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FIRST LINES *by Jude*

AN EDITORIAL

How many times have you heard: "But we've been through this auction a MILLION Times! How could you make that mistake!?"

Its a stinger, and makes one feel awful. You begin to doubt your own mind, your ability and intelligence. How COULD you have been so stupid?

One of the biggest reasons for error at the table is the incorrect or incomplete understanding of a basic lesson. The student interprets the lesson and, because his understanding works for most situations, he does not realize that he is missing an important point. Basic errors are compounded because, when involved in the learning process, the student makes every effort to 'do what is right'. It is hard, at first, to generalize - to link all the learned pieces together to create a whole understanding. The student is trying hard to be 'good' and rels heavily on notes, study and maxims. An incorrectly worded rule or an incomplete maxim can cause many problems later in one's bridge life especially if everyone, the student included, assumes he understands. Bridge is a fluid game where tiny changes in hand pattern or bidding create countless variations. No auction or hand is ever the same. If a lesson is not understood properly, sooner or later a situation will arise where the student is at a loss. The thing to do at these times is, rather than hang your head and bemoan your stupidity, ask:

"Wait a minute - is there something basic I am missing here?"

Try and find out why you should know better or what it is you should know! Remember the hand and the auction, write it down if you have to and go over it later with partner. Or ask a better player about it. Better yet, ask a couple of players. Try to get a complete understanding and weed out your misconceptions. You may very well find out that the 'standard american' you learned in your early days is now quite different. You may find that basics you once learned are no longer carved in stone but rather, vary from player to player. Or you may find that you just didn't fully learn the original 'lesson'. Give yourself a break this year- trust in your ability to play and learn the game and start to research the reasons behind your errors.

MATCHPOINTER NEWS

NEW CATEGORY! This issue proudly introduces a new category - The GAME.

It is in this section that we will print articles about the game itself, quizzes, theory, systems and conventions. New Member Notes, Bidding Problems for Juniors and the Secrets of the Experts revealed will be regular features. We will be running a series of articles written by local experts, on a variety of bidding topics. The first of these articles, New Minor Forcing by Sandy McIlwain, will appear in the next issue.

YOUR SUBMISSIONS: To help with layout, if you have a typewriter, please submit your material typewritten, proofread, and blocked within an area that is 6" X 10" or 3.5" X 10" for smaller articles. Although the newsletter is GROWING, we are unable to print all submissions. Omitted articles will appear in following issues.

BRIDGE NETWORK: All members are invited to take advantage of the Bridge Network. For now, we welcome any business card-sized ad. We ask for a donation of \$5 for this service and encourage our readers to PATRONIZE YOUR NETWORK!

NEXT DEADLINE: ** Note change ** APRIL 15th The next issue will be on the stands MAY 1ST., and will cover all events up to AUGUST 15

The UNIT

WINNERS - UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

- 1ST: Peter Herold Alana Skuce
- 2ND: Don Brander Les Fouks
- 3RD: Terry & Anne Scott
- 4TH: Rose Metcalfe Thom McCann
- 5TH: Duane Tilden Steve Clements
- 6TH: Doris Moore Jenny Goodman



FLIGHT A IMP LEAGUE UPDATE

With 7 matches played, and 6 remaining, leaders are:

HOUSE	113
CHRISTIE	110
BALLANTYNE	104
TAKEMORI	102
McILWAIN	88
DICKIE	85

FLIGHT B IMP LEAGUE UPDATE

ESTRADA	119	7 played
COOTE	78	6 played
WORK	73	6 played
STENNING	70	6 played
GILRAINE	61	6 played

DINO BRIDGE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We are looking for people who are interested in participating in the Teachers' Development Workshop at the upcoming TACOMA REGIONAL, June 13. It will be an all day affair and the cost is \$125 US per person. Unit 430 is willing to refund some or all of the cost. Serious entrants only need apply to SANDY MCILWAIN at 263-2152 BEFORE FEBRUARY 29

UNIT GAME STANDARD

All Unit Games will start at 12 NOON. Hopefully this will help clear up confusion! This will include any kind of Unit Finals as well. Second sessions will be, as a rule, TBA.

UPCOMING UNIT GAMES 1988

- ACBL STANDARD CARD March 27 Pemberton Bridge Club 2-session Pairs
- STANDARD CARD SWISS TEAMS May 15 Haida Club 2-session Swiss
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING July 17 Royal Towers 2-session Swiss
- INTER CITY IMP PAIRS September 18
- INTER CLUB PAIRS November 27
- CHRISTMAS GAME December 11TH



To The Editors

RE: December Matchpointer, Intercity Match Quiz Problem #4

I believe it is difficult to fault the Vancouver South for not defeating Seattle's somewhat ambitious 5D contract. Here's why:

If South plays Heart Jack and then 7 or 2, North will probably try for the ruff. When South follows to the third round, declarer should start asking himself questions. Why was South so eager for North to cash the Heart King? South can't be counting on his side to take a spade or a club, so he must hold the Diamond King! If doubleton, it will always win, so declarer is forced to invoke the Rabbi's Rule and play for the drop! I'd contend that South's misleading play of the hearts should be made when he doesn't hold the diamond King! If declarer doesn't hold it he will probably be talked into playing for the drop. Bluff and double bluff!

Despite repetitive pleas in the Bulletin over the last 20 years for courteous behavior, I find that many players still care little about acting in a civilized manner. At the recent Regional I noted that some 'professionals' insist on berating and belittling their clients while their opponents are still at the table. In my opinion, when a client is paying for the experience and is prepared to put up with the pro's behavior, that is their business. However, I'd insist and prefer they do it elsewhere. Now that we have non-smoking sections, perhaps it is time to set up an S&M section for those who can't do without a little abuse!
..... Stan Bodlak

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF DINO

However measured, I feel most would agree the recently concluded Vancouver Regional was most successful. This was largely due to the great support given it by you, the members of Unit 430.

You may be interested in knowing that I surveyed all the entries and discovered the following:

- 50% Unit 430 !
- 14% Vancouver Island (55%:Victoria 45%: North Island)
- 9% B.C.Interior (50% North BC, 33% Okanagan, Rest-Kootenays)
- 17% Washington State
- 4% Alberta
- 2% Other Canada (mostly Sask. & Man some Ont)
- 4% Other US (Many of these were touring pros and their clients. Of the rest, most were from California. Some from OR. None from the US portion of District 18)

Thus: 50% LOCAL 73% BC 79% CANADIAN 90% DISTRICT 19

Unfortunately, because of costs, we are locked into January dates, which will always preclude a lot of visitors from far afield. If this regional is to remain viable, it will have to continue to depend on primarily local support.

I did note one disturbing factor. 40% of the entries were Life Masters (46% if you exclude events for which they weren't eligible). As only 20% of the ACBL as a whole, and 25% of Unit 430 are Life Masters, it appears as though our less experienced players did not support the tournament as well as they might have, despite there being many events scheduled expressly for them. This is something to think about for the future.

