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The Round-Up Sectional was a great success, but several things I heard were discouraging. I heard disparaging remarks made about the team in the KOs consisting of David Ching, his daughters Stephanie and Maribeth, and son Patrick (average age of the kids, about 11). The comments were based on two facts: the father was occasionally seen to point out bidding mistakes, and the team was playing Precision. I played



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against them in the KOs, and I can report that a) the lessons were wellplaced, polite, and positive, and b) the team knew their bidding system far better than a few others that I played against. I found it disappointing that bridge players would go out of their way to find invalid reasons to grumble: it seems to me that young people sincerely interested in the game should be encouraged always. I hope that by helping them compare scores at the end and shaking each of their hands I made them feel more welcome. (By doing so I got to see the kids faces light up like a Christmas tree when they discovered they'd won 18 IMPs from us in the second half!)

In White Rock I also heard a few people complaining about stratified games. These complaints come in two forms: either they feel they have "no chance" because the game

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isn't stratified or the strata places them at the low end of B or A; or, they think that stratification creates cheap masterpoint awards and reduces the quality of the game. Such people should be forced to play as partners...

A resolution for 1995: your Matchpointer editor would like to see more club qualifying games for the various multi-level events run at clubs other than the VBC. How can Unit 430 send our best players forward in these events if some of them cannot easily reach the site for the first stage? Grass-roots events will die out if clubs won't support them. Let's see some new faces qualifying from our Unit.

The Yellow Pages doubled in size this time due to submissions and ads. Let me know what you think. And I wish the best during the holidays to all Matchpointer readers! -McB

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President's Message

by David Schmidt

Several recent events have reassured me bridge is alive and well in our area and likely to remain so through the end of the decade.

First, as mentioned last issue, is the success of our split-site unit games. Our intention is to continue to hold them the first Sunday of the month. However, we have moved the January game to the second Sunday (Jan 8) to avoid New Year's Day and the February game to the last Sunday in January (Jan 29) to avoid a conflict with the Bellingham sectional. I hope you continue to support our unit games and note these revised times.

Second is the unqualified success of our Round-Up Sectional. The four-day format with bracketed knockouts is a hit. Last year, we drew 495 tables and this year we beat that with 499 tables despite the cold some players had to endure. I hope the Pacific Inn repairs its facilities before we hold another wintertime sectional there as that is the only flaw in an excellent venue. The popularity of bracketed knockouts was confirmed as 35 teams entered. We have secured this weekend on an on-going basis and will hold a four-day knockout sectional every time the holiday allows it. Particular congratulations go to Dan Jacob who authoritatively captured the Phil Wood Trophy for the sixth time (with the fourth highest total on record) by winning the Ben Lapidus Knockout Trophy and Flt A Stratified Pairs and tying for first in the Open Swiss. Now that you have been reminded of the Joy of Bridge, I invite you to come back for the Winter Sectional, Jan 20-22, at the Queensborough Community Centre, another location easily accessible to all our members.

Finally, five years of effort by your district, your directors (Phil Wood & Roger Putnam) and your unit board have paid off and the ACBL has confirmed Vancouver as host of the Spring North American Championships, March 18-28, 1999, almost 25 years to the day since Vancouver last hosted a North American championship. This is good news for local bridge, but, as those of you who attended the Seattle NA Championships last year know, it requires dedicated effort from the local community. It will take thousands of hours of preparation and hundreds of volunteers to mount this prestigious event. I know we are up to it. A steering committee will be set up soon and I encourage you to get involved. You will not regret it.

May I conclude by wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you enjoy the holidays with family and friends and carry the message of peace and goodwill to all with you throughout the coming year.

-David Schmidt

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IMPs decision

by Doug Cowan

The *Matchpointer* doesn't have a "Master Solvers Club" feature, but if it did, I would submit this as a problem.

First, the scenario. You are playing in a two-session charity Swiss, with 25 teams. After six rounds you were undefeated and leading with more than a match to spare. However, you lost the seventh match, and now must win the last match to win the event.

A bidding misunderstanding on the first board is likely to cost 10 IMPs, but

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the other boards seem OK. On the

penultimate board, this is your hand:

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predictable fashion, no opposition bidding:

 You
 Partner

 2♣
 2♦ (waiting)

 2♥
 2♠

 3♥
 4♠

 4NT*
 5♥**

* RKC for diamonds (last bid suit, as no trump agreement)

**Two keycards without the Q+

What call do you make now?

The bidding proceeds in

▲ x ♥ AKT9xxxxx ◆ A ♣ Ax

(Answer on page 9)

a

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Bridge Software

by Gordon McOrmond Alfred Sheinwold Presents Bridge Baron For Windows

The cover describes Bridge Baron as "The definitive computer bridge game," the price of \$79.99 puts this product in its own price category! However, after playing the program I feel it is worth both the title and the price tag.

