



MATCH POINTER

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Vancouver
Unit 430

FIRST LINES

by JUDE

Hello and welcome to the fall of bridge in Unit 430. We have an event-filled couple of months ahead of us what with seasonal parties, Inter-Club and Inter-City challenges, and the myriad of multi-level ACBL and CBF events now underway. All of you who don't quite understand what these events are, or how they work, or which is which, you will find lot's of information within the pages of this issue. If it all just confuses you more, feel free to call Greg Arbour, our special events co-ordinator, for information. (736-0287) ... and please, take advantage of these games! They are there for everyone, whatever their level!

Who is Jude Hanson? At the risk of losing my present 'in cognito' status, I would like to announce that I have recently married. Ergo, Jude Hanson is Jude Goodwin. Now the truth is out and I can no longer dissociate myself from those 134s and 149s!

What is happening to the Women's Teams? My team mates and I are working hard to meet the fresh 1988-1989 challenge and I am sure there are a lot of other women sharpening their weapons. So when do we play?

It seems I have been under a lot of excessive self-scrutiny lately and I have developed a theory about fatigue at the table. Why does one grow tired playing bridge, a no exertion exercise, even though we have 8 hours sleep under our belt? Once I read a book on hypnotism and how it works. It explained that while the hypnotist dangles a shiny object and chants 'sleeep, sleeep' the thousands of tiny muscles used by your eyes are working hard, following the to and fro of that object. In fact, they are working so hard that they are getting tired. They begin transmitting 'tired' messages to the brain, but because some guy is saying 'sleep sleep, you are getting sleepy', your brain misreads the eye's signals and thinks the whole body is tired. My theory is that the exertion of looking at cards, which are usually close and require a lot of eye exercise, tires those tiny muscles and your brain misreads the signal. Really, you aren't getting tired, just your eyes. Is there a solution? You could try giving your eyes a rest by looking at things in the distance while you are dummy, you could go see your optomotrlist, or you could spend some time trying to convince your brain that you are NOT in fact tired! (I hope you do this while you are at my table...)

Are you using your Network? At the back of each issue of the Matchpointer, you will find a bunch of business card size ads. These ads are submitted by bridge players and patrons and their donation helps finance our newsletter. Please make use of their skills and talents when you are in the need! That about wraps it up for first lines. I would like to close by urging all of you to pay special attention to the bottom of page 24 and help us out.

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happy HALLOWE'EN

MEMBERS

DR.DON ORCHARD

DR.Don Orchard was an exceptional man to have known. He was a caring, intelligent and honourable man. The single most thing that stands out in my memory when I think of him was his incredible ability to relish his life. He enjoyed his family, career and his friends immensely. The litany of physical problems that beset him were many and severe but he never dwelt on them. There was always time for laughter, mainly on Don's part, during our bridge games together. He loved to discuss defense, hand play and bidding. He was a gentleman at the bridge table and never attacked any opponents' bridge ability, mental prowess or ancestry.

I find my memories wandering back over the years as I write this. Do you people remember those wonderful get togethers that Don and Carol had at their place after the Richmond Sectionals? How many of us went to see him as a physician and before you knew it bridge hands were being written down and discussion ensued? How many of us shared beer and conversation with him at the Devonshire and Jolly Alderman? He was always laughing over something that had happened at the bridge table.

If there is an afterlife I'll expect to hear a familiar voice saying, "Dimich, I've got a few hands for you."

I really liked that man and I miss him very much.

Michael Dimich

Doc was a peach. He was a Dr.D., a family man, in poor health yet he made time for bridge. The game gave him intense intellectual enjoyment (eating good food and drinking fine wine with good company gave him the sensual side). As a partner he never gave lessons; he asked questions, offered opinions, but never gave lessons. If the team he was on was doing badly, he accepted with grace. It hurt but he wasn't going to blame anyone. He loved bridge and the bridge scene. Often he gave Sunday night after sectional/regional parties. He and his wife, Carol, were gracious hosts offering good food and drink. Don Orchard had a certain joie de vie in a very quiet manner. He always tried to do his best. What more can one ask from a partner? Doc, those of us who had the pleasure of knowing you, will miss you.

Bow W.Liv

A family man, Don "Doc" Orchard seemed to have only the extremes in life happen to him. He was a popular and well respected doctor, a good and loyal husband and father and a dedicated friend. Sadly, he suffered greatly from diabetes and associated problems. The last few years were spent in constant discomfort. When he died of a heart attack, he was only 49 years old.

Don was my friend, my occasional bridge partner and, in the last few years, my Doctor. It was an honour and a pleasure to have known him.

All my sympathy to Carol and his sons. And all my admiration to Don, who kept time for bridge even during his busy schedule and was rewarded by achieving his Life Master status.

Dennis Dohl

Don Orchard was my doctor and good friend for many years. When I went to his office he always wanted me to tell him about hands that had come up at the bridge club. Don was a man of great courage. He had enough ailments to fill a book, but still the employees of the Regency Pharmacy claimed he was the best doctor in the Seymour Medical. He was always thinking of the other guy first. His life over at 49 - it seems a waste

Adrian Hicks

MEMBERS

IN MEMORY OF
Dr. DON ORCHARD

Don Orchard was different from the rest of us. My recollections are of an unfailingly polite, courteous, considerate and kind man. He always seemed to have time to listen to anyone and treated them as his equal, qualities I have not observed in any other doctor.

His health problems were obvious and increasingly intruded into his life, yet they were not allowed to dominate it. Indeed, living each day was a triumph of the human spirit over the deficiencies of the flesh.

Don carried over his traits to the bridge table. I never heard him utter an angry word to any of his partners, only an occasional mild request - his finger scratching his temple - to explain an enigmatic bid or play. He was eager to play, enjoyed discussing hands and listening to good bridge stories almost endlessly. As a matter of fact, the last time I spoke to Don he had dropped into the club late on a TGIF night for a beer and some bridge conviviality. After decades he still maintained an avid interest in the game which most lose in their first years. Don's fraternity with us is a shining reflection on bridge players everywhere and our great game, bridge.

Yes, he was different.

Ron Dixon

TO • ALL • MEMBERS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE UNIT SPONSORED

Christmas Party

DECEMBER 11

OPEN PAIRS * SINGLE SESSION
HAPPY HOUR AT 6 PM
GAME TIME AT 7:30 PM

There will be a cash bar, desserts, hors D'Oeuvres and bridge.
An evening of enjoyment and season's spirit.
Marpole Community Centre
59th and Oak

For information call Sheila Giroto 520-6888

sectional stuff

UNIT

In the last issue of the Matchpointer, we discussed the different areas of UNIT involvement in organized bridge in the Lower Mainland. Perhaps the largest and most time-consuming effort is the planning of Sectional Tournaments. Currently, we have a very capable pair of Tournament Chairpersons: Steve Beaton and Louis Landau. At each Unit Meeting, a good deal of time is taken up discussing up-coming sectionals, sectional schedules, sectional sites and sectional ideas. To this point we have instituted the following:

HOSPITALITY: It is our goal to provide the players with as much hospitality as possible. At some sectionals we are able to have unit members bring home-baked goodies which, I am sure, are greatly enjoyed. However, the Sheraton Landmark, site of the January and November tournaments, will not allow any food served that is not catered by the hotel. The costs of this catering are high. Another step toward hospitality has been FREE COFFEE, with catered baked goods as well Sunday Mornings. There are other forms of hospitality provided as well - boxes of chocolates as door prizes at the Valentine Sectional, Wine and Cheese Party at the B.C. Championships - and we continue to plan in this area, at the same time keeping within our budgets.

SCHEDULES: Over the last year, Steve has come up with a 3-year schedule, including dates, sites and events. This effort on his part will greatly help in planning and organization.

