

# president's message ... fo Elliott

If the Winter Sectional was any indication, bridge is still alive and well in Unit 430. Granted, the high attendance was due in large part to the NAOPC District Final, but the Board is optimistic that attendance will remain high at Unit events. Because we did not anticipate the numbers, a few logistical problems had to be worked through. We credit the general magnanimity of bridge players for the dearth of complaints, and the equanimity of the tournament directors for dancing as fast as they could to accommodate the numbers. The main dissatisfaction seemed to be with the absence of a bar, especially on Friday night. Your president was personally attacked by a thirsty Alaskan who was visibly shattered by lack of same.

Another problem that seemed to cause concern was the free coffee. It seems to be a case of 'you're damned if you do and damned if you don't'. As a board, we would like to be able to offer free coffee at Unit events, but as with anything, this practice can be abused. We went through seven hundred cups of coffee on Saturday afternoon, partly because half drunk cups were left lying ar nd. This may seem like a petty point to raise, but since we'd like to continue offering free coffee it would greatly help the cause if those enjoying the service would take only what they need and finish what they start. Ecologically sound, too'

Those of you in attendance Friday Night know that we recognized JEAN TURNBULL for her contribution to bridge in our unit by designating the MIXED PAIRS at our Winter Sectional the JEAN TURNBULL PAIRS.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the tournament a success. Please note Jude's specific kudos.

We have resurrected the UNIT GAMES. The first one was held January 8 in a snowstorm - but even so, we had eight tables of hardy players at the North Shore Winter Club. Hereafter, the game will be on the FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH at 7 PM. Free coffee AND a bar (not free) will be available. From player feedback, we know that with bridge events proliferating, a two session unit game is undesirable and we hope that this one session event will be a pleasant way to start your month's bridge.

The 'VALLEY' Sectional will be held on JULY 21-23 this year; NOT April 21-23 as planned. It will be at the SOuth Delta Recreation Centre.

As a unit we continue to grapple with the problems of player development, education and membership. We have started to come up with some ideas and would appreciate any input from members on innovative ways of increasing membership and attendance. Unit Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

And speaking of education, congratulations to AIDAN BALLANTYNE for achieving the highest grade ever on the Teacher Accreditation written exam- 147 out of 150!

As well, congratulations to the NAOPC District Winners and those who are representing us in the COPC. Details elsewhere in this issue.

May all your partners be thoughtful, brilliand AND congenial! Jo Elliott

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TREASURER: Brian Badger UNIT GAMES: Sheila Girotto Unit MONTHLY Figurday UNIT GAME NORTHSHORE WINTER CLUB

\*\* Coffee Goodies Cash Bar \*\* PARTNERSHIPS GUARANTEED \*\* MEET YOUR UNIT EXECUTIVE

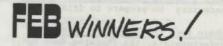
Door Prize (Free Play) Trophy Race

Free Plays to Winners

At least one member will be present at every game! Come on down and chat with the people who were elected to your Unit Board!This is the perfect time to ask your questions or air your grievances...

MARCH 5 MINI-MCKENNEY GAME! Medals will be presented to McKenney Winners. Come join the fun, the applause, and the bridge.

1: TOM CROSS & BILL OSBORNE 2: Larry Pocock & June Stenning 3: Pauline McClafferty & Mike Takemori 4: Aidan Ballantyne & Rob Crawford 5: Jo Elliott & Sandy McIlwain



- 1: JO ELLIOTT & DON SACHE
- 2: Bernice Fallis & Mary Fines
- 3: Martin O'Reilly & Susan Peters
- 4: Sandy McIlwain & Ev Patrick
- 5: Mohammed Dadbeth & C.Khodabandeh

WINNERS!

- 1: Cam Doner & Eliott Netto
- 2. Marcia & Richard Christie
- 3: Syd Minkoff & Pearl Minkoff
- 4: Dave GLen & Liz Hicks
- 5: Ina Anderson & Mike Rahtjen

Many thanks to all who brought in the delicious food! And to Louis, the caddies, those who helped with the tables and Sheila Girotto, our Unit Game Co-ordinator!

\*FREE PLAYS\* At each Monthly Unit Game we will be giving away Free Plays to people. There will be a DOOR PRIZE free play and free plays for WINNERS. There will also be 1 year's free plays given to the winner of the Unit Game Trophy Race. JANUARY DOOR PRIZE WINNER: Aidan Ballantyne FEBRUARY DOOR PRIZE WINNER: Pat Jones

\* PARTNERSHIPS \* Each month, one member of the Unit Executive has agreed to attend the game without a partner. In this way we can guarantee that there will be a partner for everyone!

# NEWS MEWS NEWS News

#### WINTER SECTIONAL HUGE!!!

A huge jump in attendance greatly strained the logistics of site and hospitality at the recent VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL. There were 72 more tables at this year's tournament than last years.

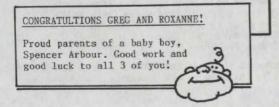
After the last sectional, it was decided that in order to supply free coffee and NOT run out, we would have to hire a full-time coffee attendant and prepare more pots. However, even with this, we again ran into problems. How were we to suspect that we would go through 700 CUPS! in one session alone?! Greg Whelan did his best to keep up with the demand coming in 2 hrs before each session and remaining throughout. Many thanks to Greg and our apologies to those of you who had to 'go without'. We will continue to supply free coffee at our sectionals. Next time, we will prepare the urns necessary so prepare to drink up....

Where were the buns, the do-nuts? Unfortunately, the Sheraton does not allow this kind of hospitality. The ROYAL TOWERS (site of the June Sectional) however is a different story. You will all have your goodies.

Where was the bar? OOPS! This will NOT happen again.