This program, unlike others I have reviewed, is Windowsbased and the installation was very simple (run "setup" from Windows).

Double clicking on the Bridge Baron icon brings up an attractive menu asking you to choose from: Introduction, Bridge Baron, Bridge Match, Sheionwold Bridge Challenges, Personal Play Library, and Bridge Competition. Since this was my first time, I chose introduction. This is probably a good choice for those players who hate to read manuals. It gave a short overview of the program and explained that Bridge Baron was really four separate programs in one.

Next I chose the Bridge Baron option and was asked if I wanted to play a single deal, rubber bridge, duplicate, or return to the main menu. I was most interested in the quality of the play so I chose single deal. After choosing the defaults from a dazzling array of choices I found myself bidding South: \bigstar J3 \checkmark - \blacklozenge AJT5 \bigstar AKJ9875. The auction proceeded:

South North

- 1+ 1*
- 2* 3NT
- all pass

North laid down \bigstar K94 \bigstar AQ854 \blacklozenge KQ72 \bigstar 2. Of course if North had just rebid a simple 2 \blacklozenge over my 2 \bigstar we would have been playing 6 \blacklozenge from the best side; oh well, on the A \bigstar lead I managed to scramble my 12 tricks. This proved to be a fairly typical deal for Bridge Baron. Subtle bidding is not its forte. If it has enough points for game, it tells you immediately. If it is interested in slam, it asks for aces. In spite of this limitation the game is fascinating.

Options, and more options make Bridge Baron the best bridge program for random play that I have reviewed. There are very few choices that you cannot make. Who is dealer, what's the vulnerability, whether you bid for the contract or set it directly. You have six choices of hints, and six choices of hand types: random, part scores, game, slam, numbered and inputted! This last option is wonderful, finally a computer program where you can easily take a puzzling hand from your last game and see how it should be handled.

Other options include setting its intelligence. This one allows you to set its thinking time from immedi-

ate up to 10 seconds, and the longer it can take



the better it plays. One interesting option is double dummy defense. With this option on, the computer can look at all the hands to find the best defense. After you have played the hand, you can save it for later recall, or print it out. The printing feature is particularly good, it shows the auction and complete play of the hand in addition to the deal.

Bidding is fairly basic, though you have the option of playing the following conventions; weak 2-bids, weak jump overcalls, one notrump forcing, negative doubles, Jacoby transfers, and Unusual notrump. A flowchart option takes you into the computer's thought processes about bidding. By answering yes or no to a series of questions you can see how the computer arrives at its bid. Another excellent feature for newer players is auction interpretation. This mode shows the player what the computer or any bridge player should know about each hand based on the auction so far.

"Bridge Match" from the main menu allows you to play a match of up to 16 boards. The format can be IMPS, Boarda-Match, or Total Points.

"Sheinwold Bridge Challenges" is a program comprised of 24 challenging deals picked by Mr. Sheinwold himself. In the first deal you are South playing in 44 on the K* lead and a switch to the 24:

North: • KT9 • 72 • QT94 • Aj32

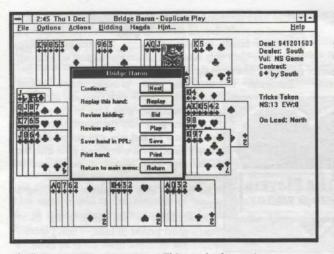
South: ▲ AQJ85 ♥ K54 ◆ 7 ♣ KQ96

An interesting hand with several levels of play available. The novice might win the spade in dummy and lead a heart to the king, hoping either for the ace onside or the opponents forgetting to clear dummy's trumps. A more sophisticated player might duck a heart first, then win the spade return and lead a heart to the king. This play loses only if the A \mathbf{v} is offside and West has three spades. The best play actually has several variations. Basically you pull trumps immediately, then run three rounds of clubs ending in dummy with:

North: • • • 72 • QT9 • A

South: AQ V K54 + - + 6

Now you lead any diamond off dummy and if it's not covered, pitch a low heart, endplaying West (if East covers, ruff, and return to dummy with the A+ and lead another diamond). The only trouble with this deal is the computer recognizes only one way, of many, to arrive at this ending. If you don't choose exactly the cards it is programmed to play



it gives you an error message. This can be frustrating.

"Personal PLay Library" allows you to enter your own deals into Bridge Baron and save them for later recall. You can also save the bidding, play, and last critical plays, as well as commemts or footnotes. You can even create your own

A Second Opinion

by Bruce McIntyre

I agree with Gordon that this is definitely the one to get, and as a Bridge Baron user for a few years, I thought I'd add a few opinions.

