respond as soon as possible!

In March of next year, the ACBL Board of Directors will discuss redistricting; that is, changing the borders of current Districts. The main discussion will concern Districts 18 & 19. District 18 is made up of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Montana. District 19, as you know, consists of B.C. and Washington. The redistricting proposal would create a new, all-Canadian District of our three Western provinces and another from the U.S. portion of the two Districts.

On September 11, 1984, Unit 430 will decide whether or not it wishes to petition the ACBL for redistricting. With that in mind, we ask you to consider the advantages of redistricting listed below and weigh them against whatever disadvantages (e.g. geographical, political, financial) you might envision. Should you feel strongly about this matter, we ask you to report your feelings to any Unit Board member, preferably in writing, before September 11.

Advantages of an all-Canadian District

1. We as Canadians will have one more strong voice on the ACBL Board of Directors. We will have a 3/25th say on ACBL matters, even though our population is only 1/12 - 1/10 of the ACBL. Also, a Canadian director would spend more time on Canadian matters.
- X 2. We will get an extra 1/2 regional each year - that is, one more regional every two years.
3. In both Districts 18 & 19, Canadian regionals are more profitable than the American ones, so in the new District, profits would stay in Canada and we will no longer be subsidizing American regionals. We would therefore have more money to subsidize Canadian events, such as District finals, etc.
4. Ties between players and organizations of B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan will become stronger.
5. It will be easier to organize and control the Grand National Pairs, the Grand National Teams Flight B [see elsewhere on this one. -Ed.], and the Rookie Grand National Pairs.
6. The scheduling of Canadian tournaments will be done by Canadians.
7. Most decisions regarding DINO matters are now made in the U.S., and many tend to favour American interests. The balance of population in DINO is on the American side. B.C. will have a strong voice in the new District.
8. Our Interior Units will be close to the centre of the new District. As a consequence, District finals will often take place close to that region.
9. In DINO, the GNP final has been held in Canada only once.

It should be pointed out that redistricting in no way will effect our status in the ACBL, though it will give us more regionals, better scheduling, more money, and a greater say in the things which concern us. It should also be of great assistance in co-ordinating the efforts of the ACBL and the CBF, a tremendous advantage from an organizational viewpoint.

Thanks to Leslie Gold for all her work on this important issue.

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THE IMP LEAGUE 1984-85

Registration deadline for the A & B Leagues will be, as usual, the Evergreen (Sept.) Sectional. C League deadline is the Future Stars. Entry fees remain at \$30.00 per team in A&B and \$5.00 for the C League. Jennifer Paynter remains as A&C League co-ordinator. Our new B League co-ordinator is Elaine Ryan (321-9740).

Please note the following changes: The Commissioner strongly encourages you to make up 6-person teams in the A&B Leagues. Substitutions at matches may be made only with prior approval from the co-ordinator.

Longer matches will be played in the semi-finals and finals.

For more information, call Commissioner Paynter, 438-3095.

This IMP League is a fully sanctioned ACBL event.

A Word From Our New Tournament Chairman

4.

Starting in November 1984 our sectional tournaments will be held in a new location, the ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL in New Westminster. The new site will be advantageous to members for several reasons. Among them:

Arrangements have been made with the hotel management so that we can provide improved hospitality for our players.

We have good news for non-smokers. The playing space can be divided so that we'll be able to hold at least one session per sectional which is completely smoke-free.

[We'll also be saving some good old-fashioned money. -Ed.]

In addition, I'll be proposing some different events in the upcoming year in an attempt to bring in new players, provide events to promote women's bridge, and introduce games for players who prefer to play against fewer conventions.

Trudy Hurdle is Assistant Tournament Chairman and I am Tournament Chairman. We'd appreciate getting your opinions on how our tournaments can be improved. Here are a few ideas on which we'd like your thoughts. Please speak to either of us or to any Unit Board member about them.

1. Some form of hospitality, such as beer, snacks, dance, either Friday evening or Saturday evening at each tournament.
2. Speedball Swiss Team games starting Friday at midnight or Saturday morning at 9 am.
3. Flighted games where one flight is Class A Conventions and the other Class A-D Conventions.
4. Flighted games based on smoking or non-smoking.
5. Separate Men's and Women's Swiss Teams.
6. A pairs game flighted by age, so that at least one partner is 55 and over or 25 and under.
7. An unmixed pairs game with all players of the same sex playing in the same direction.
8. An unmixed pairs mixed Swiss Team game with all the players the same sex playing in the same direction.
9. A special pairs-team game where all players in one direction compare scores with one of our better pairs as their teammates and the results are converted to victory points and scored as teams.
10. A two-session Life Masters pairs game where the final would be scored on a barometer basis.
11. An open pairs final where only players who had qualified at special club games could participate.
12. Panel shows on topics such as bidding, pair or team strategy, programs for novices, the rules of the game.

We think you'll enjoy our new playing space. With your input we hope you'll like the schedule of our tournaments, too - please give us your ideas.

- Doug Andrews (H:325-8018, W:669-2022)
Tournament Chairman

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CNTC / GNT FLIGHT B !

There will be a Grand National Pairs Flight B held this year for players with less than 500 master points. This event will be held in both the U.S. and Canada and players may play in both the CNTC and GNT Flight B. There will be games for both events at the club level and Unit 430 will be holding its own qualifying game.

Changes in the CNTC this year allow players to play as often as they like, even after they qualify. Also, teams do not have to be set until the Unit level (all players qualify as individuals, like the GNP, etc.). There will be no byes this year. All players must qualify at the club level.

We have very little information on the GNP Flight B event at this time. District winners will win a 90% expenses paid trip to the final at the Las Vegas Nationals.

SECTIONAL TROPHY RACESPhil Wood

Big gainer in Maple Ridge was Greg Arbour, who moved into first place by virtue of double win in Open Pairs and Unmixed. Also moving up were Rhonda Betts and Ted Hicks.

1. Greg Arbour	61.06	11. Don Brander	32.57
2. Laurence Betts	56.34	12. Mike Takemori	30.69
3. Aidan Ballantyne	45.99	13. Jim Marshall	30.08
4. Rhonda Betts	38.04	14. David Gold	29.36
5. Duncan Smith	37.19	15. Dan Jacob	29.30
6. Ted Hicks	36.62	16. Wilf May	28.83
7. Sandy McIlwain	36.05	17. Bob Connop	28.79
8. Gordon McOrmond	35.60	18. Kathy Adachi	26.99
9. David Waterman	34.93	19. Al Chapelle	26.20
10. Steve Vincent	33.83	20. Gorry McCully	25.53

Under 200

Winning the Swiss Teams and taking second in the Open Pairs sent the definitely up-and-coming Mike Takemori surging ahead of the field in the Under division. Team mates Ben Takemori and Jack Hopwood rode the comet into second and third.

1. Mike Takemori	30.69	6. A.K. Rantamaa	7.09
2. Ben Takemori	23.97	7. Pat Landau	6.54
3. Jack Hopwood	19.39	8/9. Thomas McCann	6.50
4. Gordon Davis	16.01	8/9. Alvin Austin	6.50
5. Elliot Netto	14.20	10/11. Carol Thompson	6.25
		10/11. R. Rumsby	6.25

Eddie Bonnell

Rhonda Betts won the Open Pairs and is threatening to run away with the women's race for the second consecutive year. Kathy Adachi scored well to move into second place.

1. Rhonda Betts	38.04	6. Jenny Paynter	13.05
2. Kathy Adachi	26.99	7. Susan Peters	12.33
3. Leslie Gold	21.39	8. Marg Benoit	12.15
4. Gail Ferrin	20.57	9. Lisa Strebing	8.22
5. Ina Andersen	15.84	10. Anna Boivin	7.92

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SCHEDULE OF EVNETS

This list contains all the events of interest to Lower Mainland players until year's end. Please keep it handy.

Aug/Sept

- 31-3 Olympia Pow Wow Sectional
Olympia WA
- 29-3 All Western Champ. Regional
San Francisco CA
- 31-3 Labor Day Sectional
Spokane WA

September

- 2 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Cl. & Clov. Elks
- 7-9 Evergreen Sectional
RICHMOND, B.C.
- 9-22 GNP Rookie Qualifying
- 14-16 Seattle Century (0-100 mp)
Bellevue WA
- 16 GNP UNIT FINAL
Arbutus Club, Vancouver
- 21-23 Skeena Fall Sectional
Prince Rupert BC
- 21-23 Totem Sectional
Victoria BC
- 24-30 District 18 Regional
Saskatoon SK

September

- 28-30 Walla Walla Sectional
Walla Walla WA

October

- 7 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club & Clov. Elks Hall
- 10 Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game
(Qualifying event for 1986 COPC)
- 5-8 Thanksgiving Sectional
Kelowna BC
- 12-14 Comox Valley Sectional
Courtenay BC
- 8-14 Las Vegas Regional
- 20-21 Future Stars Sectional
Vancouver BC
- 19-21 Barometer Sectional
Portland OR
- 19-21 Sunnyland Sectional
Sunnyside WA
- 23-28 Inland Empire Regional
Spokane WA

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Golden Ears Sectional (Maple Ridge)

Unmixed Pairs: (66 pairs)

1. Mike Dimich - Greg Arbour, both Van.
2. Kathy Adachi, Delta - Ina Andersen, Richmond
3. Ray Morrison - Axel Schulmann, both Delta

Mixed Pairs: (66 pairs)

1. Bob & Donna MacDuff, both Maple Ridge
2. Dan Watson, Bby. - Margie Neate, N. Van.
3. Vic Hetman, PoCo - Diane Kinakin, Bby.