All these people, all these tables - the DIRECTORS deserve a big hand of applause for their hard work! Brian May, Phil Wood, John Reeve & Sandy McCreery.

<u>Move 'em out</u>: TOM CROSS, PEETER KANGRO, DOUG COWAN, ANGELA FENTON all helped greatly at the end of the sectional, Sunday Night, by moving out ALL the tables an equipment. THANK YOU!



#### WHERE ARE THE TROPHIES?

Winners of the Junior and 49er Trophy events will receive a special presentation of their trophies in their local clubs. We apologize for not having them ready for the tournament!

#### APRIL SECTIONAL POSTPONED !!

The April Sectional, scheduled to be run in the South Delta Rec Centre has been postponed to

JULY 21-23 Please take note and change your calendars!

#### NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CLUB QUALIFYING PERIODS CHANGED

Club Managers and Players should note the change in time periods for the 1st stage (club level) of the following events:

North American Open Pairs NOW IN JUNE

North American Open Pairs Non-Life Masters NOW IN AUGUST

people are welco	med into our unit
Fred Brown	Mission City
John Fraser	Ontario
David Jacobs	Vancouver
Larry Meyer	Richmond
Mrs.Dory Grant Mr.Wilfred Hilto	from Unit 999 n from Parksvill
Linda Wallace	from Calgary
Mrs.L.Wiggins	from Quesnel
Mr.Mike Wiss	from Ontario

Let's make them feel at home!

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#### CONGRATULATIONS NEW LIFE MASTERS!

Steve Clements Vancouver Gordie Davis Vancouver

#### NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Nicole Charleson Richmond Roland Kalnins Vancouver Ken Lyle Surrey Nancy Yoshida Vancouver

#### NEW CLUB MASTERS

Rick Gorman Vancouver Annerita Hasselbach Delta Elizabeth Mitchell Burnaby

#### NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Charles Campbell W.Van Edna Kaelin Vancouver

#### NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Dorothy Carnegie Langley B.A.Cullen Burnaby Dianne Kerr Vancouver Tillie Neilson Coquitlam

#### WHERE ARE OUR POINTS? EPSON PAIRS

Those members who played in the EPSON PAIRS at the SUR/DEL BRIDGE CLUB (Ray Morrison Manager) may be wondering where their Master Points for that event have gone! We have contacted Memphis (ACBL) and they discovered that the points had NOT been plugged into their computers. HOWEVER, the HAVE been recorded now. and you should be receiving them in the mail! Further to the SUR/DEL club, rating point slips issued BEFORE JAN 31, 1989, WILL BE HONOURED. After that time, Mr.Morrison will be no longer sanctioned by the ACBL and cannot issue rating points slips. Please be so advised. until further notice.

MORE NEW LIFE MASTERS! Dianne Isfeld, Pt.Coquitlam

#### SPECIAL MARCH MCKENNEY UNIT GAME

At the monthly Unit Game, March 5th, we will be presenting the MINI MCKENNEY MEDALS to the winners of 1988. All winners will be notified and we hope many more of you will be there to applaud their good efforts!

MARCH 5th North Shore Winter Club 7:00 PM

#### GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B

DISTRICT FINALS Seattle Centre Seattle WA

\*\*\* APRIL 21-23 \*\*\*

Please NOTE THIS DATE! There were changes an errors in the DINO BRIDGE BUFF....

#### BILL & LESZEK COME 4TH TWICE!

It worthy of note that the 4th place pair in the JUNIOR PAIRS (0-20) event at the Winter Sectional ALSO came in 4th place in the OPEN PAIRS, FINAL! ... after leading at the half. Good work Bill Henderson and Leszek Baldys!

#### TYPIST WANTED \*\*\*\*\*\*

Can you type? We are looking for a person to type at our Vancouver Sectionals. \$20.00 per session. Please contact ANNE SCOTT at 929-4595.

> GIVE US AIR!! Non smokers and smokers alike will be happy to know that the upcoming JUNE SECTIONAL at the Royal Towers in New Westminster will have LARGE, SPACIOUS smoking areas, AWAY FROM THE WASHROOMS, and complete with places to sit!

Peeter Kangro, North Vancouver Dennis McMahon, Vancouver

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Two teams (HOUSE & JOHNSON) scored big in their first matches of the year, putting their opponents into the minus column. However, while the HOUSE team has scored a blitz every other match to take over the lead with 89 VPs, the JOHNSON team has gradually deteriorated (a little team dissension?) and actually went minus in the last match they played. Last year's winners had a slow start but have struggled up to fourth place and may make the playoffs yet. The top four, after six rounds are HOUSE(89), DIVINSKY (76), LINDSAY (74) and TAKEMORI (65) but one match has yet to be played \*(as usual! you know who you are...) CHIARENZA actually had a blitz, of the leaders, no less, and are not, please note MsThorpe, not in last place (at least for the moment!)

#### FLIGHT B

Congratulations to the members of the BODLAK team, who blitzed their last 3 opponents in the first half of the season to win the half and go to the playoffs. (Bodlak, White, Girotto, Badger, Fenton, Kangro). They started off the 2nd half with another blitz, along with the STIENNON team, to make it four in a row. 2ND place went to the ELLIOTT team (Louise Elliott, Scott, Reeve, Taylor, Mullen), who ended with 57 VPs, 25 below BODLAK. Apologies to the METCALFE team whose scores were incorrectly shown in the last issue of the Matchpointer (the Commissioner was out of town) and who actually won their first match.

### FLIGHT C

Play is now underway (and almost completed) in the revived FLIGHT C. BALCOLM is in the lead with 41 VPS, followed by KERR with 29. BALCOLM sits out the next match, then KERR sits out the final match and will be left waiting in the clubhouse to see if they get to the playoffs.

