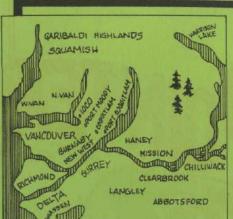
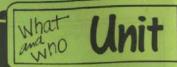


AUGUST 1988 ISSUE

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New Executive
and much much more!!





THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE, UNIT 430, is a NON PROFIT SOCIETY whose purpose is the promotion of organized and Duplicate bridge in the Lower Mainland.

The UNIT 430 SOCIETY is run completely by VOLUNTEERS.

The UNIT 430 MEMBERSHIP is made up of all ACBL members within our geographical area (see map). If YOU live somewhere on this map, and you have an ACBL Number, then YOU are a member of UNIT 430.

THIS MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU CERTAIN PRIVILEGES. You can vote, comment, complain, suggest, volunteer, and participate in bridge organization in our area. The GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS heading this Society are called the UNIT EXECUTIVE or BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Members of this group change every year. Any member is WELCOME to stand for election to this Board.

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WHAT DOES UNIT 430 DO?

In short, almost ALL organized bridge events, outside the clubs, are co-ordinated and run by the Unit. These include:
Sectional Tournaments ** Unit Games
Unit Level Finals for: NAOPC, NA-nonLMP, CNTC, CWTC, GNT-B

Unit Level Finals for: NAOPC, NA-nonLMP, CNTC, CWTC, GNT-B Hospitality ** Scheduling ** Supplies ** Trophies ** Membership Services The MATCHPOINTER

The organization of Unit 430 business is a large task currently divided between 12 Unit Executives. Please look at the list of these people on the following page. Each one is 'in charge' of one group of duties. ALL grievances must be directed to the right person . We encourage you to contact any of us !!!

WHAT ABOUT THE CLUBS?

The CLUBS in our geographical area are NOT members of Unit 430, although the players who patronize those clubs ARE - if they are members of the ACBL. The CLUBS are PRIVATELY RUN BUSINESSES. Some Clubs are set up as their own non-profit society with their own Board of Directors. Membership in these kinds of Bridge Clubs is NOT to be confused with membership in the ACBL or Unit 430. Most of our clubs, however, are profit-making ventures (however slim that profit may be!) for the owner or owners.

The UNIT DOES govern CLUB SANCTIONS. Should there be a problem with a club, or club owner, the UNIT may be approached and the matter dealt with. SANCTIONED CLUBS MUST ABIDE by the Laws and Regulations set forth by the ACBL. It is their responsibility to run a quality game with proper direction. It is important for members to note that any money paid to a club, for membership or entry or whatever, does NOT return to your UNIT 430 Society. It remains in that club's fund.

CLUBS ARE IMPORTANT. For many of our members the clubs are a focal point of their bridge world. The players meet at clubs every week. For many, the CLUBS represent their ONLY bridge outings. For this reason, UNIT 430 supports the local clubs. We provide them with free advertising in the Matchpointer. Where possible we rent their sites for Unit events. We have a Club Liason person whose duty is to handle problems and complaints from Club Owners and Managers. The UNIT Board realizes that the clubs are essential to our membership and we try to nurture their success.



WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?

ACBL Membership Dues

Part of this money goes to the ACBL and covers the costs of running the league. These costs include your Bulletin, your computerized point records and Major tournaments.

Part of this money stays with UNIT 430 and covers the expense of running Unit games, publishing the Matchpointer, paying CBF membership dues, subsidies for pairs and teams, and a variety of other office costs.

Sectional & Unit Game Fees

Hall rental, Director Fees, Caddy Fees, Supplies & tables, Program and Publicity costs (print and mail), hospitality, trophies etc. Also, part goes to the ACBL - this money is called the SANCTION FEE.

Sectionals, as a rule, pay for themselves, although if there is a loss, it is covered by other Unit money. Unit games often pay for themselves but can also run at a loss - this too is covered by Unit money.

The Unit Executive

As this is a Non-Profit Society, and our workers are volunteers, no money is given to the Unit Board. However, once a year the Unit Policy is to hold a dinner in JUNE for the Board and other people who have helped out all year. This is a means of thanking these people for their time and effort.

Contrary to a belief held by some, the Unit Executive is not a group of power-happy moguls interested only in making a buck off the membership. In fact, our biggest financial challenge is the running of events that won't LOSE our membership's money. The promotion of Duplicate Bridge in our Unit requires that we run bridge events. The onus on many meetings is the planning, scheduling and promotion of these events in a way that will not only attract member participation, but also provide QUALITY bridge.

Each year, in August, 6 fresh faces join the Unit Executive and 6 somewhat haggard ones step down. There is a round of thank yous and good-byes, but the task of the newcomers is already underway - to learn and understand everything that is involved in the organization of bridge.

And - it IS a lot of work. So enjoy your bridge and APPRECIATE YOUR VOLUNTEERS! They are nOT professionals. Give them time. Give them a break. They will learn...

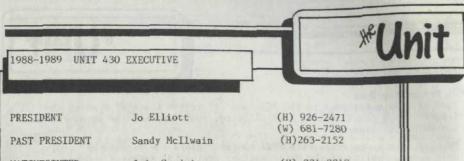


* * * UNIT 430 SMOKING POLICY * * *

All Vancouver Sectionals will be NON-SMOKING unless SEPARATE smoking facilities can be arranged. There are never to be smoking & non-smoking sections in the same room.

The tournament committee will endeavour to accommodate smokers in a separate room but the limited size of certain games and the necessity of crossovers mean that some sessions will be non-smoking throughtout. If insufficient smokers are available to fill out a previously designated smoking section, there will not be a smoking section... smokers are advised to COME EARLY!!!

PLEASE NOTE * due to site restrictions, the RISING STAR SECTIONAL will be completely NON SMOKING. There will, of course, be smoking areas.



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On behalf of the Unit 430 Membership and Executive we thank our departing Board members for all their hard work: Kathy Adachi, Sandra Borg, Tom Cross, Bill Osborne, Derek Ward and Graham Putnam. A special thanks too to Sandy McIlwain for his work as President and Louis Landau for his work as Treasurer. Your last Executive Board achieved not a small amount of Internal Organizational success with the establishment of a Perpetual Calendar, Deadline Calendar, Events Calendar, complete Job Descriptions and a variety of other motions and methods which will, in the long run, make the running of the Unit more efficient and worry-free.

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Players are reminded to enter the CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS. Some club dates are listed under Upcoming Events. ASK YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR for your local dates.

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CLUB MANAGERS: Please submit lists of qualifying individuals to the Matchpointer before October 1. FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS (held August) and the GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS - NON LIFE MASTERS!

past president's report

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Last year was mainly a positive one for Unit 430, which means for you, the readers and members who help keep this bridge train rolling with your support and participation. Several key points emerge from the year's activity:

1. First, let me apologize to all of you who may have been disappointed at the June sectional, either by the breakdown in the unit smoking policy, or by the cancellation of the Friday Novice game. Our directing staff will be requested to in future follow the smoking policy and other unit policies to the letter and to hold all scheduled events for which enough participants are available.

2. Our sectionals are no longer losing money, and it appears as if our attendance is coming around after several years of decline. We have a 3-year plan that will see our November and Jan/Feb sectionals held at the newly refurbished Sheraton Landmark Hotel in downtown Vancouver, and our June and September tournaments at the completely renovated and very much improved New Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster. The new unit smoking policy, which was introduced at the request of the membership at last year's Annual General Meeting, ensures that no one will be driven away from our tournaments by a smoky room. Both sites are able to accommodate smokers to as great an extent as the events themselves will allow.

While we realize that no site or policy will please every one of our players, we believe that the current state of affairs provides the best possible balance available in the city. If you know of something better, make your thoughts known to the unit executive, or, better still, run for the board. We can use all the help we can get. MANY thanks to Steve Beaton and Graham Putnam for your great work on our sectionals!!!