Junior Pairs: (16 pairs)

1. Bruce McIntyre - Doug Carter, both Van.
2. Sheila Girotto - June Stenning, both Bby.
3. Dave Glen, Pt. Moody - Rich Williams, Calgary

Friday Eve Side Game: (10 pairs)

1. Phyllis Gerber - Delphine Tablotney, both Van.
2. Ron Groome, Delta - Thony Stiennon, Richmond
3. Mike Takemori - Hong Wong, both Van.

Open Pairs Final: (36 pairs)

1. Rhonda Betts - Greg Arbour, both Van.
2. Mike Takemori - Al Chapelle, both Van.
3. Gary Tomczyk, Ladysmith - Elliott Netto, Van.

Open Pairs Consolation: (46 pairs)

1. Murdock Smith - Catriona Brown, both Van.
2. Don Brazeau, Van. - John Hurdle, Richmond
3. Gerry McCully, Surrey - Vic Hetman, PoCo

Open Swiss Teams: (52 teams)

1. Jack Hopwood - Dennis Dohl - Ben & Mike Takemori, all Van.
- 2/3. Ted Hicks, Coquitlam - Jim Marshall - Bill Hartford -
Marg Benoit, all Maple Ridge
- 2/3. Steve Vincent - Dave Waterman - Don Brander - Bob
Connop. all Van.

WASHINGTON SUMMER NATIONALS

LIFE MASTER PAIRS: 4. Allan Graves - (Mark Molson)

Adams Morgan Pairs: 1. Allan Graves - Doug Andrews

Smithsonian Women's Swiss Teams: 5. Rhoda Tafler

THUNDER BAY REGIONAL: Swiss Teams: 2. Leslie Gold - Doug Andrews

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont'd)

Oct/ Nov

27-10 WBF Team Olympiad
Seattle WA

November

2-4 Calgary Sectional
Banff AB
4 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club & Cloverdale Elks
11 COPC Unit Final
New Westminster BC
6-25 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
SAN DIEGO CA
16-18 Vancouver Round-Up Sectional
New Westminster BC

November

20 ACBL-Wide Charity Game

December

2 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club & Cloverdale Elks
27-2 Winter Regional
Pasadena CA
30-2 Tacoma Sectional (not sanctioned)
16 Vancouver Unit Christmas Party
26-31 Mid-Winter Holiday Regional
Reno NV

N.B.: New dates for Victoria Sectional

CLUB NEWS

7.

ed. Catriona Brown (879-2810)
103-2150 Brunswick, Van.

SUNSET MEMORIAL CENTRE

Manager: Tod Moore
Tel. 327-2298

September 10th is the first game after the summer break AT A NEW
TIME: 7:15.
Cost: \$2.00 (includes coffee).

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

John Reeve - 688-1846

Wednesday Mornings at 11:30 in the Brunswick Bowling Alley in West Vancouver. For AUGUST 1st, 8th & 15th the games will be held

August 22: Usual game resumes at the Bowling Alley
Sept. 5: Swiss Team Club Championship for the Brunswick Team Trophy.
Sept 12: N.A.C. Fund Raiser (Sectionally Rated) Open Pairs.

Recent Winners: Charity Swiss Teams - 1. Leo & Dee Steil, C.P. Brown,
Murdock Smith
2. Ted & Joyce Seeborg, Marilyn
Phillips, Lois Lester

ACBL Seniors Event: 1. Dorrie Neloms & Eileen Campbell
2. Pat Landau & Angela Newitt
3. George Bell & Frances Waters

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB

Director: John Reeve
688-1846

West Vancouver Rec. Centre every Monday morning at 10:00.

Closed August 20, 27 & Sept. 3 for renovations.

Special vents: Sept. 10 - N.A.C. Fund Raiser Open Pairs - Sectionally
Sept. 17 - Open Pairs Club Championship Rated

Recent Winners: July 23 - Charity Open Pairs: Doris Frizzell &
Carolyn Huget

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

1520 Pemberton, North Van.
Tel. 987-3733

The Pemberton Club has moved! New address is 1520 Pemberton.
Official opening night party: Sept. 21. This coincides with
a shareholders meeting and a club championship, so it should
be a fun night.

Other Events: Sept. 12 - Open Club Championship
Sept. 14 - Charity Game
Sept 18 - Rookie Grand National Pairs
Sept 18 - Mixed Club Championship - Official Opening
Oct. 10 - Canada-Wide Olympiad Game
Oct. 15 - Open Club Championship
November 14 - Unmixed Club Championship

Game times: Mon. eve - 7:30 pm - open
Tues. eve - 7:30 pm - novice
Wed. eve - 7:30 pm - open
Fri. eve - 7:45 pm - open

EAST HASTINGS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Louise Houde - 929-5559

Wednesday mornings at 11:00.

Special events: Sept. 26 - Club Championship
Oct. 10 - Swiss Team Game (Pre-register if possible)
Oct. 31 - Local Charity Game
Nov. 14 - Club Championship
Dec. 19 - Christmas Party

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Century House, 620-8th St. New West.
Ted & Liz Hicks - 937-0843

Games every Thursday evening at 7:15 sharp.

Sept. 13: DINO Olympiad Fund Pairs
Sept. 27: ACBL Charity Game

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

Events: Sept. 11 - Club Championship
Nov. 13 - Club Championship
Dec. 4 - Christmas Party

Monday mornings at 10:45

Aug. 27 - Club Championship
Oct. 15 - Club Championship
Dec. 17 - Christmas Party

8.
Manager: Hazel Dressler - 438-2102
Director: Don Fraser - 291-8149

Manager: Pat Carruthers - 420-6573
Director: Don Fraser - 291-8149

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Audrey Loy - 581-9806

In Memoriam: We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mrs. Lillian Verral on July 4, 1984. She was a regular player at our club and will be missed by all those who knew her.

New Life Master: Fynn Schultz, Director of the White Rock Bridge Club, became a Life Master at the Tacoma Regional in the Swiss Teams. Helping Fynn were Ray Morrison, Ron McConnell and Bill Luckey.

Games are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30. \$2.00 with free coffee.

Sept. 12 - Quarterly Tournament, Open Pairs
Oct. 24 - Club Championship: Swiss Teams: Trophy Event

CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Bill Worsfold - 525-3754

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the Cloverdale Legion Hall.

Profits from this game go to various charitable organizations (\$1500-\$2000 annually).

The Olympiad Fund Game on May 8 was won by Ted Deoder and Paul Radnai with a 70.8% score - the highest for all six Canadian zones!

Charity Game winners were Morrilee Elliott and Jim Paskaruk who were first overall in District 19 on June 7 with a 76.1% score!

Congratulations to both pairs.

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB

Bill Worsfold - 525-3754

Monday evenings at 7:30. South Delta Recreational Centre.
Club is open every Monday except civic holidays.

There is an open game and a special under 20 master point game each week. To introduce players to Swiss Teams, there is a joint session quarterly championship game with each team composed of two over twenty's and two under twenty's. This event is well-liked by all!

Bill has a good supply of bridge books and club supplies. For information call between 5 & 6 pm anytime.

SUR DELL BRIDGE CLUB

Ray & Leslie Morrison - 581-2939

St. John's United Church
7655 120th St. (Scott Rd.), Delta

Games every Friday evening at 7:30.

August 24: Local Charity Game.

Recent winner of the Olympiad Game (17 tables) were:

1. Liz Hicks and Dean Martin
2. Axel and Margaret Schulmann

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB

456 West Broadway, Vancouver
Anne and Andy Nagy - 875-1714

August 28 - Hot Dog Championship: Tuesday Morning at 11:30.
August 23: Boat the Experts

Allan Graves will be giving bridge lessons to both beginners and intermediates at the Haida Club beginning in September. For more details contact Anne or Andy.

by Al Chapelle

Several of the contributors thought the problems were too easy. I wanted to encourage more participants, and there were, in fact, 32 replies, a number which speaks for itself.

1. xx	IMPs. Both Vul.	N	E	S	W	
AQxxx		P	P	1H	Dbl.	
K10x		2N*	P	3H	3S	*limit raise
Kxx		4D	4S	?		

SCORES: Pass = 100 (16 votes, 5H = 80 (9 votes), 5D = 70 (5 votes),
Dbl = 10 (1 vote), Abstain = -100 (1 vote)

The number of 'pass' votes surprised me, since partner is surely 1-4-5-3 or 1-4-6-2 (0-4-6-3?). It seems to me that at IMPs you should "take out insurance" and bid over 4S. Several of the passers felt that their pass was forcing [Off with their heads! -Ed.], but partner is a passed hand and you do have a fit for his suit. How much bidding do you expect from a passed partner?

Chris Christofferson: "Pass. A forcing pass certainly doesn't overstate my values."

Aidan "Monkey See" Ballantyne: "Pass, unsure about playing or defending. Pass should encourage partner to raise the level if short in spades."