#### FLIGHT C TEAMS

- 1: MCINTYRE, Bruce Nancy Hurell Gerry Rockandel I.C. Sun
- 2: AYUKAWA, Diane Tove Chen Rani Shroff Tom Bennet
- 3: KINGSLAND, Dawn Dolores Layton Yvonne Klan Ginny Harper

- 4: BALCOLM, Jim Bob Jess Deirdre Cole Jane Skinner Lorraine Burnside
- 5: KERR, Diane Margaret Thomas Nora Sterling Ted Sterling



\* this match has since been played.

MARCH 4TH & 5TH HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB 1:00 PM 7:30 PM

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

ADIAN

Dan Jacob Gord McOrmond Jim Dickie Peter Herold Ben Takemori Dennis Dohl John Bryden Stephen Vincent Greg Arbour Brian Dixon Alex Kiper Stella Alliston Laurence Betts Mike Takemori Debbie McCully J.Norman

Aidan Ballantyne Michael Strebinger Ron Borg Tony Remedios Paul Sontag Martin Johnson Bill Gamble Bob Santa Mike Rahtjen Ron Dixon Mary Fines Donna Morrison Rhonda Betts Don Brazeau Marcia Christie Leo Steil

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Events

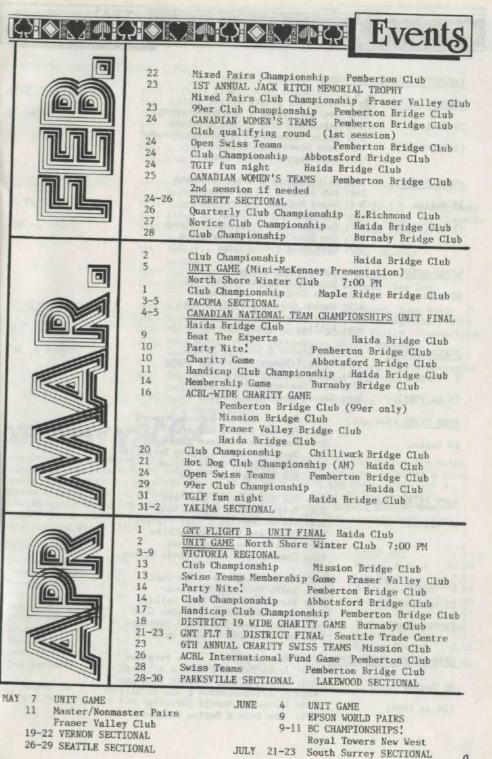
Larry Hicks Cam Doner Rob Crawford Steve Clements Larry Pocock June Stenning Eugene Chan Dennis Groden Ev Hodge Sandy McIlwain Dave House David Waterman A.Norman L.Hicks

FINALS

DON'T MISS THE B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS SECTIONAL JUNE 9-11 ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL Watch for full schedule in next Matchpointer!

FRIDAY Women's Pairs & \*NEW\* Open Pairs EPSON PAIRS Junior Pairs SATURDAY Open Pairs FLT A FLT B \*NEW\* FLT C (0-100) SUNDAY Swiss Teams Open

Free coffee throughout! Free coffee & Donuts prior to Sunday game. Louis Landau (984-8309) Chairperson Pauline McCLafferty (873-0908) Steve Beaton \*\* Partnerships \*\*



## Winners

#### VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL January 1989

WOMEN'S PAIRS	lst:	Madeleine Becker & Anne Scott
A State of Marine	2nd:	Corrine Tapley & Pat Wotherspoon
29 Tables	3rd:	Catriona Brown & June Stenning
	4/6:	Marjorie Ramsdell & Dorothy Maynard
(24 in 1988)	4/6:	Jude Goodwin & Julie Smith
		Anne Nagy & Sheryl Kanee
MEN'S PAIRS	lst:	AllenCoulter & Albert Michaud
Series States	2nd:	Bob Santa & Felipe Hernandez
18 Tables	3rd:	Gerry McCully & Derek Ward
		Ram Hira & Bill Osten
(12 in 1988)	5/7:	Dave Paterson & Keith Stapleton
	5/7:	Leo Steil & Chaz Khodabandeh
		Gard Hays & Dave Corn
MIXED PAIRS	lst:	Louis & Pat Landau
		Shirley Hulme & Syd Minkoff
50 Tables		Jude Goodwin & Don Brander
		Sharon Crapko & Buddy Crapko
(42 in 1988)		Anne Chow & Mike Takemori
(42 11 1900)		William Gamble & Deborah Weiss
JUNIOR PAIRS	1/2:	Ted Lister & Shirley Lister
MINERAL AREASING		Gerry VANGaans & Sue Van Gaans
8 Tables		Allan Stokes & Will McKee
U Taures		Bill Henderson & Les Baldys
(6 in 1988)		Gunter & Jessica Allmann
49ER PAIRS (Sat	aft)	1st: Steven Smedley & Noah Steward
		2nd: Tai Eng & Rick Hoggarth
10 Tables		3rd: Paul Sand & Roland Kalnins
10 100100		4th: Donna Cusson & Loraine Burchill
		5th: Joy Tangen & Holly Boyson
		6th: Bob Soltis & Ed White
49ER PAIRS (Sat	Eve)	lst: Tai Eng & Larry Gauvreau
		2nd: Brian Bleau & Angela Hehr
10 tables		3rd: Steven Smedley & Tony Flavell
		4/5: Paul Sand & Roland Kalnins
		4/5: Jodi Nelson & Anne Chou
		6th: Francis Rennolds & Sandi Walton
SIDE GAME (Fri	Eve)	lst: Marcia Christie & Dee Steil
	milliosee	2nd: Larry Pocock & Cam Doner
15 tables		3rd: Stephen Hosch & Neil Ballard
		4th: Charles Bremner & Eugene Chan
(10 in 1988)		5th: Arnold Anderson & A.J.Tuyttens
(10 11 1900)		6th: Dot Carnegie & Rekha Shah
OPEN PAIRS CONS	OLATIO	N 1st: Mac Campbell & Allan Ferguson
		2nd: Joyce Peters & Stella Allistor
31 Tables		3rd: Gerry McCully & Linda Thierman
51 lables		4th: E.Christopherson & Jim McCully
(26 1= 1000)		5/6: Richard & Marcia Christie
(26 in 1988)		5/6: Jene Hale & Marion Knudson
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#### Winners $\otimes$

VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL (cont)

OPEN PAIRS FINAL	lst: Michael Dimich & Al	Chapollo	
	2nd: Brenda Robson & Rolf	Lowinger	
51 tables	3rd: June Stenning & Larr	v Pocock	
	4th: Leszek Baldys & Bill	Henderson	
(44 in 1988)	5th: Connie Marfell & Det	orah Weiss	
	oth: Leslie & David Gold		
	7th: Cam Lindsay & Bob Co	nnop	
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	5th: Jennifer Paynter Rh	da Tafler Jude Go	odwin
	Graham Putnam		
	6th: Jim McCully Gerry M	Cully Doug Baldwi	n Derek Ward
	7th: Michael Dimich John	Maki Don Brazeau	Ken Gee
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	4/3: NICK Parker John Le	Page Janis Thorsh	ara Mika Pronty
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\* there was a 4-way tie for 2/5 in the FLT B Swiss creating an 8-way tie for 9th place in the Under 200 Race.

Jennifer Paynter

Anne Scott

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\*8 people at

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Ben Takemori

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# **COPC** toronto-bound!

#### CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS UNIT FINALISTS

The following pairs qualified to represent our UNIT 430 in the CANADIAN NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS FINALS in Toronto, March 24-25. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL!

TOP PAIR: RON BORG & MICHAEL STREBINGER

Second	:	Sheila Dickie & Jennifer Paynter
Third	:	Aidan Ballantyne & Mary Fines (not eligible
Fourth	:	Ben Takemori & Mike Takemori
Fifth	:	Gordie Davis & Anne Nagy
Sixth	:	Dan Jacob & Gord McOrmond
Seventh	:	Greg Arbour & Don Brander

The top pair in this event is subsidised to a large extent with monies collected throughout the various levels.of the event.

#### BELLINGHAM WINNERS

The final tally is not yet in for local winners at this sectional but thanks to Liz Hicks, we do have some last minute results!

FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS 1ST: Mike Rahtjen (Drew Cannell) 2nd: Dave Glen

SAT.FLT A OPEN PAIRS 2/3: Tom Cross & Terry Mickelson 2/3: Ina Anderson & Danny Lee

SAT. FLT B OPEN PAIRS 1ST: Judy & Bill Acheson 2nd: Insa Fricker & Susan McBride 3rd: Dorothy Hannah & Kay Lions SUNDAY SWISS 1ST: Leo Steil Brenda Robson Dave Glen

MIDWINTER REGIONAL (December)

Thanks to Leo Steil, we have these results: OPEN SWISS: 6/15 Larry Hicks & Rob Crawford OPEN SWISS CONSO: 6/13: Rolf Lowinger QUARTERFINALS FLT B KOS: Fee Yeung, Cam Doner, Larry Pocock, June Stenning, Michael White OPEN PAIRS FLT A: 12: Larry Hicks & Rob Crawford 18: Cam Doner (Al Chapelle) OPEN PAIRS FLT B: 4: Dave Glen & Gordon Estrada 12/14: Steve Clements



Winners

The Mixed Pairs at our WINTER SECTIONAL will now forever be known as the JEAN TURNBULL MIXED PAIRS, in honour of a great lady and long-time supporter of bridge in the Vancouver area.

Jean, born and raised in Kamloops, is Vancouver's 5th Woman Life Master. She and her husband Norman were Vancouver's 1st Husband and Wife Life Master Teams. In 1969 Jean and Norman started a bridge club they called THE HAIDA. They ran this club very successfully for 7 years then sold it in 1977 to Dr.Leon Wolf.

Jean began teaching bridge at night school in 1958 and continues to do so! At 80 years young, Jean remains active in the bridge world. As well as her classes, she runs a weekly game at the Arbutus Village Club. And, as all those who have played with her (or against her!) will agree, Jean remains a force to contend with at the bridge table.

It is a pleasure to recognise Jean's contributions to Vancouver Bridge in this fashion. THE JEAN TURNBULL MIXED PAIRS Friday evening, Winter Sectional



Players from all over DISTRICT 19 came to Vancouver on the 28-29 of January to participate in the NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS and the NORTH AMERICAN NON LIFE MASTER PAIRS DISTRICT FINALS. The prize? A chance to represent District 19 in the NATIONAL FINALS in RENO. Play went on over 2 qualifying sessions and 2 final sessions. Following are the results:

NORTH AMERICAN NON LIFE MASTER PAIRS

1 1 1	rst Final session	Event Total
1:	Dianne Isfeld, Pt.Coquitlam & Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	165.8
2:	Brent Northup, Seattle WA Barbara DePonzi, Redmond WA	163.6
		160.5
4:		157.4
5:	Jeff Connell, Kirkland Alan Tesler, Mercer Island	157.3
6:		156.6
FIN	VALS 1: Brent Northup & Barbara DePonzi	305.1
	2: Dianne Isfeld & Ernie Dietrich	201 2
	2: Dianne Isleid & Einie Dietlich	304.3
		304.5
	3: Charles Bremner & Stan Sangdahl, Vancouver	
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#### First Final Session