The next Vancouver Regional will be held at the Hyatt, Jan 15-21, 1990. Meanwhile, we hope to see you at Tacoma and Spokane later this year - and Victoria, Seattle, & Tri-Cities in 1989. If you are old enough, our Seniors Regional this year will be in Yakima in August and in 1989, in the Okanagan (either Penticton or Vernon) in June.

In conclusion, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the fine efforts of co-chairmen Tom Cross and Louis Landau and all their assistants - and of course, Phil Wood, Roger Putnam and their fine crew who never fail to run tournaments of the highest quality.

My thanks again to everyone for a very successful tournament.

Doug Cowan President District 19

AN APOLOGY

In January, East Richmond Community Centre was undergoing some renovations with a possibility of some games being cancelled. Discussion was held with Ida Goodlad who stated that the Sunday games would be ON. George Radics then asked some clubs to announce that the Grand Slam would hold games in the event that any East Richmond games should be cancelled. Unfortunately, some people misconstrued the facts and believed that the Sunday game had indeed been cancelled. This has caused much distress and trouble for Ida and Sandy. George offers his apologies to all concerned.



REGIONAL MIRACLE The very last board of an all-day two-session event, RHO opens one Club. I make a somewhat dubious overcall of one Heart holding
XXX KJ10XX QXXX X
LHO calls two Clubs and partner passes. I think: Thank God; for once partner has resisted the omni urge to raise my one-level overcalls. RHO comes up with a hesitant five clubs, followed by two passes. Bill now rolls in with SIX hearts. Not FIVE. SIX! And I have never been nearer to strangling him. But, when Dummy comes down and I see that we are off TWO Aces, and hold between us no more than 20 HCP, I decide that strangling would be too quick and gentle. However, if the opponent who takes his Ace of Hearts will then be kind enough to lead back another club, and not a spade, or a heart, or a diamond, this unutterable dog has a chance of staggering to the wire... And that top took us to an overall FIRST, tied with our friends Ian Gardner and Rod Coote.
..... Dee Kerr

ed.note: Dee Kerr and Bill Work tied first overall in the Flight B Open at the Vancouver Regional.



MEMBERS

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS FLIGHT B

by Dave House

For the second year in a row, District 19 will be represented in the North American Open Pairs Flight B by a Vancouver pair. Last year Peter Hupka and Rick Baker won a trip to St. Louis. This year, we wish all the best to EUGENE CHAN and NIGEL FULLBROOK as they shuffle off to Buffalo.

Nigel's quiet, easygoing manner is a startling contrast to his reputation as a fierce and aggressive chess player. Nigel has been Canadian Junior Chess Champion and BC Champion. He still plays regularly and is one of the top ranked BC Players.

Eugene is one of our more pleasant and cheerful members. He started playing bridge while at UBC and decided to try his first duplicate game when he read that the Spring Nationals were being played in Vancouver. He filled out a convention card for the first time and entered the least intimidating looking event - the side game. He decided to hang around for his score and found he had a section top with a 203 (156 av). There were three 15 table sections in the side game and Eugene was THIRD overall. Barry Crane tied for 1ST OA with a 203-. (Eugene tells me it was 13 years before he had his next 200 point game)

Over the next few years Eugene played in a few Unit Games but he avoided the bridge clubs because he thought those games were full of experts and hot-shots. Due to lack of partners and encouraging results, he drifted away from bridge. Three years ago, a guy at work said the magic words: 'Do you play bridge?'. Eugene re-entered the bridge world and met Nigel. They formed a partnership and entered a team in the B FLT Imp League for the 85-86 season. Despite missing the playoffs, they decided to move up to the A FLT the next year. They feel that Imp League matches against the Unit's top players have been very beneficial to their game.

Eugene has over 100 masterpoints now, and has come a long way from that day in 1985 when he played with Paul Sontag in his first Swiss Team event. Eugene passed his partner's Takeout Double three times on one hand that day!

Eugene and Nigel played solidly in the District Final in Seattle and led from wire to wire. We hope that their composure, friendly manner and good luck will lead them to success in Buffalo.

WHY JOIN THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE (ACBL)?

- * One year's subscription to a 150 page bridge magazine (the BULLETIN) filled with bridge news, stories, information and new member pointers
- * The Recording of Master Points
You will receive points for all wins & placings in any sanctioned bridge event. These are recorded in TN and you receive regular updates of your total in the mail.
- * Your dues help support our Unit. A large portion of the ACBL membership money comes back to Unit 430. We use this money to subsidize Unit games and parties, finance sectional tournaments and publish the MATCHPOINTER. If you play bridge in the Lower Mainland, you are benefitting from these services!!! If you are not currently a member of the ACBL, we urge you to join and help support local bridge!

HOW TO JOIN THE ACBL

Your local club should have membership forms available. Each issue of the ACBL Bulletin has membership forms. Or, contact Jude Goodwin at 224-2210 and I will personally see that you get a membership form!

UPCOMING! EVENTS

FEB

- 1 Swiss Teams VPs Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 8 Open Pairs Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 10 Annual Membership Game White Rock Bridge Club
- 15 ACBL Standard Card Game Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 18 Club Championship Haida Bridge Club
- 18 99ER Club Championship Pemberton Bridge Club
- 18 Monthly Non-Smoking Swiss Fraser Valley Bridge Club
- 21 AIR CANADA CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS UNIT FINAL
Haida Bridge Club 12 Noon
- 22 Club Championship Grand Slam Bridge Club
- 22 Handicap Game Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 22-28 PORTLAND REGIONAL
- 25 Handicap Game Fraser Valley Bridge Club
- 26 TGIF Haida Bridge Club
- 28 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B FIRST STAGE
Grand Slam Bridge Club 12 Noon
- 29 Leap Year Novice Club Championship Haida Bridge
- 29 Sadie Hawkins Day Mixed Pairs Port Coquitlam Club

MARCH

- 2 99ER Club Championship Haida Bridge Club
- 5-6 CNTC UNIT FINAL Pemberton Bridge Club 12 Noon
- 7 Beat the Experts Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 8 Team Game Burnaby Bridge Club
- 10 ACBL Wide Charity Game (99ERS ONLY) Pemberton Club
- 10 ACBL Wide Charity Game Fraser Valley
- 10 Beat the Experts Haida Bridge Club
- 11-13 VICTORIA SECTIONAL
- 14 Open Pairs Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 15 Annual Membership Game Burnaby Bridge Club
- 15 Novice Club Championship Pemberton Bridge Club
- 15 Morning Hotdog Championships Haida Bridge Club
- 18 Club Championship Haida Bridge Club
- 18-20 EVERET SECTIONAL
- 18-27 NORTH AMERICAN SPRING BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS Buffalo
- 20 CANADIAN WOMENS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS UNIT FINAL
Haida Bridge Club 12 Noon
- 21 Quarterly Club Championship Port Coquitlam Club
- 23 Quarterly Club Championship White Rock Bridge Club
- 23 ACBL WIDE CHARITY GAME
Pemberton Bridge Club Haida Bridge Club
East Richmond Bridge Club
- 24 Non-smoking Swiss Fraser Valley Bridge Club
- 26 Handicap Game Haida Bridge Club
- 27 ACBL STANDARD CARD UNIT GAME Pemberton Club 12 Noon
- 28 Handicap Game Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 31 Handicap Game Fraser Valley Bridge Club