SITES: Always an issue, the Executive has made every effort to find suitable sites. There are a lot of needs to satisfy, the principles being: Travel, Parking, Costs, Space and surroundings. Currently, our sectionals are booked in at three sites, each one satisfying some people and not others.

SHERATON LANDMARK HOTEL	downtown Vancouver	Winter Sectional
THE NEW ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL	New Westminster	Round-up Sectional
SOUTH DELTA REC CENTRE	South Delta	B.C. Championships
		Evergreen Sectional
		Spring Valley Sectional

Hopefully, everyone will find at least one of these sites to their liking.

TROPHIES: We have our major trophy events (Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy, Willie Weinstein Trophy, Ben Lapidus Trophy, Henry Smilie Commemorative Trophy) and as well, we have instituted a variety of Junior games, each with a trophy.

JUNIOR EVENTS: Single session Junior Events were added to our regular schedules at the April 1988 Board meeting. We hope that all our players within the specified point ranges will support these new events with their attendance. At the Evergreen Sectional, attendance was low but don't let this discourage you! Hopefully attendance will grow as people get used to the idea....

TABLE FEES: Our table fees have been increased slightly to: \$6 per person for regular events and \$5 per person for Junior events. These increases have helped decrease our overall tournament losses.

ADVERTISING: We now produce quality flyers for all our sectionals. Any clubs, organizations and travellers wishing to obtain some of these may contact Sandy McIlwain at 263-2152.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS (continued)

For your information, following is a list of financial comparisons including our last 5 sectionals.

ITEM	SEPT 87	** NOV 87	FEB 88	JUNE 88	SEPT 88
# tables	259	315	300	199	280½
Revenue (table fees)	5060	7400	7060	6620	6580
Expenses:					
Space Rental	2000	2000	2100	2250	1000
Directors/ACBL	1900	2100	2120	2250	1860
US Premiums	590	600	580	410	380
Supplies, tables, hands and etc.	800	670	700	640	720
Advertising (estimate)	150	150	150	150	220
Other (Epson Sanction fee)				970	
Hospitality	00	00	240*	2250*	410*
PROFIT/LOSS	(380)	1880	1170	(2300)	1990

* FEB: Boxes of chocolates JUNE: wine & cheese party SEPT: Free coffee and Sunday baking

** Entry fees raised as of November 1988

Notes: The large loss at the June Sectional was due to the hospitality expense, Epson Sanction, and lower table count.

The decrease in space rental (Sept 88) reflects the move to the New Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster.

EVERGREEN SECTIONAL

The recent sectional held at the New Royal Towers was a great success, with attendance up 20 Tables! Everyone seemed pleased with the site. The location of restaurants and stores is excellent, parking ideal and the hotel itself is redone quite nicely. Although it is outside downtown Vancouver, the drive really is quite short and the Skytrain within 6 blocks. The only real problems with this site are the lighting - which is quite dim compared to other sites and although fine for most, gave trouble to our members with poor eyesight - and the noise. For some reason, the ballroom acoustics are such that normal between-round chatter was magnified. Lack of carpets could be the reason. Players might note this and make an effort to save their discussions for the lobby!

THANK YOU ***** On behalf of Unit 430 and the players at the recent Evergreen Sectional, I would like to thank Ev Hodge and her corp of volunteers for donating the delectable goodies to our Friday and Saturday coffee service: Bonnie Anderson, Pat Carruthers, Teresa Cheramy, Hazel Dressler, Mary Fines, Pat Landau, Audrey Loy, Molly Mason, Daisy Neilson, Sandy Robson, Pat Stafford, Francine Thompson, Nadia Yallouz and Barb Krawietz. They were much appreciated by all!!

Steve Beaton Tournament Chairman



multi-level

EVENTS

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The CNTC is the premier Team Event of Unit 430. It starts at the club level where players may qualify as INDIVIDUALS. These qualified players form their teams and play in the UNIT FINALS. A percentage of top teams in the Unit Finals play in the Zone 6 Finals (Provincial Championships) and 3 or 4 teams from that level participate in the NATIONAL FINALS. The CNTC gives all players the chance to play in a championship event - without having to travel. The competition at every level is usually good and tough which provides excellent practice and experience to our newer members. Not everyone can aspire to a national title but here is your chance to test your wits against those that do!

CLUB LEVEL QUALIFICATION ROUND DATES:

Grand Slam Bridge Club
Sunday November 13 Noon & TBA
Pemberton Bridge Club
Sunday December 4 Noon & TBA
Haida Bridge Club
To be announced next issue

UNIT LEVEL FINALS

March 1989

ZONE FINALS

April 15/16 Kamloops

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another multi-level competition, this event is run in the same fashion as the CNTC where individuals qualify at the club level to play in the UNIT FINAL, in January. There is NO ZONE FINAL for this event, so Unit finalists go directly to the Nationals.

CLUB LEVEL GAMES:

Oct19 White Rock Duplicate Club
Oct18 Grand Slam Duplicate Club
Oct20 Haida Duplicate Bridge Club

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

The NAOPC is an international, ACBL-run event. Where the COPC and the CNTC are sponsored by the Canadian Bridge Federation, and open only to Canadians, the NAOPC is open to all members of the ACBL. Formerly known as the Grand National Pairs, the NAOPC is multi-level, starting at the clubs. Our club level has been completed this year and most of the qualifiers are listed on the following page. If you think you qualified and are not listed, please check with the club at which you played.

The next level is the UNIT LEVEL:

NOVEMBER 6 Pemberton Club
12 noon and TBA

Players qualified for the Unit level as INDIVIDUALS and may pair up with any other qualified partner. Unit Level participants qualify as PAIRS for the District Level.

1989 DISTRICT LEVEL IN VANCOUVER

This year, you won't have to travel in order to play the District Finals. This should encourage many of you qualifiers to PLAY ON! The finals will be held in conjunction with our WINTER SECTIONAL, January 28th and 29th at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel.

NORTH AMERICAN NON-LM PAIRS

Restricted to non Life Masters, the NA-NonLM Pairs is another multi-level event. Our Club-Level Stage has been completed. Please check with your clubs to see if you qualified.

The next level is the UNIT LEVEL:

NOVEMBER 5TH Haida Bridge Club
Noon and TBA

1989 DISTRICT FINAL IN VANCOUVER

No travel involved. The District Finals will be held Jan 28 and 29 at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel in conjunction with our WINTER SECTIONAL! So PLAY ON.....

are
YOU on this list?

EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS CLUB QS

Marion Adams
Wilma Akhurst
Stella Alliston
Vilma Bihaly
Beryl Boyd
Wanda Davidson
Eric Earthrowl
Stew Forbes
Doris Frizzell
Lois Lester
Shirley McKinney
Muriel McLeod
Marilyn Phillips
Edna Quinn
Joyce Seeberg
Tessie Sheff
Mary Sutherland
Al Turvey
Bill VanCamp
Marney VanCamp
Rene Watts
Marion Yee
Carden Akhurst
Bob Binley
Marion Binley
Betty Buchanan
Jane Craig
Eileen Creaney
Gerry Cross
Ann Ecclestone
Bernice Fallis
Eileene Grey
Jacquie Harrison
Ann Howard
Daisy Johnston
Vi Jones
Beraldine LaCroix
Pat Landau
Olive MacDonald
Hatta MCGregor
Dory Nelems
Marg Ryan
Julie Smith
Win Trerise
Jean Turnbull
Joyce Turner
Nancy Yoshida

