

Vancouver Unit 430 December 1989

MAINTENANCE CENTER



DON'T MISS THE VANCOUVER REGIONAL JANUARY 15-21 1990

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president's message... *Jude Goodwin-Hanson*

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS. In response to my message in the last Matchpointer, many people have called to offer their services. The Unit board is compiling a list of volunteers, for all the SMALL jobs. You too could be on that list. Why not pick up the phone right now and give me a call? 224-2210

SPECIAL EDITION. The unit will be publishing a special edition of our newsletter. It will be a directory, really, listing the executive, all the clubs and all their information, a complete 1990 list of upcoming events, a Unit 430 perpetual calendar (so you will know when to expect certain events) and winners of many of the Unit's special games. There will be descriptive copy, explaining our unit, and our games, and the booklet will be offered to members, non-members and guests alike at our January Regional. Jude Goodwin-Hanson and David Schmidt will be compiling and producing the booklet. It will cost the unit about \$300.00

PAST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. I have been feeling a little nostalgic lately. Many of you might have noticed the old Matchpointers at the recent Round-up Sectional, as well as the 'Walk through History'. The people and the traditions of Unit 430's past are important to the continuing health and enjoyment of bridge in our area. Accomplishments of past organizers and players should not be lost. Past friends and good times should not be forgotten. Years ago, Aidan Ballantyne put out a call for old Matchpointers, and assembled a library of all issues from 1972 through today. Aidan has generously allowed me to have and make use of these old issues for a short period of time. They are a treasure trove of information, details, gossip, and events in the unit, as well as reference material for compiling lists of winners. I have begun to compile these lists, and we will eventually have them permanently on file for all future editors and boards. The Unit is considering the expense of reproducing these old Matchpointers, that they may be handed down from one editor to the next and remain a part of our tradition. In many instances, Aidan's are the only intact copies. I would like to thank Aidan, on behalf of the unit, for his generosity.

OLD MATCHPOINTERS NEVER DIE. We need copies of any issues which pre-date 1972. Please look through your library and attic. They are smaller, sometimes 8½x11, sometimes an 8½x14 folded in half. We will make sure your copies are treated well, and returned in good shape. Plus, we need a copy of the Easter, 1979 issue- Editor Doug Andrews- ours has a missing page.

PRINTING ANYONE? Is there someone out there who works in, manages, or owns a printing firm? A good copy machine is all we need, but the project will be time-consuming and must be handled with care. We are gathering quotes for the job.

In keeping with our historical mood, following are Unit 430's previous Matchpointer editors:

1968-1969	Sheila Dickie	1978-1979	Doug Andrews
1969-1970	Allan Graves	1979-1980	Doug Andrews
1970-1971	?	1980-1981	Aidan Ballantyne
1971-1972	Rosamunde Brenan	1981-1982	Aidan Ballantyne
1972-1973	Jim Donaldson	1982-1983	Sandy McIlwain
1973-1974	Anne Nagy	1983-1984	Sandy McIlwain
1974-1975	Anne Nagy	1984-1985	Sandy McIlwain
1975-1976	Gary Harper	1985-1986	Lauren Miller
1976-1977	Gary Harper	1986-1987	Lauren Miller
1977-1978	Gary Harber	1987-1988	Jude Hanson
		1988-1989	Jude Hanson

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Let them TEACH

At the November Board meeting, your Unit Executive passed a motion to subsidize unit members who are interested in attending the ACBL Teacher's Accreditation Course, to be held at the Penticton Regional.

The cost of the course is \$100, and the Unit offers a \$50 rebate to any member successfully completing the course, not to exceed ten (10) participants.

The Unit Executive is extremely interested in furthering local bridge through teaching programs. Many of our present teachers are overwhelmed by waiting lists, sometimes

fifty persons long! Although we had intended to run a series on our available teachers, most do not want the extra publicity as they already have more students than they can handle. There is potential in Vancouver for bridge teaching to be a good, full-time job!

The ACBL Club Series teaching program has been praised by all factions. The students love it and become automatic members of the ACBL for six months when they complete the course (Witness Ted Trites's 16 or so new members from his West Vancouver classes!) Teachers love it for the simple and easy approach, as well as all the back-up material.

We love it, as it promotes teaching, learning, duplicate and the ACBL.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT PLAYER TO TEACH THE GAME TO BEGINNERS. We like to envision a fleet of bridge teachers set loose in the city. We are investigating the school system as well, hoping to institute bridge programs in and between the Vancouver high schools.

The Penticton course (June 4-6) begins MONDAY morning, and runs Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Interested persons should contact DINO SECRETARY BUNNY TUELL at 1013 Laurel Ct., Tacoma WA 98446 (Send name, address and check-Canadian Funds.)

The board...

Other actions by the Unit 430 Board of Directors in 1989.

Copies of the Membership List will be made available to club managers and organizers, although ACBL requires that point holdings not be made public. These membership lists will cost \$5.00 to cover copying.

The Unit will rent out bidding boxes at a cost of \$1 per table/session, plus a refundable security deposit of \$10 per set.

The Unit will sponsor and organize the non-sanctioned Inter-City IMP Pairs Trials Flights A & B and put it under the jurisdiction of the Special Pairs co-ordinator.

The unit will award free plays to six sectional sessions in the following year to each year's winners of the Edie Bonnell and Under 200 Trophy Races. These free plays are non-transferable and non-refundable.

The Unit will continue the monthly unit games, trophy race and free coffee through 1990. There will be two draws/game for free plays but no free plays will be awarded to the winners.

The sectionals...

Sectional starting times: No matter what times we choose for our sectionals there seem to be people dissatisfied. We have moved the evening start to 7:30 because the hospitality breaks were creating a very late finish. However, the 1:30 & 7:30 times did not leave enough of a break for our directing staff. Now we have a 1:00 afternoon start at all sectionals.

The unit is investigating two new sites for Vancouver sectionals. One is the Sheraton at 12th & Cambie (for Nov. and Feb.) The other is in Maple Ridge (shades of 'Golden Ears'?) this coming July, 1990.

MUG NITE!

NOVEMBER UNIT GAME WINNERS

** Marny & Bill Van Camp

TROPHY RACE LEADERS

1. Laurence Betts
2. Ev Hodge
3. Jo Elliott
4. Alison Dorosh
5. Ben Takemori



MONTHLY UNIT GAME

North Shore Winter Club
Game time: 7:00 PM

- ** Free Coffee
- ** Cash Bar
- ** Free Play prizes
- ** Guaranteed Partnerships
- ** NO SMOKING
- ** Bidding Boxes

FINAL GAME DECEMBER 10TH

Trophy Race winners published
in the next Matchpointer.

PREVIOUS CHRISTMAS GAME WINNERS

- 1983: Don Fraser & Hobart Liang
1984: Virginia McGonigal and
Dr. E. Christopherson
1985: David Gold & John Hurdle
1986: Susan Peters & Martin O'Reilly
1987: Peter Herold & Alana Skuce
1988: Cam Doner & Elliott Netto
1989: Marcie and Richard Christie

UPCOMING UNIT GAMES

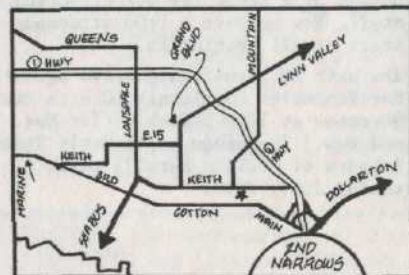
Note special dates

JANUARY 7TH (2nd Sunday)

FEBRUARY 4TH

MARCH 4TH Mini-McKenney Nite

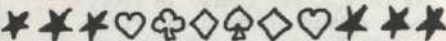
APRIL 1ST April Fool's Game



*** NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB**

A JOINT EFFORT...

The Matchpointer would like to thank the following contributors to this issue:
Aidan Ballantyne Dave Schmidt
Lauren Miller John Bryden
Liz Hicks
All the Clubs and the Special events Commissioners.