The Windows version of Bridge Baron for me was a slight disappointment. Initially, I gave it up in favour of the old DOS version, because it seemed to me that the number of clicks and mouse movements were far more than strictly neccessary, and there are the usual number of bugs associated with version 1.0 of any program. In the end, I discovered ways around many of the problems, and at this point I almost always use the Windows version.

The philosophy at Great Game Products seems to be to not include a new convention until all the wrinkles are ironed out, and this is the reason that there aren't as many conventions in this game than in others. It must be said that there are very few disasters, and in fact this program has beaten all of the others in computer competitions over and over. Eventually, they will get the system up to Standard American Yellow Card and they'll probably go beyond that as well. One of the programmers, Tom Throop, wrote a book on programming computers to play bridge; he has over thirty years of experience in writing such programs, and Bridge Baron is the result of this experience. I would estimate that Bridge Baron's level of play is high enough that it would probably not be overwhelmed in a typical club game.

It is possible, even quite easy, to practice with your partner against the computer with this program! You set the East and West hands as "Human" and pre print a set of hands to play. Then you hide all hands during the bidding and bid and play the hands from the printed hand records, crossing off played cards as you go. Using the duplicate bridge setting you can then watch the computer play against itself and IMP the results. This makes for an interesting evening of partnership practice. (It's not fair to the pro-

bridge challenges, complete with required play.

"Bridge Competition" is another bridge match, but the results can be send in to the publisher "Great Game Products." The top senders each month receive money prizes.

Bridge Baron is certainly the best random bridge program I have played. I believe that players at almost any level will find parts of the program to enjoy. The play and bidding level is good for a beginner, and the Sheinwold problem are even more challenging.

To summarize: I like the easy-to-use Windows interface, easy installation, dazzing array of play and bidding options, Sheinwold Challenges, ability to input, save and print deals. I disliked the level of play and bidding (though the best reviewed, still limited) no modern communications to allow players to play by phone, limited hand generation ability, restricted solutions to Sheinwold challenges.

Bridge Baron, by Great Game Products, sells for \$79.99; bridge players who mention the *Matchpointer* ad will receive 15% off this price at Strider Computers, 594-5422.

gram to play non-standard systems and conventions though, since there is no way to enter alerts and explanations into the computer.)

One improvement I'd like to see is a background mode for match play. When you finish your boards in a match, you should be able to ask the computer to replay them in the background while you do something else.

The most useful feature of Bridge Baron for me is the hand numbering system. You can use any number between 1 and 2,147,483,647 and whenever you enter the same number you get the same deal. Whenever I play I use the date for the first six digits and three digits at the end starting with 001 (today I began with hand number 941130001). If you find an interesting hand you can write down the number and return to it later if you haven't time to save the hand in the library.

The program has an attractive manual and many help files, from which you (or your family) could learn bridge from scratch.

This is the best bridge program on the market, has been for some time, and will continue to im-

prove in future upgrades.



Dan Jacob

1994 Phil Wood Trophy Winner

He is arguably the unit's best player and proved it again this year, winning the Phil Wood Trophy for a record sixth time.

"I had a bit of a run," says Dan Jacob.

Indeed he did, winning over 90 points despite playing just 2.5 of the five local sectionals this year.

After earning a first and a second at the Evergreen sectional in September, Jacob realized "the Phil Wood was a low-scoring affair going into the last sectional and I had a chance. I told Aidan (Ballantyne) I was going to go for it."

He did, playing in and winning all three major events at the Round-Up Sectional:

the Ben Lapidus Knockouts, the Flight A Stratified Pairs and the Open Swiss (actually, a tie for first), earning over 50 points and capturing the Phil Wood Trophy going away.

Gord McOrmond, his partner in the knockouts and pairs, finished a distant second. The two have been partners over 15 years.

"I hooked up with Gord soon after I started playing in Vancouver in 1978."

They began playing "a couple of local tournaments and the Calgary regional," hit it off, and Jacob made life master "fairly quickly."

He emphasizes the importance of a solid partnership.

"If you look at the successful partnerships in the world -Hamman/Woolf, Meckstroth/Rodwell, etc., - they have been playing together for years."

He does play with other partners. "Gord likes to take some time off bridge so I play with such people as Ron Borg and Aidan. It's healthy to see how other players think."

Jacob learned bridge while in university in his native Bucharest in 1969 and was "hooked right away." He played Blue Club in Romania, learning Standard American "from Gord" after emigrating here in 1977.

Having participated in several European tournaments allows him to compare tournament bridge on the two continents. He much prefers the European approach, saying North American tournaments are geared to the professionals.

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"You have morning brackets plus two-session events each day just so professionals can book more sessions. In Europe they have bridge festivals with only two sessions a day. Some days they only have one afternoon session so you can go out for dinner in the evening."