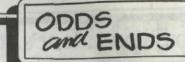
3. The Matchpointer has come a long way from the days not so distant when I and many before me used to run it off on Gestetner stencils. I know you all like the new format, and I can hardly express here our gratitude to Jude Goodwin for her accomplishment and her tremendous effort. Why not give her a call and thank her yourself?

4. Special events were not all they could have been last year, but we saw dramatic attendance increases in some of them, notably the COPC Unit Final which about tripled in size. Your support of Unit Finals, Zone & District Finals and special unit games is a direct and rather pleasant way that you can contribute to the good health of the unit and our ability to put on a good show. Suggestions willingly accepted in this area also.

5. Vancouver had the great and highly rewarding opportunity to host the Canadian National Team Championships in June, and I, as well as many who have spoken to me, feel that it was one of our finest hours. Those of you who missed the big Friday night Epson Game at UBC, with its star-studded field, free drinks and food, and panel discussion, missed the best bridge evening I can remember at a Vancouver sectional. (The president wore a tie!)

6. Financially, we about broke even, which is what we're supposed to do, and while I must ask Nancy's astrologer what caused me to take on this job in the first place, I'd like to thank each of you who helped make this year as successful as it was and ask you, urge you even, to keep bridge in the Lower Mainland healthy by continuing to support Unit 430 events. Best of luck to you all this year. Be good to your partner - consider what she has to put up with!





The 1988 Vancouver CNTC final is over and, judging by the comments from players and spectators, it was a tremendous success. The Vancouver edition set a new standard on many fronts, notably; ongoing hospitality which included free food, coffee, booze, pop and juice, for all contestants and the many sectional participants who visited the CNTC premises; two large scoreboards (at the CNTC and at the sectional); a roomy and well-lit playing site; and capable directorship by Brian May and Sandy McCreery who, through a number of early tests, quickly earned the respect and admiration of the contestants (a tough lot to be sure!).

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the successful denouement of Vancouver's first CNTC Final:

Sandy McIlwain: Overseer of operations during the event itself

Jenny Paynter & Susan Peters: Hospitality co-ordinators

Mike Prenty : Our inimitable barman

Sandra Borg : Patient airport receptionist

Duane Tilden : shuttle driver

Jude Goodwin : Leaderboards, scoring kits, photography, posters

Shirley Hulme : Public Relations

Martin O'Reilly: Hospitality co-ordinator morale booster

Steve Beaton : Leaderboard work Dave House Games room freebies

GOODIES Thanks also to all the ladies who brought goodies

Elaine Ryan, Trudy Hurdle, Rhonda Betts, Sheila Dickie,

Kathy Adachi, Marcia Christie, Dawn Kingsland, Sandra Borg

Eugene Chan, Dennis Groden, Patti Bihum, Dave House,

Sandy McIlwain, Jenny Paynter, Julie Smith

YOU ALL DID A WONDERFUL JOB!

THIS IS IT: 32 pages and I still didn't fit everything in. I do hope some of you will miss this editor's 'first lines'. Someone (a former editor) told me that a good policy is to print everything that comes in. However, if I had done

that for this issue, we would have been rivalling the Bulletin itself. Read on and ENJOY. Features in our NEXT Matchpointer will include: What I Did on my Summer Vacation, More on Modern Bidding Problems (2/1 sequences), Doc Orchard - fond Memories, and much, much more. DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: OCTOBER 1ST Jude Goodwin

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Many thanks to the following contributors to this issue:

Sandy McIlwain - for his articles and proofreading Aidan Ballantyne Liz Hicks Doug Cowan Dave House (How to play IMP Pairs) Greg Arbour

John DRitch Member June 11, 1916 to June 30, 1988



Jack Ritch was my good buddy. For the last few years (since I am an orphan) he was like a father to me. Sure, Jack wasn't the best bridge player around - he was the first to admit that - and he scorned all the fancy systems and conventions. Jack's "system" was "bid what you've got and whatever seems right at the time!" (And G.P. thought he was the only player with that philosophy)

Jack loved life and always had a good time at the table. The high point of his bridge career had to be when he went over in the Swiss Teams at the Hawaii Nationals with Tom Cross and the "Wild Winnipeggers" (Howard Sussman and Ken Johnson). This was a very expensive achievement since Jack bought the celebration drinks for most of the Lower Mainland players ! In later years, though, Jack wasn't after the masterpoints he came for the social aspects of the game and really didn't care if he won or lost. He loved to hear the latest bridge qossip ... hated rudeness and bickering .. and had no use for phonies. Jack was always optimistic - even when things were really bad he talked about going to a Seniors Regional this summer and travelling back to Ontario and Quebec this fall ...

But he had a tough row to hoe. After Penticton (June 1987) Jack had major artery surgery, pulled through that, then this spring the leukemia hit him. And we figured he'd beaten that too. But when Jack had to go back to hospital this last time, the Big Guy was holding all the trumps ...

We'll always have good memories of you, Jack. Remember what I told you the night you left us: I'll see you at the Big Bridge Game in the Sky (maybe sooner than you think!), don't trump your partner's ace, and when in doubt always lead hearts.

Love you, kid... Liz Hicks

Another of our stalwarts passed away on June 30 whe Jack Ritch lost a brief but courageous battle with leukemia.

Jack came to Vancouver in 1974 and quickly involved himself in the local bridge scene. He was a regular at almost all of our clubs, played with dozens of different partners and enjoyed himself equally whether he won or lost. Jack rarely missed any tournament that was within reasonable proximity of Vancouver and was widely known throughout our entire area.

Always friendly and courteous to both partners and opponents, Jack was one of the true gentlemen in our game. Although he didn't take up duplicate seriously until relatively late in life, he became an accomplished player and achieved many successes over the years. He became a Life Master at the Nationals in Honolulu some years ago and I am told the party that followed went on well into Continued on next page the morning hours!

JACK RITCH



Many are aware that Jack lived a full and active life before he came to Vancouver. Born in Saskatoon, he was an accomplished athelete in his youth, and during the war was a navigator in the R.C.A.F., where he was shot down over Czechoslovakia and spent several eventful months escaping from the Nazis, eventually finding his way to Russia where he was repatriated. After the war, Jack lived for a time in Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. Eventually he settled in Toronto where he had an interesting career buying and selling scrap metal, a job qhich required extensive travel to all parts of the world. He has three grown children, a son and daughter in Toronto and a son in Alberta. A fine partner, a worthy opponent and a good friend, Jack's presence, good humour, and zest for life will be sorely missed.

Doug Cowan.

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UNIT 430 Welcomes the following people to our membership:

Merle MacDonald Ellen McKenzie (from the Maritmes) (from Anaheim)

Vincent R.Chan Ron G.Dickson Dorothy Hannah Mary Hewitt Phillys Spicer

Leo Steil



CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW LIFE MASTER Sheila Girotto (way to go Sheila!) NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500-1000) Larry Pocock NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000-2500) Rob Crawford NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000+)

free cuppa

Members will be happy to note that there will be FREE COFFEE at the September Sectional. SUNDAY MORNING there will be FREE COFFEE and DONUTS for players entering the SUNDAY SWISS..... m m m m. TEACH ME TO PLAY American Bridge Teachers Association BOOK OF THE YEAR

Teach Me to Play, a First Bridge Book for children co-authored by Unit 430 member JUDE GOODWIN was chosen as the Bridge Teachers' Book of the Year by the ABTA.

The presentation was made to Andy Berntein, the book's publisher, at the annual ABTA banquet this July in Salt Lake City.

The book, written in an activity book style was illustrated and written by Jude Goodwin and Don Ellison, of Rossland BC. Featuring fun, games, puzzles and a basic introduction to the game of bridge, Teach Me To Play concentrates on getting the kids at table, playing cards, as soon as possible. Starting with Whist, the book leads the student through the basic mechanics of bridge and a step-by-step approach to basic bidding.