Martin Johnson: "Pass, second choice 5H. Depends on whether pass followed by 5H is stronger or weaker than a direct 5H." [I'm still scratching my head on this one. -Ed.]

There were some pessimistic passers:

John Bryden: "Pass, -650 could be the least of evils." (Having played with 'lucky' John, I'm sure a bid would propel the opponents into 6S and -1430.-AC)

Steven Vincent: "~~Not~~ Pass. If he's 1-4-5-3, 5H still goes down on a spade lead (underlead!!-AC). I'll take my chances with 4S."

The 5D & 5H bidders all felt that 4S was likely to make and that a save was called for.

Andy Nagy: "5H. 4S is a make unless both red suits are 2-2, 5H is -500 at the very worst."

Dave House: "5H. Partner should be 4-6, we probably can't beat 4S. 5H protects by club K."

An optimistic newlywed (congratulations to you both):

Gord McOrmond: "5H, partner should be no worse than xx Kxxx AQJxx xx. Who knows, West may match the stakes and bid 5S."

Lauren Miller: "5D - a double game swing. Tempting to bid 5H, but there may be a handling charge."

Finally, our nominee for wimp-of-the-month:

Dave "Monkey Do" Waterman: "Abstain, partner is an idiot."

2 1Cxxxx	IMPs. Both vul.	N	E	S	W	
Qxxx						
9xx			1S	P	1NT	
xx		3S	P	3NT	P	
		P	Dbl	4C	Dbl	It's your lead.
		4D	5C	P	P	
		P				

SCORES: Low Heart = 100 (14 votes), Heart Queen = 90 (10 votes), Low Diamond = 50 (4 votes), Low Spade = 20 (3 votes), Low Club = 10 (1 vote)

Partner's 3S cue asks for a spade stopper and should show a solid suit (diamonds) and stoppers in the unbid suits. The vast majority of the panel

chose a heart lead for two reasons: East freely bid 5C so he is unlikely to have two quick diamond losers, and, the HQ should be a most useful card. Since East must be 5-4 or 5-5, it is important to get our heart trick going while partner still has his club control.

Waterman: "Low heart, partner can't be void in spades, get the hearts going before they go on spades."

Sandy McIlwain: "HQ, might have to switch to diamonds."

Leo Steil: "HQ, partner may be sitting over dummy's K."

Peter Walton: "HQ, automatic on this auction." (Peter would probably have opened this hand.-AC)

A word from the diamond leaders:

Duncan Smith: "I have no reason to presume that a heart is better than partner's suit."

Ballantyne: "We need 3(?-AC) red tricks, 2 hearts and a diamond, low heart is only right if dummy has K and partner AJ (or dummy AJ and partner K10 -AC). If a heart was right I can always say: I just led your suit, partner."

At the table, a heart lead was needed to beat the contract, as declarer had a diamond void.

3. AQJ9	Matchpoints.	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
KQJ10	None vul.	2C	P	3D*	P	*2 of top 3 honours
Q10		?				
AK10						

SCORES: 4NT=100 (12 votes), 3NT=90 (10 votes), 6NT=60 (5 votes), 4D=20 (2 votes), 3H, 3S=10 (2 votes each)

It's not often that you hold 22 flat with no card below a 9, and it's even rarer to get a positive response from partner. The respondents tended to get carried away - since unless partner has the diamond Jack you need a 3-3 break in the suit (unless he has six diamonds and the J falls doubleton).

When in doubt, Blackwood:

Charlie Swanson: "4NT. Would bid 6NT but we might make seven."

Sheila Dickie: "4NT. Must be a trick question, on my way to seven."

Duncan Smith: "4NT, baby hand; if partner has the heart A, 7NT, otherwise, 6NT."

With more pessimism (or is it good sense):

Gord McOrmond: "3NT. Minimum, no fit."

Steve Vincent: "3NT. Partner will bid with more than AKxxx."

Pete Walton: "3NT. Rebidding a minimum level of NT should show a balanced 22-23 HCP."

On the other hand:

Cam Lindsay: "6NT - part of the old-fashioned KISS system."

Some tried waiting bids:

Dave House: "3H - most options."

John Bryden: "4D. If partner cues then 6NT, otherwise 5NT."

Doug Andrews: "4D. If partner doesn't cue then 6NT should be right at matchpoints."

Nothing like a little disharmony!

And finally, two philosophers:

Ballantyne: "3NT. More important to bid a sound 3NT than the happenstance slam."

McIlwain: "4NT. Willing to take a chance on slam - being there will avoid a zero."

Moral: When in doubt, go with the field.

4. A10	IMPs. N-S vul.	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
void		-	1H	2D	2H
AJ9xxx		2S	P	?	
Axxxx					

SCORES: 3C = 100 (20 votes), 4C = 40 (5 votes), 3H = 40 (4 votes)
4S = 20 (2 votes), 3S = 10 (1 vote)

The panel overwhelmingly voted to continue bidding out their shape on the assumption it was forcing, as it should be. The dissenters, concerned that 3C might be passed, chose stronger actions.

At the table, South bid 4S. That was followed by Blackwood and finally 7S was reached for -100. Surely 3C must be forcing, as you've already made a 2/1 overcall and partner is an unpassed hand. (Both opponents were a trifle light for their actions!)

5. AQ10xx	IMPs. Both vul.	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
void		1D	P	1H	P
AKJxxx		2S	P	2N	P
Kx		3S	P	3NT	P
		?			

SCORES: Pass = 100 (28 votes), 4D = 20 (2 votes), 4S, 6D = 10 (1 vote each)

Not surprisingly, the panel voted with near unanimity for the pass, but I wonder what would have happened at the table. It seems to me that you have no source of tricks for 3NT - if partner does have a fit for either of your suits, then 5D will make and six is on a hook.

Ballantyne: "Pass. I'll respect partner's judgement. It's called bridge."
[As in B-R-I-D-G-E. -Ed.]

Andrews: "Pass. Although this will be a poor contract, I've bid my hand and will respect partner's misguided judgement."

Miller: "Pass. Partners get bored, irritated & downright ugly when I persist in telling the same story."

Lindsay: "Pass (nervously). Bidding risks blowing the push board."

I won't identify the 4-bidders, but I will say (to no one's surprise) that in real life I bid four diamonds.

With all this agreement on the panel, there were eight perfect scores of 500 on the problems, as well as nine others of 480 or better. I'd like to thank all 32 respondents for taking the time to answer, and to especially thank those who answered for the first time.

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November Round-Up Sectional

Some of you like to make plans in advance, so here is the schedule for the November Sectional. Remember that this will be our first tournament in our new location, the ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL, 6th Street & Royal, New Westminster.

Friday, November 16: 1:30 Men's & Women's Pairs
8:00 Mixed Board-a-Match Teams
Junior Pairs (0-20 mp)

Saturday, November 17: 1:30 Flighted Pairs (playthrough)
& 8:00 Flight A: no restrictions
Flight B: 0-1000 mp

Sunday, November 18: 11:00 Open Swiss Teams
& 4:30

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GNP/COPC

The Unit stages for both these pairs games will be held this fall. The GNP Unit Final will be held at the Arbutus Club, 4226 Arbutus St., Vancouver, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1:00 & 7:30.

The COPC Unit Final will be held on November 11, times and place to be announced.

For those of you considering the INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL in SPOKANE (October 23-28), their Sunday Swiss Teams starting times have been changed to 10:00 am & 3:00 pm to enable you to catch a flight back right after the game. Frontier Airlines return rate is \$137. (advance booking), so do consider Spokane.

Many of you will also be attending the sun-drenched FALL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS in SAN DIEGO (November 16-25). John Findlay, along with a local travel firm, has put together an eleven-day package for as low as \$579. He's offering a choice of hotels and flexible travel dates and promises a host of "goodies and surprise extras". For more information, call John at 464-7978.

Also, for you roadsters who are planning a drive to San Diego, please note that the PASADENA WINTER REGIONAL starts on Nov. 27, which is about 125 miles and one day in the sun away from San Diego.

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Fall Fund Game

The Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game to be held Wed. Oct. 10 will also be the first qualifying game for the 1986 Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC). Do not confuse this with the 1985 COPC, for which we are holding our unit final on November 11, 1984.

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UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

In addition to our regular December Unit Games on the 2nd, Unit 430 will be holding its annual Christmas Party on December 16. Once again the victuals will be provided by Mr. Chuck Hosdon. Advance booking will be necessary for this popular event, so please mark the date on your holiday calendar and plan to attend. More details next issue.

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IT'S YOUR BID

-Allan Graves

[Allan Graves returns to the IYB ring with another set of problems courtesy of Bridge World magazine, to whom we extend our appreciation.

Allan will be on the Canadian team at the World Olympiad in Seattle this fall. The team (Victor Goldberg NPC; Mark Molson - Boris Baran; John Carruthers - John Guoba; Allan and the effervescent George Mittleman) should be in the thick of it down there and we hope many of you will lend them your support. If you can't be there, send a telegram.

Allan will also be giving bridge lessons starting in mid-September. They are aimed at various levels, both group and individual. For more information, call Allan at 224-2152. -Ed.]

1. IMPs. N-S vul.

void	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
J94				
KQJ1074	1D	4S	Dbl	P
KQJ3	?			