Jan Argent
Gita Borck
Marco Borck
Doug Cowan
Terry Creaney
Jan Gardner
Jerry Geddes
Marj Geddes
Judy Harrison
Daisy Johnston
Betty MacCarthy
Bodil Moller
Edna Morse
Jean O'Byrne
Louise Oates
Joyce Peters
Jackie Ramsden
Sheila Robertson
Joan Sowers
Judy Strebinger
Don Warner
Shirley Warner
Bob Jackson
Leslie Kerr
Ted Hicks
Peter Recina
Don Fraser
Donna Morrison
Dave Schmidt
Clem Meilleur
Ernie Dietrich
Lauren Miller
Don Estrada
Larry Snelling
Jean Groome
Gladys Mackie
Beryl MacLeod
Avril Hodson
Jim Marshall
Sylva Castagner
Pat Carruthers
Doug Thomas
Aaron Wolfe
Jim Scott
Alex Kiper
Peter Herold
John McDonald

Ric Sumner
Peter Walton
Dianne Wilson
Greg Arbour
David Birenbach
Gerry Brownridge
Jean Brownridge
Eugene Chan
Marguerite Chiarenza
Gordie Davis
Brian Dixon
Ron Dixon
Nigel Fullbrook
Faye Gilraine
Gary Gilraine
Rick Gorman
Moshe Haviv
Bernie Hoy
Peter Hupka
Don Jorgenson
Danny Lee
Liz Lee
John LePage
Sefton Levine
Ken LoChang
Pauline McClafferty
Gerry McCully
Dennis McMahon
Wilf May
Harvey Piercy
Graham Putnam
Mike Rahtjen
John Reay
Tony Remedios
Paul Sontag
Leo Steil
Lisa Strebinger
Mike Takemori
Duane Tilden
Kathy Adachi
Adrian Hicks
Hal Rodd
Jack Hopwood
Aban Gerrie
Bob Gerrie
Mary Fines
Marg Neate

Ben Takemori
Mike Takemori
A. Ross
Joyce Muira
R. McCann
N. Friedman
Bert Curry
Ron Dixon
Gord McOrmond
Dan Jacob
J. Reay
J. LePage
S. Sangdahl
C. Bremner
Jude Hanson
Sefton Levine
Sandy McIlwain
Bev Taylor
Bill Terzianoff
Bob Sauve

J. Berry

Come on Out!

All players listed here have qualified for the UNIT FINAL of the NAOPC.

PEMBERTON CLUB
NOVEMBER 6th
Noon & TBA



UPCOMING SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

OCTOBER

21-23 Comox Valley Sectional
Courtenay BC

24-30 Spokane Lilac Regional
Spokane WA

NOVEMBER

11-13 Seattle Sectional
18-20 VANCOUVER ROUND-UP
Sectional

DECEMBER

2-4 Tacoma Sectional

JANUARY

13-15 Seattle Winter Sectional
27-29 VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL

APRIL

21-23 SOUTH DELTA SPRING
SECTIONAL

THE VANCOUVER-SEATTLE INTER-CITY CHALLENGE

The object was to pick two teams of 5 pairs each. One for Flight A and one for Flight B. Once picked, these pairs would compete against 10 Seattle pairs for the Inter-City title and glory. The method of choosing was an IMP pairs event held at the Haida. 20 Flight A pairs showed up, with intent to represent their city. However ONLY 4 Flight B pairs were interested in competing for a berth on the Vancouver Team. When 71% of our unit are non-IM, it seems strange that we could only get 8 of them to participate in this traditional event. Perhaps our Flight Bs didn't realize there was a free dinner (w/drinks) on the line! Surely if they weren't interested in the competition they may have shown up for a free meal ticket. However - we do have two teams ready to go and the BIG EVENT will be happening at the Pemberton this October 22&23rd.

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NORTH AMERICAN TEAMS FLIGHT B

Club owners and managers are now receiving Conditions of Contest for the NAT-B. (PLEASE NOTE- since the advent of the Canadian National Team Championships, there is NO N.American Teams - Flight A in Canada). The NAT-B is another multi-level event where players qualify first at the clubs. All ACBL members must be allowed to play. NON MEMBERS WELCOME at the club level. Players qualify as INDIVIDUALS, then form their permanent teams for the Unit Level. This event is restricted to NON LIFE MASTERS as of September 30, 1988. Point awards:

Overalls 63% Sectional-rated
1/2 red 1/2 black (club lev.)
all red (Unit level)

Match awards 80% Sectional-rated

CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES

November 13 Pemberton Bridge Club
(phone for times)
November 30 White Rock Bridge Club
December 4 Haida Bridge Club
Noon & TBA

UNIT LEVEL FINALS March 1989

INTER-CITY IMP PAIRS RESULTS FLIGHT A

1. Doug Baldwin & Gerry McCully
2. Aidan Ballantyne & John Bryden
3. Martin O'Reilly & Sandy McIlwain
4. Gord Davis & Ann Nagy
5. Eugene Chan & Rick Gorman

FLIGHT B

1. J. LePage & J. Reay
- 2/3. Bill Terzianoff & Gray McMullin
M. Anderson & Helen Jang
4. Bill Gladstone & Marguerite Chiarenza
- 5 (volunteers from flight A)
Dennis McMahan & Duane Tilden

IMP LEAGUE SCHEDULES

fit B

	OCT 19	NOV 2	NOV 23	DEC 7	DEC 31	JAN 18	FEB 8	FEB 22	MAR 8	MAR 31
1 METCALFE	2	3	4	5	6	4	2	6	5	3
2 LePAGE	1	6	3	4	5	6	1	5	3	4
3 ENG	5	1	2	6	4	5	6	4	2	1
4 BODLAK	6	5	1	2	3	1	5	3	6	2
5 ELLIOTT	3	4	6	1	2	3	4	2	1	6
6 STENNON	4	2	5	3	1	2	3	1	4	5

GAMES:



fit A

	OCT 22	NOV 9	NOV 26	DEC 14	JAN 11	FEB 1	FEB 18	MAR 8	MAR 31
1 CHRISTIE	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	8
2 LINDSAY	9	1	10	3	4	5	6	8	7
3 HOUSE	8	9	1	2	10	4	5	7	6
4 McMULLIN	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	6	5
5 DVINSKY	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	4
6 TAKEMORI	5	10	7	8	9	1	2	4	3
7 DICKIE	4	5	6	10	8	9	1	3	2
8 McILWAIN	3	4	5	6	7	10	9	2	1
9 CHIARENZA	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	10
10 JOHNSON	1	6	2	7	3	8	4	5	9

IMP LEAGUE!

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Play has now, hopefully, begun for Flights A and B, with the season opener to be completed by Oct.22 for A and Oct.19 for B. We have included a condensed version of the schedules at left so KEEP THIS ISSUE. A rundown of the A teams has been prepared by a member of last year's winning team. We already know he can play bridge but can he handicap?

THERE WILL BE A FLIGHT C if enough of you are interested. Register on the Sunday of the Future Stars Sectional (October 16) or phone Dawn Kingsland (926-9025) or Pauline McClafferty (873-0908) by October 23. We can help you get on a team. The entry fee for flight C will be \$16 per team for the year.

In FLIGHT A the four top finishers qualify for the playoffs, as usual, but the overall winners will pick their opponent for the semi-finals from the other three teams.

In FLIGHT B things are a bit more complicated. Three teams will qualify for the playoffs. Teams will play each other twice. The year is split into two parts. Winner of the first half (to Dec.31) goes to the semi-final. The second half ends March 31 and winner of that half goes to the semi-final. The overall winner for the whole year gets a 'bye' for the semi-finals and plays the winner of the semi-final for title, trophy, glory and etc. In case there is duplication above, second and third overall finishers will play the semi-final.

Winning captains, remember to keep track of who played for both teams and the IMP difference, not Victory Points. REPORT YOUR RESULTS to Pauline McClafferty.