EVENTS

APRIL

- 4 Swiss Teams Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 5 DISTRICT 19 CHARITY GAME
Cloverdale Bridge Club Burnaby Bridge Club
Pemberton Bridge Club-(Novice only)
- 6 CBF ROOKIE-MASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS
Haida Bridge Club Grand Slam Bridge Club
- 9-10 CNTC COAST FINALS
- 11 Open Pairs Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
- 14 Open Pairs Club Championships Fraser Valley Club
- 15-17 GNT-B DISTRICT FINALS
- 18 Handicap Game Pemberton
- 20 Quarterly Tournament White Rock Bridge Club
- 21 Handicap Game Fraser Valley Bridge Club
- 22-24 POCO SECTIONAL see ad, back cover
- 28 Non-Smoking Swiss Fraser Valley Bridge Club

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT-B

FEBRUARY 28 12 NOON
GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB
2-SESSIONS

EVERY ACBL MEMBER WHO IS NOT A LIFE MASTER IS WELCOME TO ENTER! This is the first stage. If you are not a LM on Feb 28, put together a team and enter the event!

ALL TEAMS WITH EQUAL WINS AND LOSSES OR BETTER QUALIFY to play in the District Finals at Lynnwood WA on April 15-17, 1988

WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT FINALS TRAVEL FREE TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FINALS IN SALT LAKE CITY. All expenses paid by the ACBL and DINO. ⑦

For More Information call: Sandy McIlwain 263-2152

EVENTS

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| Donna Hupka | James Knight | Larry Hicks |
| Doris MacLean | Jennifer Paynter | Ev Hogg |
| Doug Cowan | Jean Groome | Lou Huberman |
| Dee Kerr | Jude Goodwin | Gary Phelan |
| Derek Ward | John Mullen | H.Craig |
| Doug Thomas | Jeorl Schneider | Gladys Mackie |
| Debbie McCully | Julie Cowan | Ernie Dietrich |
| Dan Jacob | Joyce Peters | Gerry McCully |
| Dot Carnegie | Jack Hopwood | Liz Lee |
| David Walker | Rita Shaw | Chris Diamond |
| Dave House | Alan Harrop | Eileen Van Pelt |
| Duane Tilden | Alison Durosh | E.Kaufman |
| Doug Baldwin | Anne Ross | Ken Stanger |
| Dennis Dohl | Angela Fenton | Harold Hammell |
| Don Brander | Arthur Man | Elliott Netto |
| Danny Lee | Aban Gerrie | Cam Doner |
| Ray Storey | Adrian Hicks | Bev Taylor |
| Richard Stahl | Al Kallberg | Koos Van Lieshout |
| Ron Borg | Aidan Ballantyne | Gerti Stanford |
| Roy Van Pelt | Sheila Dickie | Leo Steil |
| Roberta Miller-Tait | Sherman Kwan | Wilf May |
| Moirra Storey | Steve Vincent | Elaine Ryan |
| Marian Zartchta | Sandy McIlwain | Les Fouks |
| Mike Takemori | Sia Siassi | |
| Mohammed Dadbeth | Sheila Shoring | |
| Marg Neate | Sandra Borg | |
| Monica Angus | Pearl Minkoff | |
| Marcia Christie | Paul Sontag | |
| Michael Newcombe | Peter Walton | |
| Michael Strebinger | Peter Hupka | |
| Martin O'Reilly | Phil Kallberg | |
| Michael Dimich | Peter Herold | |
| Bob Burdick | Peter Cooper | |
| Brenda Robson | Pauline McClafferty | |
| Bob Gerrie | Stella Alliston | |
| Bill Work | Pat Landau | |
| Bert Currey | Pat Carruthers | |
| Bill Angus | Terry Scott | |
| Betty King | Ted Hicks | |
| Bev Cullen | Ted Brownsword | |
| Bill Armstrong | Thom McCan | |
| Bernie How | Tom Cross | |
| Bill Kennedy | Trudy Hurdle | |
| Barb Stachoski | Wynne Gilbreath | |
| Bob Sauve | Ev Hodge | |
| Bill Osborne | Keith Miller | |
| Bill Gladstone | Laureen Holley | |
| | Fred Sontag. | |

ARE YOU ON THIS LIST?

THE AIR CANADA CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS UNIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The above individuals have qualified to enter the UNIT FINALS of the ACCOPC. The TOP SIX PAIRS will qualify to play in the NATIONAL FINALS - there will be no Zone or District finals. If everyone shows up, we will have about 59 tables!... lots of master points and a great event.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS will receive approx. \$1400 to help them get to QUEBEC CITY in JULY and play in the NATIONAL FINALS. Winners of the National Finals will be flown to GENEVA SWITZERLAND in 1990 to play in the WORLD PAIRS OLYMPIAD!

HAIDA CLUB FEBRUARY 21ST 2 sessions 12 NOON \$10 per player ⑧

CANADIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



UNIT FINALS

MARCH 5/6th Starting: 12 NOON
PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB
ENTRY FEE: \$80 per team

This will be a THREE-SESSION
round robin event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO
ENTER THE UNIT FINALS!

Gord McOrmond
Dan Jacob
Aidan Ballantyne
Michael Strebinger
Ron Borg
Bob Connop
Paul Hagan
Don Brander
John Bryden
David Waterman
Greg Arbour
Stephen Vincent

Michael Dimich
Don Brazeau
Mike Takemori
Sandra Borg
Marcia Christie
Debbie McCully
Ev Hodge
Bill Osborne
Tom Cross
Jerry Cross
Marg Neate
Joyce Peters
Larry Hicks
Rob Crawford
Burt Currie
Dave House
Paul Sontag
Sherman Kwan
Les Fouks
Sid Segal
Terry Mickelson

Leo Steil
Graham Putnam
Liz Robson
A. Dorash
Gordie Davis
Diane Kinakin
Harvey Piercy
Nigel Fulbrook
Don Jorgenson
Ken Lochang
Rhonda Betts
Laurence Betts

ANY COMBINATION OF THE
ABOVE INDIVIDUALS CAN
MAKE UP A TEAM FOR THE
UNIT FINALS.

IF EVERYONE IN OUR
UNIT SHOWED UP
AT A UNIT GAME,
WE WOULD HAVE
300 TABLES...

EVENTS

Why do we want Unit Games? What good are they? To begin with, the Master point awards are much higher than club games. Before the advent of numerous sectionals, regionals, and multi-level events, the chance to win 'monster points' alone enticed many players to attend. Unit Games used to host 2 or 3 sections and the bigger the event the higher the point awards.

In these modern times, there is a lot more opportunity to win MPs elsewhere. More sectionals, more regionals. Even club games can be bigger than a Unit Game. Attendance at Unit Games began to drop steadily a few years ago. The question of the value of the Unit Game has become one of concern.

However, there is a new trend that could very easily bring the Unit game back into the spotlight.