POINT OF VIEW



THE EPSON conspiracy? -- here's the scoop

The June Sectional, 1988, was sanctioned in June 1987. The ACBL requires dates set a year in advance. The UBC hall was then booked. The CBF's CNTC National Finals was also to be hald in Vancouver in June so Committee chairpeople co-ordinated the 2 events for the same weekend. Letters were sent to all CNTC finalists, more space booked, airline tickets bought well in advance. Plans for a Super Bridge Weekend were well under way.

Then, the EPSON World Wide Simultaneous Pairs, which wasn't originally scheduled for our weekend, somehow became scheduled for the Friday Night!

Our options? Change the tournament dates? Impossible. Cancel Friday night? again impossible. Run a sectional event? With no attendance the loss would be enormous — we have a responsibility to our membership (all of you) NOT to throw your money away.

So we decided to run an Epson game at the sectional itself. We thought it would be a lot of FUN. Lots of tables, good playing conditions, great competition! People would LIKE it.

We weren't out of the woods YET, however. The normal SANCTION FEE that must be sent to the ACBL is \$3 per table. The Sanction Fee for the Epson was \$15 per table. Our sectionals need \$21 per table to run.

Sectional Fees: \$3 + \$21 = \$24/table or \$6/person Epson Fees : \$15 + \$21 = \$36/table or \$9/person

HORRORS we thought. We can't charge THAT much. No one will understand! Besides, an Epson game in the Clubs, with their much lower overhead, would be a lot less.. Although the event was run at the sectional for the benefit of the membership and profit would be used for the membership, we realized the membership itself would not like the high fees. So, we decided to subsidize, with the Unit moneys, or membership money, the Epson to the tune of \$4 per table. PLUS, we hosted a major hospitality effort with free food and drinks — for the membership. What the heck, we thought — the membership deserve a treat.

As soon as our publicity was out, however, there was a great hue and cry: Why did we PURPOSELY schedule the Sectional to land on the Epson date? The Unit is trying to STEAL from the Clubs!

The Unit Executive is 'at it again', serving themselves before the members.

This response was quite startling. As a new executive member, I was most confused about the 'at it again' part, as though we were an old core group of business people syphoning the membership coffers — or something...

It is Unit Policy that the Clubs remain closed during a sectional. The clubs, after all, are private businesses, and running during a sectional would be a direct conflict of interests. We need sectional attendance in order to cover costs and to continue to run future sectionals, for the membership. You will never convince me that the people involved in the enormous task of organizing a sectional are doing it for personal gain! They are doing it for 2 years because for the rest of their bridge lives they know they will be able to take advantage of someone else doing it!

Because of the complaints from our membership, we decided to allow the Clubs to run their own Epson game. This seemed an especially positive move on behalf of those members who lived far out of town. Many, of course, do not enjoy the long night time drive. Of course, we assumed that the closer clubs would remain closed allowing the players the benefit of the Epson at UBC with all its hospitality — at the same time supporting the efforts of the Executive to better serve the membership.

Members

EPSON (cont)

In matters like this it is difficult to determine what our priorities should be. Truly we must first serve the membership but there are times when this risks upsetting club owners and managers. I have written this article as a player and member of Unit 430 - not as an Unit Executive. I welcome all or any response, written please, to the Matchpointer. I don't want any more confrontations in the bar! Jude Gardwin

* * * DOC ORCHARD * * *

Unit 430 was saddened by the recent passing of Doc Orchard from our midst. Friends and acquaintances who wish to say a few words on his behalf may contact MICHAEL DIMICH. Michael is kindly compiling material for an article, honouring Doc, to be printed in the October Matchpointer.

WHO WAS BEN LAPIDUS? The Knock Out Team event at our September Sectional is named the BEN LAPIDUS TOPHY KOS.Benny Lapidus passed away a number of years ago. He was a junk yard owner by trade. Although he travelled to tournaments and won several regional events he was primarily a rubber bridge player - probably for good reason as he is reputed to have been a card rack.

Jim Donaldson used to tell a story about a rubber game in which Lapidus was paired with a fruit dealer. One auction got out of hand as Lapidus insisted on one major while his partner insisted on the other. Eventually his partner bid 6NT and the next player doubled. Lapidus bid 7NT — the next player doubled and Lapidus produced a resounding redouble! As he lay down the dummer, he commented, "I'll show you junk is better than fruit".

complaints department

WHY DID WE MOVE THE SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL TO NEW WESTMINSTER?

Many Vancouver players are asking this question. Here are our reasons. LESS EXPENSIVE for everyone: The Royal Towers is MUCH less expensive,

in all areas, than the Sheraton.

PARKING We have had constant complaints a

We have had constant complaints about the downtown parking problems. The Royal Towers has LOTS of PARKING, right at the site. Players can pick up discount parking

passes at the front desk.

New Westminster is a lot closer for many of our players.

Sometimes we downtowners forget that there are a lot of members out in the valley who find the long drive to Vancouver a 'pain'. The SKYTRAIN, which can be boarded at many points throughout Vancouver, will take anyone to within 6 blocks of the Royal Towers. Catching a bus taxi or prearranged ride from that point should be easy!

WE WILL BE PLAYING IN NEW WESTMINSTER AT THE SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL AND THE JUNE SECTIONAL. These two sectionals are our smaller tournaments. The low turn-out makes playing downtown much to costly. AND, perhaps the poor turn-out will improve now that we have moved these sectionals out of town. We apologize for the inconvenience to our more elderly in-town members, but hope they can understand the necessary compromise!

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DECEMBER	11	UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

*** OCTOBER 15-16 Inter City Finals (Vancouver)
NOVEMBER 5 North American Non-LM Pairs Unit Final

VANCOUVER/VICTORIA - SEATTLE/TACOMA ANNUAL INTER-CITY CHALLENGE ******

September 17-18 stage 1*
PREREGISTRATION PLEASE \$6/person
Sandy McIlwain 263-2152 Martin 0'Reilly 261-4892

Last year saw the revival of the popular ANNUAL INTER-CITY competition between Vancouver and Seattle. This year the match will be expanded to include Victoria and Tacoma. The increased participation should make this an even better event with Vancouver-Victoria facing Seattle-Tacoma in two simultaneous but separate matches, one for each Flight.

Qualification to play on the official Vancouver-Victoria team is determined through an IMP PAIRS event, to be held SEPTEMBER 17 and 18th at the Haida Bridge Club. There will be 3 sessions, 2 on Saturday starting at 1:30, and one on Sunday, starting time TBA. This will be a tough but FUN event for players of all levels - perhaps the best of the year! There are TWO FLIGHTS - Flight A - unlimited and FLIGHTB - Non Life Master. 5 pairs from each Flight will make up the two teams.

For some of you, this may be your first experience with this seldom-seen form of scoring. So here is a thumbnail sketch of how it works and how to play it.

The movement runs like a pair game. At the end, the 'datum' is calculated for each board by averaging the scores of the field. The highest and the lowest scores are disregarded before the average is figured. The game is scored by computer (saving much work and many hours). If the computer weren't doing all the work, this is how you would compute your score: You compare your result on each board with the datum for that board for your direction and convert the difference to Imps just like a team game. For example, suppose most of the N/S pairs in the field bid and make four spades for +420. Some N/S pairs may collect only one or three hundred against E/W saves and the timid sould bid only the partscore for +170. The datum (average) will be about +340. If you earn one of the +420s, your score is better than the datum by a margin of plus 80, so you get +2 IMPS. If your score is worse than datum, you score minus imps. The sum ofyour IMP scores for all of the boards is your session total. The average score on each board is Zero. Likewise, the average for the session is Zero.

Play this game like you would play at rubber bridge, Swiss or Knockout Teams. Always be sure to make your contract before risking it for an overtrick. Never let your opponents make their contract while trying to beat them an extra trick. Bid your games. And remember: at matchpoints, a zero is a zero; at IMPS, a zero is average. When you go for a telephone number, you lose lots of IMPS! And watch those close doubles!!