Remember Aidan's advice (in some article in a Bulletin that I can't quite pur my hands on right now) - win early, win big and finish strong. Hoping to hear from all of you at least once...

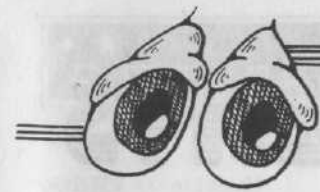
THE COMMISSIONER
Pauline McClafferty

TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA!
YOU ARE DRIVING ME 'COUP COUP' How well do YOU know your COUPS?

- The unnecessary expenditure of a trump card in order to preserve a plain suit card to lead later.
- A play aimed at cutting the enemy communication usually in order to prevent a ruff.
- The lead of a plain suit card to promote a low trump behind a higher trump to a winning position.
- The deliberate sacrifice of a high card with the object of knocking out a vital entry in an opponent's hand.
- The lead of an unsupported high honour in order to establish an entry in partner's hand.
- A term formerly used by some writers instead of DUCK.
- A maneuver by which declarer offers a defender the choice of taking a trick cheaply or ducking to preserve an honour - when both decisions cost the defense a trick.

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OCT

17	Handicap Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
18	COPC Club Q	Grand Slam Bridge Club
19	COPC Club Q	White Rock Bridge Club
20	COPC Club Q	Haida Bridge Club
20	Swiss Teams	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
21	Swiss Teams	Pemberton Bridge Club
27	Handicap Game	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
28	TGIF	Haida Bridge Club
31	Hallowe'en Party	Port Coquitlam Bridge Club

NOVEMBER

3	9TH Annual Mitch Hodge Trophy Game	Fraser Valley BC
5	<u>NORTH AMERICAN NON LIFE MASTER PAIRS</u>	
	UNIT FINAL	Haida Bridge Club
6	<u>NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS</u>	
	UNIT FINAL	Pemberton Bridge Club
13	CNTC Club Q	Grand Slam Bridge Club
13	North American Flight B Teams Championships	
	Club Qualifying round	Pemberton Bridge Club
12	Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
16	Quarterly Club Championships	White Rock Bridge Club
18-20	<u>ROUND UP SECTIONAL</u>	Sheraton Landmark Hotel Robson St. Vancouver
21	ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME	Pemberton Bridge Club Tsawwassen Bridge Club Port Coquitlam Bridge Club
23	99er Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
25	Swiss Teams	Pemberton Bridge Club
27	<u>INTER-CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE</u>	Unit Sponsored Pemberton Bridge Club
28	Novice Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
29	Novice Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
30	North American Flight B Teams Championships	
	Club Qualifying Round	White Rock Bridge Club

DEC

1	Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
** 4	CNTC Club Q round	Pemberton Bridge Club
7	Open Pairs Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
8	99er Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
8	Swiss Teams	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
11	<u>UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>	Marpole Community Centre
15	99ER Christmas Party	Pemberton Bridge Club
16	Christmas Party Individual	Pemberton Bridge Club
16	Haida Christmas Party	Haida Bridge Club
18	Christmas Party	East Richmond Bridge Club
20	Novice Christmas Party	Pemberton Bridge Club
21	Christmas Party	White Rock Bridge Club
22	Christmas Party Open Pairs	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
26	Boxing Day Club Open	Pemberton Bridge Club
27	Hot Dog Club Championship (11:30 AM)	Haida
30	Swiss Teams	Pemberton Bridge Club
31	New Years Eve Party	Pemberton Bridge Club

** Dec 4th North American Teams FLT B Haida Bridge Club
Club Qualifying round

AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE IMP LEAGUE -FLIGHT A by Mae Thorp

The odds quoted herein are for information and entertainment purposes only and are not to be construed as an invitation to wager - for further details, consult your local bookmaker.

LINE 2-1 DIVINSKY, Nathan (Aidan Ballantyne, Don Brazeau, Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Michael Strebinger)

Last season's Divinsky entry stumbled through a so-so season until, with their intrepid leader in Europe, they went quietly in the first playoff round. This did not sit well with Bossman Nate who, if he can't buy a championship, can at least pretend to. Gone are Journeymen Hicks and Dimich, replaced by the star tandem of Jacob and McOrmond. Initially the Lindsay team attempted to claim Strebinger in exchange for Jacob, but irregularities in Jacob's contract allowed him to become a free agent without compensation - the sort of break which might afford a G.M. a lifetime contract in other sports pursuits.

PROS Best foursome in the League, backed up capably by 'Lucky Charm' Brazeau and Renaissance Man Divinsky.

CONS McOrmond will have to actually play. Ceremonial totems may cut it against evil spirits but the IMP League is a highly tangible entity. As well, wherein dwell big talents, there also lurk big egos. Will there be enough glory to go around?

LINE 7-2 TAKEMORI, Michievelli (John Bryden, Dennis Dohl, Martin O'Really, Ben Takemori, Steve Vincent)

Holy Team Harmony, Batman - in the fractious world of top level Unit 430 Bridge, last year's 'A' League champs will field the same six players for the third consecutive year. Does this represent misplaced confidence, apathy, or is there a conspiracy against the signing of free agents?

PROS Dohl, fresh from interviews on the picket line, will be his usual valuable self as team spokesman. Ben T., once again spent his summer handling vegetables (thus should be able to handle his partners) and Puppet-master Mike T. will have the customary myriad line-ups to juggle.

CONS Bryden, eschewing the usual summer bridge conditioning program, tested dangerously high for brain fat at the recent Inter-City Trials and was quickly placed on a day-dream free diet. O'Really, usually deadly with the two-way finesse, will have trouble locating those missing queens with his broken big toe throbbing ALL the time and 'Steady Eddy' Vincent, the team glue, may be unavailable for key matches due to mysterious 'business' trips. (Bookies please note)

LINE 4-1 LINDSAY, Cam (Ron Borg, Bob Connop, Paul Hagen)

It seemed like the same old story. They spit the bit at the break and fell way behind the pace-setters. But picked it up late in the season and snuck into the playoffs ahead of a team which collapsed at the wire. They won their semi-final match, led at the half in the final and... LOST??? That wasn't in the script! CUT! And cut they did. Gone is the high-fallutin' European jockey and his electric whip. Getting back to basics, the League's only four-bagger is a lean, mean machine (well, Lindsay is not so lean).

PROS When these guys are on a roll, they are as tough as they come around here.

EVENTS

INSIDERS LOOK AT THE IMP LEAGUE

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LINDSAY (continued)

CONS Do we detect a faint heart murmur? When one team member is heard extolling the virtues of snowshoe golf and another is seen pricing tennis parkas, it do make a body wonder. If they toss snake-eyes off the bat like last season, Amelia Earhart may have some company down there in Atlantis.

LINE 6-1 CHRISTIE, Marcia (Richard Christie, Gerry McCully, Debbie McCully, Doug Baldwin, Jim McCully)

A mild surprise last year, this sextet topped the round robin portion of the season before bowing out in the semi-finals.

PROS Uniformity of opposition; anyone who isn't a McCully is likely an honorary McCully. No window dressing; all of these people can play. Gerry Mac and Baldwin appear to be back on track given their Inter-City Trials win (mind you, there was money on the line in that event). Jim Mac, bridge-broken in recent years, is now more dangerous to the enemy than to his own team.

CONS Marital partnerships should, but probably won't, be avoided. Will the pernicious influence of the prehistoric rubber game prove detrimental? Will Jim remember to go on the paper?