European tournaments also provide more player

incentives. "After expenses are paid, the rest of the money goes back to the players: 51 percent goes into the player pool. You don't win a lot but you can get your entry money back. Here everything goes into the ACBL and they spend it on expensive hospitality suites for the professionals."

So has he ever considered becoming a pro?

"It wouldn't be too fulfilling for more than a short period of time. I don't think I would like to move from hotel to hotel. I like to do other things," he says, adding "we

have young kids."

He also believes Europe treats developing players better.

"In Europe, they often pay the way of the young players to go to tournaments. I'd like to see something like that from the ACBL. There probably are a lot of young players would like to play a lot more but can't afford to."

Jacob says the quality of bridge on this continent is quite high but "not till you get to the nationals. Our local sectionals are stronger than the regionals."

He would therefore like to play in more nationals, but again notes "it's fairly expensive and I need time to spend with the kids."

He has come close but has yet to make his mark at the national or international level.

"We were third in the Men's Board-A-Martch in Niagara Falls in 1982. We were tied for the lead after the first half of the final with 22.5/26 but faded to third."

He suffered a similar fate in the Seattle Reisingers a year ago ("we should have finished second"), challenging for the lead before fading in the last few boards. He also hopes to play in more international tournaments ("we had a good showing in Biarritz") and hopes to win the Canadian National Teams Championship which has eluded him to date.

"I feel we have enough talent to win it all but we have to play tough and consistent and not do anything stupid."

Easier said than done, especially for the rest of us.

would be expected to represent this area's interests at DINO board meetings, held at each of the DINO regionals, and to assist in organizing bridge activities in BC and Washington. One of the two terms is for 1994-1996 and is presently held by Jennifer Paynter. The other term is for the period 1995-1997, and represents the position currently held by David Schmidt. Due to an oversight by your Unit board,





Please Explain

by Bruce McIntyre

The rules regarding alerts and explanations are not simple, so I thought a few words on the subject might help many players, as well as helping a *Matchpointer* editor with more space than usual to fill.

In the eyes of the ACBL alert procedure, there are now three classes of calls: non-alertable, alertable, and special alertable. Most of us have a good idea what is and is not alertable (if in doubt it is probably safer to alert and find out later), which leaves special alerts. These are a rare breed, limited to calls in familiar sequences which in your system have a significantly different meaning than what might reasonably be assumed by an opponent. For example, if you play Forcing Stayman after a 1NT opener, the two diamond response requires a special alert: so many people play transfers nowadays that the meaning of the auction might be missed by the opponents.

Bid-boxes present a problem to the alert procedure. The intention of an alert is to immediately inform the opponents that a bid may not mean what they think it means. But when bidboxes are in use, often the alerter taps the flag or waves the card while visual attention is focused on his right-hand opponent, and the silent alert is missed. Also, many bid-box rookies are not guite sure how to alert, and timidly pull the alert card a millimeter or two or rest their index finger on the flag. And bidboxes have no special alert card. For these reasons, the league has modified the alert procedure to require a verbal alert in addition to the visual one. So you tap or display the light blue alert card while saying "Alert," or "Special Alert."

What if you don't know what the call your partner has made means? If you don't know, don't alert! Alerting says "this call is conventional; I can explain."

There are all sorts of complications that arise when the alert procedure is misused, but they pale in comparison with the complications in explanations, which is the next subject.

The proper form to use when requesting an explanation is "Please explain..." Don't say "what the heck is *that*?" or "what's he up to now?" or some such derogatory comment. Don't verbally guess what's happening: "that's a transfer, is it?" These types of requests may pass information to your partner about your hand.

Questions may be asked about any call, but only when it is your turn. You cannot ask a question when it is your partner's turn to call, and if your partner asks a question out of turn, it is highly improper for you to take it upon yourself to ask for his benefit. You direct your question to the player whose partner made the call you want to find the meaning of. If your partner is on opening lead, you must wait until he places his lead face down before asking your questions. If you are on opening lead, you may ask before selecting a card.

Many better players disagree with me on this, but I think that you have the right to ask questions about opposing bidding regardless of what your hand is, or whether the answer can or can't affect the call you are about to make. Holding a zero count gives you no less right to ask a question than holding a rock crusher, and the clains of fouls I often hear, based on the "meaningless"

Jennifer Paynter was never officially reappointed to her position at the beginning of her current term. Both current directors are prepared to continue in their positions but it is your unit board's policy to invite written applications from all interested unit members before electing or acclaiming any candidates. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact any member of the unit board by December 31st, 1994, as these positions will be appointed at the January board meeting.

question asked by an opponent who showed up with nothing, are just sour grapes. The Laws say that you have the right to all of the opponents partnership agreements. Whether your bid depends on the answer or not is irrelevant.

