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THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE, UNIT 430 , is a NON PROFIT SOCTETY whose pur pose is the promotio soct organized and Duplicate bridge in the Lower Mainiand 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, this map, and you have an ANDL 430 .
then a member of UNIT 4

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 UNII EXECUTIVE or BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Members of this group change every year. Any member is WELCOME to stand for election to this Board.
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:
and run by the Unit. These include:
Unit Level Finals for: NAOPC, NA-nonLMP, CNTC, CWTC, GNT-B
Hospitality ** Scheduling ** Supplies *\#t 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 PRTVATRLY RUN BUSTNESSES. Some Clubs are set up as their own non-profit society with their own Board of Directors. Nembership 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.

## 1988-1989 PRESIDENT

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past president's report

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 dvery 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 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!

Players are reminded to enter the CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE CANADTAN OPEN PATRS. Some club dates are listed under Upcoming Events. Some club dates are listed under Upcoming Eve
ASK YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR for your local dates.
alert
CLUB MANAGERS: Please submit lists of qualifying individuals to the Matchpointer before October 1. FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL PATRS (held August) and the GRaND NATIONAL PAIRS - NON LIFE MASTERS!

## Sohn DORitch

Members
Exdlantyne
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 Bors : Patient airport receptionist
Duane Tilden : shuttle driver
Jude Goodwin
Shirley Hulme :
Martin O'Reilly:
Steve Beaton
Dave House
GOODIES

MONITORS
Leaderboards, scoring kits, photography, posters Public Relations
Hospitality co-ordinator morale booster Leaderboard work
Games room freebies
Thanks also to all the ladies who brought goodies Elaine Ryan, Trudy Hurdle, Rhonda Betts, Sheila Dickie, Kathy Adachi, Marcia Christie, Dawn Kingsland, Sandra Bors Sandy McTlwain, Jenny Paynter, Julie Smith
YOU ALL DID A WONDERFUL JOB!

## MATCH POINTER

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 Rallantyne Liz Hicks Doug Cowan Dave House (How to play IMP Pairs) Greg Arbour

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 gossip... 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 memorles 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 the true gentlemen in our game. Ae though 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 the morning hours:

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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 Eventually he settled in Toronto where he had an interesting career buying
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:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Merle MacDonald } & \text { (from the Maritmes) } \\ \text { Ellen McKenzie } & \text { (from Anaheim) }\end{array}$
Ellen McKenzie
Vincent R.Chan Ron G. Dickson Dorothy Hannah Mary Hewitt Phillys Spicer


## 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+) Leo Steil
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 Unit 430 member JUDE GOODWIN w
chosen as the Bridge Teachers' 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 memberhip 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.

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: fude Goodwin

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

PREREGISTRATION PLEASE \$6/person
Sandy McIlwain 263-2152 Martin $0^{\prime}$ 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 18 th 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 $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ pairs in the field bid and make four spades for +420 . Some $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ 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 420 s , 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 of your 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 zerc 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


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.


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:

> PAULINE McCLAFFERTY
> 755 E. 15 th Ave
> Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2 R8

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

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

There will be TW0 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 (someond'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 WTNNERS.

## 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 we 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 members have travelled to tournaments and
done very well. We would like to recognize their achievements with this listing. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL:


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

FLIGHTED TEAMS : 3/5 Aidan Ballantyne

Winners

| CALGARY REGIONAL July 18-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| OPEN SWISS |  |
| 3RD | Larry Hicks |
|  | Rob Crawford |
| WOMEN'S PAIRS |  |
| 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 | FLIGHT A |
| FIRST | M. Becker, North Van |
|  | (J.Radeliffe) |
| 4th | Debbie McCully |
|  | Rhonda Betts |
| 5th | Aidan Ballantyne |
|  | (Ray Ward) |
| 6th | Rob Crawford |
|  | (Steve Scott) |
| 9/10 | Gordon Estrada, Surrey |
|  | Larry Hicks |
| FLIGHT A KOS |  |
| 3/4 | Rhonda Betts |
| FLIIGHT B KOS |  |
| 3/4 | Eugene Chan, R.Metcalfe |
| $5 / 8$ | Dave Glen, Fee Yeung |
|  | Ray Grace (H.Hunchak) |
| SUPER OPEN FLIGHT A |  |
| FIRST | Peter Herold |
|  | (J.McAvoy) |
| 6th | Rob Crawford |
| 8th | Aidan Ballantyne |
| 11 | Ron Yarmchuk |
|  | Gordon Fisher |