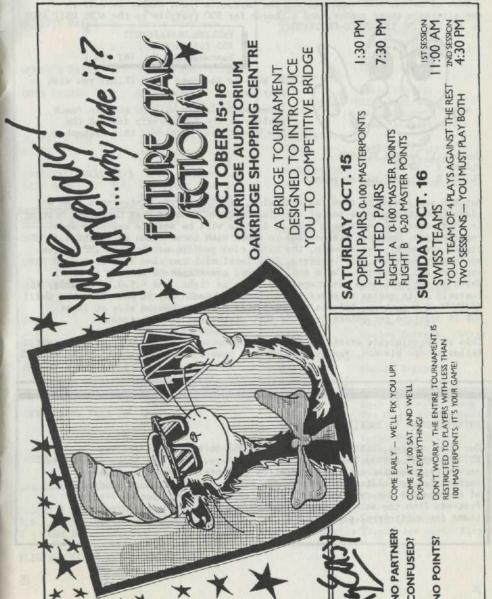
This game offers you popular features of both pair games and team games. You are scored against all the players in your direction. You don't have to worry about overtricks, or any other matchpoint madness. You get to try all those safety plays you read about. Also, best of all, you and your partner can soar to greatness on your own, unfettered by the foibles of teammates at the other table.

THE FINAL for the Inter-City event, for both the A & B team will be held simultaneously in Vancouver on OCTOBER 15 & 16, 1988

** ** CALCUTTA CALCUTTA CALCUTTA CALCUTTA CALCUTTA CALCUTTA ** ** **

On Friday, September 16, after the regular game at the Haida Club, there will be a Calcutta for the Pairs participating in the qualifying round of the A EVENT. This will be a SPECIAL EDITION OF THE HAIDA TGIF with beer, hotdogs, and fun. Even if you don't participate in the event come on out and join in the fun of a CALCUTTA.





1988 IMP eque!



TEAMS SHOULD NOW BE MAKING ANY PLANNED TRADES OR SCOUTING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE UPCOMING IMP LEAGUE SEASON!!!

Entries will close as of SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at the Sectional in New West. You don't have to wait until the Sectional to register, however. Just send a list of names. ACBL numbers, and the captain's Phone number as well as one alternate phone number, and a cheque for \$30 (payable to the ACBL UNIT 430) to our new IMP LEAGUE CO-ORDINATOR:



Be sure to indicate which FLIGHT you wish to play in.

PAULINE McCLAFFERTY 755 E.15th Ave

Interested players will be able to reach Pauline at the partnership desk at the New Westminster Sectional this september.

Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2R8

There will be TWO FLIGHTS FLIGHT A - OPEN FLIGHT B - 0-1000 master points

Matches are played, on time, as scheduled, throughout the winter at a time and place (someon's home or one of the clubs) agreed upon by team Captains. Scoring is IMPs converted to Victory Points. A scale will be sent to captains upon registration. Captains are advised to check with local clubs as to which nights are best - for example, the Haida club prefers not to host IMP league matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your local club can also be a source of supplies and/or boards. There are, however, advantages to playing at home! There is the home team advantage, the price is right, and B.Y.O.B. (boards, of course!) It is easier to schedule matches, or should be, if each team has the MAXIMUM of 6 members, but don't forget that everyone has to play at least 40% in order to get points from the ACBL at the end of the season!

This is an enjoyable event, with lots of opportunity to GET OUT and meet your fellow bridge players. For results of last year's IMP League look in the WINNERS.

ENTERTAINMENT IS BACK!!

Our hard working JENNIFER PAYNTER (438-3095) is once again selling ENTERTAINMENT (1989) books for Unit 430 members. These are books of coupons packed full of discounts at restaurants and hotels across the country. Perfect for travelling to tournaments. Plus, these books have hundreds of of coupons for our own Vancouver, food, entertainment, special events. Proceeds from the sale of these books are used to subsidize players and teams for multi-level playoffs (GNT-B, COPC, CNTC, CWTC)

Through the long summer months, many of our members have travelled to tournaments and done very well. We would like to recognize their achievements with this listing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

OPEN SWISS 5	5/10	
		Rob Crawford
		(Tom Jepson
		Ray Ward)
CHARITY PAIRS	4	Donna Morrison
		Margie Neate
	6	Leo Steil
		(Dena Ulman)
WOMEN'S PAIRS	7/9	Pat Landau N.Van
		Joyce Peters W.Van
OPEN PAIRS	7	Cam Lindsay Surrey
		Elliott Netto Van
	8/9	Jean Groome
		(Ken Kirkpatrick)
FLIGHT A KOS	4	Larry Hicks N.W.
SUPER OPEN	15	June Stenning Bby
		Larry Pocock WR
SPEEDBALL SWIS	SS 2/3	Aidan Ballantyne
SIDE GAMES	3	Fee Yeung, Surrey
water canada	5	Fee Yeung, Surrey

MONTANA REGION	AL Ma	ay 16-22
MENS PAIRS F	IRST	Leo Steil, Van (Brian Ellis)
OPEN PAIRS 6		Leo Steil, Van Sandy McIlwain, Van
MASTER PATRS		
FLT A 6		Larry Hicks, NW Rob Crawford
FLT B 2		John Mullen, Van (Karen Needrum)
FLIGHT A KOS	2	Leo Steil Sandy McIlwain
FLIGHT B KOS F	IRST	Larry Pocock, WR June Stenning, Bby Cam Doner, Rmd Dave Glen, Van
OPEN PAIRS FLT	A 8	Larry Hicks Rob Crawford
FLT	B 4	Dave Glen (Sheri Morrison)
SPEEDBALL SWIS	S	
FIR	ST	Cam Doner, Van

FLIGHT B SUPER OPEN PAIRS
5/6 Phyllis Gerber & Helen Montgomery
9 Cam Doner, Richmond (Jill Wellman)

FLIGHTED TEAMS: 3/5 Aidan Ballantyne

Winners

OPEN SWISS	
3RD	Larry Hicks
	Rob Crawford
WOMEN'S PAIR	
2ND	Dorothy Cavazzi WR
6/7	Jean Groome
	Jennifer Paynter
	Rhonda Betts
	(Tomoko Ely)
MEN'S PAIRS	
2/3	Peter Herold
	(Mike Hargreaves)
7/8	Greg Arbour
	(Hendrik Sharples)
OPEN PAIRS	
5TH	Debbie McCully
	Jennifer Paynter
CONSOLATION	
2nd	Gordon Estrada, Sry
	Dave GLen
4th	Hobert Liang, N.Van
	Hanna Liang, W.Van
MASTER PAIRS	
FIRST	M.Becker, North Van
	(J.Radcliffe)
4th	Debbie McCully
70	Rhonda Betts
5th	Aidan Ballantyne
	(Ray Ward)
6th	Rob Crawford
o cii	(Steve Scott)
9/10	Gordon Estrada, Surre
9/10	Larry Hicks
FLIGHT A KOS	
3/4	Rhonda Betts
FLIGHT B KOS	
3/4	Eugene Chan, R.Metcalf
5/8	Dave Glen, Fee Yeung
Output open	Ray Grace (H.Hunchak)
SUPER OPEN F	
FIRST	Peter Herold
ALL STREET	(J.McAvoy)
6th	Rob Crawford

(A special congratulations to Ev and Charles Tarnow for their first in section!)