2. IMPs. Both vul.

Q	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	
KJ					
KQ1082	1D	2D*	Dbl	3S	*Michaels
AQ1032	4C	4S	5D	P	
	P	5S	P	P	
	?				

3. Matchpoints. Both vul.

2	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
A9654				
KQ10	P	P	1D	P
J754	1H	P	1S	P
	?			

4. Matchpoints. None vul.

Q10	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
10				
AJ10865	-	-	1S	4H
AJ74	?			

5. IMPs. None vul.

109852	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
A6				
Q3	-	-	P	1H
K985	P	4H	4S	P
	P	5C	P	5H
	?			

6. IMPs. E-W vul.

AJ	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
AQ7				
AQ10965	1D	P	1H	P
J3	?			

Send your answers (with or without comments) to Allan Graves at 2755 Alma before Oct. 1.

NB: Highest scoring non-Life Master wins two free plays to Vancouver Sectional.

Deadline for next issue: Oct. 6. (#6-2160 W 39, Van.)

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ROUND-UP SECTIONAL

November 16-18 at the ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL
6th Street & Royal
New Westminster BC

**Please Note: New Site

Friday N/16	1:30	MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS
	8:00	MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20 masterpoints)
Saturday N/17	1:30 & 8:00	FLIGHTED PAIRS (playthrough) Flight A: No Restrictions Flight B: 0-1000 masterpoints
Sunday N/18	11:00 & 4:30	OPEN SWISS TEAMS - 2 sessions

Tournament Director: Phil Wood

No/low smoking sections where possible.

Tournament Chairman: Doug Andrews

*Hospitality after Friday night game.

Partnerships: Trudy Hurdle (272-4302)

*Free tea & coffee before Sunday game.

All events \$4.50 per session, except Junior Pairs, \$3.50.

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COPC FINAL

Those of you who qualified at the club stage for the COPC are eligible to play in the Unit Final, to be held at the PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB, 1520 Pemberton St., North Vancouver, on NOVEMBER 11, 1984. Starting times will be 1:00 & 7:30. Price, \$5.00 per session per player. It will be a playthrough event, with the top six pairs advancing to the Canadian Final at the Montreal NAC's next March. The top two finishers will receive some subsidy monies from Unit 430. For more information, phone Martin O'Reilly (261-4892).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October/November

27-10 WBF Team Olympiad
Seattle WA

November

2-4 Calgary Sectional
Banff AB
4 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club, Cloverdale Elks
11 COPC Unit Final
Pemberton Bridge Club
16-25 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
SAN DIEGO CA
16-18 Vancouver Round-Up Sectional
New Westminster BC
20 ACBL-Wide Charity Game

November/December

27-2 Winter Regional
Pasadena CA

December

2 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club, Cloverdale Elks
*7-9 Tacoma Holiday Sectional
16 Vancouver Unit Christmas Party
Marpole Com. Ctr. (see p. 3)
26-31 Mid-Winter Holiday Regional
Reno NV *note change

January 1985

6 Vancouver Unit Game
Haida Club, Cloverdale Elks
11-13 Spokane Winter Sectional
GNP District Final
19-20 CLTC Unit Stage
22-27 Emerald City Regional
Seattle WA

* Deadline for next Matchpointer is
* January 10, 1985. Special thanks to
* all our volunteers, esp. CB, JB & AB.

UNIT GAMES

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Vancouver:

August 6 (11 tables):

- Overall: 1. Bob Connop - Brian May
 2. Sefton Levine - Ben Takemori
 3. Gertie Stanford - Koos Van Lieshout
 4. Pauline McClafferty - Bernie Hoy
 5/6. Adrian Hicks - Les Fouks
 5/6. John Bryden - Sheila Shoring

N-S

E-W

Connop - May	146	Levine - Takemori	130½
Stanford - Van Lieshout	126½	McClafferty - Hoy	123
Hicks - Fouks	120	Gerry & Jean Brownridge	118
Bryden Shoring	120	Sandy McIlwain - Susan Peters	118

September 2 (12 tables):

- Overall: 1. Greg Arbour - Rhonda Betts
 2. Don Brander - Linda Sims
 3. Laurence Betts - Betty Michno
 4. Charlie Swanson - Adrian Hicks
 5. Leslie & David Gold
 6. John & Trudy Hurdle

N-S

E-W

Arbour - Betts	133	Brander - Sims	126½
Swanson - Hicks	124	Betts - Michno	124½
Hurdles	119½	Golds	121
Aidan Ballantyne - S. McIlwain	116½	Mike Dimich - Ben Takemori	117½
		Doug & Julie Cowan	117½

October 7 (9 tables):

- Overall: 1. Cam Lindsay - Bob Connop
 2/3. Jennifer Paynter - Elaine Ryan
 2/3. Sandy McIlwain - Aidan Ballantyne
 4. Dee & Leo Steil
 5/6. John Bryden - Gord Davis
 5/6. Olive Perdue - Gerda Lubeseder

N-S

E-W

Lindsay - Connop	145½	Ballantyne - McIlwain	121½
Ryan - Paynter	121½	Steils	120½
Marg. Chiarenza - Pauly McClafferty	110½	Bryden - Davis	117½
		Perdue - Lubeseder	117½

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Cloverdale:

Annual General Meeting, July 8 (15 tables):

- Overall: 1. Don Jorgenson - Betty Hamilton
 2. Andrew Ross - Phyllis Barrington
 3. Jennifer Paynter - Aidan Ballantyne
 4. Wilf May - Chuck Hodson
 5. Hobart Liang - Donna Morrison
 6/7. John Findlay - Harold Henneberger
 6/7. Dennis Groden - Martin O'Reilly

N-S

E-W

Jorgenson - Hamilton	198½	Barrington - Ross	185-
Paynter - Ballantyne	184	Liang - Morrison	183
May-Hodson	183½	O'Reilly - Groden	173
Findlay - Henneberger	173	Al & Donna Freeze	163-

August 6 (6 tables):

- Overall: 1. Hobart & Hanna Liang 86½
 2. Alex Kiper - Ernie Dietrich 75½
 3. Jim Munns - Tom Kwan 74
 4. Joan & Tony Marsh 71

(Cloverdale Unit Games)

3.

September 2 (8 tables):

- Overall: 1. Jack Ritch - Ray Morrison
2. Ernie Dietrich - Gladys Mackie
3. Ted & Larry Hicks
4. Ron & Jean Groome
5. Pat Stapff - S. Robson

N-S

E-W

Ritch - Morrison	109½	Hicks'	97
Dietrich - Mackie	98	Stapff - Robson	90
Groomes	96½	Harold Henneberger - Herbie Lum	85

October 7 (7 tables):

- Overall: Axel & Margaret Schulmann
2. Alex Kiper - John Findlay
3/4. Don Fraser - Beryl Hamilton
3/4. Kathy Adachi - Wilf May
5. Colin Collin - N. Treleaven

N-S

E-W

Schulmanns	95½	Kiper - Findlay	95
Fraser - Hamilton	93	Adachi - May	93
Mary Fines - Ev Hodge	89	Collin - Treleaven	90½

Unit Point Races: Once again the Point Totals are unavailable at press time. Those of you who are curious can phone Al Chapelle (732-7719), preferably around 3 AM.

Unit games are held at the Cloverdale Elks Hall, 17672-57 Ave., Cloverdale, and the Haida Bridge Club, 456 W. Broadway, Vancouver, at 7:30 pm, generally on the first Sunday of the month.

Upcoming games will be on November 4, December 2, December 16 (Christmas Party at Marpole Community Centre), and January 6. The Christmas Party will count in the elusive point race.

IN MEMORIAM: Frances Waters (1916-1984)

Our Unit is deeply saddened by the passing of Frances Lucille Waters on October 2, 1984, after a short battle with cancer.

Frances was known to many of us in Unit 430, both as a player and an administrator. As a player, her competitiveness enabled her to become a Life Master many times over: she held over 1,000 masterpoints, an achievement matched by only a select few. As an administrator, Frances served two terms on the Unit Board as treasurer from 1978-82. In this role she applied the many skills that served her well during a successful business career (in which she helped establish and run a thriving electrical contracting firm). During her tenure as treasurer, Frances' conscientiousness and efficiency helped our Unit gain complete financial security.

Of course, Frances was not always all business and was quick to relax away from competition. Her many bridge friends will miss her most for her hearty chuckle, her wry sense of humour, and the twinkle in her eye that betrayed an innate sense of mischief.

Unit Christmas Party

Once again, Unit 430 is holding its Christmas extravaganza at the MARPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 990 W 59 Ave., Vancouver, on December 16. The ridiculously low price of \$5.00 includes dinner, prepared in memorable fashion by Chuck Hodson, a Unit-level bridge game, and a free drink with dinner. Those of you who attended last year know what a bargain this is. Space is limited, so please pre-register by contacting your local bridge club or Chuck (590-1762). Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and bridge at 7:30. The game counts towards both Unit Races.

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WBF Team Olympiad

Don't miss your chance to see the world's greatest bridge players in competition for the World Championship. Both Open and Women's teams are playing October 27 - November 10 at the Seattle Sheraton. Special side games.

Vancouver Evergreen Sectional (371 tables)

Women's Pairs (52 pairs):

1. Dee Berry - Elaine Brockman, both Seattle
2. Jean Bentley - Helen Montgomery, both Van.
3. Gladys Sagen - Marguerite Wiggins, both Van.