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

## OPEN SWISS CONSO

1/3 Dave Glen \& Cam Doner
SUPER OPEN FLIGHT A
11 Larry Hicks (Gary Tomezyk)
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

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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)
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## 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 2 ND in the Women's Pairs, and a FIRST in the SWISS TEAMS. Congratulations June!

| BC CHAMPIONSHIPS | Vancouv |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \text { FIRST: } \\ & \text { 2ND : } \\ & \text { 3RD : } \end{aligned}$ | Oly \& Julie Godefroy, Mercer Island Mary Fines, N. Van \& Stella Alliston, W.Van Cam Lindsay, Surrey \& Don Brazeau, V an |
| OPEN PAIRS FLIGHT | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B } \\ & \text { FIRST: } \\ & \text { 2ND : } \\ & \text { 3rd : } \end{aligned}$ | David Schmidt, Chilliwack \& Marian Zarychta, Garibaldi Kathy Phoenix \& Audrey Weeks, Kamloops Alan Harrop \& Peter Kangro, N. Van |
| FORTY-NINERS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FIRST: } \\ & \text { 2ND } \quad \begin{array}{l} \text { 3/4TH: } \end{array} \\ & \text { 3 } \end{aligned}$ | Ted Dagan \& Tai Eng, Richmond Eleanor Webb \& Jack Webb, Delta Rob McCann, Kingston \& Vincent Chan, Bby Beryl Larter \& Antoinette Sheffield, Van |

## 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)

## 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 0'Reilly Steven Vincent John Bryden Mike Takemori
Gerry McCully Cliff Puskas Jim\& Audrey Norman Verla Elmgren, Mike Rahtjen


## EPSON WORLD WIDE STMULTANEOUS PAIRS 65 TABLES:!!

EIRST 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
1: Larry \& June
2: Boris Baron \& Mark Stein
3: Leo Steil \& Jean Groome
4: Bill Zerebesky \& Ken Gee
5: Barry Harper \& Gord Camplell 63.04

## EAST WEST

1: Ken Sired \& Bill Gamble

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 TROPHY

Aidan Ballantyne Mary Fines Mary Fines Dan Jacob Peter Herold
Ina Andersen Michael Strebinger Michael Rahtjen John Bryden June Stenning
Kathy Adachi

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?

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 The PAUL team has been monopolizing the
winner's circle of this event for many winner's circle of this event for many
years. It is a team made up of some of years. It is a team made up of some of players and they fight hard - but, this author knows they CAN be beaten. So, good work ladies, and let's get 'em next year!!! DICKTE, Sheila, Jennifer Paynter Sandra Borg, Rhoda Tafler, Marcie Christie, Connie Delisle

## LOCAL PLAYER RETAINS LEAD

Unit 430 member LARRY HICRS from New Westminster, BC, retained the lead in the Richmond Trophy contest by winning 170 points at regionals in winning 170 points at regionals in
Redding, Las Vegas, and Kalispell. Redding, Las Vegas, and Kalispe11
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 4 th
LEO STEIL in 8 th
Rob and Larry have been 'on the road' for months now and are only 13 points apart. Vancouver players CAM DONER ( 13 th) and GREG ARBOUR( 14 th ) 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 this little newsletter does not haveenough room to print lists of section enough room to print lists of section
winners. We do however, realize that it is a great accomplishment and woul 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, BEN TAKEMORI, CHRIS DIAMOND,
DUANE TILDON \& JACK HOPWOOD 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 ove 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 $0^{\prime}$ feill and Dennis Doh1, Ben Takemori


## 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 l3th after the Ist 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.
final 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 lNT, pass on your right. Partner holds AK7-KJ104-K98-QJ10. On a single dummy basis, 4 H is superior to $3 N T$ on the expected club lead, but our opponents ignored Stayman and bid 3 NT . Unfortunately for our side, the 1 C bidder held only AK 3 of clubs and the $A$ of diamonds. so that 3NT was cold for 10 tricks. Since the popular spot was $4 H$, we scored only 1 - on a 9 top. If our opponents bid $4 H$, 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 |

Infortunately 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.