Aidan Ballantyne

Ron Yarmchuk

Gordon Fisher

8th

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SOUTH CALIFORNIA REGIONAL July 1-10

OPEN SWISS CONSO
1/3 Dave Glen & Cam Doner
SUPER OPEN FLIGHT A
11 Larry Hicks (Gary Tomczyk)

TACOMA REGIONAL

FLIGHT B SWISS

3RD Steve Clements Dave Glen Liz Hicks

MT. VERNON SECTIONAL

Open Pairs 1st Danny Lee & Wilf May Pairs (0-100) 3rd Erna Rath & Lorraine Byers Pairs(100+) 2nd Dan Jacob & Peter Herold

SILVER STAR VERNON SECTIONAL

UNMIXED PAIRS 2nd Sharon Lessard, Srry SUPER OPEN FLIGHT A

FIRST Graham Putnam (Edna Hall)

SPEEDBALL SWISS

1/3 Harvey Piercy & Louise Elliott

Brian May

OPEN PAIRS 3 Harvey Piercy & Louise Elliott

4 Graham Putnam (M.Newcombe)

Winners

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL

KNOCKOUTS First
Aidan Ballantyne
NonSmoking SWISS First
Aidan Ballantyne
MENS PAIRS Third
Aidan Ballantyne

BELLINGHAM SECTIONAL

Open Pairs: First
Aidan Ballantyne & Dan Jacob

SEATTLE SECTIONAL

Open Pairs First Aidan Ballantyne (J.Dickie)

STENNING STUNNING IN JUNE !!!

June Stenning had a great tournament this June at the BC Championships, with not only a FIRST OVERALL in the EPSON PAIRS, but a 2ND in the Women's Pairs, and a FIRST in the SWISS TEAMS. Congratulations June!

BC CHAMPIONSHIPS	Vancouv	er
WOMENS PAIRS	FIRST: 2ND : 3RD :	Mary Fines, N.Van Stella Alliston, W.Van Roz Richardson, Coq. June Stenning, Bby Pauline McClafferty, Van Joanne Elliott W.Van
MENS PAIRS	FIRST: 2ND : 3RD :	Peter Cooper, Van Mark Arbour, Toronto Martin Newland, & Wayne Perrin, Ottawa Eugene Chan & Paul Sontag, Van
OPEN PAIRS FLIGHT	FIRST: 2ND : 3RD :	Oly & Julie Godefroy, Mercer Island Mary Fines, N.Van & Stella Alliston, W.Van Cam Lindsay, Surrey & Don Brazeau,V an
OPEN PAIRS PEIGHT	FIRST: 2ND: 3rd:	David Schmidt, Chilliwack & Marian Zarychta, Garibaldi Kathy Phoenix & Audrey Weeks, Kamloops Alan Harrop & Peter Kangro, N.Van
FORTY-NINERS	FIRST: 2ND: 3/4TH:	Ted Dagan & Tai Eng, Richmond Eleanor Webb & Jack Webb, Delta Rob McCann, Kingston & Vincent Chan, Bby Beryl Larter & Antoinette Sheffield, Van

B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

Winners

SWISS TEAMS

FIRST: Kathy Adachi, Delta Mary Fines, N.Van Ina Anderson, Richmond, June Stenning, Burnaby

2ND: Tom Cross, W. Van Bill Osborne, Van Hobart Liang, N. Van John Ashwell, Tucson

3/5 : Andrew Ross, Catriona Brown, Murdoch Smith Phyllis Barrington

: Martin O'Reilly Steven Vincent John Bryden Mike Takemori

: Gerry McCully Cliff Puskas Jim& Audrey Norman Verla Elmgren, Mike Rahtjen



EPSON WORLD WIDE SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS 65 TABLES!!!

FIRST OVERALL: JUNE STENNING & LARRY POCOCK

69.21%

Stenning and Pocock scored a 1661 to lead all others, winning 12.11 Master Points. If included in June's total for the Sectional, she amassed 35.56 MPS! at the one sectional.

The complete EPSON results are:

NORTH SOUTH	EAS	ST WEST	
2: Boris Baron & Mark Stein 68 3: Leo Steil & Jean Groome 67	8.63% 2: 7.38% 3: 4.04% 4:	Ken Sired & Bill Gamble Joseph Silver & Mark Molson Elliott Netto & Greg Arbour Dave House & Walter Link Bob Connop & Cam Lindsay	65.50% 62.88% 62.17% 61.13% 59.71%

PLEASE NOTE: Master Points won in the Epson are not included in the Trophy Races

SECTIONAL TROPHY RACE after three sectionals

PHIL WOOD TROPHY		EDIE BONNEL TROP	НҮ	UNDER 200 TROPHY	
Aidan Ballantyne	44.87	Mary Fines	38.47	Duane Tilden	16.82
Mary Fines	38.47	Ina Andersen	28.78	Donna Hupka	9.26
Dan Jacob	35.55	June Stenning	23.45	Al French	8.22
Peter Herold	30.08	Kathy Adachi	22.89	Stan Bodlak	7.13
Ina Andersen	28.78	Stella Alliston	20.12	Insa Fricker	5.34
Michael Strebinger	28.61	Marcia Christie	14.16	Rod Coote	5.06
Michael Rahtjen	24.53	Jude Goodwin	10.34	Ian Gardner	5.06
John Bryden	23.87	Donna Hupka	9.26	Tai Eng	5.02
June Stenning 23.		Elaine Ryan	9.19	Susan McBride	5
Kathy Adachi	22.89	Julie Smith	8.86	Gray McMullin	4.46

BALLANTYNE A DOUBLE HEADER!!!

Sources tell me that not only is Aidan heading our own Sectional Trophy Race, but 'leads the field' in SEATTLE as well! Should Aidan win the 'Weisfield' trophy, he would be the first non-Seattle area player to ever do so. Keep It Up Aidan!

3RD in CANADA!

Winners

THE DICKIE TEAM, from Vancouver, did very well in the Canadian Women's Team Finals this July in London Ontario. They played hard through a tough 19 match round robin to come out THIRD with a 62% performance. However, their draw for the Semi-finals was the indomitable PAUL team, from Toronto, and success was not to be had. The PAUL team has been monopolizing the winner's circle of this event for many years. It is a team made up of some of Canada's strongest and finest women players and they fight hard - but, this author knows they CAN be beaten. So. good work ladies, and let's get 'em next year!!! DICKIE, Sheila, Jennifer Paynter, Sandra Borg. Rhoda Tafler, Marcie Christie, Connie Delisle

LOCAL PLAYER RETAINS LEAD

Unit 430 member LARRY HICKS from
New Westminster, BC, retained the
lead in the Richmond Trophy contest by
winning 170 points at regionals in
Redding, Las Vegas, and Kalispell.
The Richmond Trophy Race is the
Canadian Master Point race based on
points won during the current year.
ALSO heading the field are local players:

ROB CRAWFORD in 2nd DAVE GLEN in 4th LEO STEIL in 8th

Rob and Larry have been 'on the road' for months now and are only 13 points apart. Vancouver players CAM DONER (13th) and GREG ARBOUR(14th) are also hanging in there.

SECTION FIRSTS In a large tournament like the Calgary Regional, a Section First can be very exciting. A field of strangers, a room full of excellent players, gold points! Unfortunately, this little newsletter does not have enough room to print lists of section winners. We do however, realize that it is a great accomplishment and would like to congratulate all who bring a section first home!!!

THE BOYS DO GOOD!

The GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B DISTRICT FINALS was won this year by a team of our own Unit 430 players. HAL ROD, IAN HAYTER BEN TAKEMORI, CHRIS DIAMOND, DUANE TILDON & JACK HOPWOOD after playing strongly through the semis to make it to the finals. That final match itself was a cliff hanger in the end: 1st quarter - ahead by 8 2nd quarter - ahead by 9 3rd quarter - ahead by 46

At this point one would think they could relax BUT

4th quarter - DEAD TIE

The lads then had to play a 7 board tie-breaker which they won by 7 IMPS.

The team won a free trip to the SALT LAKE CITY NATIONALS.
Once there, however, their luck ended.

GOOD WORK! Better luck next year.

1987-1988 IMP LEAGUE RESULTS

FLIGHT B Estrada victors over
Stenning after winning over
Gilraine in the Semi-finals.
ESTRADA, Gordon, John McDonald,
Dave Schmidt, Larry Pocock,
Don Estrada.