However, don't ask questions when you know the answer, or when the very act of asking may alert partner to something. If an opponent opens one spade in front of you and you have a solid seven card spade suit, asking his partner what an opening bid of one spade means will conveniently (but very unethically) tell partner what you have.

Many players freeze up when a guestion is asked about their partners latest call. This is natural-suddenly you are required to produce the right response from memory, and we've all messed up these before, with varying costs, so it's a pressure situation. Things go wrong in these spots even when the answer is known, because players, thinking about the proper bid, are not thinking about how best to answer the question. So we get oddball explanations that either say too little or too much, and frustration sets in on both sides. When you are asked, remain calm and answer these four questions in your mind before responding:

1. Is partner's call natural?

2. Is partner's call forcing?

Does partner's call, by inference, indicate or deny certain specific holdings?

4. Do we have a clear partnership agreement about this call?

A simple point first: When you answer a question, your own hand is *irrelevant*: the question is about your partner's hand, not yours. If you need to look at your hand to decide what partner's bid means, you probably don't know what it means. So put your hand down and let's go over these four questions one by one.

Is partner's call natural? If the bid was in a suit, does he promise a fourcard or longer holding (without also promising possession of some other

suit)? If the bid was in notrump, does partner



promise a balanced or semi-balanced hand? Does he promise (or ask for) a stopper? If the bid was a double, is this penalty, takeout, or card-showing, or some other special meaning? If a redouble, is this to play, or does he want to be rescued, or is it something else? If a pass, does this have a conventional meaning?

Is partner's call forcing? The answer to this is important; often your RHO will be wondering if he'll get another call should he pass. Is there any conceivable hand you could have where you could pass? If so, does the hand have to be exceptional in some way before you will consider a pass? Is this call a transfer, or a relay? If the call is clearly nonforcing, is it a sign-off, or an invitation?

Does partner's call, by inference, indicate or denv certain specific holdings? A good example is New Minor Forcing. You open 1. and partner responds 1. You now rebid 1NT and partner bids 2. , New Minor Forcing. You alert and RHO asks. Partner's call is not natural and is forcing. (Already you've done better than the folks who just mumble "New Minor" and leave it at that.) What can you infer about partners hand? That he has invitational values

(ten or more points), and probably The opponents are five hearts. entitled to this information: tell them. Do we have a clear partnership agreement about this call? The opponents will assume that there is a clear agreement unless you state otherwise. If the situation has not come up or has not been discussed. it's proper to inform the questioner that any explanation you give might differ from partner's intention. It goes without saying that you can only invoke this excuse in complicated situations; nobody will believe you if you say you have no partnership agreement about, say, opening bids at the one level ...

One final point on explanations: try not to use the names of conventions and your explanations will be better for it. Saying "Lebensohl" or "Jacoby" or whatever, is like giving the answer in Urdu: the questioner is forced to translate the answer into his terms, and sometimes will not be able to. I've even seen players become agitated over questions managing to imply in their tone that it's a transfer, and you ought to know this, dummy! It's much easier to simply give a more detailed explanation of the bid's purpose. By forcing yourself to do so, you'll find you yourself have a better understanding of the bid partner has made.

The rules on alerts and explanations require players to exe-

cute some intricate Orwellian doublethink when

their partner miscues on an alert or an

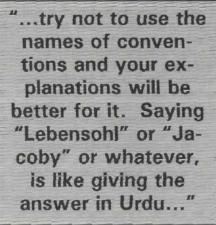
explanation. You are required to complete the auction under the assumption that partner has given the correct explanation or alerted correctly at all times: you may not take any action based upon his mistake, indeed it would be best if you could forget it for hand evaluation purposes. But, you must file the error in the back of your mind in order to alert the opponents to the infraction at the correct time: before the opening lead is played face down if your side declares; after the conclusion of the play if your side defends.

This is a nearly impossible task. If partner forgets to alert a transfer, or explains a forcing bid as non-forcing, or throws in a special alert that you didn't expect, it's one thing to file the incident in the back of your mind, but guite another to bid on as though nothing had happened. Usually one action will be strongly suggested over another because of the booboo. If you take this suggested action, the opponents may conclude that you may have been influenced by the earlier foul up, and claim damage. It's important to note that you are not being accused of any foul play when this happens: the trouble was caused by your partner's poor explanation or misalert or whatever it was.

> If the mistake is yours and the alarms go off before the auction ends. you can minimize the damage by interrupting the auction to confess. Better to have only a few bids tainted by an alert/explanation mistake than the remainder of the auction in full.