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 faptiles made torpid read the import of a clever card, and the 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 Auction; clearly standard The Count: Eight Tricks

The Opening Lead: The 6 of Spades
D- 732
C- KQ52
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.

In May we outlined the most widely-used responses to New Minor Forcing (NMF), presented a few optional elaborations, and offered a fail-safe rule to cover forcing and invitational sequences. For convenience, I'll repeat the NMF RULE: NMF 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.
$1 \mathrm{D}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{x}-3 \mathrm{C}$ : 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.
$1 \mathrm{D}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{D}-3 \mathrm{D}$ : For practical purposes, this should also be forcing, as good hands such as $x x$ AKQxx $A K x x$ 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 3 NT to show your diamonds. This sequence becomes even more unwieldy when partner opens clubs: $1 \mathrm{C}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{D}-2 \mathrm{NT}$. 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 $1 \mathrm{D}-1 \mathrm{~S}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{C}$ $2 H-3 D$, partner's 4D on $x x$ KQxx AJl052 Kx is passable, and may easily be the only plus score available ( 4 S would be a very low-percentage contract, and 2 NT 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.
$1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}-1 \mathrm{NT}$ : 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'11 have to pass 1NT, of course, but the opponents may balance you back into diamonds or you might easily make 1 NT .

NM still applies, of course, when partner jumps to 2 NT , and unless you play Wolff Signoffs you'd best play everyching as forcing over 2NT. The game cannot work out the logic of the tortured 3 H bid after $1 \mathrm{D}-1 \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{NT}$, and if your partner can there's something very wrong taking place.
$1 \mathrm{C}-1 \mathrm{~S}-2 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{D}$ : Guess what? This is New Minor Forcing. Even though partner didn't rebid 1 NT , 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 $1 \mathrm{C}-1 \mathrm{~S}-2 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{H}$ is natural and weak as it was when partner rebid 1 NT. This holds true even when partner jump rebids clubs, $1 \mathrm{C}-1 \mathrm{~S}-3 \mathrm{C}-3 \mathrm{H}$ can be played as non-forcing. You can decide for yourself whether you wish to treat $1 \mathrm{D}-1 \mathrm{~S}-3 \mathrm{D}-3 \mathrm{H}$ the same way, but at this level the suit-ranking makes the new ainor principle ineffective. Many experts would play this last sequence as a possibly artificial force, a way of checking back for spade support."

QUIZ FOLLOWS

[^0]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 K432
2. $\mathrm{AQ} \mathrm{J} 1082 \quad 5 \mathrm{KQ} 9743$

| You | Partner |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1C | 1S |
| INT | 2D |
| $?$ |  |

2. 104 KQ 65 Q 107 AK 52

| You |  | Partner |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1H |  | $1 D$ |
| 2C |  | 1NT |
| $?$ |  |  |


| 1 C | 1 S |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 NT | 2 H |

3. QJ AJ10 K103 QJ1074
4. AJ A98 AJ864 1092

|  | 2. | 1D | $1 S$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 C | $1 S$ | 1NT | 2 C |
| 1 NT | 2D | 2 D | 3 S |
| $?$ |  | $?$ |  |

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. 2 H would show hearts without spades. Don't bid 4S, as partner's hand type is not yet disclosed.
2. 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 109 xx Kx xx . If you 1iked 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 $\operatorname{can}^{\prime} t$ afford to have 2 NT passed.
4. Bid 2 NT . Partner will play you for a hand like this, as you didn't bid 2 NT 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 3 C herself. Bidding $3 C$ here is wrong for two reasons: it forces to game (you could have jumped to 3 C 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 1 NT. While you have good heart support, the chances of losing four 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 4 S , because of the aces and the heart control. Partner may get tapped on occasion, but you can't make 'em all. (This sugposted bidding sequence was covered in the last installment.) Sandy Mc/lwain