FLIGHT A TAKEMORI victors over Lindsay, after winning over Ballantyne in the Semi-Finals. TAKEMORI, Mike John Bryden, Steve Vincent, Martin O'Reilly and Dennis Dohl, Ben Takemori





ASSAULT ON THE CITADEL
THE CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
Greg Arbour

A seven person Vancouver area contingent travelled to Quebec City for the Quebec City Regional and the Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC). Don Brander and I, Ron Borg and Michael Strebinger, and Tom Cross and Bill Osborne were the three pairs who competed in the COPC. The seventh member of contingent was Sheryl Kanee.

The event consisted of two qualifying and two final sessions over two days. In all 46 pairs competed with 20 pairs qualifying for the final. Don Brander and I were 13th after the 1st session and moved up to fifth after the second qualifying session. Our other two pairs played in tough luck and failed to qualify.

After the first final session Don and I were still fifth but we finally got it going in the final session, scoring 169- on a 135 average. This however was not quite good enough to win. The first three pairs going into the last session all did poorly, but the fourth place pair, David Willis and John Valliant, from the Ottawa area, matched our final session score and won the event.

Don and I had many chances to do better. In the two final sessions, we bid no less than three slams which went down. But in the final analysis the event was decided in the head to head confrontation between ourselves and the winners. This was the crucial hand. In second seat, with both vulnerable, you hold J1065-AQ75-Q106-76. The bidding proceeds, pass on your right, you pass, 1C on your left, partner overcalls 1NT, pass on your right. Partner holds AK7-KJ104-K98-QJ10. On a single dummy basis, 4H is superior to 3NT on the expected club lead, but our opponents ignored Stayman and bid 3NT. Unfortunately for our side, the 1C bidder held only AK3 of clubs and the A of diamonds, so that 3NT was cold for 10 tricks. Since the popular spot was 4H, we scored only 1- on a 9 top. If our opponents bid 4H, we score average on the board and win the event. The final standings:

1.	Dave Willis and John Valliant	317.2
2.	Greg Arbour and Don Brander	311.4
3.	Albert Organ and Paul Graves	295.4
4.	Paul Thurston and Duncan Phillips	291.3

Unfortunately there were some organizational problems. Not enough bidding boxes were available and the first qualifying session had to be rescored when the directors tried to score it across the field even though one set of three boards was only played in one section, making across the field scoring impossible. In order to improve the situation, there should be preregistration for the qualifying pairs who intend to compete in the final, so that the organizers will know in advance how large the field will be. This would alleviate some of the confusion.

MGAME



DECEPTION, HARVEY, and the DESERT

The bridge arena is open to any crafty declarer and our hero, not unlike many good players, has his own little toolbox of plays, ploys and deceptions.

Sometimes the opponents, basking on their rocks like reptiles made torpid by the hot sun and long day, will fail to read the import of a clever card, and the defense will proceed as though Declarer were but another passing bug. Sometimes the enemy, alerted to a possible ruse, will read deception BEFORE logic, Again the defense will succeed leaving our hero with his late night post mortems and a lingering wistfulness.

But sometimes, there IS a golden moment which makes all the hundreds of others well worth their practice. A moment which comes randomly, but leaves declarer looking for the Vu-graph and reporters.

Could this be such a hand?

The	Bidding		g	NORTH	
S 1N	WP	N 2C	E P	S- AK85 H- QJ86	
2D P	P	3N	P	D- 108 C- J103	The Auction; clearly standard
				SOUTH	The Count: Eight Tricks
				S- QJ3 H- AK9 D- 732 C- KQ52	The Opening Lead: The 6 of Spades

One of the more dramatic deceptions available to the well-equipped Declarer is illustrated by this hand. Should he attempt to develop a club winner, the Defense will almost surely switch to diamonds. The Solution? Lead the Diamond suit yourself toward your hidden hand as though you have a finesse and are trying to develop a diamond trick. This MAY inhibit the opponents from continuing when in with the Club Ace. The premise is that the Diamond honours are split, so neither opponent knows the other is holding the balance.

Our hero today is Harvey Piercy and he is ready. Harvey the brave and daring calmly wins the Ace of Spades and plays a small Diamond from dummy. East produces the Jack. Harv smoothly 'ducks' and West overtakes with the Queen. The audience is silent as West slowly counts to herself, reptillian tail slapping softly against the sand. She pulls a card, it flutters to the table.

THE ACE OF DIAMONDS! 10 from dummy, EAST SHOWS OUT. Small gasps from the crowd as West cashes her diamond tricks and finishes with a quiet club to partner's Ace... The desert is alive with denzien chatter and clicking of claws. Harvey turns to West: "You had AKQ SEVENTH!!!??? and you led a spade..."

The Iguana Queen does not answer. Her large eyes blink slowly, once and she eases her bulk off the stone, moving enigmatically into the desert. Behind she leaves a small puff of red sand on Harvey's scorecard.

jude Goodwin

SOME MODERN PROBLEMS

*GAME

More New Minor Forcing

In May we outlined the most widely-used responses to New Minor Forcing (NNF), presented a few optional elaborations, and offered a fail-safe rule to cover forcing and invitational sequences. For convenience, I'll repeat the NNF RULE: NNF is forcing on opener to 2NT or three of responder's suit, and any auction in which responder bids the fourth suit is game forcing.

The discussion last time concerned major-suit oriented hands. Let's see how this structure works when responder is actually interested in a minor, new or otherwise.

1D-1H-1NT-2C-2x-3C: This is one of the sequences NMF helps establish as unconditionally forcing. Note that the hearts must be at least five long, otherwise you would simply bid clubs first and then reverse into hearts.

1D-1H-1NT-2C-2D-3D: For practical purposes, this should also be forcing, as good hands such as xx AKQxx AKxx xx are awkward to show if you must bid fourth-suit first and then raise diamonds, e.g. 1D-1H-1NT-2C-2D-2S-3H. Now you must bid past 3NT to show your diamonds. This sequence becomes even more unwieldy when partner opens clubs: 1C-1H-1NT-2D-2NT. There is usually one less round of bidding available when diamonds is the new minor, so the need for this raise to be forcing is quite apparent.

The one hand that you will bid this way that is not game-forcing will be the invitational 5-5 hand, KQ1065 x KQ983 xx. This hand is surely worth a strong move to game when partner opens a diamond, but after 1D-1S-1NT-2C 2H-3D, partner's 4D on xx KQxx AJ1052 Kx is passable, and may easily be the only plus score available (4S would be a very low-percentage contract, and 2NT would have no play). Partner, wishing to accept the invitation, would have found a different call, so you need not worry that she is expecting you to bid again.

1H-IS-INT: The most convenient thing to play here is that either new minor is forcing. It's natural and requires no special sequences to be effective. A raise of partner's suit after NMF would still be forcing, jumps without NMF are still invitational, and the NMF Rule still applies. Holding Kxxx x KJxxxx xx you'll have to pass 1NT, of course, but the opponents may balance you back into diamonds or you might easily make 1NT.

NM still applies, of course, when partner jumps to 2NT, and unless you play Wolff Signoffs you'd best play everything as forcing over 2NT. The game cannot work out the logic of the tortured 3H bid after 1D-1H-2NT, and if your partner can there's something very wrong taking place.

1C-1S-2C-2D: Guess what? This is New Minor Forcing. Even though partner didn't rebid 1NT, you still would like to hear about secondary spade support or a possible heart fit, or whether she has a good hand or a bad one. The corollory continues to apply that a new major is not forcing, so that IC-1S-2C-2H is natural and weak as it was when partner rebid 1NT. This holds true even when partner jump rebids clubs, IC-1S-3C-3H can be played as non-forcing. You can decide for yourself whether you wish to treat 1D-1S-3D-3H the same way, but at this level the suit-ranking makes the new minor principle ineffective. Many experts would play this last sequence as a possibly artificial force, a way of checking back for spade support.*

^{*} This sequence was well-discussed by the panel in the Bidding Contest of the CBF Digest, May/88, Problem (C).