ENTERTAINMENT 1990 Jennifer Paynter
The Coupon Book... Call Jennifer now if you wish to obtain one of these great little books. Filled with coupons, discounts and 2-for-1 deals, this book is a must for people who enjoy eating out, attending theatre, skiing, special attractions, etc... also great for the travellers. There are many great hotel discounts across Canada and many parts of the US. Proceeds from sales of these books go into the subsidy budget. Jennifer is doing a GREAT job selling the books on behalf of our unit - the cost is \$40 and if you ever plan to step out of the house in 1990, you will certainly recover that sum in savings within a short period of time!

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NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Lancaster, November 1989

Congratulations to DAVE GLEN from Pt. Moody for a good showing at the recent Nationals. Dave placed 5/6th in the NA SWISS. To do this he began in a field of 94, went into a second qualifying day with 40 teams, and played in the finals, a third day, against 17 other teams. David won 18.34 points for this finish. Dave also placed 3/4 in the Lancaster Superflight morning KOs, worth another 30.16 masterpoints.

NEW DAILY BULLETINS - Lancaster
Editors Henry Francis and Sue Emery are to be congratulated on the change in National Bulletins- 8 1/2 X 11 format, with good heavy stock, lots of interesting tales, easy to read, easy to store - certainly a worthy addition to any collector's library. You can subscribe to the National Daily Bulletins- \$32(US) for bulletins from all three NABCs, mailed to your door. Other prices and info can be found on page 6 of the November ACBL Bulletin.

ACBL

YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST

MAJOR ACTIONS FROM MEMPHIS

The ACBL Board meeting, Nov. 1989, gave rise to the following actions:

- Did away with simultaneous Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs for future NABCs. Instead, there will be an Open Pairs opposite the Women's.
- Sanctioned a cash prize tournament for the first time. (see below)

- Adopted a new schedule of dues and fees that will not go into effect until after full review at the Fort Worth Board of Directors meeting.

ACBL HEADQUARTERS TO MOVE

ACBL headquarters will move from the building at 2200 Democrat Road, home since the League moved to Memphis in 1972, to a four-story building on Airways Boulevard, only a short distance from present Headquarters. The many new programs have caused severe crowding in the old location, but the new site will have plenty of room for expansion. The ACBL hopes that the move will be complete by February.

JUNIOR ALERT!

Any players born in 1965 or later are eligible for selection to the team that will represent North America in the World Junior Championship in 1991, as long as any two players forming a partnership fulfill the following criteria:

1- Finish in the overall at an NABC in any regional or national event with no upper point limit between June 1, 1989 and May 31, 1990.

2- Achieve at least average score in any regional FLT A open pair event between above dates and: a) if there are fewer than 40 tables, finish highest among the junior pairs entered; or b) if there are more than 40 tables, finish highest or second highest among the junior pairs entered.

Any pair who think they have qualified should contact Tournament Division, ACBL. Larry Hicks was a member of the NA Junior team in 1989, and would surely answer any questions to the best of his ability.

OMAR SHARIF WORLD INDIVIDUAL CASH TOURNAMENT- the World's Richest Bridge Tournament.

"The biggest cash prize in tournament history, putting the game on a par with many professional golf and tennis tournaments, will be offered in Atlantic City next May... the schedule will be European style, with one long session each afternoon."
- Alan Truscott in the New York Times

Brought to you by Omar Sharif, the ACBL, Goren International and Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

Two divisions: Championship with \$40,000 first prize and Open, with \$8,000 first prize. Also, masterpoints will be awarded. The event is sanctioned by the ACBL.

Why an individual? There is no way to monitor 100+ tables, so, to make sure there are no prior understandings among partners, players will have a new partner every round.

Bidding boxes but not screens. The organizers hope this event will generate TV coverage and want to put people in front of the cameras, not rows of screens.

Join Omar and a host of the world's greatest players in a four-session multi-board event. For further information, contact the ACBL.

NATIONAL WINNERS- Lancaster

NA WOMEN'S LM PAIRS

Sabine Zenkel & Rhoda Walsh

NA MEN'S LM PAIRS

Steve Lapides & Walt Walvick

NA NONLM PAIRS

Jay Berke & Thomas Halton

MEN'S B-A-M TEAMS

Steve Robinson, Ed Manfield, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey

WOMEN'S BAM TEAMS

Lynne Schaefer, Suzy Burger, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

Mark Molson and Robert Lebi

REISINGER TEAMS

Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chris Compton, Mark Molson

NA SWISS

Eugene Gardner, Ken Meyer, Ed Shapiro, Bruce Silverstein

Events

Valentine Sectional

On the back of this issue, you will find the schedule for a very special Vancouver Valentine Sectional. At this tournament, each year, Unit 430 honours four of the unit's bridge personalities with trophy events. The unit was saddened in 1989 with the passing away of two of these good people. It is a fine thing that they shall be remembered, through these events, by future generations and on through time. In memory of Willy Weinstein, Jean Turnbull and June Budd Hicks, and in honour of Adrian Hicks, unit members and guests are invited to come on down to the Sheraton Landmark Hotel this February.

On the Sunday, we will also be presenting other 1989 trophies for the hard-fought Phil Wood race, Edie Bonnell race, Under 200 Phil Wood race and the reinstated Unit Game Trophy Race. These competitions require determination, time and effort and it is fitting that the winners be recognized in such a public forum.

THE ADRIAN AND JUNE BUDD HICKS OPEN PAIR TROPHY

(Instituted at the Evergreen Sectional in 1977)

- 1977 Sherman Kwan & Sandra Borg
- 1978 Buddy Crapko & Sharon Bruneau
- 1979 John Kamb & Leo Steil
- 1980 Delphine Tablotney & Helen Montgomery
- 1981 Mary Ruth & Maury Blustein
(Moved to Winter Sectional 1982)
- 1982 Gord McOrmond & Dan Jacob
- 1983 Ray Loftis & Steve Bruno
- 1984 Gord McOrmond & Dan Jacob
- 1985 Ron & Sandra Borg
- 1986 Doug Hansford & Dennis Groden
- 1987 Ron Borg & Dan Jacob
- 1988 Aidan Ballantyne & Dick Yarrington
- 1989 Michael Dimich & Al Chapelle

WILLY WEINSTEIN FLIGHT A VICTORY POINT SWISS TEAMS TROPHY (est.1984)

- 1984 (tie) Laurence Betts, Greg Arbour
Aidan Ballantyne, David Waterman
(tie) Duncan Smith, Gord McOrmond,
Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully
- 1985 Ron Borg, Don Brander, Bob
Connop, Paul Hagen
- 1986 Bob Connop, Don Brander, Ron
Borg, Paul Hagen
- 1987 Dan Jacob, Michael Strebinger,
Gord McOrmond, Aidan Ballantyne
- 1988 Peter Herold, Aidan Ballantyne,
Michael Strebinger, Dan Jacob
- 1989 Catriona Brown, Bernie Hoy,
Delphine Tablotney, Phyllis
Gerber

JEAN TURNBULL MIXED PAIRS TROPHY (Established 1989)

- 1989 Louis and Pat Landau

"OUR"
regional
JANUARY
15-21

In January, 1990, our unit proudly hosts another popular Vancouver regional. On the following pages you will find a full schedule, as well as information about 'who's in charge'. FEEL FREE TO CALL THESE PEOPLE AND OFFER YOUR HELP.

***** One of the key figures in the success of a regional is Hospitality Chairperson SHEILA GIROTTO (520-6888). Sheila has lots of projects and plans and is going to need our help!