LINE 8-1 HOUSE, Dave (Greg Arbour, Adrian Hicks, Anne Nagy, Elliott Netto, Paul Sontag)

Last season the House team blazed to perhaps the best start in League history. They appeared destined to set a record for round-robin performance when the wheels fell off. After fan support was slow to materialize, their promoter fled back to tinsel-town leaving G.M. House holding an empty bag. Their two star players succumbed to the lure of the tournament trail where paycheques, albeit irregular, were backed by more than good will. Though the legions of replacement players did their darndest, it was a dispirited and confused flock of bridge-hawks who flapped and fluttered their way to the finish line. Eternal optimist House and several loyal (they'll even work for nothing) retainers have assembled a squad which will at least finish the season, rather than vice-versa.

PROS The acquisition of Arbour has to help. All of last year's holdovers have had experience (and experiences) partnering him. Nobody enjoys winning more than Nagy or has won more than Hicks.

CONS Hicks, somewhere past ultra-violet on the bridge bidding spectrum, may have trouble relating to a team to which 'Bridge World' is the equivalent of 'Readers' Digest'. Hard feelings may arise from time to time as well, because this team is by far the most vociferous in the league. (House is the one with his eyes closed, his teeth clenched and his hands over his ears).

LINE 12-1 JOHNSON, Martin (Chris Christoffersen, Jean Groome, Mike Rahtjen, Peter Walton, Derek Ward)

Last year's Remedios entry (from which Remedios wisely withdrew prior to the first match) suffered through an embarrassingly abysmal season. Occupying the cellar much of the way before regrouping somewhat near the end. Those members still on speaking terms are back with an augmented line-up which should contend for the playoffs.

PROS Former CNTC semi-finalists Johnson and Christoffersen have had substantial past success. Ward is solid and can play with Groome. Knuckleballer Rahtjen, another in the long line of Prairie Boys, who seem bred to pitch, may help Walton jazz up the slow curve his opponents have dubbed 'Harvest Moon'.

EVENTS

INSIDE THE IMP LEAGUE

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JOHNSON (continued)

CONS The tendency to post-mortem hands before they've cooled (occasionally before they've even expired), may upset more squeamish team members; and speaking of knuckleballs, did anyone remember the butterfly net?

LINE 18-1 DICKIE, Sheila (Sandra Borg, Connie Delisle, Jennifer Paynter, Rhoda Tafler)

The previous Dickie incarnation played evenly throughout the schedule and finished respectably, within sight of the playoffs. Will respectable be enough to do the trick this year?

PROS Borg rewrites the book of tactical bids and opening leads every time out (although the addition of a Kwan or Kinakin to keep her company on those long lonely orbits wouldn't hurt). Dickey and Delisle are to grinders as diamond drills are to thumbtacks.

CONS Fatigue. Fatigue. Team management might consider cots and blankets for the half-time break (which can be quite lengthy on any given night for the table most prone to the problem). The VPs which get snoozed away will probably prove the difference between the playoffs and an early trip to the golf course.

LINE 25-1 McILWAIN, Sandy (Rhonda Betts, Leslie Gold, Jude Hanson, Julie Smith, Roberta Miller-Tait)

Take a playoff-bound team derailed by an also-ran in its' final match last year, subtract its' best player and add a player new to the League and what do you get?

PROS Well, for one thing, a more relaxed team. There are some accomplished multiple tournament winners present but this doesn't seem to be a squad that would play its' best under excessive self-scrutiny.

CONS Too many players still feeling their way at this level to be a consistent threat. Patience will be required (as well as four bodies per road trip).

LINE 30-1 McMULLIN, Gray (Chris Diamond, Dennis McMahon, John Reay, Bill Terzianoff, Duane Tilden)

Several of these guys are a bit long in the tooth and none have been known to consume garlic sandwiches but they are still the closest thing in the League to Young Turks and must accordingly be put in their place - namely, near the bottom.

PROS This assessment will, no doubt, get them good and mad and cause them to play inspired bridge.

CONS McMahon and Reay are a quiet pair who seem to know what they're doing. Diamond and Tilden are a not-so-quiet (in the bar, at least) pair who seem to know what they're doing three seconds after it's been done. McMullin and the Mini-Hulkster, an unlikely partnership, will probably cut in and out of the line-up with a variety of players, as good rubber players should. How the latter two perform with the rest holds the key to the team's fortunes (Ottawa-style airlifts having fallen out of fashion).

LINE 80-1 CHIARENZA, Marguerite (Catriona Brown, Nigel Fullbrook, Pauline McClafferty, Larry Pocock, June Stenning)

Well, somebody has to start the season down here and that distinction usually falls on the team of odds and ends. No law, however, says they have to finish where they started.

INSIDE THE IMP LEAGUE
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CHIARENZA (cont)

EVENTS

PROS Pocock and Stenning are an ambitious partnership and may surprise a few people. Brown has been successful in past 'B' Leagues and should provide backbone. Fullbrook has found the transition from the free-wheeling world of chess to the more rigorous, disciplined world of bridge tougher than expected, but appears to have the idea now and will be an asset if he plays.

CONS Unfortunately, every IMP League has a mandatory Blitz (i.e. a team which any opponent with playoff aspirations feels they have to wale on) and this would appear to be them. It ain't fair when every-one is trying to make you an eleventh place team in a ten team league but it is a lot of fun, too, when the win, let alone the Blitz, fails to materialize, and said opponents leave the room shaking their heads and casting about for next year's new teammates.

IMP LEAGUE FLIGHT B CONTENDERS

BODLAK, STAN Sheila Giroto Sandi White Brian Badger Angela Fenton Peeter Kangro
ENG, TAI Fred Powell Bob Takishita Jim McKenzie
METCALF, ROSE Insa Fricker, Pat Stapff, Eleanor Kaufmann, Sandra Robson Patti Bihun
STIENNON, THONY Sianne Isfeld George Snyder Ron Groome Gary Skoropoda Al French
LEPAGE, JOHN Brad Raine, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins, Jan Greenwood, Clyde Barnbrook
ELLIOTT, LOUISE Mariann Scott, John Reeve, Bonnie Anderson, Bev Taylor

FULL IMP LEAGUE SCHEDULES ARE PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE

ANDY NAGY TROPHY

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!!! Get your teams together. The annual Unit-Sponsored INTER CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE is coming up - NOVEMBER 27th at the PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB. Two sessions of 'Fun with IMPS' starting at NOON.

Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. The composition of each team is restricted in that:

- 1) Only one player may exceed 1000 mps
- 2) Only 2 players may be Life Masters
- 3) One player must be under 100 mps.

If you would like to become a member of such a team, let the Club Manager where you play most often know!

In honour of ANDY NAGY, this trophy event began in 1985. First recipients of the Andy Nagy Memorial Trophy were the PORT COQUITLAM CLUB TEAM: Betty Michno, Liz Hicks, Brian Russell and Dan Watson.