The ACBL has been inventing bridge events that are becoming quite popular. National and Regional tournaments are holding games such as The Standard Card, Stratified Pairs & Seniors Games. Golden Oldies such as Imp Pairs, Board-a-Match teams and the Individual are regaining popularity. When we read about these events, one can't help but wonder what they would be like to play! How can we practice or learn the techniques necessary to do well in them? Where can we find such games outside major tournaments?

Enter, once again, the Unit Game. Here is our chance. We will run special Unit Games and give our members the opportunity to play the more unusual events.

MARCH 27th, we are holding a STANDARD CARD Unit Game. We've read about it, many have seen the convention card we must play, but few have had a crack at the event. Here's your chance!

Your Unit Executive quite happily makes all the arrangements. We want to provide you with quality events and bridge opportunity. Unit Games are run much like club games, with directors, supplies, coffee & goodies. You'll see all the familiar faces. So come on out this March and see what Unit Games are all about.

ACBL STANDARD CARD UNIT GAME

March 27
Pemberton Bridge Club
12 Noon and 6PM
2-sessions playthrough

New entries welcome in
evening session

PREVIEW the
STANDARD
CARD
ON THE COVER OF THE
January BRIDGE
BUFF!

VANCOUVER Regional! WINNERS

DINO CHARITY PAIRS (166 Pairs)

3RD: Terry Mickelson, Burnaby Paul Sontag, Vancouver
 5TH: Michael Dimich & Adrian Hicks, Vancouver

OPEN SWISS TEAMS (114 teams)

5/6TH: Dan Jacob, Peter Herold, Aidan Ballantyne, Gord McOrmond, Vancouver

OPEN SWISS CONSOLATION (42 Teams)

1ST: Alan Harrop & Peeter Kangro, N.Vancouver
 2/3RD: Kay Roberts & Marian Zarychta, Garibaldi Highlands
 Anne Scott & Ian Gardner, Vancouver
 4TH: Wilf May, Ina Andersen, Danny Lee, Kathy Adachi, Vancouver
 5TH: Dan Watson, Burnaby Mary Fulden, Drumheller
 Monica Angus, Pt.Coquitlam

MENS PAIRS (104 pairs)

1ST: David Waterman, Vancouver (M.Hargreaves, Victoria)
 2ND: Greg Arbour Dennis Dohl, Vancouver

WOMENS PAIRS (160 Pairs)

4/5TH: Dee Steil Marguerite Chireenza, Vancouver
 6TH: Liz Lee, Vancouver
 7TH: Philomene Kallberg, Burnaby

OPEN PAIRS (192 Pairs)

1ST: Dave Glen, Coquitlam Larry Hicks, Pt.Moody
 4TH: Cam Lindsay, Bob Connop, Vancouver
 5TH: Ron Borg & Michael Strebinger, Vancouver
 6TH: Greg Arbour & Don Brander, Vancouver
 7TH: Susan Peters Linda Sims, Vancouver

SENIOR CITIZEN PAIRS (126 Pairs)

1ST: Stan Bodlak, Vancouver (George Joneson, PR)
 2ND: Joyce Peters, W.Vancouver Pat Landau, N.Van
 4TH: Denny Denman & Edith Denman, Delta
 5TH: Bill Worsfold, Beulah Blomme, Coquitlam, BC
 6TH: Cliff & Patricia Glen

SUPER OPEN FLIGHT A (102 Pairs)

4TH: Bill Phelan, Pt.Coq Donna Morrison, N.Burnaby
 7/8TH: Al Chapelle

SUPER OPEN FLIGHT B (202 Pairs)

1/2ND TIE: Dianne Kerr, William Work, W.Vancouver
 Ian Gardner, Vancouver Rod Coote, N.Vancouver
 3RD: Thom McCann, Vancouver A.Austin, New West
 6TH: Rob Crawford, Vancouver
 8/9TH: Marguerite Chiarenza, Rich Williams, Vancouver

SUPER OPEN FLIGHT C (38 Pairs)

2ND: Frederick Ginell, Delta Giles MacKenzie, Vancouver
 3RD: Joanne Folkins & Ian Hayter, Vancouver
 5TH: Michael Dawe, Emil Westerlund, Richmond



VANCOUVER Regional! WINNERS

FLIGHT A KNOCKOUT TEAMS (13 teams)

1ST: David Waterman, Greg Arbour, Sandy McIlwain, Steve Vincent
 2ND: Larry Hicks Rob Crawford Vancouver (G.Tomczyk, Steve Scott)
 3/4TH: Gord McCormond, Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne
 Leo Steil, Martin Johnson

FLIGHT B KNOCKOUT TEAMS (32 teams)

1ST: Albert & Nadia Yallouz, Vancouver Shirley & Ozzie Isfeld, N.Van
 2ND: Terry Mickelson, Burnaby (M.Turnham, D.Sidhu, P.Waters, Victoria)
 3/4TH: Stan Bodlak, Sandi White, John Reeve, Bev Taylor
 Angela Fenton Peeter Kangro

MASTER PAIRS FLIGHT A (264 Pairs)

2ND: David Waterman, Van Steve Vincent, Burnaby
 4TH: Michael Strebinger, Vancouver
 6TH: Gerry McCully, Surrey
 8TH: Paul Sontag, Vancouver Elliott Netto

MASTER PAIRS FLIGHT B (78 pairs)

1ST: Brenda Robson, Brackendale Alison Dorosh, Squamish
 2ND: Jacques Printz, Reg Harron, Vancouver
 3RD: Alan Harrop Karle Joys, N.Vancouver
 4TH: Insa Fricker, Susan McBride, Richmond
 5TH: Dorothy Storer Lenore McIntyre
 6/7TH: Coby Tiessens Ralph Tiessens, Delta BC
 Doug Coxson, Chilliwack Diana Jorgenson, Tsa

FLIGHT A SUPER SWISS (52 teams)

(Ed.Note: I have not been given the results past 2nd. I will strive to obtain these for next issue)

FLIGHT B SUPER SWISS (120 teams)

1ST: Gray McMullin, John Regy, Dennis McMahon
 3/4TH: Al & Donna Freeze Axel & Margret Schulmann, Delta

FLIGHT B CONSOLATION SWISS (46 teams)

1/2ND: Terry Scott Rich Williams Morly Kerr Angela Fenton
 3RD: Hugh Greenbank Jessie Blake John Mobon John Olson
 Mission Mission Mple.Ridge Abbotsford

GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS DISTRICT FINALS

FLIGHT A: 4TH: Sandy McIlwain Martin O'Reilly
 5TH: Don Brander Ron Borg
 6TH: Paul Sontag Cam Doner

FLIGHT B: 1ST: Nigel Fullbrook Eugene Chan
 3/4: Gray McMullin Dennis McMahon
 Gray and Dennis lost the tie-breaker, and a trip to Buffalo, by .4 Matchpoints!

SEATTLE!
 ★ ★

VANCOUVER

Regional!