WE NEED OUR LOCALS: In 1983 the Vancouver Regional was in danger of being terminated, due to high costs common to city center. Then, the local players, ably led by then Chairman Doug Cowan, gathered in support. Representing 40% of the total table count, unit 430's great support helped to cement Vancouver's claim to a permanent slot on the DINO regional schedules. That year, the table count was 2,649, only a few short of the District 19 record. Having a regional in our own home town is a wonderful thing for local players, with good savings on travel and accommodation expenses. Every one of us can be a great help just by showing up to play! This will be Vancouver's twelfth regional.

TABLE COUNTS: 1977- a record-setting 2,405. 1981- 2,516. 1983-2,649.
1986- 2,200 1988- 2,207

COPC

Congratulations to the following unit members who have qualified to play in the Canadian Open Pairs-Vancouver Championships. This will be the second stage in a three stage event. Third stage will be the National Finals (there is no BC or Zone 6 finals).

DATE: JANUARY 27th SITE: Haida Bridge Club * NO SMOKING * TIME: 1:00 PM & TBA

Haida Club Qualifiers

- Gordie Davis
- Anne Nagy
- Ron Dixon
- Brian Dixon
- Marguerite Chiarenza
- Mel Hoff
- Hanna Liang
- Hobart Liang
- Gerda Lubeseder
- Olive McDonald
- Phyllis Barrington
- Koos Van Lieshout
- Bob Gerry
- Aban Gerry
- Dennis McMahon
- John Reay
- Harvey Piercy
- KenLochang
- David Levitt
- Sam Krikler
- Gunter
- Jessica
- Sefton Levine
- Sheila Shoring
- Leo Steil
- Dennis Groden
- Adrian Hicks
- Hal Rodd
- Mike Takemori
- Ben Takemori
- Greg Arbour
- Don Brander
- p.Moslinger
- R.Prystawik
- D.Jorgenson
- Pearl Minkoff
- S.Kanee
- Jane Rogers
- D.Moore
- D.McCully
- G.McCully
- S.Bell
- N.Friedman
- J.Balcom
- B.Jess
- Buddy Crapko
- Bernie Hoy
- Peter Herold
- Jim Dickie
- R.Thompson
- T.Ainsley
- Bert Curry
- Les Fouks
- Helene Fournier

D.Kerr

- J.Kerr
- M.Tjebbes
- Doug Cowan
- Tom Cross

Fraser Valley

- Dan Watson
- Gary Phelan
- Monica Angus
- Donna Morrison
- Alex Kiper
- John Findlay
- Marg Neate
- D.Tablotney
- Ted Hicks
- Jim Marshall
- Rob Crawford
- Jim Crawford
- Brian Russell
- N.Charleson
- Mary Fines
- Bob Butler
- Cam Lindsay
- Don Brazeau
- P.Blackall
- L.Elliott
- Allice Smith
- Al Austin
- Wilf May
- Bill Osborne
- Audrey Loy
- Herby Lum
- S.McIlwain
- R.Miller-Tait
- Gordon Estrada
- Don Estrada
- D.Thomas
- C.Christoffersen

- Pemberton Club
- Sheila Girotto
- Brian Badger
- J.Schneider
- Pat Landau
- Terry Scott
- Alan Harrop
- Bill Work
- M.Becker
- Mary Fines
- Stella Alliston
- Ev Hodge
- Jean Groome
- Jennifer Paynter

Olive Perdue (H)

- Bill Osborne
- Cam Doner
- Steve Williamson
- Larry Pocock
- June Stenning
- Rod Coote
- M.Younglai
- Andrew Ross
- Jim Fisher
- Alison Dorosh
- Anne Scott
- Ram Hira
- Scott Martin

Vancouver Club

- Joyce Peters
- N.Smitheringale
- E.Rosborough
- W.Davidson
- Liz Robson

Events

Vancouver Club

- B.Fallis
- Stew Forbes
- Eric Earthrowl
- Gladys Lund
- J.Nesbit
- M.Campbell
- D.Frissell
- C.Huget
- D.Nelems
- L.Lester
- D.Dean
- P.Feltham
- M.Adams
- N.Fullbrook
- A.Ballantyne
- D.Jacob
- B.Moller
- Hoshang (H)
- Tsawwassen Club
- List not available.
- Ask at the club.

Qualifiers should have qualification slips, given out by the club. This list may or may not be complete and should not be considered proof of Q.

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE COPC VANCOUVER CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1985: David Waterman & Greg Arbour
- 1986: Ron Borg & Peter Herold
- 1987: Rob Crawford & Don Brander
- 1988: Don Brander & Greg Arbour
- 1989: Ron Borg & Michael Strebinger

Ron and Michael went on the win the CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in 1989.

The exact number of pairs qualifying to attend the National Finals is unclear at this point, but last year it was seven. Players qualify for the VANCOUVER LEVEL as individuals but qualify for the NATIONAL level as pairs. There is about \$2,000 in expected subsidy to help with travel costs, usually received by the top two or maybe three pairs.

* IF EVERYONE SHOWS UP, WE WILL HAVE THIRTY-FIVE TABLES! ***

FLIGHT A IMP LEAGUE SCHEDULE

						*	*	*	VP TOTAL
1. HOUSE	- (12)	2 (16)	3 (11)	4 (14)	5 (4)	6	7	8	57
2. TILDEN	13(3)	1 (4)	- (12)	3 (8)	4	5	6	7	
3. OSBORNE	12(13)	13(4)	1 (9)	2 (12)	- (12)	4	5	6	50
4. CHRISTIE	11(10)	12(18)	13(3)	1 (6)	2	3	-	5	
5. JOHNSON	10(8)	11(18)	12(13)	13(6)	1 (16)	2	3	4	61
6. LINDSAY	9 (12)	10(11)	11(15)	12(16)	13(7)	1	2	3	61
7. TAKEMORI	8 (12)	9 (5)	10(17)	11(18)	12(16)	13	1	2	68
8. MCDONALD	7 (8)	- (12)	9 (12)	10(3)	11(2)	12	13	1	37
9. GARDNER	6 (8)	7 (15)	8 (8)	- (12)	10(8)	11	12	13	51
10. BETTS	5 (12)	6 (9)	7 (3)	8 (16)	9 (12)	-	11	12	52
11. ELLIOTT	4 (10)	5 (2)	6 (5)	7 (2)	8 (18)	9	10	-	37
12. BODLAK	3 (7)	4 (2)	5 (7)	6 (4)	7 (4)	8	9	10	24
13. DIVINSKY	2 (17)	3 (16)	4 (17)	5 (14)	6 (13)	7	8	9	77

With five matches completed, above are the results and Victory Point totals. (* shows lineup for next three matches, ending January 31st)
 Leader-of-the-pack DIVINSKY lives up to handicapper LaPitt's October predictions so far. LINDSAY and TAKEMORI, rated 3rd/4th battle it out for 3rd/4th with JOHNSON, although Takemori has a 7 VP lead.... seven VPs might not seem like much, but with today's compacted VP scale it could easily be a determining factor. 'Good effort' accolades to the GARDNER (psyches notwithstanding...) team, picked for the bottom of the pack but currently holding 6th place.

FLIGHT B IMP LEAGUE SCHEDULE

								Total:2 rnds
1. Prenty	- (12)	2 (3)	3	4	5	6	7	15
2. Stiennon	7 (18)	1 (17)	-(12)	3	4	5	6	35
3. McIntyre	6 (2)	7 (1)	1	2	-(12)	4	5	3
4. Balcom	5 (15)	6 (6)	7	1	2	3	-(12)	21
5. Ayukawa	4 (15)	- (12)	6	7	1	2	3	27
6. Eng	3 (18)	4 (14)	5	-(12)	7	1	2	32
7. Mazuren	2 (2)	3 (19)	4	5	6	-(12)	1	21

Second round results are not all in for the Flight B League. Stiennon, like Divinsky above, lives up to the B League handicapper Jimmy the Turk's predictions, (Is handicapping that easy a job?) and rests in first place. Surprise team ENG nips at their heels, however and AYUKAWA, picked for 2nd to last place, is only 8 VPs behind. Stiennon can't do better than 12 on the 3rd round, giving Eng and Ayukawa a good opportunity to pull ahead- not both of them though, they will be playing each other!