## DIVINSKY npe atherce

1: You are South
Vul: N/S
AUCTION:
$\begin{array}{llll}\frac{N}{1 S} & \frac{E}{2 H} & \frac{S}{P} & \frac{W}{3 H} \\ 4 D & 4 H & 4 S & P \\ P & 5 H & \% & P\end{array}$
P $\quad$ P
DUMMY (west)
$\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{J} 4$
$\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{J} 932$

| $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{J}$ |
| :--- |
| $\mathrm{D}-832$ |

D- 865

> 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:

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
\frac{\mathrm{N}}{2 \mathrm{~N}} & \frac{\mathrm{E}}{4 \mathrm{H}} & \mathrm{~S} & \mathrm{~W} \\
\mathrm{P} & \mathrm{P} & &
\end{array}
$$

DUMMY (west)
S- 87532
H- 6
D- 10953
C- Q96
YOU (south)
S- K96
H- 53
D- QJ642
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 | N | E | $\frac{S}{2}$ | $\frac{W}{}$ |
| C- AJ2 | - | $2 S$ | $3 H$ | $3 S$ |
|  | $4 H$ | P | P | $?$ |

What do you bid?
4: You are EAST holding:

| S- K842 | VUL: None |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H- AK8754 | AUCTION: |  |  |  |
| D- A72 | N | E | S | W |
| C- void | - | - | P | 1D |
|  | 2C | $2 H$ | $3 C$ | 3D |
|  | $4 C$ | $?$ |  |  |

5: You are SOUTH holding:

| S- AKQ10 | VUL: N/S |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H- K9 | AUCTION: |  |  |
| D- Q107542 |  |  |  |
| C-2 | N | E | S |
|  | 1H | P | 2D* |
|  | 3 C | P | 35 |
|  | 4D | P |  |
|  |  | DB | L, |

How do you fancy your chances?

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 23

## Aldan Dallantyne

Dear Mr.Goren
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)

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 previously taken charge of the Canadian Chess team. Gord McOrmond and Ron Borg and Michael Strebinger and one make-shift combination the latter pair simply because I mostly remember deals in which I was personally involved.

1: VUL: N/S

| $\frac{N}{N}$ | $\frac{E}{2 H}$ | $\frac{S}{P}$ | $\frac{W}{3 H}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1S | $2 H$ | $4 S$ | $P$ |
| $P$ | $4 H$ | $*$ | end |

South led the S3, won by th SQ.
immediately to a diamond, won by after running the CJ and drawing the trumps, plays the C7 instead of the C10, immediately cashed two spades after the spade lead and McOrmand easily made 5 Hearts doubled.

Suit blockage was also the theme in this deal:
2: VUL: N/S
$\frac{N}{2 N} \quad \frac{E}{4 H} \quad \frac{S}{D B L} \quad \frac{W}{\text { end }}$

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 the CK or CJ the defense would hold up the A until the propitious moment. Furthermore,
a low club to the $Q$ was unlikely to provide an entry since North was marked with 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 23

> S- AQJx H- Kx D- AKx $C-A x x x y$
$\frac{\mathrm{JACOB}}{S-x \times x \times x}$
$\frac{\text { S- } x \times x x x}{}$
$\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{x}$
D- 109 xx
C- Q9x

MCORMOND
S-x
H- AQJ10xxxx
D- x
C- KJx

S-Kxx
$\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{xx}$
D- QJxxx
D- QJxxx a UBC professor) and he had plenty of experience in the captain's role, having

The DIVINSKY team consisted of two established partnerships, Dan Jacob and Jim Dickie and Aidan Ballantyne. This repast will focus on hands experienced by

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)

NORTH (Dickie)

## - AKQxx

H- xx
D- KQJxx
C- 9

| WEST |  | EAST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S- Jx |  | S- $\mathrm{x} \times 2$ |
| H- J9xx |  | $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{AKQxx}$ |
| D- xxx |  | D- Ax |
| C- AQ63 | SOUTH (Ballantyne) | C- 3107 |
|  | S- $10 \times 3$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{xx}$ |  |
| by th SQ. | D- xxx |  |
| shifting | C- K8542 |  |