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1: Harry	V Steiner & Tom Hammond, Redmond	234.4
	Hargreaves, Victoria Barrie Turnham, same	231.5
	Ruth & Maury Blustein, Bellevue WA	222.9
	Arbour & Paul Sontag, Vancouver	214.5
	e Campau, Seahurst, WA & Henry Lortz, Seattle	211.6
	Kirkpatrick, Bremerton Larry Hawkins, same	194.8
FINALS	1: Mike Hargreaves & Barrie Turnham	423.5
	2: Tom Hammond, Redmond Harry Steiner, Mercer Island	421.4
	3: Paul Sontag & Greg Arbour, Vancouver	412
	4/5: Steve Campau & Henry Lortz	398.1
	4/5: Mary Ruth & Maury Blustein, Bellevue	398.4
	6: Duncan Smith, Saskatoon & Scott Morrison, Victoria	396.9

As far as this writer knows, the TOP 3 Finalists will go on to RENO. Best of Luck to Dianne, Ernie, Greg and Paul, Chuck and Stan!!

#### NOW YOU NEED SILVER POINTS!

The moratorium of 1988 is over and ACBL non-Life Masters now must fulfill the League's new silver-point requirement to achieve LM status. Players must still earn 300 masterpoints, including 25 gold points and another 25 that can be red or gold. But effective Jan.1,1989, those 300 points also must include at least 50 silver points, which are awarded at SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

But remember: on January 1, 1988, all members below the rank of LM had 1/6 of their total points designated as silver! PLUS, Silver Points WERE awarded at 1988 sectionals, even though the 50 silver point requirement was not in effect until 1989.

# ... Greg Arbour

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS (DISTRICT 19 FINAL)

Three berths in the North American Open Pairs championship were at stake in the District 19 final held in Vancouver on January 28-29 in connection with our local sectional. Paul Sontag and this writer (Greg Arbour) were one of the pairs representing Unit 430.

Paul and I played steadily throughout although we made several bad mistakes each session. We were fourth after the first qualifying session, fourth after the second qualifying session, and still fourth after the first final session. In the final session, we managed to hold together despite several poor results in the early going and pulled ourselves up to the third and final qualifying spot. The event was won by Mike Hargreaves and Barry Turnham from Victoria. Tom Hammond and Harry Steiner from the Seattle area finished second. Paul and I finished less than one board behind the winners, and had better than a board margin over our closest pursuers.

As usual in any bridge event, mistakes tend to stand out in one's memory more than good bids or plays. One of our good results, however, came from the first final session:

E/W VUL N DLR	S- Ax H- xx		Paul North	East	Greg South	West
	D- K9xx C- K9xxx		Pass 4H	Pass Pass	2H Pass	3D DBL
S- KQx H- Ax		S- J9xxx H- 10xx	Pass	Pass	Pass	
D- AQJ10x C- Jxx	S- 10xx	D - xx C- 010x				the King of Spades.
	H- KQJ9xx D- xx C- Ax	alised stru	to trie If he w	ck one : wins the	is the ke	declarer's play ey to the hand. I plays back a h beat the hand
						of trump.

Although the clubs are three-three and there is a diamond entry to dummy, West wil rise with the Ace of diamonds on the first lead of the suit and cash the setting trick in spades. I played a LOW spade from dummy at trick one. Now, if the defence plays two rounds of trump, I can set up the clubs and use the SA as a quick entry to discard the losing spade. Declarer can prevail even if clubs are 4-2, by using the diamond entry early to ruff the fourth round of clubs, retaining the Ace of Spades for the late entry to cash the good club. In fact, the defence shifted to a club. I won the King in dummy, cashed the Ace of spades, crossed to the club Ace, ruffed a spade and played on trumps. The only losers were a spade, the trump Ace, and a diamond. We scored +590 for a clear top on the board.

After the hand was over I remarked to Paul that his 4H bid showed a lot of faith in my weak two bids! Playing with certain Vancouver players, who prefer to have more defence than offence for their weak twos, even a 3H bid might be wrong.

Paul made many good bids and plays over the two days. One I particularly liked was the following: Holding S-Qxx H-x D-K97x C-A98xx 2ND seat, Unfavourable vulnerability. RHO passed as did Paul. LHO bid 1S and I doubled. RHO bid 1NT and Paul made the thoughtful bid of 2NT, which not only made life difficult for the opponents but ensured that we would get to the right minor suit partial. If I was 3-3 in the minors, I would bid 3C, and if I had 3 Clubs and 4 Diamonds, the 4-4 diamond fit would be found. I held S-A10 H-QJxxx D-A108 C-Jxx and bid 3 C making +110 for 8 out of 13 matchpoints. Not a spectacular result to be sure, but the kind that contributes to a winning effort.

So we are off to Reno for the North American Final on March 8-9. Hopefully we will continue to play well and have our share of the luck! 13

#### THE POCOCK/SCHMIDT NO TRUMP OVERCALL SYSTEM

Dave Schmidt

If you are looking for a good overcall system to use after a INT opener, may I suggest the system Larry Pocock and I developed several years ago. I believe it is an excellent system however, except for some of my friends, who call it the CHILLIWACK, and most of Larry's partnerships, the system is not commonly used. Perhaps this article will give it some more attention.