LATE FLASH: ENG PULLS AHEAD. Last minute reports show Eng winning over Ayukawa 14-6 (VPS). Eng is now only 1 pt behind Stiennon, but faces a 12 pt bye next match.

CNTC

The club level qualifying games for this season's Canadian Team Championships are currently underway. We will not have a complete qualifier's list until the end of December, too late for a Matchpointer. We will try to post the list

in the local clubs so keep your eyes peeled. VANCOUVER CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL (unit finals) will be held FEBRUARY 25 at the HAIDA CLUB. Originally planned as a two-session event, we may be changing to a three session format, which could require playing on FEBRUARY 24 as well- MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The BC CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held MARCH 31- APRIL 1, possibly in Kamloops. Players qualify for the unit level as individuals, then form teams for all higher levels.

For more info call Peter Marr at 294-5653.

d e c e m b e r	15	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Pemberton Club * Haida Club
	16	CNTC CLUB QUALIFYING	Pemberton Bridge Club
	17	Christmas Party	East Richmond Bridge Club
	17	GNT-B CLUB QUALIFYING	Haida Bridge Club
	18	Christmas Party	Poco Bridge Club * Burnaby Bridge Club
	19	Christmas Party	Burnaby Bridge Club
	19	Christmas Party Lunch	Sunnyside Bridge Club
	20	99er Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
	21	Christmas Party, Open Pairs	Fraser Valley Club
	26	Hot Dog Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club
28	Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club	
30	Handicap Club Championship	Haida Bridge Club	
31	New Years Eve Pairs & Midnight Swiss	Pemberton Bridge Club	
j a n	5	Swiss Teams Party Nite	Pemberton Bridge Club
	7	MONTHLY UNIT GAME	North Shore Winter Club (see MAP page 4)
	8	Swiss Teams	Burnaby Bridge Club
	8	CWTC CLUB QUALIFYING	Pemberton Club (+regular game)
	15-21	⇒ VANCOUVER REGIONAL	Hyatt Regency Hotel
	17	Handicap Game	Vancouver Bridge Club
27	* COPC UNIT FINALS	Haida Bridge Club	
29	Open Pairs Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club	
f e b r u a r y	2	Swiss Teams Party Nite	Pemberton Bridge Club
	4	MONTHLY UNIT GAME	North Shore Winter Club
	5	Club Championship	Poco Bridge Club
	6	O-20 Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
	8	Bi-Monthly Swiss Teams	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
	9-11	⇒ VANCOUVER VALENTINE SECTIONAL	Sheraton (downtown)
	13	Annual Membership Game	Burnaby Bridge Club
	14	Valentine's Day Charity Pairs	Vancouver Bridge Club
	15	Handicap Pairs	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
	19	Handicap Pairs	Vancouver Bridge Club
	21	IMP Pairs Club Championship	Pemberton Bridge Club
	22	Mixed Pairs Jack Ritch Trophy	Fraser Valley Bridge Club
25	* CNTC UNIT FINALS	Haida Bridge Club	
26	Quarterly Club Championship	Burnaby Bridge Club	
27	Seniors Game	Sunnyside Bridge Club	
m a r	2	Swiss Teams Party Nite	Pemberton Bridge Club
	3	* CWTC VANCOUVER WOMEN'S TEAMS UNIT FINALS	(Haida Club)
	4	MONTHLY UNIT GAME	North Shore Winter Club
	11	* GNT-B UNIT FINALS	Pemberton Bridge Club
	15	99er Club Championships	Pemberton Bridge Club
	27	Quarterly Club Championship	Burnaby Bridge Club

APRIL	1	MONTHLY UNIT GAME & MINI MCKENNEY NIGHT	North Shore Win Club	
	7-8	CWTC BC WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	North Shore Winter Club	
	1	CNTC BC OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS		
	13-14	COPC National Finals		
MAY	20-22	GNT-B District Finals, Everet WA		
	JUNE	6	MONTHLY UNIT GAME	North Shore Winter Club
		1-3	VANCOUVER BC CHAMPIONSHIPS SECTIONAL	Royal Towers, New West
	2-6	CNTC National Finals		
	10	MONTHLY UNIT GAME	North Shore Winter Club	
	8	EPSON WORLD PAIRS		
	4-10	Penticton Regional		
	**	NAOPC CLUB QUALIFYING ROUNDS THIS MONTH		

**** ABBOTSFORD*CHILLIWACK*MAPLE RIDGE*MISSION Events listed on page 24.
 DONT MISS DISTRICT-WIDE CHARITY GAME APRIL 24!

Winners

THE RACES

RUN AND WON 1989

Coming into the last sectional of the year, Larry Pocock sat in first place on the Phil Wood, 15.14 ahead of Aidan Ballyntyne and 21.57 ahead of Martin O'Reilly. Larry added another 4.23 to his total on Friday, but Saturday, Aidan and Martin began to surge. Aidan won the Stratified Pairs (A), winning 20.95 and Martin pulled in second, winning 14.67. Martin was charging from 14th place and Saturday night, the standings were: Aidan leading with 54.06; Larry second with 53.57; and Martin third with 41.35. Nose to nose, they entered the last lap, Sunday swiss. When the dust settled that evening, we had a winner. MARTIN O'REILLY tied 1/2 in the teams and stole the cup. (see articles and listing elsewhere in this issue). A big change occurred when a call to Memphis revealed Brenda Robson's total at Jan 1 to be over 200, making her not eligible for the UNDER 200 RACE. (our apologies to Brenda for the mistake). This left the winning spot open and it became a battle of the Johns (Reay, Mullen, Lepage) with Ian Gardner challenging them all. Winner JOHN MULLEN did not disappoint himself and his supporters, winning 4.99 at the Round-up and claiming first place. John Lepage won 4.37 at the sectional but was unable to improve on his 4th place. Ian, only .01 behind Reay after the Evergreen, won .11 more than Reay at the Round-up (who says those section placings and match awards are trivial), and bypassed him in a near photo-finish for 2nd place. Phyllis Gerber's leading total of 40.12 did not improve at the Round-up and was not enough to retain first place in the EDIE BONNELL TROPHY RACE when JUNE STENNING won 6.87 and the race, by 4.13. Places third through fifth in the Edie Bonnell Race did not change.

Inter-Club

ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL TROPHY

1989 WINNERS- FRASER VALLEY CLUB

Liz Hicks, Larry Hicks, Nicci Charleson, and Brian Russell

This is a second-in-a-row win for the Fraser Valley Club, although the members of the team have changed. Veteran Liz Hicks was a member of the winning POCO team in 1985, the Inter-club Championship's first year. Larry Hicks needs no introduction. Up-and-comings Nicci and Brian are not afraid of competition. While filling the balance bill for under 100 and non-LM respectively, I have personally met them in the Inter-city IMP Pairs and the FLT A Imp League, and see their names frequently on tournament reports.

Congratulations and good work....

1989: Fraser Valley Club
1988: Fraser Valley Club
1987: Haida Club
1986: Haida Club
1985: POCO Bridge Club

SEASIDE REGIONAL WINNERS

Open Swiss

6/9: Wilf May, Surrey

Open Pairs (Wednesday)

4. Brenda Robson, Brackendale & Leo Steil, Vancouver

Knockout Teams, Flight A

5/8: Rob Crawford, Vancouver- Derek Ward, N. Van- Jim McCully, Van- Wilf May, Surrey

Knockout Teams, Flight B

3/4: Don Sache, Delta- Brenda Robson, Brackendale- Laureen Holley, N. Van- David Schmidt, Chilliwack

Senior Pairs

3: Marny & Bill Van Camp, W. Van

Super Open Pairs Flight A

12: Rob Crawford

Super Open Pairs, Flight B

3: Jim Kerr & Marten Tjebbes, Van

Stratified Pairs Flight A

10: David Schmidt

15: Donald Sache, Delta & Rose Wrean

17: Liz Hicks, New Westminster

Stratified Pairs, Flight B

2: David Schmidt

3: Donald Sache & Rose Wrean

Super Swiss Teams, Flight A

4/6: Cam Doner, Richmond- Rob Crawford, Larry Hicks (Brenda Keller).