MINI MCKENNEY

half way

WINNERS

The Mini-McKenney Awards are given each year, by the ACBL, to those players in each category who win the most masterpoints in one year. These points include those won at sectionals, regionals AND club games, although you must make sure you send your clubs slips in! Following is a list of leaders 'at the half' - dated July 1st, 1988.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR		JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Gray McMullin	13.85	Nigel Fullbrook	30.19
John Turner	7.62	Rekha Shah	20.84
Richmond Williams	7.41	Eileen Van Pelt	9.83
CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR		SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Alison Dorosh	29.56	Ian Gardner	49.25
Yvonne Klan	20.13	John Reay	43.04
Virginia Harper	19.45	Don Estrada	39.32
REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR		NATIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Stan Bodlak	61.45	Dave Glen	473.40
Dennis McMahan	54.92	Peter Hupka	53.37
Roy Coote	41.00	Terry Scott	47.57
		LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR	
		Rob (Chainsaw) Crawford	694.33
		Larry Hicks	686.63
		Leo Steil	269.27

Following are the leaders in the ACE OF CLUBS points race. These awards are for those players winning the most CLUB POINTS in one year.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR		JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Leszek Baldys	1.92	Rekha Shah	16.92
Robert Takishita	1.60	John Webb	7.32
Jim McKenzie	1.60	Gray McMullin	6.00
CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR		SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Dorothy Carnegie	10.47	Janis Parker	11.50
E.A. Worsfold	3.45	Barb Stachoski	10.61
Edna Kaelin	3.12	Larry Snelling	9.93
REGIONAL MASTER		NATIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR	
Al French	11.59	Ernie Dietrich	22.37
Stan Bodlak	11.26	Sheila Giroto	19.74
Marny Van Camp	8.64	Peter Hupka	17.45
		LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR	
		Wilf May	50.67
		Adrian Hicks	36.69
		Kathy Adachi	29.14



WINNERS

VANCOUVER SECTIONAL TROPHY RACES 1988

Listed below are the top 12 leaders of the Vancouver Sectional Trophy Races. These three trophies are won by the player winning the most points at our 5 Vancouver Unit 430 sectionals. With only one more sectional to go, the race is on. Will Dan Jacob win the PHIL WOOD for the 4th year in a row? Winning in '85 with 58.04, in '86 with 67.32 and '87 with 96.27(!) he certainly seems to be getting stronger at an alarming rate...(can we really rule out steroids, corticosteroids and beta blockers?). If Stenning was stunning, Fines is finest. Stenning came from nowhere to 3rd after the June sectional but had an unlucky time of it at the recent Evergreen and dropped to fifth. BUT at the last unit executive meeting it was agreed that the Epson point awards would apply to the trophy races! The only two Edie Bonnell contenders affected were, of course, Mary and June! Now June nips at Mary's heels. June has her work cut out for her though, a full 14.72 behind. Will Mary 'take the gold' for the 2nd year in a row? Duane Tilden, the 'wonder' boy who can open in 4th seat at rubber, on trash, get to a slam off 4 Aces and make it doubled (!) seems to have a clear road to glory in the Under 200 race with closest contender Donna Hupka moving to parts unknown. However, all the names below him can be found throughout any winners list so calm down Duane and count! count! count!

PHIL WOOD	EDIE BONNEL	UNDER 200
DAN JACOB 63.70	MARY FINES 47.83	DUANE TILDEN 16.82
Peter Herold 53.72	June Stenning 33.11	Donna Hupka 15.19
Aidan Ballantyne 50.76	Ina Andersen 32.63	John Reay 12.13
Mary Fines 47.83	Kathy Adachi 31.22	Al French 11.81
Cam Lindsay 34.04	Stella Alliston 30.78	Stan Bodlak 9.55
June Stenning 33.11	Lynn Dickie 21.73	Rod Coote 9.18
Ina Andersen 32.63	Jude Hanson 18.74	Gray McMullin 7.41
Jim Dickie 31.35	Joyce Peters 17.57	Insa Fricker 7.23
Kathy Adachi 31.22	Marcia Christiel 17.46	Eugene Chan 7.03
Stella Alliston 30.78	Bonnie Anderson 16.31	Nigel Fullbrook 6.73
Greg Arbour 29.66	Donna Morrison 15.38	John Mullen 6.43
Michael Rahtjen 29.65	Donna Hupka 15.19	Tai Eng 6.06

**** OH CALCUTTA!! ****

The auction results at our recent Calcutta reads as a who's who in the minds of those who were there. For your enjoyment then, here are the facts - and the fancy.....

Total	\$2070	
1:	1040	50%
2:	520	25%
3:	312	15%
4:	208	10%

Borg & Herold	\$260	
Divinsky & Strebinger	185	
Sontag & Arbour	170	
Dohl & Takemori	150	
Baldwin & McCully	150	(1st)
Bryden & Ballantyne	140	(2nd)
Waterman & Vincent	140	
O'Reilly & McIlwain	130	(3rd)
Steil & Rahtjen	120	
Remedios & Johnson	90	
Fullbrook & Jorgensen	80	
Delisle & Dickie	70	
Davis & Nagy	70	(4/5)
Osborne & Walton	60	
Tilden & McNamara	60	
Diamond & Hopwood	50	
Pocock & Stenning	50	
Elliott & McClafferty	40	
Paynter & Tafler	35	
Chan & Gorman	30	(4/5)

VANCOUVER EVERGREEN SECTIONAL WINNERS

Royal Towers Hotel
September 1988

JUNIOR PAIRS (Friday Eve)

1. Tony Flavell Steven Smedley
2. Paul Sand Roland Kalins
3. Kam Murji R. Shroff
4. Andrew Carmichael Gordon Carmichael

49ER PAIRS (Saturday Aft)

1. Gunter Allmann Tom Bennet
2. Jim McKenzie Robert Takishita
3. Mary Hewitt Nicci Charleson
4. Marion Crowhurst Claire Burns

49ER PAIRS (Saturday Eve)

1. Claire Burns Marion Crowhurst
2. Larry Gouvreau Tai Eng
- 3/4. R.H. Deshmukh Kam Murji
Adi Wadia Rani Shroff

SIDE GAME (Friday Eve)

1. Bonnie Anderson Helen Montgomery
2. Sandy McIlwain Chris Diamond
3. Bob Beattie Thelma Hofstede
4. Phyllis Gerber Delphine Tablotney
5. Joe Dolynski Thomas MacLay

FLIGHT A TEAMS B-A-M

1. Dan Jacob Gord McOrmond
Peter Herold Jim Dickie
- 2/3. Leo Steil John Kamb
Cam Lindsay Don Brazeau
Jim Marshall Mary Fines
Donna Morrison Don Sache
4. Julie Smith Jude Hanson
Rhonda Betts Lynn Dickie

FLIGHT B SWISS

1. John Reay Bonnie Anderson
Clive Barnbrook Olive Perdue
2. Dot Carnegie Bruce Walters
Jim Munns Dorothy Gavigan
3. Bill Osborne Dan Watson
Liz Hicks Hilda Bentley



WINNERS

WOMEN'S PAIRS

1. Bonnie Anderson Helen Montgomery
2. Kathy Adachi Ina Anderson
3. Catriona Brown Pat Landau
4. June Stenning Roz Richardson
- 5/6. Jude Hanson Julie Smith
Pat Carruthers Arlene Browning

MEN'S PAIRS

1. Tom Cross Derek Ward
2. Cam Lindsay Elliott Netto
3. Ray Miller Sandy McIlwain
4. Dan Watson Al French
5. Nigel Fullbrook Aidan Ballantyne

MIXED PAIRS

1. Betty Michno David Waterman
2. Jude Hanson Greg Arbour
3. Stella Alliston Adrian Hicks
- 4/5 Jenny Paynter Aidan Ballantyne
Doug Hansford Joyce Peters

OPEN PAIRS FINAL

1. Dan Jacob Gord McOrmond
2. Peter Herold Lauren Miller
3. Joyce Peters Stella Alliston
4. Kathy Adachi Wilf May
- 5/6. Dee Steil Gray McMullin
Ray Clemmons Ron Fox

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION

1. Mike Dodson Larry Daugert
2. Alison Dorosh Brenda Robson
3. John Reay John LePage
4. Olive MacDonald Bonnie Anderson
5. Lisa Strebinger George Bell
6. Ted Hicks Dan Watson

KNOCKOUT TEAMS

BEN LAPIDUS TROPHY

(6 teams)

1. Tony Remedios Mike Rahtjen
Jim & Audrey Norman, Kamloops
2. Ron Yarmchuk G. Fisher
Mike Young-Lai Rod Coote



*** WHO'S THE BOSS? ***

You are playing IMPs with a reasonably 'Good Player'(whatever that means!) and you pick up:

S- xx Opponents are vulnerable, we are not, partner is the dealer.
 H- Kx The auction proceeds:
 D- A 10xx
 C- KJ10xx

Partner	RHO	YOU	LHO	
P	1S	2NT*	P	* Unusual No Trump asking partner to bid a minor. (Not everyone may agree with this call because it does suggest 5-5 but this was the call you chose to make)
3D	3S	P	P	
4D	4H	?		