In BRIDGE CONVENTIONS, Eddie Kantar said many NT overcall systems are based on the premise that you should only overcall a strong NT with a shapely hand. If RHO has a flat 15-17 and you have the same thing it is a dogfight. A penalty double may give your opponents the information needed to make the contract, or prompt LHO to bail out to a safer contract. If you try to find a fit and partner also has a flat hand with 0-5 HCP (likely, since there are only 6-10 left), you could present your opponents with their only plus score. Similarly, if you do the NATURAL thing with your flat 10-15 and overcall a 5-card suit, what does partner do with no fit? Search for a new partner? Why not sit quietly with those hands and let the opponents get into trouble?

On the other hand, if you do have a broken 6-card suit or a 2-suited hand, you can either find a nice fit for a 2 or 3-level contract and/or effectively disrupt the opponents' bidding. These are two strong incentives to select an overcall system which emphasizes shape. While such common systems as Brozel, Landy and Roth-Stone Astro are based on this premise, in our experience they all fell short in certain areas. After thinking about the problem some time, we realized there were six possible 2-suited hand combinations, and coincidentally, six bids at the 2-level. It was a simple matter, therefore, to ascribe one combination to each of the six bids. This system, did, however, preclude bidding a 1-suited hand at the 2-level. While this is not a concern if we are dealing with a minor suit ( a jump to the 3-level is definitely in order as the hand suggests the opponents have a fit in the majors and making them find it at the 3-level could give them problems), forcing a jump to three of the major with a broken 6-card suit could cause trouble for us. Larry therefore recently refined the system to include locating a 6-card major at the 2-level. Enough of theory. Lets look at the bids!

2C	shows clubs and spades (the black suits)
2D	shows diamonds and hearts (the red suits)
2H	shows clubs and hearts (the rounded suits)
2S	shows diamonds and spades (the pointed suits)
and in street	

2NT shows club and diamonds (unusual No Trump)

These bids are fairly straightforward, generally promising 5-5 or better. As befits the theory, HCPs are of less importance than shape, though a person should always take relative vulnerability into account. For example, I would overcall 2C not vul against vul with: S-AJ97 H-83 D-J C-KQ9532 but would pass if I was vul VS not. Take the club 2 and make it a spade and I would overcall 2C at any vulnerability. As well, the 2H,2S, and 2N bids must be prepared for partner to take a minorsuit preference at the three level.

We use this system in both direct and balancing positions. Again, be more tolerant when partner is in the pass-out seat. He may be unwilling to sell out to INT so his bid could be light.

- DOUBLE This is the final, most important and most versatile bid in the system and promises one or both majors. If it is one major, it must be a 6-carder, if two, it can be as little as 4-4. Because of the versatility of this bid, the key to its success are the responses:
- \* PASS I am prepared to defend, knowing you have some strength in the majors, even if it is only one suit. Quite often, you can tell partner has a single suit just by looking at the shortness in your hand. For example, partner doubls and you hold S-92 H-QJ3 D-J1084 C-KQJ6. I would pass and lead the S-9. Even if partner has a one-suited spade hand, I want to defend. If partner can bid, the opponents are going to have trouble finding 7 tricks. They could, however, have enough controls to disrupt un our game.

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CHILLIWACK (cont) Dave Schmidt

\*2 CLUBS Pick your Best Major, Partner. This is almost the same as a Stayman bid, but does not promise any HCP nor any length in either major. For example, I would bid 2C with any of the following hands:

1.S-87 H-J4 D-A1083 C-Q8432 2.S-J104 H-952 D-976 C-K854 3.S-A54 H-1075 D-K8 C-Q10864 4.S-A54 H-KQ7 D-108 C-108654 5.S-K1043 H-9862 D-A C-J542

> Hands 3 and 4 have identical HCP and distribution, However, I would pass partner's rebid with hand 3 but raise with hand 4. I would also raise partner's rebid with hand 5. This could be one of those magic hands where a good fit overcomes the lack of HCP.

I prefer Hearts I prefer Spades

#2D

\*2H

If you have a distinct preference, it is shown in a relay sequence. This allows partner to bail out in his 1-suiter while still showing your choice. For example, by bidding 2H with S-K107 H-102 D-J94 C-Q5432, partner can pass holding S-72 H-KJ9764 D-A102 C-K6, yet bid 2S with S-QJ542 H-AK743 D-62 C-9.

Remember, if you bid 2H, partner may pass . When you believe this is partner's likely action and you find that untenable, consider another bid. Holding S-KJ54 Hvoid D-987 C-A10762, think about passing the double and taking your chance, bidding 2C in the unlikely event partner will bid spades or overruling partner and bidding 3C. Why did partner have to open his mouth anyway?

Oh well, you were plus the last five times you used the system! After all, the true test of any system is how well it adds up on the score sheet at the end of the evening. My experience suggests Pocock/Schmidt NT overcalls will improve your bottom line in the long run. Try it. You might like it!



TRIVIA! TRIVIA! All the answers to these teasers begin with the letter B.

- 1. A method of scoring in which all groups of boards are played simultaneously. Running scores are posted shortly after each round .
- 2. A character invented by Charles Lamb to embody the 'perfect whist player'.
- Name for the simple hold-up of the ace when the Jack is also held.
   The historic 1929 tragedy in which a man was shot by his partner, and wife, after being set in a 4 Spade contract.
- 5. To place a hand in a duplicate board with a card, usually not the top card, turned face up.
- Trophy awarded to the Open Individual Championship now contested at the Spring NACs.
- Founded in 1857, the oldest club devoted to games in the U.S. By 1926, bridge had become the chief activity. Interests of the club were sold in 1981 to the Cavendish Club.
- 8. Author and inventor of the controversial 'Abbot' columns in the Bulletin.