Men's Pairs (34 pairs):

1. Greg Arbour - Dave House, both Van.
2. Vic Hetman, Surrey - Tom Kinakin, Bby.
3. Peter Walton, Surrey - Cec Brown, Pt. Townsend, WA

Knockout Teams (10 teams):

1. Mike Hargreaves, Pr. George - Al Chapelle - Mike Dimich - Doug Andrews, all Van.
2. Laurence Betts - Greg Arbour - Aidan Ballantyne, all Van. - Steve Vincent, Bby.

Mixed Pairs (78 pairs):

1. Dee Berry, Seattle - Cec Brown, Pt. Townsend
2. Mary Fines, N. Van. - R. Butler, W. Van.
3. Lisa Strebinger, Bby. - George Bell, W. Van.

Friday Eve Side Game (32 pairs):

1. Glen Hillson - Stan Bodlak, both Van.
2. John Whittlesey - Brian Dixon, both Van.
3. Don Brazeau, Richmond - Terry Martin, Van.

Junior Pairs (16 pairs):

1. B. Gower - C. McKay
2. D. McMahon - C. Doner
3. R. Bruce - J. Duffy

Open Pairs (102 pairs):

1. Ken Danielson, Surrey - Don Forsythe, Coquitlam
2. Anne Nagy - Gord Davis, both Van.
3. Les Fouks, Van. - Brian May, Richoond

Consolation Pairs (62 pairs):

1. Glen Hillson - Alan Neid, both Van.
2. Julie Smith - Peter Cooper, both Van.
3. Dick Yarrington, Seattle - Dan Jacob, Van.

Flight A Swiss Board-A-Match Teams (26 teams):

- 1/2. Dick Yarrington - Ken Scholes, both Seattle - Dan Jacob - Lauren Miller, both Van.
- 1/2. Mary & Marty McCune, both Seattle - Susan Peters - Martin O'Reilly, both Van.
3. Allan Graves - Dave Waterman - Dave House - Aidan Ballantyne, all Van.

Flight B Swiss Teams (51 teams):

1. Marg Benoit, New West. - Larry Hicks, Coquitlam - Joy Berry - Bill Hartford - Dave Glen, all Surrey
2. Lillian Musil - Leslie Morrison - Margaret & Axel Schulmann, all Delta
- 3/4. Gerri & Tom Cross - Bill Osborne - Doug Cowan, all W. Van.
- 3/4. D. Walton - M. Dadson - J. Pep - J. Knight, all Van.

EDMONTON REGIONAL

Flight A Open Pairs: 3. Steve Vincent - Aidan Ballantyne

Flight A Swiss Teams; 4/5. Aidan Ballantyne - Elliot Netto - Jean Groome - Derek Ward

Master's Pairs Flight A: 4. Greg Arbour - (D. Sorenson)

Results of the GNP Unit Final held at the Arbutus Club on September 16
(54 pairs):

1. Gordon McOrmond - Dan Jacob	376½
2. Allan Graves - David Waterman	368
3. Don Brander - Paul Hagen	362
4. Cam Lindsay - Aidan Ballantyne	358½
5. Steven Vincent - Greg Arbour	353½
6. Peter Herold - Lauren Miller	351

Other Qualifiers: Margie Neate - Stella Alliston; Michael Dimich - Ben Takemori; Andy Nagy - Don Braceau; Wilf May - Gail Perrin; Larry Hicks - Dave Glen; Sandy McIlwain - Michael Newcombe; Sheila Shoring - Bernie Hoy; Gerry McCully - Doug Baldwin; Leo Steil - Bob Sauve; Denny Denman - Al French; Elaine Ryan - Rhoda Tafler; Jean Groome - Peter Walton; Glen Hillson - Isabelle Anderson

Those of you who care probably know that the GNP DISTRICT FINAL will take place in Spokane, Washington, January 12 & 13. In yet another attempt to get us in hot water with someone, our faithful correspondent, Aidan Ballantyne, sends this report on preparing for the far-away Final:

To Go or Not To Go

The Grand National Pairs has been fairly popular here for several reasons: it is a grassroots event that allows participation of players of all calibres; it offers generous masterpoint awards; and, appealing to the more ambitious, it provides the top three district finalists with free tickets to the Spring Nationals (Ah, Montreal!).

Up until this year, the GNP District Final has been relatively accessible to Vancouverites, since it has never been held further away than picturesque Tacoma, a mere three hours mindnumbing "automatic pilot" drive down the I-5. This year, however, the Final has been scheduled in lovely Spokane, in Eastern Washington. For those of us who can't afford the \$150. or so return flight on Fred's, er, Frontier Airline, this means a nine-hour drive (snow permitting). Thus it was with mixed emotions that Cam Lindsay and I began play at the unit final at the Arbutus Club. Sure it would be nice to reach Spokane, get lucky, and win a free trip to Montreal, but:

- i) the drive would be dull, costly and time-consuming;
- ii) the idea of a winter weekend in Spokane was unappealing, guaranteed to turn even the most peripatetic bridge player into a brooding homebody; and
- iii) once there, our chances of making the top three would not be great. Given our track record, we'd probably go off at 1000-1.

As it turned out, our ambivalence about going to Spokane was shared by many others playing at the Arbutus Club. This attitude was reflected in the bridge as these two examples will illustrate.

Example 1

<u>Cam</u>		The Auction:		<u>N</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>LHO</u>	Kxxx	<u>RHO</u>	Qxx	-	1NT
	K9xx			2D*	2H
	x			3C	3S
	A109x			4D	7H
J10xx		Jxxx		* Forcing Stayman	
x		Qxxx			
KJx		Qxxx			
QJxxx	<u>Aidan</u>	xx		The peculiar auction might be attributed to our two-minded attitude towards performing well enough to move on to the next stage.	
	Ax				
	AQ10x				
	Axxxx				
	Kx				

to some of the more unusual bids:

- 1NT - Well, I don't really want to go to Spokane. . .
- 3C - I could bid 3H and clearly agree trumps, but I'll introduce some ambiguity here because I don't really want to do to Spokane, either. . .
- 3S - Hey, maybe Spokane isn't such a bad idea after all. Think I'll blow off the spade lead.

The following meanings may be ascribed

4D - Guess I'll try for a pushy slam and let the fates decide our qualification.

7H - If you've been cue-bidding in support of hearts this should have a play. If not, well, I didn't really want to go to Spokane anyway. . .

The final contract surely reflected our dubious, almost indifferent approach: seven might make, might not! Everything hinged on the opening lead. The opponents obviously shared our mixed feelings about qualifying for the district final. After much thought LHO (one of Vancouver's finest) decided he didn't really want to go to Spokane and opted for a non-trump lead. Making thirteen tricks on a cross-ruff.

As it turned out, other people's results on this particular hand suggest that no one was that keen on qualifying. In our section, only one other pair got as high as six hearts, and they scored only +980.

Moral: If you're going to make seven, you might as well bid it!

Example 2

	Cam		The Auction:	N	S
	KJ8x			-	1H
	QJx			2D	3D
<u>LHO</u>	KJxxx	<u>RHO</u>		3S	3NT
A109x	A	Qxxx		4H	4NT
10xx		Ax		5D	5S
xx		Qxx		5NT	P
xxxx	<u>Aidan</u>	xxxx			
	x				
	K98xx				
	A10x				
	KQJx				

The final contract was once again born of a certain doubleness: could be top, could be bottom!

Here, too, our opponents (another premier pair) seemed to be experiencing a by now familiar uncertainty about the proper objective. In this case, LHO really wanted to go to Spokane, so he led the ten of spades, covered by the Jack. RHO went into a huddle, no doubt debating the merits of qualification. Obviously, he decided he wanted to stay home this year, because he played low! Making 5NT.

Post Mortem

Cam and I weren't as lucky (or unlucky?) on most of the hands. However, for better or worse, we qualified for the next stage, as did the other two pairs featured in the examples.

In retrospect we might have avoided the contradictions inherent in playing in the Unit Final by cleverly opting for elimination at the club level. That opportunity having passed us by, and thanks to results like the above, Cam and I are still confronted with our dilemma: to go or not to go to Spokane.

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Card-Play Quiz

by Lauren Miller

There are numerous card combinations that are handled incorrectly even by above average players. Test your own technique now on a few of them. Assume in all cases that the contract is No Trump and that entries are no problem - you may lead from either hand as often as necessary. The top hand is dummy, the bottom one declarer. (Answers to problems on p. 16)

- | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 1. x | Play the suit to win 4 tricks. | 2. x | Win 4 tricks. |
| AJ10xxx | | AJ98xx | |
| 3. Q8 | Win 3 tricks. | 4. Q9xx | (a) Win 5 tricks. |
| K9xxx | | A10xxx | (b) Win 4 tricks. |

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Rookies Win Trip To Las Vegas!

In the recent Rookie GNP qualifying game held at the Haida Club, Dennis McMahon and John Reay scored a 65% game to lead all players in District 19. This qualified them for a free trip to the Final at the Las Vegas Nationals, where they will represent the District. Congratulations!