> I'd be remiss if I didn't end this with a repeat of a familiar theme; call the director. Whenever a mistake is discovered or an explanation is not getting you the information you feel you are entitled to, call the director immediately, regardless of who is at fault. There is a myth that calling the director is an accusation: nothing could be further from the truth. When

you call the director, you are doing everyone a favour: after an irregularity such as a misalert or mistaken explanation, who else do you think is going to keep things fair for both sides? You probably won't be able to do so by yourselves at the table. Directors are trained to restore equity after accidents happen; refusing to call them because "he's busy". or "it'll waste time," or "it'll make me look like a nitpicker," or some such excuse, is an insult to the skills of your director, and will probably cause more trouble that simply summoning the director before a complex situation moves on to frustration and hard feelings. I've lost count of the number of stories I've heard where a player was frustrated because he didn't call the director right away, and found that when the director was called, there was no longer anything he could do. Protect yourself-call.



The Rule Of Eleven

by Louis Landau

This hand was played at the recent White Rock Sectional on Saturday afternoon. As a matter of interest it was board 16, rotated round to make South the declarer.

The bidding was somewhat unusual, but South wanted to be in game and decided that this was as good a way of getting there as she could think of! West, unwilling to lead

North's known suit, made a standard fourth best club lead. The problem with this hand is which card Dlr: N should East play when declarer plays the 7 from Vul: N-S dummy? The rule of eleven is relatively simple and, Lead: #2 in cases like this, absolutely essential.

The RULE OF ELEVEN states that if your leads are 4th best and partner leads low, all you have to do is take the number on the card led and deduct it from A A764 eleven, and the answer you come up with is the * K6 number of higher cards in that suit outside the • KT9 leader's hand. ♣ J964

In this case partner led the 4. If you take 4 away from 11 you get 7, which means that there are 7 higher cards outside partner's hand. You have three of them (Q 8 5), the dummy is showing three more (K 10 7), so you know that there is only one higher card in declarer's hand.

As partner is likely to have one honour to lead low, you immediately know that your 8 is high enough to force out the one missing higher card, which ever it happens to be, and at the

same time you are stopping declarer making two further club tricks in dummy by taking a finesse to the K 10 that remain. Furthermore, if you count out the cards in the suit, if partner has led 4th best, she must have at least four clubs, there are three on the table and you have four, making a total of eleven out of the thirteen cards in the suit. Declarer, therefore, can only have two at the most, only one of which can be higher than the 4! There are therefore three good reasons for covering the 7 with the 8 and not playing the Queen.

North ▲ KOJ92 ♥ 743 + Q6

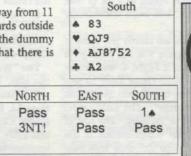
> * KT7

West

In this particular hand the play of the 8 defeats the contract, whilst the play of the Queen gives the opposition the contract on a plate.

This rule of eleven is not complicated, and unlike most other "rules" of bridge, it is exact

and works every time. The only problem is to recognise when it is important, as in this case.



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Vancouver **Bridge Club**

St. David's Church, corner of Taylor Way and Upper Levels Highway West Vancouver Louis Landau - 984-8309 All games non-smoking Monday 10:00 AM OPEN Wednesday 10:00 AM OPEN Wednesday 7:15 PM STRATIFIED Please note new Wednesday pm starting Mon Feb 27 - ACBL-wide Seniors Game time, effective January 1st. A 49er game will be run Wednesday evening when attendance allows Computer Scoring **Bid-boxes** Both Wed, Games are Jackpot Games. All holiday Mondays are PARTY DAYS: door prizes, goodies etc. FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS: Mon Dec. 5 - Handicap Game Wed Dec. 14 a.m. - Club Christmas Party & 4th (final) Club Championship

Dec 14 p.m. - Eve. Christmas Party _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Mon Dec 26 - Boxing Day - John Reeve Individual Championship. No halftables, so come early or sign up! Wed Dec. 28 p.m. - Club Champ. Mon Jan. 2- New Year Party Pairs Mon. Jan. 9- Stratified Pairs Game Wed. 18 p.m. Rookie/Master Game Mon. 23 a.m. - 1st 1995 Club Champ.

WEST

Pass

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Mon. Feb. 6- Swiss Teams Wed. Feb. 15 a.m. - Handicap Game Wed. Feb. 22 p.m.- Eve. Club Ch. #1 Wed Feb 29 a.m. - Stratified Pairs Game RECENT WINNERS:

Player of the Month: Oct - Geraldine LaCroix, Nov. - Marion Adams Thanksgiving Pairs: T. Scott /M. Page Lions Gate Hcp Pairs: K. Bye/J. Craig

COPC: Morning - F. Sontag/B. Gerrie Evening - Mary Fines & Joan Richards Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game:

IMPs Problem continued from page 3

East

A T5

♥ AT852

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A 0853

Partner must have the A and the K for the 5 response. So does he have a heart, and if he is void are the hearts going to break 2-2? If so, 7 v is cold. Do you need this board? What are your opponents at the other table likely to do?