Open Pairs (Qualifying)

7. Jim McCully

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VANCOUVER REGIONAL

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 PM DINO CHARITY PAIRS One Session
 NEWCOMER CHARITY PAIRS (0-20) One Session
 Celebrity Panel for Newcomers following game.
 Free plays (\$5) to Newcomer winners.
 ★ RANDOM DRAW FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS
 Entries subject to close at midnight.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:45 AM ★ FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS 1st Round
 ★ Flight A (Unlimited) ★ Flight B (0-1000)
 1:00 PM ★ OPEN SWISS TEAMS 1st Session
 JEAN TURNBULL SIDE GAME One Session
 7:30 PM ★ OPEN SWISS TEAMS 2nd Session
 ADRIAN HICKS SIDE GAME One Session
 NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) One Session

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:45 AM ★ FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS 2nd Round
 1:00 PM ★ WOMEN'S PAIRS 1st Session
 2nd Session Thursday 1:00 PM
 ★ BURNABY OPEN PAIRS (Playthrough) 1st Session
 2nd Session Thursday 1:00 PM
 49ER PAIRS (0-50) One Session
 HENRY SMILIE SIDE GAME One Session
 7:30 PM ★ SENIOR PAIRS (55+) 1st Session
 2nd Session Thursday 7:30 PM
 ★ RICHMOND OPEN PAIRS (Qualifying) 1st Session
 2nd Session Thursday 7:30 PM
 99ER PAIRS (0-100) One Session
 SUSAN PETERS SIDE GAME One Session
 11:30 PM SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS One Session
 Free Plays to Winners



THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:45 AM ★ FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS 3rd Round
 1:00 PM ★ WOMEN'S PAIRS 2nd Session
 ★ BURNABY OPEN PAIRS 2nd Session
 ★ NORTH SHORE OPEN PAIRS (Playthrough) 1st Session
 49ER PAIRS (0-50) One Session
 AIDAN BALLANTYNE SIDE GAME One Session
 7:30 PM ★ SENIORS PAIRS 2nd Session
 ★ RICHMOND OPEN PAIRS Consolation and Final
 ★ NORTH SHORE OPEN PAIRS 2nd Session
 NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) One Session
 AL CHAPELLE SIDE GAME One Session

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:45 AM ★ FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS 4th Round
 1:00 PM ★ STRATIFIED PAIRS 1st Session
 ★ Flight A 1000+ ★ Flight B 300-1000 Flight C 0-300
 NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) One Session
 DOUG COWAN SIDE GAME One Session
 7:30 PM ★ STRATIFIED PAIRS 2nd Session
 99ER PAIRS (0-100) One Session
 TOM CROSS SIDE GAME One Session
 11:30 PM CHARITY SPEEDBALL SWISS One Session

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:45 AM ★ FLIGHTED KNOCKOUTS 5th Round
 1:00 PM ★ SUPER OPEN PAIRS 1st Session
 ★ Flight A Unlimited ★ Flight B 0-1000 Flight C 0-200
 NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) One Session
 SANDY MCILWAIN SIDE GAME One Session
 7:30 PM ★ SUPER OPEN PAIRS 2nd Session
 49ER PAIRS (0-50) One Session
 JO ELLIOTT SIDE GAME One Session

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

10:30 AM ★ SUPER SWISS TEAMS 1st Session
 ★ Flight A Unlimited ★ Flight B 0-1000
 4:00 PM ★ SUPER SWISS TEAMS 2nd Session

Winners

ROUND UP SECTIONAL November 1989

WOMENS' PAIRS

1. Rose Wrean & Julie Cowan
2. Ina Andersen & Monica Angus
3. Mary Sutherland & Angeline Bennington
4. Ilene Taylor & Kit Koslor
5. Tove Chen & Nancy Yoshida

OPEN PAIRS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1. Debbie McCully & Gordie Davis
2. Keith Miller & Don Sache
3. Doug Baldwin & Gerry McCully
4. Mike & Ben Takemori
5. Helene Fournier & Les Fouks

FRIDAY EVE SIDE GAME

1. John Reay & John Lepage
2. Miriam Pendergrast & Tillie Nelson
3. Mike Takemori & Dave House

* HENRY SMILIE MIXED B-A-M TEAMS *

1. Liz Hicks, Larry Hicks, Gladys Mackie, Jim Marshall
- 2/3. Sheila Dickie, Buddy Crapko, Sharon Crapko, Bob Santa
- 2/3. Larry Pocock, June Stenning, Elliott Netto, Ina Andersen

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLIGHT A

1. Aidan Ballantyne & Dan Jacob
2. Martin O'Reilly & John Bryden
3. Karel VanRenesse & Jacques Ribeyre
- 4/5. Sandy McIlwain & M. Newcombe
- 4/5. Denny Denman & Pat Blackall

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLIGHT B

1. Denny Denman & Pat Blackall
2. Frank Kelley & Colin Collin
3. Brian Dixon & Ron Dixon
4. Gary Skoropada & Roz Richardson
5. Barb Hicks & Audrey Loy

STRATIFIED PAIRS FLIGHT C

1. Alices Smith & Connie Bell
2. Anne Chow & I.C. Sun
3. Marion Crowhurst & Claire Burns
4. Dick Simpson & Tai Eng
5. Diane Ayukawa & Gail Watson

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

- 1/2. Martin O'Reilly, Sandy McIlwain, Doug Baldwin, Gerry McCully
- 1/2. Mike Roberts, Duncan Smith, Scott Morrison, David Todd
- 3/5. Sandi White, Stan Bodlak, Alan Harrop, Bev Taylor
- 3/5. John Bryden, Paul Sontag, Ben Takemori, Bob Santa
- 3/5. Mary Fines, Olive McDonald, Helen Montgomery, Jeanne Bentley

CONSOLATION SWISS

1. Larry Hicks, Bob Sauve, Ted Hicks, Derek Ward
2. Tom Cross, Gerry Cross, Steve Beaton, Doug Cowan

1989 FINAL WINNERS

PHIL WOOD TROPHY RACE

1. Martin O'Reilly	58.24
2. Aidan Ballantyne	56.27
3. Larry Pocock	54.45
4. John Bryden	46.34
5. Doug Baldwin	45.89
6. June Stenning	44.23
7. Gerry McCully	43.87
8. Duncan Smith	41.56
9. Phyllis Gerber	40.12
10. Catriona Brown	39.64

PHIL WOOD UNDER 200 RACE

1. John Mullen	28.94
2. Ian Gardner	26.68
3. John Reay	26.58
4. John Lepage	24.59
5. Alison Dorosh	18.89
6. Gray McMullin	14.87
7. Allen Coulter	14.29
8. Frank Kelley	14.06
9. Bill Terzianoff	13.43
10. Leszek Baldys	11.98

EDI BONNELL RACE

1. June Stenning	44.23
2. Phyllis Gerber	40.12
3. Catriona Brown	39.64
4. Delphine Tablotney	36.00
5. Brenda Robson	34.39
6. Rose Wrean	33.11
7. Marcia Christie	31.86
8. Rhonda Betts	31.46
9. Pat Landau	25.99
10. Leslie Gold	25.72

KELOWNA SECTIONAL October 1989

Master Pairs 1/2: Colin Sabiston, Surrey
George Petrescu
Open Pairs 1: Dennis McMahon
Ben Takemori