WINNERS

NEWCOMER PAIRS (9 tables)

- 1ST: Anne & Art Schmidt, N.Vancouver
- 2ND: Thomas McKenna, Richmond Reid Fleming, Surrey
- 3RD: L.Dear Joan Dear, N.Vancouver

WED EVE JUNIOR PAIRS (18 pairs)

- 1ST: Frank Jarman, Van Lynne Eberle, White Rock
- 2ND: I Ching Sun, Van James Balcom, Rich.
- 3/4TH: Merle Rootman, Vancouver

THURS AFT 49ER PAIRS (24 pairs)

- 1ST: Patricia Ashby, Gibsons Yvonne Klan, N.Vancouver
- 2ND: Eva Cairns Eileen Browne, Vancouver
- 3RD: Alan Steward Robert Morrisett, Mayne Island

THURS EVE JUNIOR PAIRS (18 pairs)

- 1ST: Edith & David Stevenson, Vancouver
- 2ND: L & Joan Dear, N.Vancouver

WED AFT 49ER PAIRS (26 pairs)

- 1ST: Corinne Forster Althea Morrisette, Mayne Isl.

49ER PAIRS (26 Pairs)

- 1ST: Alan Acott, Van Harvey Sawyer, Delta
- 2ND: O.Fleming, Richmond A.Katrichak, Van
- 3RD: F.Reynolds, Surrey

JUNIOR PAIRS (12 pairs)

- 2ND: Doe Stockdale, N.Burnaby
- 3RD: D.Paskaruk, Burnaby M.Elliott, Aldergrove

SAT EVE JUNIOR PAIRS (16 pairs)

- 1ST: Anne & Art Schmidt, N.Vancouver
- 2ND: Beryl Larter Antoinette Sheffield, Van
- 3RD: Phillip Murray Melanie Dobbin



Rising STARS



VANCOUVER

Regional!

WINNERS

JEAN TURNBULL PAIRS (10 pairs)

- 2ND: Ron Dixon, Vancouver
- 3RD: E.Crossey & Ruth Philio, N.Vancouver

ADRIAN HICKS PAIRS (15 tables)

- 1ST: Thony Stiennon, Burnaby Henry Smilie, Vancouver
- 2ND: Albert Michaud, Burnaby
- 3/4TH: D.Paskaruk, Burnaby .M.Elliott, Aldergrove

TOM CROSS PAIRS (10 Pairs)

- 2ND: Wendy Cochrane, Aldergrove Richard Syrnk, Langley
- 3RD: Catherine & Leslie Lyons, White Rock

SANDY MCILWAIN PAIRS (24 Pairs)

- 3RD: Audrey Loy, Surrey Debra King, New West

DOUG COWAN PAIRS (18 Pairs)

- 1/2ND: Jim Andrews, Vancouver Bob Connop, Burnaby
- Thony Stiennon, Burnaby Henry Smilie, Vancouver
- 3RD: Amy Marks, Nanaimo Derek Ward, N.Vancouver

CHARITY SPEEDBALL SWISS (26 teams)

- 1ST: Cam Doner, Dave Glen (A.Benaroya, Kirkland, Jackie Ross, Calgary, Donna Christensen, Bellevue, R.Wallis)

AL CHAPELLE PAIRS (30 pairs)

- 1ST: Gerry McCully, Surrey
- 3RD: Michael Dimich Don Orchard, Vancouver

HENRY SMILIE PAIRS (6 tables)

- 1ST: Henry Smilie & Dianne Kerr, Vancouver
- 2ND: Albert Michaud, Burnaby John Currie
- 3RD: Kari Kuntsi, Powell River

PETE WALTON PAIRS (14 pairs)

- 1ST: Henry Chow Paul Chow, Vancouver
- 3RD: Joan Folkins, Vancouver

LUCKY DRAW SPEEDBALL SWISS (10 teams)

- 1ST: Cam Doner, Duane Tilden Rich Williams C.Christofferson

AIDAN BALLANTYNE PAIRS (16 Pairs)

- 3RD: Don Orchard, Ted Trerise, Vancouver

SIDE GAMES

SEATTLE SECTIONAL WINNERS

- Open Pairs 1ST: Leo Steil (Donna Christensen, Seattle)
- Swiss Teams 1ST: Aidan Ballantyne, Jennifer Paynter
Pete Walton, Jean Groome



WINNERS

REGIONAL RAP

The recent Vancouver Regional was quite a success with many of our members gathering in the top spots. Unit 430 players won 10 firsts and 9 seconds out of the 17 main events with many more top five placings.

The star of the Regional Events was DAVID WATERMAN, who won FIRST OVERALL in the MEN'S PAIR, FIRST OVERALL in the FLIGHT A KNOCK OUTS, and SECOND OVERALL, after a huge evening session, in the FLIGHT A MASTERS PAIRS! Those three events alone earned him about 89 master points. Another local hero was GREG ARBOUR, who also won FIRST OVERALL in the FLIGHT A KNOCKOUTS, playing on David's team, snapped at David's heel in the MENS PAIRS, winning SECOND OVERALL, and came home with a 6TH OVERALL in the OPEN PAIRS. LARRY HICKS had a good tournament, placing SECOND OVERALL in the FLIGHT A KNOCKOUTS, and, partnered with DAVE GLEN, taking 1ST OVERALL in the OPEN PAIRS.

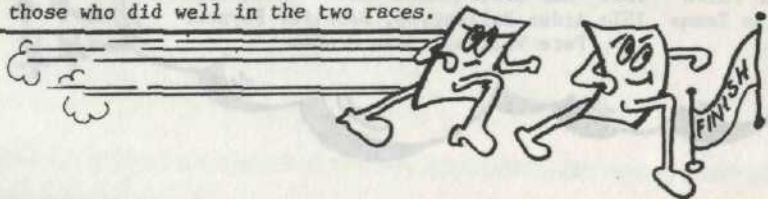
79 tables entered the NEWCOMER and JUNIOR arena over the week and as someone who's office was just off their game site, I can assure you there was lots of fun and excitement. For many of these people, this was their first regional. The winners list is a varied collection of local players but we do have double winners ANN & ART SCHMIDT of North Vancouver, who took two FIRST OVERALLS. JOAN and L. DEAR also did well with a 3rd and a 2nd OVERALL.

Champion of the side games was unquestionably HENRY SMILIE (partnered twice by Thony Stiennon of Burnaby) who came FIRST in 3 events, including the one named after himself! Cam Doner cleaned up in the MIDNIGHT SWISS category and on January 10th could probably claim that he had won every Midnight Swiss this year!

The highest score of the regional, on a 156 average, was 242.3... Boggles the mind doesn't it? The second highest score could be found twice - 226.5 - won by STAN BODLAK in the Senior Pairs, and David Waterman and STEVE VINCENT in the Masters Pairs. Third highest score - 221.5 - was won by BRENDA ROBSON and ALISON DOROSH on their way to FIRST OVERALL in the FLIGHT B MASTER PAIRS.

NON LIFE MASTERS TOP MINI-MCKENNEY !!

There were two NON LIFE MASTERS in the TOP FIVE of Unit 430's Total Point race, 1987. ROB CRAWFORD placed second, winning 400.5 points over the year (and becoming a LM of course) and CAM DONER picked up 373.4 points and 3RD PLACE as well as his Life Master pin. Note that Rob jumped 3 entire categories in one year! Cam was a double winner, winning both the Mini-McKenney and the Ace of Clubs for his Advanced Senior Master category. Other double winners, STEVE CLEMENTS and JANIS THORSBORG, winning the ROOKIE and the NON-MASTER categories respectively for both races, demonstrate to the rest of us how important the club game arena is to our newer players. Congratulations to all those who did well in the two races.