I felt my decision would probably decide the match and L eventually decided the odds were in favour of either partner having a heart or a 2-2 split. Wrong, he was void and the hearts were 3-1. The board was a push but we lost the match. partly on the earlier misunderstanding and partly because of a double game swing on the final board. Even so, had I stopped in six, we would have won.

On the drive home, my partner, whose hand, predictably, was Axxxx V - Kxxxx A Txxx, pointed out that a spade lead would lock me in my hand, stranded with a club loser, even if hearts broke. (At both tables the opening lead was a club.) If you bid only six for this reason (be honest now), give 1

Fit A - Muriel MacLeod & Marina Page I yourself full marks. I know, hearts 3-1 and a Flit B - Sky Williamson & Lillian Gibson I spade lead equals down one in six, but passing Fit C - Gloria Ferrey & Elizabeth Linsley | five is too conservative for me.) (More, p.10)



Flight C Predictions

by the Hideous Hog (In Training)

By a wild stoke of luck, my prognostications for the Flight C final standings last year, written with the aid of dice and a healthy proportion of Jimmy the Turk's special brew, proved to be so accurate that they want me to keep trying until I embarrass myself. Eventually my luck will run out, especially as the masterpoint system forces me to play in higher flights and I lose track of the good people in Flight C, to the point where they are simply names that are vaguely familiar. But this year I think I can easily sort the eight teams into four groups, based upon their chances of qualifying for the playoffs by being in the top four. But just so I can have an excuse when all the form charts get thrown out (as they often do in Flight C), I've asked two other Flight C watchers (whom I'll call LHO and RHO to preserve their requested anonymity) to make their own predictions for comparison.

Flight C matches this year are 24-board affairs, making the pace a little less hurried and the VP scale slightly different from the other two divisions. 72 IMPs (as opposed to 96 in the other flights) for a 30-0 blitz may result in a lot of wild play, but then that is what Flight C has been traditionally known for...

The "Will Be"s: These two squads are clearly the class of the Flight C crop; most of these players will not be eligible next season, and are trying to notch a Flight C win before testing the rougher waters above. RHO chose Eddy to win the regular season; LHO chose Eddy but flipped at the last minute because of their "road schedule". The final round has these two head-to-head: should be exciting. The rest of the league should note well that both teams consist of the most congenial players you could hope for: they may beat you at the table, but they'll be nice.

1. Ric SUMNER (Roman Woroch, Pat Jones, Clay Connolly) Originally a 3-player team, Connolly was added at the last minute for "stability," from a long list of potential candidates. One of these candidates was the Matchpointer editor (who formed a Flight B team instead), who would have provided considerably less... 2. Mark EDDY (Edith Hicks, Phil & Lenora Awram) Six players from a B League team last year and miss the playoffs by 1 VP. Of the six, two advance to the A league, two drop to this team in the C, one skedaddles to Parksville, and the sixth finds five more people and tries again in the B League. Has this happened before? I don't think so.

The "Should Be"s: Well, I think so. LHO and RHO have their own ideas.

3. James BURT (Joan Bell, Priscilla Brown, Anicet Pinto, Sharon Barnes) Awfully close between third and fourth, says me, but RHO says this team will finish fifth, and LHO claims it is a tradition to rank a team last that cannot possibly finish last, so he placed these guys at the bottom.

4. Shirley FITTERMAN (Nomi Kaplan, Jeannette Greenhut, Richard Freeman) LHO says third, RHO says fourth. Superior coaching will ensure them a playoff spot.

The "Might Be"s: Ranking these two teams out of the playoffs is inadvisabel, but with only four spots available I predict a great pennant race, involving both these squads.

5. Judy MURPHY (Rangie Sylvestre, Wanda Stepien, Bobby Wood, Bob Kiggins) LHO: 4th. RHO: 5th. Take this team lightly and you'll regret it. These are the sharks of the Under 100 set.

6. Tom MARKHAM (Joyce Tokarek, Todd Schindeler, David Grannis, Bill Stephenson, Joan Campbell) LHO: 7th. RHO: 8th. Last years semi-finalists Stephenson and Campbell were added to the roster. They'll be competitive.

The "Wannabe"s: Both teams here are in tough, but both can play. You just can't take anyone lightly in Flight C.

7. Brian CHAN (Davis Tong, Aaron Chan, Alex Cheng, Ross Li, Eddie Tse) These are the rising stars of the UBC Bridge Club, who have drawn unluckily: they play Sumner and Eddy in their first two matches. But the potential for improvement is nearly unlimited, and they could make a late run for a playoff spot. LHO and RHO both have them 6th.

8. Diane FORWARD (Tessa Walters, Audrey Cooke, Pam Moore) LHO: 5th; RHO: 7th. Could it be that they know something about this squad of Monday night VBC players that I don't? I hope so: if my last place pick makes the playoffs I'll be fired from this difficult task and somebody else can take it on. I'll be cheering for you, ladies!