OK, Students, what is your call?

Questions you should be asking yourself might include:

1. Why has RHO bid the way she has (vulnerable yet!)
2. Why has partner made another call which has pushed the opponents to the game level? Why didn't he pass?
3. Should you now compete to 5D?

Answers: 1.RHO is suggesting 6 spades and 4 hearts and a GOOD hand
 2.Good question! Remember partner's 3D call was 'forced' - so why has he reopened the auction and given RHO a chance to bid again? YOU MUST TRUST HIM TO HAVE A GOOD REASON. He must be prepared to
 a) play 4D (possible doubled); therefore he must have some offensive values because he knows you could have a much weaker hand (but then it should be more distributional)
 OR b) defend the opponents if they bid again (possible doubled)
 3. NO!!! You should NOT bid 5D for two good reasons:
 a) If you bid 5D, you are bidding your hand twice
 b) Partner cannot want to play game, or he would have jumped cue-bid at his first opportunity. HE IS NOW THE BOSS
 Again you must trust him and pass quietly.

The Full Deal Was:

S- xx	S- x
H- Kx	H- 9x
D- A 10xx	D- xxxx
C- KJ10xx	C- Qxxxx
S- AKQ8xx	S- J109x
H- J10xx	H- AQxxx
D- Qx	D- KJ9
C- A	C- xx

And partner will buy the beer when you pass!

CONCLUSION: When you have made a defensive bid such as a weak two-bid, weak jump overcall, Michaels or Unusual NT, you must allow partner to control the situation and NOT BID AGAIN UNLESS he forces you. Don't try to second-guess. The SAME THEORY applies when you open 1NT (weak, strong or otherwise). AGAIN, LET PARTNER BE THE BOSS. You have told your story. He knows what you have got and should be able to place the contract correctly (or else I suggest you find yourself another partner!).



SHOULD WE BID LOW PERCENTAGE GAMES?

I am sure that you have often heard "It's Matchpoints - that's why I went", or "I never turn down an invitation" or "I added points for superior Declarer play". The basic goal these people have is sound - TO WIN MORE MATCHPOINTS ON A HAND THAN EVERYONE ELSE. However, they have not considered the other side of this aim - TO LOSE AS LITTLE POSSIBLE SHOULD YOU BE WRONG. Throughout these articles I will be returning to these two 'rules of thumb'.

At IMPs, you would want to stretch to be in a 40% game (vulnerable) for if you are wrong you will lose only 6 IMPs - BUT if you stay out of the game, and are wrong, you will lose 10 IMPs. Therefore, in order to LOSE as little as possible should you be wrong, you must bid the game. At MATCHPOINTS you lose the same amount if you are wrong to bid the game as you do if you are wrong NOT to bid the game. Therefore, you must try to increase your chance of not being wrong. When the decision is simply whether or not to bid to game, you want your games to be better than even odds to make - at least 50%. Not bidding a risky game can not only help keep your score card steady, it may very well reap unexpected rewards. Let's say you DO out-declare every other player. Plus 170 will net you just as much of a top as plus 420 when the 'field' is making only 3 or going down one, and plus 140 is a juicy score when the traveller is dotted with -50. How, you may ask, does one be sure whether or not a game is 50% or better? You must simply use your judgement and whatever hand evaluation tools you have available. PLUS you and partner must agree to not overstate the value of your hands. It is hard to judge correctly in a close decision if the information you have received is exaggerated. Bid as accurately as possible. WHERE IS THE FIELD? There are going to be times when you can see that the prospects of making a game is almost certainly less than 50% BUT you can also see that the 'Field' is sure to be there. 'Point count games' are a good example of this where you and partner have the points for game but your knowledge of the cards makes you think the game will not make. The fact that the field is going to bid the game should sway you to bidding it yourself. If you are wrong and the contract goes set, you will have lot's of company and won't lose that many matchpoints. However, if you don't bid the game, and the contract makes, (maybe RHO has a tough lead or there's a fortuitous 109 doubleton lurking) you stand to lose a lot more. With all decisions at Matchpoints, you must try to not only maximize your gains but minimize your losses. In any game, at any level, a string of 8s,7s,9s, and 10s will win far more often than 12, 0, 11, 0, 1/2, 12. NEXT ISSUE: I Bid 3NT because it's Matchpoints



THE ART OF ESTIMATION Herein I divulge my own personal approach to estimating how well my game is going. I think it is a great method and have won many a bet. This method has two advantages: 1: You don't have to add and 2: You never lose hope. TOP=+ BOTTOM=0 AVERAGE+ = ↑ AVERAGE- = ↓ AVERAGE = - At about the halfway point you start 'cancelling out'. You cancel a 0 with a +, or two ↑↑. You cancel a ↑ with ↓ and - against -, and two ↓↓ are equal to a 0 and must be cancelled by a +. In the end, your score card is covered with pencilled in squares. Sometimes the whole card is filled but if you end up on the plus side, you take half of what is left (eg. 3+ = 1 1/2 boards) and add it to average. (+ = 1/2 board ↑ = 1/4 board ↓ = 1/4 board - = 1/4) Now let's say you started out with two 0s, but later in the game you were able to cancel them out against 2 +! The game is back to even. If you are all cancelled out with 6 boards to go, you know you could still end up 3 boards above average! But be tough! Especially in the early rounds. Don't over estimate

CLUBS

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

President: Dorothy Gavigan
538-2392
Site: Sunnyside Community
Centre
1845-154th St
White Rock BC

Game Time WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM

Non-smoking with smoke breaks

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 19 COPC Club Qualifying
November 16 Quarterly Club
Championships
November 30 NA nonLM Teams
December 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY

RECENT WINNERS:

August Local Charity Game
Ted & Bill Worsfold
August NA nonLM Pairs
1) Bill Kennedy & Frank Kelley
2) Jack & Eleanor Webb
September SWISS CLUB TROPHY
Barb Stachoski
Dorothy Cavazzi
Ted Brownsword
Ken Stanger

GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB

Sandra Borg- Manager
274-0603
Club Phone 276-8117
8920 Charles St Richmond
Game Time TUESDAY 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM

**Games open to all smokers
and non-smokers! **

UPCOMING EVENTS:

COPC Club Qualifying
OCTOBER 18
CNTC Club Qualifying
NOVEMBER 13

THE VALLEY CLUBS

Bob Percher 46622 Chilliwack Central
Chilliwack V2P 1K2
792-4389

ABBOTSFORD Friday Eve 7:30 PM
CHILLIWACK: Monday Eve 7:30 PM
MISSION: Thursday Eve 7:30 PM

1987 ABBOTSFORD DUPLICATE BRIDGE
CLUB ANNUAL OPEN SWISS TEAMS
Charity- CKVR 1240 Sunshine Fund

WINNERS (October 2)

June Stenning
Larry PoCock
Ina Anderson
Brian Badger

21 teams in attendance!!

CLOVERDALE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

SITE: FERNRIDGE HALL
S/W Corner
24th Ave & 200th ST
South Langley

Game Time: TUESDAY 7:30 PM

Contact: Bill Worsfold
525-3754

TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB

Contact: Finn Schultz
273-7271

Game Time: Monday 7:30 PM
Thursday 11 AM

Events: ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME Nov 21

PORT COQUITLAM BRIDGE CLUB

New Manager** Bill Worsfold
525-3754

Game Time: MONDAY 7:30 PM

Events: ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME Nov 21

Site: 2675 Shaughnessy St
Port Coquitlam Legion

FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Century House
620-8th St
New Westminster, B.C.