WINNERS

MINI-MCKENNEY AWARDS Awarded to those members who have won the most Master Points in all events of 1987.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	<u>Steve Clements</u>	83.47
	John LePage	36.18
	Bill Gladstone	33.62
NONMASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>Janis Thorsborg</u>	45.69
	Dorothy Carnegie	22.41
	Marjorie Mason	19.05
MASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>John Mullen</u>	67.10
	Gladys Ness	36.18
	Barbara Krawietz	26.35
NATIONAL MASTER	<u>Rob Crawford</u>	400.50!
	Stan Bodlak	70.09
	Donna Hupka	65.34
SENIOR MASTER	<u>June Stenning</u>	129.12
	Sheila Giroto	127.02
	Peter Hupka	95.13
ADVANCED SR.MASTER	<u>Cam Doner</u>	373.40
	Paul Sontag	144.25
	Ben Takemori	86.94
LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>Leo Steil</u>	454.42
	Greg Arbour	348.82
	Aidan Ballantyne	255.31

ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS Awarded to those members who have won the most Master Points through club play in 1987.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	<u>Steve Clements</u>	23.38
	Nancy Hurrell	10.83
	Terry Val Jean	8.16
NONMASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>Janis Thorsborg</u>	27.58
	Dorothy Carnegie	14.67
	Charles Bremner	11.21
MASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>Barbara Krawietz</u>	21.54
	John Mullen	17.97
	Dee Kerr	16.93
NATIONAL MASTER	<u>Capt. W.C. Kilburn</u>	26.94
	Stan Bodlak	26.14
	Bev Taylor	20.15
SENIOR MASTER	<u>Sheila Giroto</u>	39.11
	June Stenning	34.73
	Peeter Kangro	30.70
ADVANCED SR.MASTER	<u>Cam Doner</u>	90.65
	Paul Sontag	52.07
	E.H. Dietrich	45.89
LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR	<u>Wilf May</u>	97.93
	Ev Hodge	62.79
	Pat Landau	60.85

GAME

GALACTIC SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP

FINAL ROUND - IMPS You are South

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. S- Qx
H- KQJ10xx
D-Ax
C-Kxx | 5. S- QJxx
H- void
D- Qxxx
C- 98xxx |
|---|--|

Not Vul v.s. Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	1C
2D	DBL	2H	2S
P	P	?	

Both Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	1H
DBL	4H	?	

2. S- Qx
H- x
D- A9xx
C- AJ9xxx

Both Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	P
1H	P	2C	2S
P	P	?	

6. S- A
H- 109xx
D- 109xxx
C- Jxx

Both Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	1S
DBL	1D	P	?

3. S- Q9xx
H- 10
D- AJxx
C- KJ10x

Both Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	P
1H	P	1S	?
2H	P	?	

7. S- KJxx
H- A1098
D- xxx
C- xx

Both Vul

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	1C
1S	DBL	3S*	4H
P	P	?	

4. S- AKJx
H- AKQx
D- Qx
C- Kxx

Neither Vul

N	E	S	W
-	2D	DBL	P
2H	P	3D	P
3H	P	?	



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by ANON

TO DRURY OR NOT TO DRURY?

Here's an interesting hand from a recent club team game. No one vul, as dealer you hold :

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

With the opponents silent, you pass, and pard opens 1S in third seat. We're playing REVERSE DRURY (2C from you asks pard if he has a "legitimate" third or fourth seat opener; a 2D response from him says "yes I do"; any other response is natural but also says "no I don't").

So the first thing to consider is: IS THIS THE RIGHT TYPE OF HAND FOR DRURY? Drury is designed to a) show a decent limit raise and yet b) keep the partnership out of game if opener is subminimum. You don't want to hang pard if he's scratched up a third or fourth seat call to protect your (possible) near-opener. BUT, I ASK YOU AGAIN, IS THIS THE RIGHT HAND FOR DRURY? Let's consider some possibilities:

(1) An argument could be presented that it's not good enough, even though the hand values to at least 10 pts in support of spades. Ergo, perhaps we should just bid 2S?

(2) On the other hand, another argument could be made that it's too good (1) because of the extra trumps and ruffing value.

(3) A THIRD POINT TO CONSIDER IS THAT YOU DONT WANT LHO SLIPPING IN A CHEAP TWO-LEVEL CALL, WHICH SHE CAN DO OVER 2C. SO, how about an immediate 3S CALL? This is supposed to show a super limit raise (remembering that you have passed the first time) - which you're going to justify by (2) above!

3S should have two effects: a) stop the opponents bidding - and b) if pard's hand is that bad - or (horrors!) he's psyched! - he'll pass quickly and the opponents must be on for something, apart from the fact that they may not double (we ARE playing IMPS, remember - and should be very careful about doubling part scores).

The rest of the story: I elected (3) and my 3S call fetched 4H from pard! Which your correspondent took as a cue bid asking me to bid my cheapest ace, so I obediently bid 5H and pard jumped to 6S. (No fancy stuff, and whoever heard of Blackwood anyway !!?)

Pard's hand happened to be:

S	A K Q J x
H	K x x x
D	A K x
C	x

Magic cards ... the slam was not found at the other table.

Hopefully we would have found it if I had invoked Drury, but only through a much longer and more involved auction, and since old Mother Nature here tends to nod off in such situations, the short and sweet auction turned out to be best.

CONCLUSION ? We should reserve Drury for the flatter hands with more HCP - where the opponents are not so likely to step in; and keep the single or double raise for the more shapely hands with fewer HCP.

ALWAYS FOURTH BEST?

by Aidan Ballantyne

The Hand:

S- J4	S- KQ92
H- 93	H- J85
D- AQJ10843	D- K5
C- Q8	C- 10972
S- 107653	S- A8
H- Q76	H- AK1042
D- 97	D- 62
C- J65	C- AX43

The Auction:

N S
1H
3D* 3NT

*- good suit ,
invitational

The Question:

What do you Lead?

This hand, played in the recent Seattle Sectional Swiss Teams, revived the old debate as to whether or not it is always right to lead 'fourth best from your longest and strongest' v.s. 3NT.

The Case For: At one table, I was sitting West and on the auction shown at left, led the J of Clubs, hoping to find partner's suit. This was not a great success. Partner rolled her eyes at another of my 'views' while the opponents quickly chalked up 12 tricks. Obviously a clear case for following the old maxim.

The Case Against: At the other table, our teammates also reached 3NT, this time from the other side (after a forcing NT). Luckily for us, the oldtimer in the East seat was a firm believer in the familiar adage, and he tabled the 2 of spades. Our declarer floated this to his J and also soon claimed 12 tricks - a push!

As you can see, the debate on the merits of leading 'Fourth best from your longest and strongest' is still unresolved...

OVERHEARD AT THE VANCOUVER REGIONAL:

1NT on my right, 2H from me, 2NT by LHO, pass by partner, 3NY by RHO, all pass.