WALLA WALLA SECTIONAL

Open Pairs 2/3: Ralph Purves, Vancouver
Open Pairs 3: Ralph Purves

COMOX VALLEY SECTIONAL October 1989

Friday Open Pairs
1: Doe Stockdale, Burnaby
Friday Eve Master Pairs
1. Mollie Mason, Burnaby- Allen Coulter, Richmond

Friday Speedball Swiss
2/3: Phil Wood, Richmond

Winners

FUTURE STARS

OPEN PAIRS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1: Tove Chen and Nancy Yoshida, Vancouver
- 2: Robert Morrisette & Althea Morrisette, Mayne Island
- 3/4: Geoffrey Caton, Comox & Phil Sanford, Campbell River
- 3/4: Celia Waldman & Emil Westerlund, Richmond

FLIGHT A PAIRS SATURDAY EVENING

- 1: Wanda Davidson, West Vancouver & Joyce Snowball, North Vancouver
- 2: Connie Bell, Burnaby & Leszek Baldys, Richmond
- 3: David Jacobs and I.C. Sun, Vancouver

FLIGHT B PAIRS SATURDAY EVENING

- 1: Steven Smedley, Vancouver & Tony Flavell, Burnaby
- 2: Adi Wadia, Richmond & Rani Shroff, Vancouver
- 3: Fred O'Kelly & Kay O'Kelly, North Vancouver

SWISS TEAMS

- 1: Marie Wright - Jack Webb, Delta - Gail Watson - Joyce Rhodes, Richmond
- 2/4: Tai Eng, Jim McKenzie, Larry Meyer, Richmond - Dick Simpson, Vancouver
- 2/4: Kay Lyons, Les Lyons, Maree Logan, Pearl Challenger, White Rock
- 2/4: Stan Taviss, Vancouver - Michael Dawe - Emil Westerlund - Joe Kraemer, Richmond

CONTEST

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

SOUTH SURREY NON-SMOKING DUPLICATE
BRIDGE CLUB

The South Surrey Bridge Club won the Future Stars Contest Grand Prize of a set of duplicate boards with case and cards. The prize was awarded to the club or teacher who encouraged the most entries at the recent Future Stars sectional. Players were asked to indicate, on the back of their entries, the club or teacher responsible for personally inviting them to attend the sectional. The South Surrey was responsible for forty-seven individual session entries! Congratulations and THANKS!



Close runners-up in the contest were the HAIDA BRIDGE CLUB, with forty-one entries and the PEMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB with thirty-seven. The ARBUTUS CLUB and/or BONNIE ANDERSON helped out a great deal as well, encouraging twenty-eight entries. All clubs and teachers participating in the contest will receive a prize of one deck of cards for every eight entries. Winners of these prizes not mentioned above are: SQUAMISH CLUB (1 deck) WHITE ROCK CLUB (2 decks) SANDY MCCREERY (1 deck) BOB PERCHER (1 deck) GRAND SLAM BRIDGE CLUB (1 deck) TSAWWASSEN BRIDGE CLUB (1 deck).

Honourable mentions go to: ABBOTSFORD, KAY SINCLAIR, VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB, HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB, EAST RICHMOND BRIDGE CLUB, NORTH SHORE WINTER BRIDGE CLUB, and BURNABY BRIDGE CLUB.

On behalf of the players who enjoyed the sectional, we would like to thank all the clubs and teachers who helped them and encouraged them to attend. New players need nurturing and the bridge world needs the new players. If we all work together we will be able to maintain a healthy growth and a happy membership.

by Auntie Mae

MAKE that PLAY!

S- Q9x
H- Qxx
D- KJxx
C- xxx

The Auction:
N E S W
- - INT P

S- J10
H- AKJx
D- Q10xx
C- Axx

Opening Lead:
Low spade

East, who had fallen for your partner's blarney on the previous hand was not about to compound his generosity by setting up the Queen of Spades. Had you played the Queen, however, he would have been only too happy to establish your 9. Mind you, West would have time to switch to clubs but... no, give them half a chance to screw up and they almost always will.

S- AK9xx
H- Q9xx
D- Q76
C- x

The Auction:
N E S W
1S P 2C P
2H P 3N P

S- Qx
H- J
D- A109x
C- AQ10xxx

Opening Lead:
Low Heart

drycleaning plant and thinks spots are for leopards; well, not entirely. You do notice East throw the Diamond 8 as you pitch another club. So East likes Diamonds, hmm? You run the Queen, low from East- maybe you'll pin the Jack and roll up the whole suit. No, West wins the King and clears the Hearts. That's curious, you think, as you and East both sluff clubs. Another Diamond from dummy and another club from East. Oh- that little sandwich board on the table? Bryden though it said 'Thank you for not smoking', or maybe 'Eat at Joe's'. What it actually says is, 'we play Roman Discards'. Fiddlesticks. Now you'll have to do some counting to make this hand as you win the Ace of Diamonds. Let's see. West has 10 red cards which leaves him room for about 3 black ones. When you play Spade Queen, Spade to the King, West plays low and Jack. Well, probability being the order of the day, it's a lot more likely West's remaining card is a club. Thus, you play a club to the Queen, Ace of Clubs, throw East in with the final club, and claim the last two spades.

Would you like to win an Open Pairs? Okay, we will play the first 49 deals for you, then sit you down with 'Phil Wood' trophy winner Martin O'reilly to declare a couple of hands. If you get one right, you win the event. Bryden couldn't, but of course, he's my niece's boy and we have to make allowances for that side of the family.

So what's the problem, you ask? I hope you didn't play a low spade from dummy while you were searching for one. You did? Oh dear. The elderly gent on your right will now win his Ace and fire back an unexpected 10 of clubs and hold you to plus 90- a poor score.

The whole hand:

S- Q9x	S- Kxxx	S- Axx
H- Qxx	H- xxx	H- xxx
D- KJxx	D- A	D- xxx x
C- xxx	C- KQJx	C- 109x
S- J10	S- J10	S- A1073
H- AKJx	H- AKJx	H- Q1062
D- Q10xx	D- Q10xx	D- J9832
C- Axx	C- Axx	C- void

You're playing in a particularly forgiving event, however, and your next opponents freely bid to six spades off four to put you back in charge as you play the last deal of the day.

The opening lead goes to the Ace and, after some thought, East returns the heart ten as you shed a club. West overtakes with the King and plays a third heart. What heart? Yes, it might be useful to know which heart West plays, but Bryden used to work in a

CONTINUED

MAKE THAT PLAY (cont)

Ha! Dream on. When you play a club to the Queen and prepare to face your hand, West wins his stiff King and faces his three winners instead.

Gracious me, you are down three and we all know what that gurgling sound means. If 'you have to be good to be lucky' (an old sports cliché, fellow hospital patients and shut-ins), just how bad do you have to be to be this unlucky? Bad enough to take up Bingo is what I keep telling that kid. (I've made coleslaw out of smarter heads).

S- Jx	C- x	S- 10xxx
H- Kxxxx		H- A10
D- KJxx	S- Qx	D- 8x
C- K	H- J	C- J9xxx
	D- A109x	
	C- AQ10xxx	

Partnered by Auntie Mae's grand-nephew in the Round-up Saturday Pairs, Martin O'Reilly did not win the event. In fact, the event was won by Aidan Ballantyne (and Dan Jacob) putting Aidan in the lead for the Phil Wood Trophy, that Saturday night. Following is a hand which demonstrates Aidan's ability at the game:

S- J6	S- K842	S- A1073
H- 75	H- KJ4	H- Q1062
D- Q107654	D- void	D- J9832
C- J95	C- K108432	C- void
	S- Q95	
	H- A983	
	D- AK	
	C- AQ76	

E/W VUL. Open Pairs, first sess.

N	E	S	W
P	P	IC	P
1S	P	2N	P
6C	P	P	P

Opening lead, 7 Hearts.

Trick one- low heart from dummy, 10, Ace.