QUIZON NEW MIN OT Force



Thse six problems tackle several different aspects of NMF. Some of them refer back to the themes developed in the May issue.

1.	KQ5	A1084	Q8 1	K432	4.	AQ	J1082	5 K	29743
	You	Part	ner			You	P	artner	
	1C 1NT ?	1S 2D				1H 2C ?		1D 1NT 2H	
2.	104	KQ65	Q107	AK52	5.	Q9	K104	Q10	AJ9632
	1C 1NT ?	1S 2H				1C 2C ?		1S 3H	
3.	QJ	AJ10	K103	QJ1074	6.	AJ	A98	AJ864	1092
	1C 1NT ?	1S 2b				1D 1N 2D ?	T	1S 2C 3S	

ANSWERS TO NMF QUIZ

- 1. This is a maximum hand for spades, and you must make a constructive call. Bid 3S, or better 3H, showing hearts and spades. 2H would show hearts without spades. Don't bid 4S, as partner's hand type is not yet disclosed.
- Pass. This sequence is weak and partner may have a very poor hand. Don't punish her for bidding to the best spot on QJxxx 109xx Kx xx. If you liked this hand so much, you should have opened it 1NT.
- 3. Accept the invitation. Bid 3NT. While partner may yet have a forcing hand with both majors, or just spades, or an undisclosed minor, you must show your hand, and all your queens and jacks have grown up for a change. You can't afford to have 2NT passed.
- 4. Bid 2NT. Partner will play you for a hand like this, as you didn't bid 2NT or an invitational 3D at your last turn, and you don't want to play in hearts. Since the opponents will be attacking spades, your partner will need the right cards for game, i.e. spade help, or the club ace and some other quick tricks. Without these features, partner may surprise you and bid 3C herself. Bidding 3C here is wrong for two reasons: it forces to game (you could have jumped to 3C at your second turn with this pattern and strength and your points all in the round suits), and may easily get you past 3NT, even to a hopeless slam.
- 5. Here I think you should pass, but it is close. Partner is showing an invitational 5-5, just as if you had rebid 1NT. While you have good heart support, the chances of losing fow tricks are quite high. If you had two aces in your hand you would raise to game.
- 6. This is another invitational sequence, showing 5-5 in clubs and spades.

 This time you should bid 4S, because of the aces and the heart control.

 Partner may get tapped on occasion, but you can't make 'em all. (This suggested bidding sequence was covered in the last installment.) Sandy He/wain

DIVINSKY npc othere

MGAME

1: You are South

Vul: N/S

AUCTION:

N E S W

1S 2H P 3H

4D 4H 4S P
P 5H * P
P P

DUMMY (west)

S- J4
H- J932
D- 865
C- AQ63

YOU
S- 1063
H- 65
D- 742
C- K8542

You lead the S3 (3rd & 5th leads) to paftner's Q which hold the trick. Partner switches to DK, declarer wins, you and dummy play low. Declarer leads the CJ. Should you cover?

2: You are South Vul: N/S AUCTION:

N E S W 2N 4H * P P P

DUMMY (west) S- 87532 H- 6 D- 10953 C- 096

> <u>YOU</u> (south) S- K96 H- 53 D- 0J642

C- 1085

You lead the Queen of Diamonds and, when this holds, continue a diamond. Declarer ruffs and leads a low Club. What is Declarer's Plan?

3: You are WEST holding
S-92
VUL: None
H-63
AUCTION:
D-AK8542
C-AJ2
- 2S 3H 3S
4H P P ?

What do you bid?

4: You are EAST holding:

S- K842 VUL: None
H- AK8754 AUCTION:
D- A72
C- void N E S W
- - P 1D
2C 2H 3C 3D
4C ?
What should you bid?

5: You are SOUTH holding:

S- AKQ10 VUL: N/S AUCTION: D- Q107542 C- 2 N E S W AUCTION: P 3C P 3S P 4D P 4H P 7D DBL ?

How do you fancy your chances?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 23

Adan Pallantyne

Dear Mr.Goren

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Can a person become a professional player after their second lesson or do you have to wait a little longer?

Do you have a simplified - easy to understand instruction book for someone who has been playing for 30 years?

I would like very much to have the names of the ten best bridge players in Chicago. I am just beginning to learn and I want some people to practice with.

(exerpts form Bridge Players Write the Funniest Letters - to C.Goren) *GAME

DIVINSKY (NPC) AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

This year, the CNTC National Final was held in Vancouver at UBC. The host city was represented by our team, captained by Nathan Divinsky, a well-known Vancouver personality. Nathan was an ideal choice insofar as he knew the players well; he would feel right at home (he's a UBC professor) and he had plenty of experience in the captain's role, having

previously taken charge of the Canadian Chess team.

The DIVINSKY team consisted of two established partnerships, Dan Jacob and Gord McOrmond and Ron Borg and Michael Strebinger and one make-shift combination Jim Dickie and Aidan Ballantyne. This repast will focus on hands experienced by the latter pair simply because I mostly remember deals in which I was personally involved.

I played with Dickie for the first time at the CNTC unit final. At that time the other members of our team hoped that any partnership inadequacies could be overcome through accurate card play. There was cause for optimism since the team won the Unit Final. These two hands stand out in my memory. (SEE QUIZ)

1: VUL: N/S N E S W 1S 2H P 3H 4D 4H 4S P P 5H ** end	WEST	NORTH (Dickie) S- AKQxx H- xx D- KQJxx C- 9	EAST
	S- Jx H- J9xx D- xxx C- AQ63	SOUTH (Ballantyne)	S- xx2 H- AKQxx D- Ax C- J107
South led the S3, wor Dickie did very well immediately to a diam	in shifting	H- xx D- xxx C- K8542	

declarer. When the CJ was led, I played low and the contract could no longer be made. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps and played the ClO, covered, and won in dummy. Because of the club suit blockage (check those spot cards!) declarer would use up all his trumps trying to take the marked finesse for the C8 in order to throw away the diamond. (South does not cover the C7 with the C8) If declarer, after running the CJ and drawing the trumps, plays the C7 instead of the ClO, South inserts the C8 and the same problem develops. At the other table, North immediately cashed two spades after the spade lead and McOrmand easily made 5 Hearts doubled.

Suit blockage was also the theme in this deal:

Suit blockage was also the theme	in this deal:
2: VUL: N/S $\frac{N}{2N} \frac{E}{4H} \frac{S}{DBL} \frac{W}{end}$	S- AQJx H- Kx D- AKx C- Axxx
The DQ was led and the suit continued. McOrmond ruffed and could count 7 heart winners plus 2 club winners for a total of 9 tricks. He would have to reach dummy to hook the Heart, hoping for Kx in the North hand. If he led t CK or CJ the defense would hold up th until the propitious moment. Furtherm	A C- 10xx
a low club to the O was unlikely to p	ovide an entry since North was marked

the club A, McOrmond casually led a low club from hand and when South played low,

he inserted the 9'. This created the necessary entry and he scored +590. South

DIVINSKY QUIZ (continued)

2. WIII . None

could have defeated the hand by putting in the club 10, when McOrmond led a club from his hand.

Our team had a close call in the Zone Final, narrowly qualifying after a miraculous turn of events in the last 2 round robin matches. This uncertain performance may have contributed to our general lack of confidence going into the National Final.