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 CiO, covered, and worl in dumm. 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 CB in order to throw away the diamond. (South does not cover the C7 with the C8) If declarer, South inserts the C 8 and the same problem develops. At the other table, North

## DIVINSKY QUIZ (continued)

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:

3: VUL: None

| $\frac{\mathrm{N}}{\mathrm{N}}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{E}}{2 \mathrm{~S}}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{~S}}{3 H}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{~W}}{3 \mathrm{~S}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4 H | P | P | DBL |

S-K76

4H P P DBL

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { H- KQ109 } \\
& \text { D- void } \\
& \text { C- K10976 }
\end{aligned}
$$

$\frac{\text { DICKIE }}{S-92}$
$\mathrm{S}-92$
$\mathrm{H}-63$
D- AK85
D- AK85
C- AJ2

BALILANTYNE S- QJ8543 - QJ854

- 8

D- 1073
C- Q43

Jim's double of 4 H was not unreasonable. Unfortunately, he wasn't that familiar with my weak two bid style (at favourable I would have opened $3 S$ but at equal I

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BALLANTYNE } \\ & \hline \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{QJ} 8543 \\ & \mathrm{H}-8 \\ & \mathrm{D}-1073 \\ & \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Q} 43 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| S- A10 |  |
| H- AJ752 |  |
| D- QJ96 |  |
| C- 85 |  | chose the conservative action!)

The final result ( 4 hearts doubled, making 2 overtricks) was embarassing. However, it turned out we won 5 IMPS when McOrmond bid and made 6 Hearts at the other table'.

Our team continued to perform rather unevenly, hovering around average. Divinsky did experience some bad luck, notably when Borg-Strebinger sailed into 7 Spades with:

| S- AK1085 | opposite | S- J9742 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H- Q |  | H-A43 |
| D- A8752 |  | D- void |
| C- K10 |  | C- AQJ93 |

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 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | $\underline{E}$ | $\frac{S}{P}$ | $\frac{W}{1 D}$ | $H-Q J 3$ |
| $2 C$ | $2 H$ | $3 C$ | $3 D$ | $D-6$ |
| 2C | $5 N$ | C | AQ87432 |  |

## DTVINSKY 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:

| BALLANTYNE |
| :--- |
| $\mathrm{S}-9$ |
| $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{A} 86543$ |
| $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{AK}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{AO} 86$ |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{S}-873 \\
& \mathrm{H}-\text { QJ1072 } \\
& \mathrm{D}-\mathrm{J} \\
& \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{J} 93
\end{aligned}
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My 7D call was not particularly scientific, but we needed IMPS. After East's double, both Jim and
I had a chance to run to 7 NT

## DICKIE

## $\overline{S-} \operatorname{AKQ} 10$

H- K9
D- Q107542
C- 2
$S-$ J6542
H- void
$D-963$
$C-K 10754$
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:

| S | On the 5 of diamonds, $W$ throws a Club <br> (must keep the HQ) N pitches the H, and |
| :--- | :--- |
| E must also dump a club (keepin the SJ) |  |

## 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 couragement. However, we have received I have reread the last five our newsletter LaCKS CONTENI. Although I have I 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!

Clubs located within Unit 430 are encouraged to take advantage of the free advertising offered by the Unit Newsletter - Please submit
lub events, etc. to the Matchpointer by
the deadline!

## THE PEMBERTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

1520 Pemberton Ave. North Vancouver, B.C. Phone: 987-3733 V7P 2S2

SPECLAL EVENTS
AUGUST 17 Unmixed Pairs Club Championship
25 North American Non Life Master Pairs Club Qualifying 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 QUALTFYING
September 21 7:30
RECENT WINNERS
October 7th 7:45
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
Club Championship June 21 Diane Isfeld \& George Schniede
Mixed Club Championship May 18 Rose Wrean \& Keith Miller
REGULAR GAME SCHEDULE

| OPEN GAMES | Monday and Wednesday | $7: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NOVICE GAMES $(0-20)$ Tuesday | $7: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |  |
| 99ER GAMES $(0-99)$ Thursday | $7: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |  |