Three rounds of trump, ending in dummy. (East throwing 2 Diamonds

and a Spade) Now a low Spade from dummy catches East in a Morton's Fork - he cannot take the Ace, so must duck. This is what happens to poor East: fter the Spade Queen wins, declarer cashes two high diamonds pitching two spades from dummy. Then Aidan runs the clubs. The end position is:

North

S- K
H- KJ
D- -
C- 4

EAST
S- A10
H- Q6
D- -
C- -

The last club is played from dummy and East is squeezed. In practice, East threw the Spade 10. Now a spade from dummy endplays East.

+920 was worth 11 Matchpoints.

ODD SPOT: How many points are won in NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS? 100 big ones for a first in the LM Men's or Womens Pairs and the NA Swiss. 125 for a first in either the Blue Ribbon or the Reisinger. 75 for a first in either B-A-M Team events. Let's see- at \$9 per session, \$70 per night accommodation and \$20 per day food, this comes to about \$2 (US) per point in the Blue Ribbon; \$2.50 per point in the Reisinger- of course, this does not include travel and luxury, and comes to more if you do not win....

FORMER UNIT MEMBER AND MATCHPOINTER EDITOR- whatever happened to Allan Graves? Upon perusing the National Bulletins, one can see that Allan is still active, living in Toronto, and maintaining a certain expertise at the game. Allan placed 4th in the NA Men's BAM teams, 10th in the Reisinger Teams and 11th in the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Eighty PLUS

by Aidan Ballantyne

With the passing of the eighties it seems appropriate to salute our unit's grand old man of bridge, Adrian Hicks, who is himself well into his ninth decade.

Adrian and I enjoy frequent games together down at the Haida Club. Recently, on one particular hand, Adrian showed me why, during his long and illustrious bridge career, he was able to win so many championships and become Western Canada's first Life Master.

S- A43
H- Q1084
D- J1073
C- AJ

S-109765
H-963
D-Q52
C-98

S-J82
H-AKJ
D-94
C-K10652

S- KQ
H- 752
D- AK86
C- Q743

AUCTION: N S
1H 2D
3D 3N

VUL: None LEAD: Spade 10

Adrian now played a diamond to his hand and East had to throw the Jack of hearts. The sharp eyed veteran had carefully noted the fall of the club 9-8 from West and accurately diagnosed the ending. At this point, he played a heart, won by East who, after some thought, led the club 6.

Adrian inserted the 7. I happened to look up while West fished for a discard and Adrian gave me a broad wink! This beautifully played hand, which earned us a near top, demonstrates that Adrian is still on top of his game. Fellow players, beware!

The bidding reflects the simple 4-card major approach favored by the old master.

West led the 10 of spades which Adrian won in hand. An argument could be made for playing first on hearts, but Adrian decided, very reasonably, to play immediately on diamonds. He cashed the diamond Ace and, when no Queen appeared, played a club to the Jack, losing to the King. Back came a spade, won by Adrian in hand. Declarer now played a club to the Ace and led the diamond Jack for a finesse. West won the diamond Queen and failed to find the killing heart shift, continuing instead with another spade. Adrian won the Ace, pitching a heart, while East followed. He now cashed the diamond ten, East pitching a low club. The position was:

S- -
H- Q1084
D- 7
C- -

S- -
H- AKJ
D- -
C- 106

S- -
H- 75
D- K
C- Q7

S- 76
H- 963
D- -
C- -

Top Guns

Top Masterpoint holders in Unit 430.

1972

1. Otto Leesment 2529
2. Adrian Hicks 2107
3. Buddy Crapko 1912
4. Allan Graves 1874
5. Jim Donaldson 1797

1975

1. Otto Leesment 2886
2. Adrian Hicks 2625
3. Allan Graves 2509
4. Buddy Crapko 2469
5. Jim Donaldson 2250

1977

1. Jim Donaldson 3222
2. Allan Graves 3189
3. Otto Leesment 3146
4. Adrian Hicks 2980
5. Neil Chambers 3743

1983

1. Allan Graves 4550
2. Adrian Hicks 3579
3. Laurence Betts 3445
4. Ron Borg 3302
5. Paul Hagen 3254

1985

1. Allan Graves 4805
2. Laurence Betts 4163
3. Adrian Hicks 3721
4. Leo Steil 3672
5. Ron Borg 3555

1987

1. Laurence Betts 4743
2. Leo Steil 4600
3. Adrian Hicks 3964
4. Ron Borg 3932
5. Paul Hagen 3861

1989

1. Leo Steil 5533
2. Laurence Betts 4776
3. Adrian Hicks 4106
4. Ron Borg 4105
5. Paul Hagen 3947
6. A. Ballantyne 3813
7. Peter Herold 3555
8. Gord McOrmond 3406
9. Bob Connop 3308
10. Lauren Miller 3030
11. Buddy Crapko 3009
12. Fred Sontag 2951
13. Dan Jacob 2945
14. Don Brazeau 2865
15. Larry Hicks 2514

Some Practical Applications by Lauren Miller

Active Ethics

As many of us are aware, the ACBL has recently been trying to emphasize and propagate the concept of 'Active Ethics'. Briefly stated, one of the main tenets of active ethics is that every player should aggressively go out of his/her way to ensure that

the opponents are fully informed - whether or not he/she is legally required to do so. The object of this exercise is to ensure that everyone's score be determined strictly by skill and 'normal' luck, not by the fact that one's opponents are not playing on a level field. While the intention of the active ethics program is admirable, there seems to have been a lack of concrete examples which show how a player can be actively ethical. I would like to share a few ideas on this and would encourage others to do the same.

First, a personal anecdote. In my early days of playing bridge, I was playing a hand where I could only lose one more trick to make my contract. My RHO had the master trump (the only one outstanding) and I had two side suit losers in my hand. The lead was in dummy, which contained J64 of diamonds, the only cards remaining in that suit. Thus, I could play a winning diamond and discard one of my losers when RHO ruffed, but I would still have another loser. Only if I could persuade RHO not to ruff the first diamond would I be able to ditch both my losers. So I called 'small diamond'. RHO, accordingly deceived, did not ruff and I made my contract. At the time I thought myself terribly clever, but when I later learned more about the game and its ethical obligations, I realized my little ploy was not a proper thing to do. If I had called for the four of diamonds, and RHO had still gone wrong, at least I would not have tried to mislead him by using the loaded word 'small'.

One way to practise active ethics is to alert the opponents to any non-standard bids, leads or treatments which they may not be aware of, even if they are not technically alertable (the alert system has some holes in it, as we all know). Sometimes you should not do this until the auction is over, depending on whether the information will help your partner more than the opponents. As an example, I often play that the lead of a Jack denies a higher card in that suit, and I try to remember to alert when partner leads a Jack (or a 10 or 9). Even though I have 'Jack denies higher' written on my convention card, the opponents do not seem to notice this section of the card very readily. On one occasion, my partner led a Jack against 3NT. I alerted the lead, declarer asked for an explanation, and proceeded to go up with Ace from AQx in dummy, dropping my singleton King (partner wanted to cram my alert down my throat, but that's another story). Some play that a double of a 1H overcall is negative and denies holding four or more spades. If you use this treatment, I think you should say 'special alert' or something along those lines to ensure the opponents know it's not a traditional negative double (which would also be alerted, although perhaps it shouldn't be).

Another problematical issue is the legitimacy of what is called 'table feel'. I believe that, especially in regular partnerships, players pick up a lot of information (often unconsciously) from their partners which can constitute an unfair advantage. How often have you heard, "I really should have bid game (or whatever), but it didn't feel right". I'm convinced that sometimes a bid or play 'feels right' because partner has made a slight break in tempo, nervous mannerism, change in normal speaking voice or intonation, or a whole host of other indications which would be imperceptible to a stranger but are informative to a familiar partner. I have imposed a rather rigid rule upon myself in this situation, to wit: 'Never mind your feelings, just make the right play'. I'm not suggesting everyone adopt this rule, but I do think it takes a high degree of self-awareness to be able to distinguish when your 'table feel' is based on factors which are as accessible to your opponents as they are to you. I don't have that much self-awareness.