The following players from our unit were battling it out in their respective categories at mid-year:

<u>Rookie of the Year (0-5):</u>	1. Gladys Ness 11.20	2. John Mullen 10.44
	3. Enid Pierce 9.30	
<u>Non-Master (5-20):</u>	1. Elliot Netto 80.66	2. T. J. Kwan 21.74
	3. J.R. Munns 20.40	
<u>Master (20-50):</u>	1. Bill Osborne 44.45	2. Gerry Cross 36.07
	3. Helen Jang 26.40	
<u>National Master (50-100):</u>	1. R.K. Ross 29.14	2. Louis Landau 23.78
	3. Mike Takomori 21.89	
<u>Senior Master (100-200):</u>	1. Larry Hicks 64.93	2. Pat Landau 60.44
	3. Mary Scott 55.43	
<u>Advanced Senior Master (200-300):</u>	1. Steve Vincent 135.25	
	2. Tom Cross 60.48	3. Ruby Trerise 46.50
<u>Life Master:</u>	1. Greg Arbour 210.80	2. Laurence Betts 205.13
	3. David House 190.04	

(Elliot Netto has disqualified himself from winning due to his non-ACBL experience.)

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The Skip-Bid Warning

"Skip bid. Please wait." Those four words, to a person familiar with the Skip-Bid Warning, are an instruction to pause for about ten seconds before bidding. Yet at the last Richmond sectional, seated against an experienced pair, I used the Warning in a competitive auction. LHO passed after a second or so, essentially ignoring the Warning. (Perhaps some of you are saying, "Good for them!") At a recent GMP qualifying game I used the Warning and was rewarded by an instant "Pass". When I commented, the person said, "You didn't say, 'Please wait'". The revelation that I had, in fact, said: "Skip bid, please wait", left him at a slight loss, but hardly apologetic.

As you know, many players who use the Warning use simply the words, "Skip bid", which is not a legally acceptable form of the Warning. This courtesy to the opponents is followed by more lightning passes than any other bid in bridge. A sort of thumbing-of-the-nose at the restrictions of a highly regulated game.

But the ACBL is not a frivolous organization. The Skip-Bid Warning is designed to protect both the user's side and the opponents from problems of tempo during the auction. It is highly effective when used properly.

The Instant Pass, on the other hand, has no place in the game, and is certainly something that should be avoided after a skip bid, whether the Warning is used or not. The Pass (unless of a conventional type such as the Forcing Pass) should never reveal information about the hand, or one's opinion of the contract—especially by its tempo or tone. This is instrumental to the basic structure of the game, and the Skip-Bid Warning takes a tremendous ethical burden off the person next to bid and, subsequently, their partner.

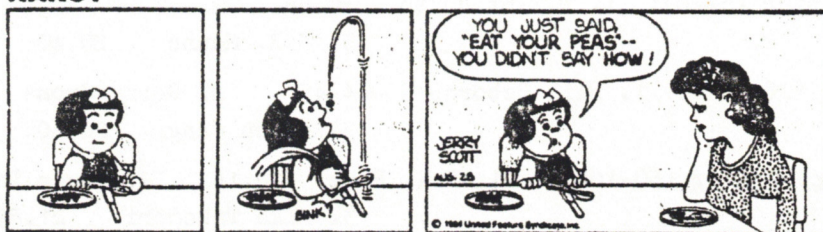
I guarantee that you will all have hands which, over a skip bid by the opponents, present you with a bidding problem that you will resolve by passing. Wouldn't you like your partner to have maximum freedom on these hands and not feel ethically constrained by the long huddle across the table?

The Skip-Bid Warning provides you with that freedom. It is one of the Great Liberators of bridge, for it frees us from the tyranny of tempo at the times we need it most. Please don't treat it as an intrusion on your enjoyment, or something to be gotten around, like taxes. It exists to help you.

I hope my last illustration will become a thing of the past: at the Maple Ridge sectional, a gentleman I did not know, when confronted with the Skip-

Bid Warning, passed faster than a speeding bullet. When I spoke to him, he muttered something about forgetting (a very common, but tremendously misguided and untenable defense)..Fortunately this was a Swiss Team match, and he had an opportunity to redeem himself a few hands later when I once again announced a skip bid and requested him to wait. Not to be caught in the same trap twice, the gentleman waited the appropriate interval - with his cards folded on the table, counting the seconds by bobbing his head up and down!

NANCY



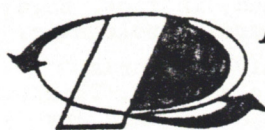
Like the comic-strip girl, Nancy, he wished to be exempt from the intention of the instruction, but could not summon up the courage to refuse outright, having no reason to do so other than the unadorned fact that he didn't feel like it.

Needless to say, his imitation of a goldfish did nothing to make my day any better, not did it make me more kindly disposed to the next person who ignored the warning.

Now this may surprise some of you, but bridge is essentially a game for civilized adults. Consequently we must try not to behave like children at the table, if for no other reason than our own self-interest: when a situation comes along that counts, we will be considered as adults, and "I forgot", and "I didn't feel like it", and "Why should I?" will not be considered as adequate, adult reasons for not abiding by the rules of the game.

- Sandy McIlwain

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ALOHA!

It's fall once more; time for turkeys, 600-pound pumpkins, slash-burning, the World Series, the sound of rain on leaves, and the kickoff of Unit 430's ever-popular IMP League.

This year, in a move reminiscent of N.H.L. Expansion, the A League has grown to 18 teams. Indeed, old-time bridge fans have already grumbled criticism of this year's league: "Too much dilution of talent", "Too long a season", "Let's go back to the six team league", etc. ad nauseum.

Commissioner Paynter has decided to go with two reasonably-balanced nine-team divisions, 'Culture Club' and 'Streetheart'. The top three finishers in each division qualify for the playoffs, with division winners getting a first round bye. In maintaining a playoff format similar to last year's, the Commissioner had to resist pressure from new entrants to increase the number of playoff positions. These teams obviously need some playoff revenue to enhance their chances of finishing in the black. In fact, one franchise suggested the League convert to eighteen one-team divisions, thus guaranteeing a playoff spot for all!

The A League

[The following is an analysis of the 84-85 A League prepared by the Matchpointer's scouting staff. The opinions are not necessarily those of the Editor, Unit 430, nor any rational person, but these guys work fast and cheap.]

CULTURE CLUB Division

LINDSAY (Cam, Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Don Brander)

Plus - A team with over 15,000 master points; all are able to play bridge in their sleep - and often do. Hagen's new-found fitness should help, with punctuality if nothing else.

Minus - Lindsay and Jacob don't golf or play 'Kings' and therefore don't quite fit the 'Borg Machine' mold.

Prognosis - Should win the division relatively easily - track record will intimidate weaker opponents. Highly motivated Dan "I'm here to win" Jacob should be deciding factor. Playoffs are another story.

DIMICH (Michael, Doug Andrews, Greg Arbour, Steve Vincent, Nick Stock)

Plus - Arbour blossoming into all-star, and British import Vincent, now in second year, is adjusting to the more physical North American game - rarely heard saying "That's not cricket" lately.

Minus - Disappointed forecasters last year by missing playoffs. May take some time for team to regain self-confidence. Could use sixth.

Prognosis - Should give Lindsay a good run for division title, as loss of Bob "The one and only" MacDuff (lured to Prince George by lucrative offer from Team Hargreaves) may lead to greater team cohesiveness. Should easily lead the league in 'tanks'.

HOPWOOD (Jack, Dennis Dohl, Bow Liu, Mike Takemori, Ben Takemori, Chris Diamond)

Plus - Coming off a surprisingly good season (second place in division - made finals), a youthful team gaining experience quickly. Effective combination of muscle, surprise and inscrutability.

Minus - Disciplinarian attitude of player-coach Dohl worked last year, but younger players, having had taste of success, may demand to be treated more like adults.

Prognosis - Great support staff, notably team masseuse M. Scott, should keep this team in the playoff hunt.

MCCULLY (Dobbie, Gerry McCully, Chris Christofferson, Leo Steil, Dee Steil)

Plus - Dangerous offence generates enough IMPs to win - would have made playoffs last year but for last-match loss.

Minus - Strange work schedules will yield difficulty in fielding first-stringers. Lack of preferred lineups may shake team stability. Defensive secondary a nagging problem.

Prognosis - Veteran QB Leo Steil finds camp tougher each year, but still has great arm and should sustain playoff drive. Delay-of-game penalties could wind up costing. Long snaps, forward line could be keys.

MAY (Wilf, Ken Danielson, Doug Hansford, Kathy Adachi, Ina Andersen, Larry Hicks)

Plus - Some tournaments veterans here - relatively unknown to big city teams - should have element of surprise on their side. Hicks fills means business.

Minus - Could have trouble adjusting to long A League season. Might be flat outgunned a few times.

Prognosis - Should make hay while the rest of the league adjusts to their bump and grind style. They don't always "play pretty" so far may fly.

JOHNSON (Martin, Derek Ward, Jim McCully, Marcia Kostynyk, Sandra Borg, David Ingham)

Plus - Veteran infield experience, a proven catcher, and a speedy outfield. Partnerships not a problem.

Minus - May not gel on the field - sometimes the most talented players can be the most temperamental. Could suffer from Baylor Mooreitis.

Prognosis - Good enough to take a run at playoffs, but blister problems could put pressure on pitching staff. One diamond may not be enough.