Non Smoking Games Tuesday \& Thursday
Otherwise smoking permitted with the consent of all others at the table
Handicap Games 1st and 3rd Monday each month
Swiss Teams
Last Friday each month

## BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB 1491 Carleton Ave. Burnaby BC Hazel Dressler 438-2102

 MONDAY MORNINGS $10: 45$ AM TUESDAY EVES 7:30 PM Refreshments included with entryGRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB 8920 Charles St Richmond BC Phone 276-8117 Manager 274-0603 CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER - Reopening SEPTEMBER 6th at 7:30 PM Games open to all smokers and nonsmokers! TUESDAY 7:30 PM WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM

*     *         * HAIDA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB * * * * * *

Clubs
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18 Club Championship
23 Club Championship

## TGIF

AM Hot Dog Club Championship
SEPTEMBER
$\begin{array}{ll}2 & \text { Club Championship } \\ 8 & \text { Beat The Experts }\end{array}$
12 NORTH AMERICAN ROOKIE
PAIRS ( $0-20 \mathrm{MP}$ )
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 OUALTFYTNG GAME
28 TGIF

## RECENT WINNERS

## OLYMPIAD FUND GAME

Don Brander \& Sheryl Kanee
INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME
Julie Smith \& Sandy McIlwain
99ERS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
John Currie \& Ralph Tiessens
HCP CLIUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Ken LoChang \& Marguerite Chiarenza CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (may 31) Wilf May \& Danny Lee
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (June 2)
Eugene Chan \& Peter Hupka
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (June 17)
Peter Hupka \& Bill Terzanioff
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (June 20) Tom Bennett \& Bill Buckler
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ( June 28)
Greg Arbour \& Eliliott Netto

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 FRIDAY 8:00 PM OPEN GAME SATURDAY 8:00 PM OPEN GAME

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Ernie Dietrich Trophy - Ted Hicks
Under 200 Trophy - Ray Clemmons
RECENT WINNERS: Club Championship (June 13) Don Forsyth \& Ray Clemmons
ACBL Charity Game (July 4) Marg Benoit \& Ted Hicks
UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 22 Quarterly Club Championship SEPTEMBER 19 COPC CLUB QUALTFYING (Entry $\$ 5 /$ person) OCTOBER 3 Membership Game - SWISS TEAMS (Bob Jackson Trophy)

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## Century House

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## OPEN GAME EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:15 PM SHARP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18 North American Open Pairs Non Life Master ( $\$ 4.50$ each) Whitet regular game as well $\% \%$
25 Handicap Game
SEPTEMBER 1 Quarterly Open Pairs
15 Charity 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
1: Gladys Mackie \& Dianne Wilson
2: Ted Hicks \& Jim Marshall
3: Gordie Estrada \& John McDonald
Jure 23 Membership Game - Swiss Teams
1: Donna Morrison Jim Marshall Doug Thomas Ev Hodge
June 9 Local Charity Game 1: Don Forsyth \& Thony Stiennon
May 5 Canadian Olympiad Fund Game 1: Al French \& John DeMeulemeester

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IOOX FOR THE ABPOTSFORD ANJUA SWISS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP advertisement elsewhere in this issue - October 2nd

WHITE ROCK BRIDGE CLUB Prez: Dorothy Gavigan
Phone: 538-2392
Sunnyside Community Centre 1845-154th St White Rock
WEDNESDAY EVES: 7:00 PM Non-smoking with smoke breaks UPCOMING EVENTS: August 17 NORTH AMERICAN Non-LM pairs - Q round
September 14 Swiss Teams- trophy Club Championship
October 19 COPC CLUB QUALIFYING
RECENT WINNERS:
April 20 Quarterly
Gordon Estrada \& John MacDonald
May 18 Swiss Axel \& Marg Schulmann Ron Groome \& A1 Freeze
July 13 Quarterly Frank Kelley \& Bill Kennedy
July 20 Local Charity (WR Food Bank) Wilf May
\& Kathy Adachi

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