ACTIVE ETHICS (continued)

As a final point, I would like to refer to Rose Wrean's excellent article in the October Matchpointer where she detailed various ways in which some players abuse, intimidate and humiliate their opponents (and partners) - sometimes with malice aforethought, sometimes out of sheer thoughtlessness. In addition to the violations of common decency and harm to the image of duplicate bridge these actions entail, they are also actively unethical in that they create an atmosphere where factors other than skill and normal luck are used to determine the result of the game. Let your opponents fear coming to your table because of your card-playing wizardry, not your capacity for emotional brutality!

IT PAYS TO BE A GOOD PARTNER by David Schmidt

Everyone knows you're supposed to be a good partner, supportive of partner's efforts even while you may be cringing inside, not giving up just because you're disgusted with a board, etc. etc. But it can be difficult to do and sometimes we question whether it's worth the effort. I know it is!

Having gone to Seaside only to play on a ringer Flight B Knockout Team (we finished a disappointing 3/4), I depended on the partnership desk for the pair events. For Friday's Flight B Super Open Pairs, I was paired with an elderly woman from Port Alberni. She needed a partner because her husband wanted a "better" player than her and was trying his luck in the Flight A's. Although she was most pleasant to play with, our results were not noteworthy. We struggled to average plus in the first session, then ended up well below average in the second session. Despite the poor results, I tried not to be discouraged and attempted to work for every matchpoint.

Since this had been a typical lacklustre result, I was getting sick of pickup partners by Saturday's Stratified Pairs event. Imagine my surprise, then, when an elderly gentleman (Henry Anderson of Port Alberni) came to me as I was finishing my knockout match and announced that his wife and the partnership desk had decided we should play together that day. His wife (Pearl) was the woman I had played with the day before. Apparently she had been impressed with both my conduct and my play and decided I was the "better player" her husband was looking for.

Pearl turned out to be a good matchmaker as we ended up second in Flight B and tenth in Flight A, surprising everyone except possibly Pearl.

Why did we do so well? First, we both tried to live up to our advance billing. In a way, Henry had foisted himself on me so he did not want to disappoint the "good player" his wife had found. In my case, I had been "oversold" and had to be extra sharp so as not to let down Henry's expectations. Our styles fit well but, more importantly, we did everything that makes you a good "partner": respected each other's abilities, tried to make bids partner would understand and played our hands to the best of our ability. When we did get a poor result, we did not point fingers. That last point is crucial. In two rounds of bridge, we never had two poor results in a row.

Yes, it's both more pleasant and more rewarding to be a good partner. By being a good partner one day, I got a good partner the next. By being a good partner the second day, I got a good result.

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THE DINOSAUR THAT WASN'T by Jude Goodwin-Hanson

At our recent Round-up Sectional, there was a 'Walk Through History' taped to the back wall, displaying lists of previous winners at this sectional. These simple sheets reached back some seventeen years and represented a lot of memories for our unit members.

Memories like these are a great part of bridge today. As the baby boom bubble of players enter and leave their second decade with the game, memories, history and tradition begin to take on more substance, and play a key role in solidifying the body that is bridge in our unit and in the ACBL. It is through history that we are all joined. New players, new winners, new unit executives are all connected, to each other and to the lists of members whose names can be found in similar positions marching backward through time; marching past milestones of change, past landmark decisions and past events which have changed the face of bridge forever. We are, as a group, a product of this past and the people who participated in its texture.

Today, bridge is a new game, as it must be in order to carry us into a rapidly changing and demanding future. However, in our eager efforts to swing into a new day, I believe bridge organizers are in danger of missing a crucial step along the way. With all the new events, new programs, new tournaments and new and new and new, we seem to have forgotten that an institution without history is an empty shell. It is tradition and ritual that give depth and inspiration to human effort. We can cry NEW! and NEVER DONE BEFORE! and many will show up, but when we participate in something new, one of the urges to do so is the thought that we may be taking part in something historical. If, year after year, the event carries no history, interest will eventually die.

Some of the posters on our Round-up wall listed winners of events which no longer exist. These were nostalgic memorials to the bridge dinosaurs, such as the Masters' and the Unmixed Pairs; events which, in their awkwardness, were doomed to museums as soon as the modern world could invent a superior animal; events which, in a way, evolved into the present day tradition.

There is, however, one grand old beast that has just recently fallen, leaving its bones still fresh in the hearts and annals of bridge around the world- The Men's Pairs.

The Vancouver Unit no longer runs a Men's Pairs. Men's Pairs are no longer found on regional schedules. In fact, at the November Board meeting in Lancaster, the ACBL itself decided to eliminate all Men's events from the National Championships schedules. Gone are the Life Master Men's Pairs, the Men's Board-A-Match and the Men's Swiss Teams. At the world level, too, Men's events have been deleted. With one huge sweep of the hand, Men's events have become extinct across the board.

How, and why, did this happen? The processing of this change is murky. It is somehow linked to the emancipation of men and women in today's society. It is somehow linked to the sexual revolution of the sixties; somehow linked to the changing of Chairman to Chairperson, and the painting over of the Men's and Ladies & Escorts signs on the doors of drinking rooms; somehow linked to househusbands, the gay olympics and verbal versus spatial skills- but I still don't get it. The Women's events remain in place. What was wrong with the Men's that is not wrong with the Women's?

Usually a thing will die off when it is no longer needed, or when it is overcome by something that is stronger. For instance, there are those partnerships of mixed gender, unable to play on Men's and Women's days. The table count of Men's events has always been lower than that of the Women's. So, we will just eliminate the Men's and all the guys can play in an Open Pairs. Our table count will go up and...

Please wait ten seconds. Here is an example of the missing step. In our eagerness for change and improvement, we may have erred. We have neither transformed nor replaced the tradition...the history. What we have done is invented the Open Pairs, Friday Aft. A nothing, really, just another event. On regional schedules, we have forced yet another Open Pairs- playthrough no doubt. Our local Vancouver Regional now has three two-session Open Pairs; one to replace the Mixed, one to join the Seniors and now one to replace the Men's.

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7:30

Friday 7:45 *
(*restricted smoking)

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(0-20) (non-smoking)

STRATIFIED Thursday 7:30
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SWISS TEAMS First Friday Each
Month *note change

HANDICAP GAMES 1ST & 3RD
Mondays

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RECENT WINNERS

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COPC Club Qualifying
- Tom Cross & Bill Osborne

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- Karl Kupka & Scott Martin

Membership Game
- Ram Hira & Nurdin Kassam

99er Club Championship
- Gerry & Sue Vangaans

ACBL-Wide Charity Game (novice)
- Irving Koenigsberg & Wanda Stepien

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- Joerg Schneider & Alison Durosh

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- Marion Adams & Stella Alliston

Swiss Teams
- Stew Forbes, Al Turvey, Win

Trerise & Marion Crowhurst

Interclub Qualifying

1. Edna Quinn, Elizabeth Robson, Margaret Campbell & Joyce Nesbit
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Club Championship - Mar. 30

CHILLIWACK-Senior Recreation Centre 9400 College Street-Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

CHWK Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game - Dec. 4
Winners: Dan Goerzen & David Schmidt

Club Championship - Mar. 5

MAPLE RIDGE-Leisure Centre 11963 Honey Place-Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:
Club Championship - Jan. 10

MISSION-Leisure Centre 7621 Taulbut Avenue-Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:
Club Championship - Feb. 8
ACBL Charity Game - Mar. 15

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PLAYERS OF THE MONTH
October: Marion Adams
November: Marion Adams

* CLOSED JANUARY FIRST *

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2. Sandi White & Stand Bodlak

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ANDY NAGY TROPHY 1. Fraser Valley Club- Liz Hicks, Larry Hicks
Nicci Charleson, Brian Russell

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