HOUSE (David, Michael Newcombe, Garry Tomczyk, Elliot Netto, Doug Strachan, Paul Sontag)

Plus - Desire's there - flashes of brilliance - loss of Martineau hurts talentwise but might help teamwise - home setting to their liking.

Minus - Chest-beating might cost - great potential for disarray - could set records in broken water coolers and unanswered calls.

Prognosis - Pressure of playing at peak all year should be their downfall - could take a few down with them.

HODGE (Ev, Margie Neate, Donna Morrison, Mary Fines, Stella Alliston, Jane Green)

Plus - Experienced partnerships - team concept will be foremost - should be geared for the long haul.

Minus - Winners are aggressive - this team might be too nice to win.

Prognosis - With good defense against the blitz and the potential for upsets, these ladies are bound to be someone's undoing.

ANTHONY (John, Neil McAllister, Howard Sussman, Bill Osten)

Plus - A team everyone wants to play against - determination against the odds must count for something.

Minus - Loss of two players could be death knell - may need mid-season recruiting to survive. Speaking of phone numbers, we've misplaced George Brancato's.

Prognosis - Four guys on a life raft with no land in sight.

STREETHEART Division

BETTS (Laurence, Aidan Ballantyne, Andy Nagy, John Hurdle, Don Brazeau, Al Chapelle)

Plus - Last year's winners, amazingly intact and confident - moving up on Lindsay in master points. Several players here who can dominate a match.

Minus - Great potential for team dissention - only one guy can run with the ball at a time. Complacency may be a factor - especially after recent windfall profits.

Prognosis - A group of talented individuals, but there may be no one here to take one for the team. Good start will be critical.

COOPER (Peter, Adrian Hicks, Peter Herold, Michael Ströbinger, Nathan Divinsky, David Waterman)

Plus - Addition of grand old man of Vancouver bridge should provide stimulus and team direction, not to mention a partner for Waterman. As dangerous a line-up as any.

Minus - Past lack of success in IMP league must be noted. May not have the motivation to grind it out. Temperament again a key.

Prognosis - Will record several blitzes, but couldn't finish off the weaker teams last year. A sentimental favorite.

BRYDEN (John, Martin O'Reilly, Susan Peters, Sandy McIlwain, Rhonda Betts, Connie Delisle)

Plus - Past record shows consistent playoff ability. Heart of line-up stable and reaching maturity.

Minus - Team suffers from slow starts. Several players prone to snoozing through hands, even entire matches. Director call, a mainstay in Betts - Delisle arsenal, ineffective on house-league setting.

Prognosis - Might be ready to make a move if laid-back captain Bryden can keep dissention below decks. If things go bad, he has retirement speech already written.

GRODEN (Dennis, Ken Lee, Gord Davis, Anne Nagy, Murdoch Smith)

Plus - A couple of well-oiled partnerships. Addition of Smith improves overall team strength, and Haida Club provides home advantage.

Minus - New D.H. Smith presents team with line-up problems. Stamina might be a factor.

Prognosis - Will be tough if they get in a groove. Made playoffs last year, but there's an old saying about lightning.

MacDUFF (Donna, Leslie Gold, Selene Jacobson, Sharon Crapko, Julie Smith, Linda Sims)

Plus - Nucleus of last year's top women's team - highly motivated. Bid 'em up MacDuff style could cause sleepless nights for someone.

Minus - Too many long road trips might wear this team down. Smith and Sims, along for ride, might coast.

Prognosis - Strong commitment to game will produce some good results. A good show bet if they can win the big ones.

GERRIE (Aban, Bob Gerrie, Gord & Doreen McOrmond, Christina Jacob, Sheryl Kane)

Plus - A few blockbuster player moves in off-season may provide Gerries with winning impetus - acquisition of one of unit's best players can't hurt. Decibel level will unnerve the unprepared.

Minus - May have trouble fielding preferred line-ups. Wide range of ability here could be unmanageable.

Prognosis - This new combination could click for a playoff spot. On the other hand, it might fall apart after a few losses. Anyone's guess.

WALTON (Peter, Jean Groome, Brian May, Rhoda Tafler, Elaine Ryan, Harvey Piercy)

Plus - Controlled psyches that sometimes work.

Minus - Controlled psyches that sometimes don't work.

Prognosis - Experience and political pull give this team playoff potential. Can create large swings, but many will be adverse.

Plus - Another team where determination might be their edge. Capable of chattering their way into record books.

Minus - These guys only play bridge as a means of escape - from their wives! [They made me put that in. -Ed] Seriously folks [That one too!], loss of Hicks can't help.

Prognosis - Rubin may find the team to his liking, but four players just aren't enough. Team gives up too many blitzes.

FINDLAY (John [NPC], Pat Carruthers, Gladys Mackie, Arlene Browning, Beryl Hamilton, Dianne Wilson, Roz Richardson)

Plus - Rehearsal for CLTC should keep them in the event. Findlay taking his role seriously.

Minus - Lack of experience in League and against strong opponents should prove decisive.

Prognosis - NPC concept might be overdue. John wants to toughen these women up and this could be the place to do it. A finish in middle will be moral victory.

The B League

Handicapping the B League is a lot like picking winners at Sandown: different track, several unknown quantities, horses with little or no previous form popping up to invade one's exactor box. From a limb, here's how they look at the gate:

MINKOFF (Syd, Pearl Minkoff, Jean & Gerry Brownridge, David Walker, Julian Adams)

They've been here before, and if they use their most effective partnerships can be accorded a slight edge.

5/2

DOWLING (Norm, Larry Hamilton, Danny Lee, John Demeulemeester, Henry & Paul Chow)

A blend of mild-mannered and very intense players. 'Precision' components have been very effective in recent CNTC events and should lead the league in decibels.

3/1

PUTNAM (Graham, Sheila Shoring, Bernie Hoy, Pauline McClafferty, Marguerite Chiarenza, Catriona Brown)

Have ability to prevail but a bit short in partnership department. More experienced will need patience and less experienced will need best effort to move up.

4/1

CROSS (Tom, Gerry Cross, Pat & Louis Landau, Doug Cowan, Bill Osborne)

'Businessman's Special' team can grind it out as well as anyone here, and will have to do so in order to surprise. Upset pick.

6/1

ESTRADA (Gordon, John MacDonald, Denny Denman, Edie Denman, Ted Deeder, Dave Glen)

Easy come, easy go bunch. Fearless leader will get them this far.

10/1

KERR (Jim, Faye & Gary Gilraine, Martin Tjebbes, Paul Fournier)

Gradual improvement noted, but probably a year or so away from contention.

15/1

KING (Betty, Anne Scott, Terry Scott, Alan Harrop, Madeleine Becker, Wayne Atmore)

Rare breed of people who play bridge for the fun of it. Will enjoy proving me wrong.

20/1

MULLEN (John, Michael Young-Lai, Andy Hellequist, Carmen Sisante, Bea Sadgrove, Lillian Large)

Some first year competitors here, but serious players nonetheless. Can better this with top effort.

25/1

BRUCE (Robert, Jack Duffy, Larry Snelling, Cameron Doner)

A true 'dark horse' team. Totally unknown to local bridge mafia. Longshot players take note.

30/1

CLUB NEWS

ed. Catriona Brown 13.
103-2150 Brunswick,
Vancouver (879-2810)

EAST HASTINGS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Louise Houde 929-5559

Wednesday mornings at 11:00

October 31: Local Charity Game

*November 21: Club Championship (N.B. Change of date)

December 19: Christmas Party

Winners of Swiss Team Championship Oct. 10: Wilf May, Ina Andersen, Kathy Adachi, Larry Hicks

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Ted & Liz Hicks 937-0843

Century House, New Westminster

Thursday Evenings at 7:15

November 8: 5th Annual Mitch Hodge Trophy (for Burnaby Boy Scouts)

The membership Swiss Teams, originally scheduled for December 13 will be postponed until the New Year (orders from Memphis).

MAPLE RIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Jean Adams 463-4288

Centennial Centre, 11940-224th St.

Doris Dring 463-3707

Open game every Wednesday at 7:30 pm

October 24: Local Charity Game

November 7 through 28: Sportsman Trophy Series

December 5: Quarterly Open Pairs

December 19: Christmas Party

December 26: Closed

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Manager: Audrey Loy 561-9806

Sunnyside Community Centre

Wednesday evenings at 7:30

October 24: Club Championship Swiss Teams (Trophy Event)

December 14: Christmas Party - Dinner 6:30 (\$5.00)

Bridge 7:30 (\$2.00)

(for details call Audrey)

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

John Reeve 688-1846

Brunswick Bowling Alley

West Vancouver

NOTE: New Starting Time: Wednesday mornings at 10:00

Winners of Brunswick Trophy Swiss Teams: Ted Trites, Mary Fines, Marion Adams, Win Trerise

November 21: Club Championship

December 12: Membership Game

December 19: Christmas Party

Club closed December 26, but open January 2

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB

John Reeve 688-1846

West Vancouver Rec. Centre

Monday mornings at 10:00

Club closed December 24 and 31.