LHO tables dummy and asks "Aren't we playing Lebensohl, partner?"

"Oh, yes, but NOT IN COMPETITION!"

WEEDING OUT THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS *by Jude Goodwin*

In light of my editorial (page one) on errors at the bridge table, the Matchpointer will be running a series of articles on systems, conventions and treatments as played by local experts. These articles are geared toward the newer players but may be found informative by all. Before I let the experts take over, however, I would like to discuss a couple of things which I have had to learn the hard way - through error! Hopefully with this discussion, you'll escape the same experience. A short treatise, then, on FORCING BIDS.

1.A) A FORCING BID by partner means you MUST BID

You have all learned this lesson, I am sure. However, the above statement is not enough. There will arise, sooner or later, situations where things are not so clear. A more accurate wording would be:

B) A FORCING BID^W PARTNER MEANS YOU MUST MAKE SURE HE GETS TO BID AGAIN

In other words, if there is a PASS on your right, you had better bid, or the auction may die before partner gets to bid again. However, if there is a BID on your right, you can now choose to bid or pass, knowing partner gets another bid, either way.

There is an important corollary to statement B) above, which you may not have considered:

C) IF PARTNER EXPECTS YOU TO BID AGAIN , YOU MAY NOT PASS!

When you have made a forcing call, asking partner to make sure you get another chance to bid, partner has the freedom to bid whatever he sees fit, secure in the knowledge that you are going to bid again! Responses to these forcing bids are something you and partner will need to discuss. A new suit by him, after your forcing call, may not necessarily show extras. A rebid of his original suit may not necessarily be showing weakness. He knows you are going to bid again, so he is taking the opportunity to describe his hand for you.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	If you and your partner play that 2S is forcing,
1H	1S	2S	P	and promises another bid, you cannot PASS here.
3H	P	?		Partner is not necessarily limiting

his hand with 3H. He is making a flexible call based on the knowledge that you are going to bid again. Of course, if partner should jump to game in this, or any other forcing auction, you are not obligated to bid again. HOWEVER, if the opponents decide to enter your auction, partner can PASS happily, knowing you will take another call (either bid or double) because of your original promise.

2.A) IF RESPONDER RESPONDS IN A NEW SUIT IT IS FORCING.

This is a clear and well understood maxim. However, a more complete understanding must include:

- B) WHEN YOU OPEN THE HAND, YOU GUARANTEE ANOTHER BID unless responder limits his hand. Both A and B create similar results, but B goes a lot further in explaining a generalized approach. When you open a hand, responder makes his bid secure in the knowledge that opener is going to bid again unless responder has limited his hand with a free pass or limit bid. Understanding this will help you develop a greater understanding of why it is a good idea to have a rebid when opening questionable hands!

I will leave most applications of these principles to the experts to explain, theorize and discuss, but I would like to touch on one sensitive area that MUST be discussed with partner.

WHEN YOU RESPOND ON THE 2-LEVEL ARE YOU PROMISING ANOTHER BID?

I am not discussing 2/1 Game Force here - just Standard American. Let's look at this simple auction:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1S	P	2D	P
2S	P	?	

In the Standard American of the 60s and 70s (and still used in many non-urban areas, found in many instructional texts) SOUTH could PASS here. North cannot pass 2D because he has guaranteed a rebid

as long as responder has not limited his hand. However, because responder has not guaranteed another bid, opener strives to LIMIT his hand to better aid responder in determining the proper contract. Opener is aware that responder may pass at his next turn.

BUT!!! If you and partner play that a 2-level responses PROMISES ANOTHER CALL, responder may not pass in the above auction. Opener is now bidding 2 Spades secure in the knowledge that he will be getting another turn to bid. He is relying on two chances to describe his hand and his call may be part one of a two part description. Auctions arising from playing this more modern approach to 2-level responses must be discussed between you and your partner.

One of the problems with a true understanding of bridge is the word STANDARD. So many players assume THEY are playing standard, when in fact, their approach doesn't mesh with that of their partners'. I played for 6 months, after my move to Vancouver, within a partnership where everything ran quite smoothly. Then one day, the above auction came up and everything fell apart. He was furious at me when I elected to pass 2S. Maybe we missed a slam, I don't recall. I just sat there looking at him like he was from another planet - at the same time wondering if maybe I was! I thought he was limiting his hand and he thought I was promising another bid. And so it goes.....

We hope that, with a series of articles on bidding and systems, we will be helping to weed out these kinds of misunderstandings. I am very tired of hearing "BUT IT'S JUST STANDARD! Everyone knows that...". How about You?

THE VANCOUVER WOMEN BRIDGE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

A growing force in the organization of bridge throughout the Lower Mainland, this Association is not just a fund raiser... nor will the efforts of the VWBPA benefit only women.

Key elements in the VWBPA constitution read:

To preserve and promote the best interests of and to stimulate interest in the playing of competitive duplicate contract bridge and any other modifications thereof.

To encourage and support the participation of Lower Mainland, BC, contract bridge players in Provincial, National and International competitions.

We needed an Association in order to participate in government programs and organized Bingo. We needed an Association in order to have a voice in the organization of bridge in BC. We needed an Association in order to develop an Identity... now we have one.

Next issue of the Matchpointer will outline VWBPA goals and membership details.

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PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

1520 Pemberton Ave. North Vancouver 987-3733

OPEN GAMES Monday Wednesday 7:30
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HANDICAP GAMES 1st & 3rd Mondays each month
SWISS TEAMS Last Friday each month

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UPCOMING EVENTS

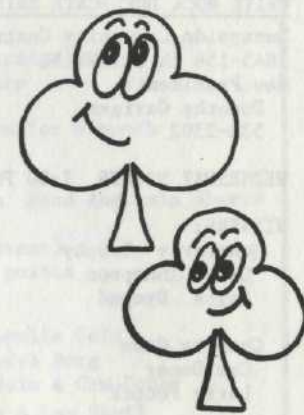
Feb 18 99er Club Championships
Mar 10 ACBL Wide Charity Game (99ers only)
15 Novice Club Championship
23 ACBL-Wide Charity Game
APR 5 District-wide Charity Game
(Novice only)
18 Handicap Club Championship

RECENT WINNERS

Dec 4 Club Championship: John Anthony & Bill Osten
7 Canadian Olympiad Fund Game
Steve Clements & Duane Tilden
Jan 25 Club Championship: Bob Butler & Mary Fines

Our congratulations to all our players who did well at the Regional! (Results elsewhere in this issue)

PS: The club has an answering machine! If you need a partner, phone and leave a message.....