## TAR Members

#### A CANADIAN SAGA

Joe began playing bridge in High School. He loved the game! In fact, he liked it so much he played constantly. When, at the end of the year, he found that he had failed his courses, Joe decided to quit school and move to the big city to pursue a bridge career. Life was exciting for Joe. He found a part-time job which wouldn't interfere with his bridge. He played all the time and won lots of points. But Joe longed to hit the 'big time' and play in larger and more distant tournaments. Too bad for Joe, his job didn't pay much and travel, accommodation, food and entry fees were more than he could handle. Joe continued to be somewhat of a local star, but over the years, lacking the competition and inspiration needed, the quality of his game ground slowly downward. Joe became frustrated and aimless. One day, Joe decided that there had to be more to life than this. He quit playing bridge and went back to school. Now Joe is making lots of money, is married, and has two kids.... and he does not have time for cards. His son, Ralph, however, just won his first Masterpoint!

FACT: CANADIAN BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE YOUNGER, LESS EDUCATED AND LESS AFFLUENT.

Sadie met Ralph at a college bridge tournament and they fell in love. They also won the Mixed Pairs. Sadie and Ralph decided to leave college, marry and together they spent a honeymoon year travelling to bridge tournaments. They both worked part-time jobs between trips to help with expenses. When Sadie became pregnant, the two of them were very happy! Ralph liked to joke about his son becoming the ACBL's youngest Life Master. Sadie had to miss the Summer Nationals because she was breast-feeding. She, Ralph and Benjamin all went to the fall Nationals together and were very excited when Ralph made the 'cut' in two national events. Of course, that left Sadie holding the baby most of the week but what the heck, her turn would come! When they got home, Ralph received a phone call from a rich player in the US, Would he be interested in playing on a team? Ralph and Sadie were very excited Ralph packed his bags and left on the next flight. There ensued a number of years and another baby. Sadie tried to keep her game up, but sharing childcare at a tournament became more trouble than it was worth.Ralph's income from his Pro bridge career was not great and sitter expenses as well as all the other costs made both of them attending tournaments impractical. One weekend when he was home and talking about the bridge and other tournament goings on, and Sadie was talking about kindergarten and night school and money and other domestic goings on, they realized they didn't have much in common anymore. They separated soon after, Sadie keeping the kids and Ralph flying off to the Spring Nationals. Sadie continued at night school, and got a good job during the day and Sadie forgot all about playing cards. But Benjamin went on to become the World's Youngest Life Master.

FACT: CANADIAN BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE MALE

There wasn't enough money around to send Ben to University so after High School he decided to move out of the city and start his own business. He never made much money, but then, few people do these days in Canada. Ben kept up his love for bridge, playing regularly in the local clubs and tournaments. He wasn't too concerned with Master points. That was for those guys who played all the time. But he liked his Bulletin. It reminded him that he was part of a bigger world outside his small town. Ben wasn't much of a reader, but he always went over some hands, read Tips for Tops and boxed for mention of his father. Then he would put the magazine on a special shelf reserved for the Bulletin. He had every issue from the last 10 years and kept them coded for easy reference. Ben didn't know much about ACBL or CBF affairs. Not much of that trickled down to his favourite club. One day, he was asked to run for election to sit on the local unit board. Ben was reluctant at first, not knowing what a Unit Board was. He eventually agreed and became a 'Member at Large'. Ben learned a great deal during his first two years on the Board. He learned how tournaments are organized and scheduled, where directors come from, what districts and units are. He helped organize special events and began to understand the problems of geography, memberhip, and money.

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#### A CANADIAN SAGA (cont)

One meeting, Ben heard about the CBF Bridge Digest. When he got home he went back through all his Bulletins and was surprised that he had never noticed those red maple leaf edged pages before! He had thought they were cruise ads or bridge book catalogues or something. Ben went on to become a rep for his unit on the District board and spent most of his later bridge life defending, examining, supporting and debating the major bridge issues of his day on behalf of the members in his area. Although Ben was considered somewhat of a rebel by most of his less involved bridge-playing peers, they appreciated the fact that he was willing to do so much of the work!

FACT: MORE THAN HALF OF ALL CANADIAN MEMBERS DO NOT RECALL EVER RECEIVING THE CANADIAN BRIDGE DIGEST.

FACT: ONLY 15% CANADIAN MEMBERS FEEL THE ACBL TREATS U.S. MEMBERS BETTER THAN CANADIANS. HOWEVER, 26% OF CLUB MANAGERS AND HEARLY HALF OF UNIT/DISTRICT OFFICIALS FEEL THIS WAY.

FACT: THE BULLETIN IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT TO CANADIAN MEMBERS. U.S. MEMBERS FEEL MASTERPOINTS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT.

FACT: 75% OF CANADIAN MEMBERS PLAY DUPLICATE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND CANADIANS ATTEND SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ACBL SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS (per capita) THAN U.S.

## bridge survey

A study of Canadian members was conducted in the Spring of 1988 to provide the ACBL Board of Directors and Management with a wide range of information about ACBL's Canadian members. From an article by Paul Cohen in the February issue (1989) of the ACBL Bulletin, here are a few of the findings:

Canadian members are VERY ACTIVE! 75% play duplicate at least once a week, and Canadians attend significantly more ACBL sanctioned tournaments (per capita) than U.S. members. The Bulletin is the most important membership benefit for Canadian members while U.S. members feel masterpoints are the most important benefit.

Nearly nine out of ten (89%) Canadian members are satisfied with their membership. Only 1% are 'not at all' satisfied. Only 15% of Canadian members feel the ACBL treats US members better than Canadians. However, a quarter of Canadian club managers and neraly half (45%) of Unit/District officials feel this way.