SUR-DELL BRIDGE CLUB

Ray & Leslie Morrison: 581-2939

St. John's United Church

7655-120th St. (Scott Rd.), Delta

Friday evening at 7:30

November 2: Local Charity Game

Winners of Quarterly Club Championship (Sept. 28): 1. Larry Hicks - Dave Glen
2. Tony & Joan Marsh

EAST RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Manager: Marie Dallyn 278-2586

Games are held every Sunday at 1:00 pm all year.

MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
7623 Taulbut St. (Rec. Ctr.), Mission

Bob Percher 792-4389

Open games each Thursday at 7:30

Special Event: Sunday November 11, 1984

A Charity Swiss Teams in aid of the B.C. Heart Foundation

Cost: \$60. per team, which includes a delicious Buffet
Dinner served between sessions

Starting time: 11:30 am

For information call Louis Vervoort (858-7934) or Bob Percher

ABBOTSFORD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Lions Loft Activity Centre
2478 McAllum Rd., Abbotsford

Bob Percher 792-4389

Friday evenings at 7:30

Sunday December 9: 2nd Annual Open Swiss Team Championship

Cost: \$60. per team, includes Buffet Dinner between sessions

Starting time: 11:30 am

This event is sponsored by CFVR Radio 850, Abbotsford, with proceeds
going to CFVR's Sunshine Fund.

For information call Louis or Bob (see above).

CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB
Senior Citizens' Rec. Ctr.
College & Victoria

Bob Percher 792-4389

Open games Monday at 7:30

Monday December 3: 5th Annual CHWK Milk Bottle Fund Championship

Trophies, door prizes, snacks, coffee, all supplied by CHWK

Starting time: 7:30

MARPOLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Marpole Community Ctr.

George Radics 273-3003

Friday evenings at 7:15

November 9: Club Championship - Winners will receive a free play for
one session at the next Vancouver
Sectional

December 14: Club Christmas Party

December 16: Unit Christmas Party

January 18: ACBL Membership Game

Club closed December 21, 28 and January 4

KING GEORGE BRIDGE CLUB
East Richmond Community Ctr.

George Radics 273-3003

Games every Wednesday evening at 7:30

Club closed December 26 and January 5

November 7: Club Championship

December 19: Christmas Party

January 16: ACBL Membership Game

The annual two-session Club Tournament will be held on March 27 & April 3.

You are reminded that to qualify players must have attended at least
10 games prior to the trophy dates!

SUNSET DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tod Moore 327-2298

Open games every Monday evening at the new starting time, 7:15

Cost: \$2.00, includes free coffee.

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB
456 W. Broadway, Vancouver

Anne & Andy Nagy 875-1714

November 20: ACBL-Wide Charity Game

November 23: TGIF Night

December 7: Club Christmas Party

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There is more Club News on the next page, but I would like to take a moment
to thank Catriona Brown for all her hard work on behalf of the clubs. I hope
you all appreciate the fine job she does for you!

PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB
1520 Pemberton, North Van.

Tel: 987-3733

Winners: Sept 12 Club Championship: Bob Butler - Laureen Holley
Sept 17 Club Championship: Tom Cross - Derck Ward
Sept 21 Club Championship: Wilma & Gordon Akhurst

Next Club Championships: Wednesday Nov 14 - Unmixed Pairs - 7:30
Friday Dec 7 - Open Pairs - 7:45

Friday Dec 21: Christmas Party Night (Please book in advance!)
- Bring a partner - draw a team (sign up at club)

Rookie News: Winners: Grand National Rookie Pairs September 18 :
Norma Malcolm - Ellen Fulcher
Rookie Club Championship September 25:
Eileen Sands - Wanda Davidson
Events: Rookie Team Game October 16 (Tues)
Rookie Club Championship November 20 (Tues)
Rookie Christmas Party December 18 (Tues)

New Executive: Club Manager - Tom Cross (925-1708) & Treasurer
Accountant - Rose Wrean (922-9587)
Premises Mgr. - Bill Work (922-1660)
Supplies - Mary Fines (987-3241)
Publicity/ - Doug Cowan (926-5849)
Special Events
Partnerships/- Anne Scott (929-4595)
Statistician
Secretarial - Nick Parker (873-1751)

Friday Nov 23: Swiss Team Game - Bring partner, draw team

Watch for future announcements re: New Year's Eve Party, Mon Dec 31.

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SECTIONAL TROPHY RACES

Phil Wood

Arbour gained slightly on L. Betts and lost a bit to Ballantyne. While Jacob and Yarrington moved up strongly, it's a three-man race. In fact, it might be all over as all three will likely be on the same Swiss Team again.

1. Greg Arbour	71.86	11. Martin O'Reilly	40.57
2. Laurence Betts	63.34	12. Don Brander	40.43
3. Aidan Ballantyne	62.39	13. Al Chapelle	39.33
4. Dan Jacob	52.54	14. Ted Hicks	36.62
5. Dick Yarrington	46.94	15. Gord McOrmond	35.60
6. David Waterman	46.56	16. Leslie Gold	33.88
7. Rhonda Betts	45.18	17. Bob Connop	33.84
8. Duncan Smith	41.44	18. Susan Peters	33.75
9. Steve Vincent	40.83	19. Mike Takemori	33.18
10. Sandy McIlwain	40.74	20. David Gold	32.63

Under 200

Gord Davis moved into second place (2nd in Open Pairs) and may give Mike Takemori a chase in this one.

1. Mike Takemori	33.13	6. Larry Hicks	11.74
2. Gord Davis	26.69	7/8. Tom McCann	9.55
3. Ben Takemori	25.55	7/8. Alvin Austin	9.55
4. Elliot Netto	19.54	9. Bill Osborne	9.46
5. Jack Hopwood	19.39	10. Lillian Musil	9.37

Eddie Bonnell

Leslie Gold and Sue Peters turned the heat on Rhonda Betts with fine tournaments, but will need another big outing to catch her.

1. Rhonda Betts	45.18	6. Marg Benoit	19.45
2. Leslie Gold	33.80	7. Donna MacDuff	19.11
3. Susan Peters	33.75	8. Mary McCune	18.54
4. Kathy Adachi	28.13	9. Sharon Crapko	13.99
5. Gail Perrin	20.57	10. Jenny Paynter	13.82

A note on the scoring: Our statistician does not include points won in Swiss Team matches except in deciding the actual winners. Some of your totals are indeed higher than shown here.

Open Pairs - Saturday Afternoon (43 pairs):

1. B. Cullen - M. Corbould
2. J. Murdoch - D. Murdoch
3. D. Stockdale - G. Ness

Open Pairs - Saturday Evening (42 pairs):

- 1/2. D. Glen - B. Russell
- 1/2. B. Steves - S. Steves
3. T. Kwan - R. Coote

(Novice Winners: A. Coulter - M. Crompton)

Swiss Teams (26 teams):

1. J. Richards - L. Lester - H. McGregor - B. Fallis
- 2/3. D. Sordi - I. Gardner - R. Coote - T. Kwan - L. Meyer
- 2/3. M. Chiarenza - J. Greenwood - D. McMahon - J. Reay

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Answers to Miller's Quiz (p. 6)

1. Play the Ace followed by a low one (not the Jack or Ten). Finessing the J or 10 on the first round will only work against KQxx in RHO's hand, whereas the recommended line works against either Kx or Qx in LHO's hand. Either line comes to 4 tricks if the suit breaks 3-3 or if RHO has honour doubleton.
2. Lead from dummy and play the Jack, unless, of course, the King or Queen pops up on your right. Next play the Ace, hoping to drop a now singleton K, Q, or 10, after which the 9-spot will drive out the remaining honour. This line of play protects against 10x in LHO's hand. Finessing the 8 or 9 can never gain.
3. Lead from your hand and play the 8 unless LHO plays the Jack or 10. This succeeds against Jx, 10x or J10xx in LHO's hand (in addition to all 3-3 breaks). Low to the queen and ducking the second round only caters to Ax on your left.
4. (a) There are technically two equal (and slim) chances - lay down the Ace, or lead the Queen from dummy. The former works against stiff King on your right, the latter against stiff Jack on your left. However, the second line also caters to the possibility of a defensive error if RHO fails to cover from Kx, so it must be considered slightly superior.
(b) Against any but the sharpest of defenders, one line of play is clearly superior. Play low from your hand and finesse the 9 if LHO plays low. If this loses to the Jack, play the Queen from dummy next time and finesse. In theory this loses to Kxx of Kx on your left, but fortunately not many defenders can play low from Kx without flinching.

Scoring: 4-5 correct: You must be broke if you're still reading The Match-pointer instead of The Bridge World
 2-3 correct: You're on the right track, but need a bit more practice hitting the curve ball.
 0-1 correct: Have you considered Canasta?

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It's Your Bid - Reprise

[For several excellent reasons, we have delayed the response to our last set of problems until the next issue. This means you slugs out there get another chance to respond. Space limitations prevent us from repeating the problems here, so dig out the last issue (green cover), or write or phone me, Sandy McIlwain, 6-2160 W 39 Ave., Van. (263-2152) for a copy of the quiz. Send your completed IYB's to Allan Graves, 2775 Alma by December 15. Remember, the highest scoring non-LM wins Vancouver sectional free plays.]

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Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced by our bogus announcement of a CQPC qualifying game last issue. The CBF giveth and the CBF taketh away.

Check with clubs about CNTC and GNT Flight B (under 500 MPs) qualifying games.