Liz Hicks 421-4277

Game Time: THURSDAY 7:15 Sharp

Events:

October 20 Monthly Swiss Teams*
October 27 Handicap Game
November 3 9TH ANNUAL MITCH HODGE
TROPHY GAME
December 8 Swiss Teams*
15 ** NO GAME **
22 Christmas Game

* Non Smoking

EAST RICHMOND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

LOCATION*** Corner of Cambie Road
and Sexsmith
Richmond

Contact: Ida Goodlad
278-2896

SUNDAYS ONLY 1:00 PM
partners guaranteed

Closed for November Sectional (20th)

CHRISTMAS PARTY December 18th

SUNNYSIDE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

1845 154th St White Rock

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 12:30 PM

Contact: Barb Stachoski
531-0457

ANSWERS TO 'COUP COUP'

1. Robert Coup
2. Scissors Coup
3. Coup en Passant
4. Merrimac Coup
5. Deschappelles Coup
6. Coup en Blanc
7. Morton's Fork Coup

CLUBS

HASTINGS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

3096 E.Hastings
Mariann Scott 298-3932

Game Time WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM
Dir: Jill Wainborn
THURSDAY 7:30 PM
Dir: Rita Belanger

*** Non-smoking ***

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

1491 Carleton Ave Burnaby
Hazel Dressler 438-2102

Game Time MONDAY 10:45 AM
TUESDAY 7:30 PM

Refreshments included with entry

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15 Team Game
29 Quarterly C.C.
December 13 Yellow Card Game
20 Christmas Party

IN MEMORY

Friends and bridge partners bid a sad but fond adieu to Bill Whiddington who passed away recently. Although lately retired from bridge, Bill was a long-time member of the ACBL and supporter of the Fraser Valley Bridge Club as well as other local clubs.

PEMBERTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

1520 Pemberton Ave
North Vancouver BC
V7P 2S2
987-3733

OPEN GAMES: Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM
Friday 7:45 PM
NOVICE (0-20) Tuesday (non-smoking) 7:30 PM
99ER(0-100) Thursday (non-smoking) 7:30 PM

HANDICAP GAMES 1st & 3rd Mondays
SWISS TEAMS Last Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17	Handicap Club Championship	December 4	CNTC Club Qualifying
21	Swiss Teams Qualifying for the INTER-CLUB SWISS CHALLENGE	7	Open Pairs Club Championship
November 6	North American Open Pairs UNIT FINAL	8	99er Club Champ.
11	Armistice Day Club Open	15	99er Christmas Party
13	North American NonLM Teams Club Qualifying	16	Club Christmas Party INDIVIDUAL
18	**CLUB CLOSED** Sectional - Sheraton Landmark	20	Novice Christmas Party
21	ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME (Handicap game Nov 28)	26	BOXING DAY **Club Open**
25	Swiss Teams Club Championships	30	Swiss Teams
27	INTER-CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE Unit Sponsored* 2-sessions	31	New Years Eve Party
29	Novice Club Championship		

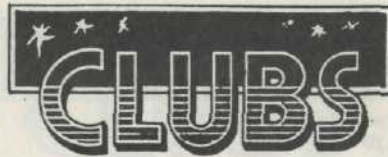
RECENT WINNERS

July 13	NAOPC Club Q	Diane Isfeld & Joerg Schneider
25	Club Championship	Peter Marr & Don Fraser
29	International Fund Game	Joerg Schneider & Al French
Aug 17	Unmixed Club Championship	Derek Ward & Jim McCully
25	North American Non LM Pairs Club Q	Nick and Janis Parker
Sept 6	North American Rookie Pairs	Christina & Franco Piccone
15	99er Club Championship	Gordon McPherson & Phil Murray
16	Club Championship (tie)	Al & Phil Kallberg Doug & Julie Cowan
20	Novic C.C.	Frank & Margaret Sigurdson
21	COPC Club Q	Tom Cross & Bill Osborne
22	Royal Viking Pairs	OPEN 1 N/S Nick & Janis Parker E/W Mary Fines & Gerry Cross
		99ER 1 N/S Pat Ashby & Yvonne Klan E/W Claire Burns & Marion Crowhurst

(overall winners! 1500)

HALL OF FAME

70+% GAMES!! Laureen Holly & Pat Landau 70.2%
Derek Ward & Muriel McLeod 75.9%! (164 / 108 average)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 20 COPC Club Qualifying
28 TGIF
NOV 5 NAOPC-FLTB UNIT FINAL
8 Club Championship
12 Club Championship
23 99er Club Championship
28 NOVICE Club Championship
DEC 1 Club Championship
4 North American Teams
FLT B Club Qualifying
16 CHRISTMAS PARTY and Club Championship
27 Hot Dog Club Championship (11:30 AM)

MERRY CHRISTMAS! **PARTY**
Cash bar, FREE turkey and goodies at 6:30 PM - game at 8:00 PM

CLUB CLOSURES:

Nov 18-20 Sectional
Dec 24 Christmas
31 New Years

GAME TIME AND DAYS

MONDAY 7:30 Novice (0-20)
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

TUESDAY MORNING 11:30 AM Open Game



CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to recent winners:

NAOPC (July 12)
Liz Lee & Lisa Strebinger
NAOPC (July 21)
Andrew Ross & Joycie Miura
NA non LMPC (Aug 10)
D.McMahon J.Reay
THURSDAY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Aug 18)
Bruce Buckley Terry Martin
TUESDAY CC (Aug 23)
Chris Diamond Bernie Hoy
TUESDAY HOT DOG CC (Aug 30)
Marguerite Chiarenza Dee Kerr
FRIDAY CC (Sept 2)
Mel Hoff Gord Davis
SATURDAY CC (Sept 24)
Pauline McClafferty Elaine Ryan
COPC Club Q (Sept 27)
Gord McOrmond Dan Jacob
CNTC Club Q (Oct 2)
Gord McOrmond Dan Jacob
Peter Herold Jim Dickie

SPECIAL CLUB FEATURES

*Computer Scoring*Partnerships*Lessons*
Thursday Night Jack Pot winner take all
Friday night Random Score Jack Pot
Match your score to the computer and win! Pot carries over to the next week if not won.
TGIF LAST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH
Hot Dogs, cash bar, post game fun!
Senior Rates for those 65 years young

DEC 1ST DEADLINE

*****ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND CONTRIBUTORS*****

This is the deadline for the next issue of the Matchpointer. PLEASE, have your stuff in on or before this date!! The next issue will have a complete club listing. It is important that you send in the correct details of your club, its address, phone numbers and scheduled game times. This last issue had stuff coming in 8 DAYS AFTER DEADLINE! Our printers need 7 days for printing. It takes 25 hours to type and illustrate. Please consider these details. This is YOUR newsletter. We welcome ALL contributions and thank you for all your support.

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**MENS PAIRS
WOMENS PAIRS**

1:30 PM

*Featuring
the 1st Annual*

**HENRY SMILIE
MIXED TEAMS
BOARD-A-MATCH**

8:00 PM

trophy and dance!
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JUNIOR PAIRS

(0-20)

8:00 PM

SATURDAY

MASTER'S PAIRS

*(100+ MPS, at least
one partner)*

**NON-MASTER'S
PAIRS**

(0-100, both partners)

TWO SESSIONS

1:30 PM & 8:00 PM

SUNDAY

**OPEN SWISS
TEAMS**

TWO SESSION

11:00 AM & 4:30 PM

*Free coffee and donuts
before morning session!*

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for a smoking section

ENTRY

\$6.00 per session

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