Divinsky began with a sizeable win over a Montreal/Ottawa team.However, the margin should have been much greater than it actually was as there were several missed opportunities. This, as it turned out, was a sign of things to come. Divinsky won again in the second round, but Dickie-Ballantyne's lack of partnership entente was becoming evident:

J: VUL: None		S- K/O	
$\frac{N}{-}$ $\frac{E}{2S}$ $\frac{S}{3H}$ $\frac{W}{3S}$		H- KQ1094	
- 2S 3H 3S		D- void	
4H P P DBL		C- K10976	
	DICKIE		BALLANTYNE
	S- 92		S- 0J8543
Jim's double of 4H was	H- 63		H- 8
not unreasonable.	D- AK8542		D- 1073
Unfortunately, he wasn't	C- AJ2		C- 043
that familiar with my		S- A10	mathe wirelessived
weak two bid style (at		H- AJ752	
favourable I would have		D- 0J96	
opened 3S but at equal I		C- 85	
chose the conservative act	tion!)	The Property of	
The final result (4 hearts		kine 2 overtrich	ce) was embarassing.
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S- AK10 85	opposite	S-	J9742
H- Q	of the State of the	H-	A43
D- A8752		D-	void
C- K10		C-	AOJ93

The other side stopped in six but undeservedly won a bundle of IMPS when the trumps turned out to be 3-0 offside. Dickie-Ballantyne had more luck with this grand slam hand:

4: VUL: E/W		S- 106	
$\frac{N}{P}$ $\frac{E}{P}$ $\frac{W}{1D}$		H- QJ3	
2C 2H 3C 3D		C- A087432	
4C 5N P 7D	DICKIE S- AQ97 H- 10		BALLANTYNE S- K842 H- AK8754
The opponents did	D- KQ10943		D- A72
themselves in by	C- J6		C- void
failing to pre-empt		S- J53	
(both N and S could have		H- 962	
jumped in clubs). Their		D- J85	
conservative actions allow Jim to rebid his diamonds	at a safe	C- K1095	wat the state of

level. I took a calculated risk when I bid 5NT since we could be off the Ace of spades. However, this bid was in line with the KISS (Keep it Simple, Stupid) system that Jim and I had by then adopted! We scored a big gain when our partners made life difficult for our opponents at the other table.

Going into the third day, Divinsky stood 10th, 77 VPs behind the 4th place team. The top four of the round robin finishers qualify for the playoffs.

DIVINSKY QUIZ (cont)

We would have just 6 matches to climb into a playoff position. We were obviously in big trouble! Dickie-Ballantyne were sent into battle in the first match of the day and we immediately had a number of disasters. After losing the match by 22 IMPS we decided to break up our partnership, in the interest of the team. Divinsky had a decent finish, winning its last five matches. However, there were more missed chances and we finished a disappointing 8TH.

This deal came from the last match in which Jim and I played

together:

5: VUL: N/S		BALLANTYNE	
$\frac{N}{1H}$ $\frac{E}{P}$ $\frac{S}{2D*}$ $\frac{W}{P}$		S- 9 H- A86543	
3C P 3S P		D- AK	
4D P 4H P		C- AQ86	
7D DBL end	S- 873		S- J6542
75 555 6.10	H- 0J1072		H- void
	D- J8		D- 963
	C- J93		C- K10754
		DICKIE	
My 7D call was not		S- AKQ10	
particularly scientif	ic.	н- к9	
but we needed IMPS.		D- 0107542	
East's double, both		C- 2	
I had a chance to run			
I mad a chance to Im	E CO FARE		

but, fatalistically, we took our chances in the diamond contract. West led the Queen of Hearts, East ruffed and that was that. At the other table, N/S stopped in game! Jim and I got to discussing, later, what might have happened had we run to 7NT. Assuming 7NT is played by North, the best defense is a spade lead. The Ace is won in dummy, the KQ of spades are cashed,north pitching 2 hearts. Declarer then plays A and K of diamonds, A of hearts, heart to the King, then runs the Diamonds. The position, iwth 3 cards to play is:

	5	On the 5 of diamonds, W throws a Club
	- An included	(must keep the HQ) N pitches the H, and
	AQ	E must also dump a club (keepin the SJ) N leads a club and if W follows low,
-	J	E's last Club is known to be the K.
Q	the of the second	Accordingly, N goes up with the Ace and
-	The state of the s	makes the contract.
?	?	
	10	This deal, perhaps more than any other,
	C. LINKY, M. A. S.	summed up our team's overall problem:
	5	
	2	Too many missed opportunities

by Aidan Ballantyne

ON THE SUBJECT OF CONTENT

This issue marks the start of my second year as Matchpointer Editor. I have received many compliments and lots of support. I truly enjoy this job and would like to thank all of you for your words of encouragement. However, we have received some criticism! I am told that our newsletter LACKS CONTENT. Although I have reread the last five issues I am at a loss as to what is meant by 'content'. Perhaps we need to hear from more of YOU - the readers. Although the Matchpointer is now more up-tempo in design, with its graphics and new format, I truly hope you will not feel intimidated by the changes. The Matchpointer is still your forum - and would be nothing if not a means by which our membership may express themselves!

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AUGUST 17 Unmixed Pairs Club Championship

25 North American Non Life Master Pairs Club Qualifyin

26 Swiss Teams

SEPTEMBER 5 Labour Day - Club Open (Handicap)

9 Club Closed (Sectional - New West)

15 99er Club Championship

16 Open Pairs Club Championship

20 Novice Club Championship

30 Swiss Teams

COPC CLUB QUALIFYING

September 21 7:30 October 7th 7:45

RECENT WINNERS

Club Championship May 12 John Dear & Dolores Layton

Membership Game May 9 Pat Glen & Cliff Glen

Club Championship June 25 Peter Marr & Don Fraser

NAOPC July 13 Diane Isfeld & George Schnieder

Club Championship June 21 Doris Fletcher & Elma Petri

Mixed Club Championship May 18 Rose Wrean & Keith Miller

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OPEN GAMES	Monday and Wednesday	7:30 PM
NOVICE GAMES (0-	-20) Tuesday	7:30 PM
99ER GAMES (0-99)) Thursday	7:30 PM

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26 TGIF

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SEPTEMBER

2 Club Championship 8 Beat The Experts

12 NORTH AMERICAN ROOKIE PAIRS (0-20 MP)

16 TGIF CALCUTTA for Inter-city Trials

17 INTER CITY IMP PAIRS

18 INTER CITY IMP PAIRS
19 Club Championships

24 Club Championship

27 COPC CLUB QUALIFYING GAME

30 TGIF

OCTOBER 13 Beat the Experts

20 COPC CLUB QUALIFYING GAME

28 TGIF

CLUB GAME TIMES AND DAYS

MONDAY 7:30 PM Novice (0-20) TUESDAY 11:30 AM OPEN GAME TUESDAY 8:00 PM OPEN GAME WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM Intermediate THURSDAY 8:00 PM OPEN GAME

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 22 Quarterly Club Championship

SEPTEMBER 19 COPC CLUB QUALIFYING (Entry \$5/person)

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AUGUST 18 North American Open Pairs Non Life Master (\$4.50 each)

25 Handicap Game

SEPTEMBER 1 Quarterly Open Pairs 15 Charity Championship

15 Charley Championship

OCTOBER 13 COPC Air Canada Open Pairs Club Qualifying Round (tentative)

20 Monthly Swiss Teams (non smoking)

NOVEMBER 3 9TH ANNUAL MITCH HODGE TROPHY GAME

RECENT WINNERS

July 7 NAOPC Club Qualifying - open flight

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2: Ted Hicks & Jim Marshall

3: Gordie Estrada & John McDonald

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August 17 NORTH AMERICAN Non-LM pairs - Q round September 14 Swiss Teams- trophy

Club Championship
October 19 COPC CLUB QUALIFYING

RECENT WINNERS:

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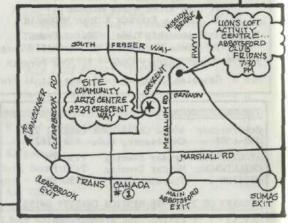
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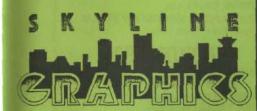


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