Half of all Canadian members feel the ACBL and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) should remain just as they are or that there should be an ACBL branch in Canada. Only 12% of Canadian members feel the CBF should evolve into a separate bridge league. Comparable responses from club managers and Unit/District officials are 19% and 18% respectively.

More than half of all Canadian members do not recall ever receiving the Canadian Bridge Digest. Those who do recall receiving it are roughly split on their estimation of its value.

Canadian ACBL members, as compared with US members are younger, more likely to be male, less educated, less affluent and more likely to live in a city.

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#### THE VALLEY CLUBS

Bob Percher 792-4389 Louis Vervoort 858-7934

ABBOTSFORD BRIDGE CLUB McCallum Activity Centre 2478 McCallum Road

Fridays 7:30 PM

RECENT WINNERS: Dean Mountain Memorial Aggregate Trophy \*Flora Tereposky\* 7th straight year!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 24 Club Championship Mar 10 ACBL Charity Game Apr 14 Club Championship

CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB Senior Rec Centre

9400 College St

Mondays 7:30 PM

RECENT WINNERS: CHWK Milk Fund Charity Game Dan Goerzen & David Schmidt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 20 Club Championship

MAPLE RIDGE BRIDGE CLUB Leisure Centre

11963 Haney Place Wednesdays 7:30 PM

RECENT WINNERS: ACBL Charity Game (Jan 25)

ACBL Charity Game (Jan 25) Len Feeny & Louise Percher

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mar 1st Club Championship

MISSION BRIDGE CLUB Leisure Centre

7621 Taulbut Ave

Thursdays 7:30 PM

RECENT WINNERS Club Championship (Jan 26) Brad Fletcher & Flora Tereposky \*\* NON SMOKING \*\* PARTNERSHIPS GUARANTEED \*\*
Monday Mornings 10:45 AM
Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM
HIGH SCORES:
 Dec 20/ 1988
 Pat Carruthers & Roz Richardson 70.83%
 Jan 3/ 1989
 Margie Neate & Delphine Tablotney 70.37%

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BURNARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Hazel Dressler 438-2102

1491 Carleton Street, Burnaby BC

Feb 28th Club Championship Mar 14 Membership Game Apr 18 Annual Dino Charity table fees \$5 Hand Analysis (fees include \$1.50 donation to the CBF Charity Fund)

EAST RICHMOND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB Corner of Cambie Rd & Sexsmith Richmond, BC Ida Goodlad 278-2896

Sundays 1:00 PM \*\*Partners Guaranteed\*\*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 26 Quarterly Club Championship

GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB 8920 Charles ST Richmond BC

> TUESDAY 7:30 PM (Note no Wednesday Game)

Sandra Borg 274-0603

6TH ANNUAL CHARITY SWISS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday APRIL 23 11:30 AM Cost: \$68/team includes buffet dinner Proceeds to the BC Heart Fund - Mission Branch

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 16	ACBL-wide Charity (	Same
Apr 13	Club Championship	

- Apr 23 6th ANNUAL CHARITY SWISS
  - \*\*TROPHIES TO WINNERS\*\*

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THE PORT COOUITLAM BRIDGE CLUB Legion Hall 2675 Shaughnesy St Port Coquitlam Bill Worsfold 525-3754

MONDAY 7:30 PM

\*\* Coffee and goodies included with entry fee \*\*

#### RECENT WINNERS:

Charity Game Dec 12 Kit Kosior & Bill Henderson (140.5 on a 108 ave.!!!) Quarterly Tournament Dec 19

Larry Hicks & Bob Sauve (119 on a 84 ave.)

Ernie Dietrich Trophy ## TED HICKS ## Most points for men, 1988

The Ev Hodge Trophy \*\* MARG BENOIT \*\* Most points for women, 1988

Under 200 Trophy, 1988 \*\* RAY CLEMMONS \*\*

#### EVENTS:

Handicap games Last Monday of every month where practical.

#### THE CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Fernridge Hall, South Langley 200th St and 24th Ave Bill Worsfold 525-3754

#### TUESDAY 7:30 PM

\*\* Coffee and goodies included with entry fee \*\*

RECENT WINNERS Quarterly Tournament Dec 13 Doug Sinclair & Jim Mayer

HANDICAP GAMES Last Tuesday of every month.

#### FRASER VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB Century House 620-8th St., New West Liz Hicks 421-4277

THURSDAYS 7:15 PM \*SHARP\*

- ENTRY: \$3.50 includes refreshments for regular games ( Special events and Charity games extra)
- NON-SMOKERS PLEASE NOTE !! There are separate smoking and non-smoking sections for pairs games when possible ...

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 16 Monthly Handicap Game FIRST ANNUAL JACK RITCH Feb 23 MEMORIAL TROPHY GAME Mixed Pairs, Club Championship CONTINENT WIDE ACBL CHARITY GAME Mar 16
- Computer hands, print-outs Apr 13 Membership Swiss Teams \*\*Non-smoking\*\*
- May 11 Masters/Non-masters Pairs (over/under 300 Masterpoints)

#### ANSWERS TO TRIVIA

1. BAROMETER SCORING- heightens the interest of both players and spectators. Towards the end of the event, knowing the position of contending pairs will often influence the tactics chosen in trying to win! 2.SARAH BATTLE 3.the BATH COUP 4.THE BENNETT MURDER. Sept 29, 1929. John Bennett was murdered by his wife after going set in 4 Spades. His wife was tried and acquitted. 5. BOX A CARD 6. THE BAIRD TROPHY Donated by James C. Baird in memory of his wife in 1948. 7. THE BOSTON CHESS CLUB 8.DAVID BIRD

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WINNERS Novice CC Gunter Allman & Jessica Leeder

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