FRASER VALLEY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Century House 620-8th St New West
Liz Hicks 421-4277

THURSDAY NIGHTS 7:15 PM Sharp

UPCOMING GAMES

Feb 18 Monthly non-smoking Swiss
25 Handicap Game
Mar 10 ACBL Charity Game
24 Monthly non-smoking Swiss
31 Handicap Game
APR 14 Open Pairs Club Championship
21 Handicap Game
28 Monthly non-smoking Swiss

** Refreshments included with entry
** Separate smoking and non-smoking sections for pairs games when possible

EAST RICHMOND DUPLICATE CLUB

East Richmond Community Centre
Ida Goodlad 278-2896

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (due to renovations)

OPEN SUNDAYS 1:00 PM

We hope to be able to schedule the International Charity Game on March 23RD (Wednesday)

the CLUBS

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Sunnyside Community Centre
1845-154 th St. WR BC
New President:
Dorothy Gavigan
538-2392

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:30 PM

WINNERS:

Quarterly Trophy
Carol Thompson
Anita Dymond

Charity Game
Cam Doner
Larry Pocock

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 10 Annual Membership Game
Mar 23 Quarterly Tournament
Apr 5 District 19 Charity
Game
Apr 20 Quarterly Tournament

GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB

8920 Charles St, Richmond
Sandra Borg 274-0603
Club Phone: 276-8117

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 23 Club Championship

April 6 ROOKIE-MASTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS
At least one partner
must have less than
5 points. Bring out
your favourite rookie!

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

#203-456 W. Broadway Entrance SE corner of building
Anne Nagy 875-1714

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Bill Worsfold 525-3754

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DISTRICT 19 CHARITY GAME
April 5th

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

1491 Carleton Ave Burnaby
Hazel Dressler 438-2102

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8 Team Game
15 Annual Membership Game
April 5 District 19 Charity
Game - includes hand
analysis sheets.
\$4.50 /person - \$1.50
goes to a Canadian
Charity.
May 24 Quarterly Club
Championships

RECENT WINNERS:

Jan 19 Club Championships
LOU HUBERMAN
FRANK KELLEY

MONDAY MORNINGS 10:45 AM
TUESDAY NIGHTS 7:30 PM

HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS (cont)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 18 Club Championship
26 TGIF (Bar, hotdogs, games after bridge)
29 'LEAP YEAR' Novice Club Championship
Mar 2 99ER Club Championship
10 Beat-the-Experts and win free plays for a month
15 (AM) Hotdog Club Championship
18 Club Championship
23 ACBL-Wide Charity Game Open Pairs Hand Analysis Sheets
26 Handicapped Club Championship
April 6 ROOKIE-MASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS (CBF event)
One partner must have less than 5 points

RECENT WINNERS

Haida Christmas Party Non-Smoking: David & Leslie Gold
Smoking: Ron & Sandra Borg
Random Draw: Jude Goodwin & Cam Doner
Jan 14 Beat-the-Experts: Marguerite Chiarenza & Leo Steil
Jan 26 Club Championship: Elliott Netto & Aidan Ballantyne

A GALACTIC SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP Results of IMP Quiz *from page 17*

1. PASS	+8	4 Spades makes and the limit in Hearts is seven tricks. Opponents will not bid game unless pushed to overbid (i.e. you bid 3H) Teamates defeated 4H doubled.
3H	-3	
4H	0	
2. Double	+5	Opponents bid to a shaky 3NT at the other table which makes. Partner will raise 2NT to game and will pass 3C.
2NT	0	
3C	-10	
3. Pass	-10	Partner's hand: A10x QJ98xxx x Ax Opponents at other table made 3NT with bad defense. Partner will make 4 Hearts.
2NT or		
3H	+1	
4. Pass	+5	There are 2 Diamond and 2 Club losers. Teammates defeated 4H
4H	0	
5. Pass	-12	Both 4H and 4S make. Teammates were in 5H doubled, down 1. Partner will pass 4H
4S		
6. Pass	0	Teammates were in 4S, undoubled, down 2. When your counterpart passed, partner will double 4S after having bid 4H, which makes.
3H or 4H	+7	
7. Pass	+13	Teammates, warned by the double, make 4 Hearts on a crossruff. Without the double a more straightforward line, albeit a losing one, was taken at your table.
Double	0	

Did you win the championships? Congratulations!

Scores:

+39 Not unexpected from one of the world's fine, intuitive players
+34+18 You almost always make winning decisions at the table
+17+4 You should win your share of matches
+3--8 A keen matchpoint player

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Port Coquitlam Legion
2675 Shaughnessy Street

Janice Eddy 467-0475

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Free coffee and snacks ~ Computer Scoring ~ Lessons

February

- 1st Swiss Teams - Victory Points
- 8th Open Game - Pre-Deal Hands [Hand Records Available]
- 15th ACBL Standard Card Game
- 22nd Monthly Handicap Game
- 29th Sadie Hawkins Day Mixed Pairs [Ladies Fee: \$1.50]

March

- 7th Beat The Experts for a FREE GAME
- 14th Open Game - Pre-Deal Hands [Hand Records Available]
- 21st Quarterly Club Championship
- 28th Monthly Handicap Game

April

- 4th Swiss Teams - Victory Points
- 11th Open Game - Pre-Deal Hands [Hand Records Available]

CLUB NEWS:

-Congratulations to our Players of the Month for January:
Dave Glen (Mens), Boz Richardson (Ladies) and Mollie Mason (Under 200).
A free play to each of these early leaders in our 1988 trophy races.
As Players of the Year, our trophy winners receive a month of free plays.

-Our 'Pre-Deal Hands' game in January was so well received, we will be doing it more often. Hand records are available for the post-mortem club (in an effort to conserve paper napkins in the Legion).

-We are happy to announce that lessons for beginning and intermediate players will commence February 1st. The instructor will be Don Forsyth, an ACBL accredited teacher and well-known local player. Lessons are FREE, and will start ONE HOUR BEFORE GAME TIME. We hope to attract a good attendance—possibly enough to initiate a '99ers section along with the regular game.

-Please note our new policy with regard to smoking: Every third table will be a designated smoking table PROVIDED THE E/W PAIR EACH ROUND IS AGREEABLE! Smoking between sessions only in team events.

OUR SECTIONAL WILL BE HELD APRIL 22-24. LOOK FOR THE ADS!

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Hours: Tues-Sat 11AM-5PM



POCO

**BRIDGE
TOURNAMENT**

**APRIL
22 23 24**

FRIDAY

1:30 PM UNMIXED PAIRS
8:00 PM OPEN PAIRS
SENIOR PAIRS (over 55)

SATURDAY

1:30 PM OPEN PAIRS
Qualifying
8:00 PM OPEN PAIRS *Final*
OPEN PAIRS *Consolation*
(New entries accepted)
JUNIOR PAIRS (0 - 50)
Single Session

SUNDAY

11:00 OPEN SWISS TEAMS
4:30 OPEN SWISS TEAMS

CHAIRPERSONS
MARK & JANICE EDDY
939-8787

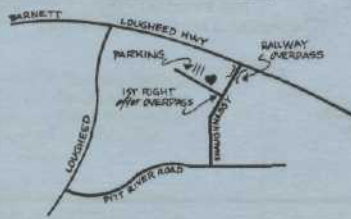
DIRECTOR
BRIAN MAY

ENTRY FEES
\$6 (\$4 Junior Pairs)

NO SMOKING

WHERE?

PORT COQUITLAM LEGION
2676 SHAUGHNESSY ST.
PORT COQUITLAM 942-8911
Take the POCO/MISSION/MAPLE RIDGE
exit from HWY. 1 - the last exit before
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