IMPS Problem continued

McBruce here: I think I would give awards thus: 5NT (100), $7 \neq (60)$, $6 \neq$ (40), Pass (30). I hate to give even 30 points to Pass, but we must grudgingly give a few points to making the call that results in the highest cold contract. I think seven hearts is better than six hearts

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because the probability of a heart void and a 3-1 split and no club king in partner's hand is much worse than the probablilty of making up the 10 IMPS on the final hand. But doesn't 5NT ask for specific kings up the line? (If you don't play RKC this way, you should: 5NT says "we have all the key cards and I am probing for a grand".) If partner bids six clubs you have an easy grand slam bid (it goes down because partner has a void: so what are the chances of that?), and if partner bids six diamonds you have the same decision as before but you know that partner has no entry outside spades.

In short, I think that consideration must be given to the state of the match and the likelyhood of getting a second chance at a swing on the las board. That the grand slam i unmakable doesn't make the bi wrong. Except maybe for the opponents at the other table whe apparently had their own reasons for bidding it....

News From Suburbia

by Thony Stiennon

And sometimes, we complain about computer dealt hands...

This one was hand dealt at the South-West Duplicate Bridge Club on November 1, 1994 and a few players asked if it was a setup:

The opening bids ranged from One Club to Seven Hearts, and at some tables, East was able to throw in a Six or Seven Diamonds bid. Should I mention that T7653 the scores ranged from 1390 North-South to 1700 East-West? Some Norths corrected their partner's bid of Seven Clubs to Seven Hearts or Seven Spades... The name of the game is "TRUST YOUR PARTNER."

(McBruce here: Thony, I entered the hand into Bridge Baron out of curiosity. It opened the South hand Seven Clubs, which West doubled. I bet West was doubling on the spade ace, because when South now "corrected" to Seven # AKQJ98 Hearts-yes, East sat the double!---it now went pass, pass, pass! Down one on a diamond lead, but no expletives from the computer. Two seconds of thought when AROJT72 East showed out of hearts, though ...)

Bidding boxes:

Someone, a long time ago, made an interesting remark: that player saidto me "When you play tennis, you bring your racquet; when you play hockey, you bring your stick. When you play bridge, you should bring your bidding box."

There is now that tendancy for all Clubs to use this new system, and it seems to me that, generally speaking, players prefer to use this new gadget: Nice and Dandy.

But for the Club owner, this represents a fairly important investment, which does not bring any return whatsoever in terms of increased attendance or increased table fees.

One bidding box costs around ten or twelve dollars: not a large expense for ninety percent of the players, but if the club must supply the boxes for the average game of 12 or 13 tables, the total expenditure is in excess of five hundred dollars.

Since that comment was made to me, I have repeated it to many a player ands the reaction was-most of the time-a very positive one. I am not suggesting here that it be made compulsory for everyone to bring his/her own bidding box. but simply that it should be encouraged: the Club would also keep a few (two or three tables worth) to make sure that everyone would use the bidding boxes.

I realize that this suggestion will create some discussion, but that's all it is: a suggestion.

Unit Board

There is no doubt that I am a bit early with talks about elections for the Unit Board, as this should not take place until July. But that is just a mere seven months away.

Enough time to think about it,	to decide to be a candidate or
not.	

The Bridge World is full of fantastic talents of all sorts: the Unit needs those talents.

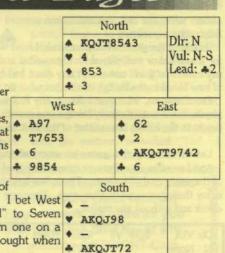
Everybody knows that being on the Unit Board can be very frustrating and offers an absolutely thankless job. And everybody-I am sure-appreciates the efforts and the long hours that the members of the Unit Board donate to their tasks. New blood would bring new ideas.

At our previous meetings of Club Directors we had reached a consensus and asked the Unit Board to reconsider the policy by which Club Directors, Managers, and Owners cannot be on the Board. According to the rules gooverning the Board, this request cannot be answered without a vote of the General Membership of the Unit and this vote can only be taken at the Annual General Meeting. So, for this also we have a good seven months to think. But we think that it is important for all of us that the people who, wekk after week. are on the front line of the game be allowed to participate in the decision making process of the Unit: everybody would benefit from their experience.

Table Manners

Haven't we all been talking about the attitude of some toward their partner? or their opponents? And again, a nice lady-who used to play our favorite game in Suburbia-has decided to guit because of the bickering between partners and the condescending manners of some players toward the novices. She went as far as mentioning the name of some of the very best players in B.C. as showing a nice personality no

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matter what the circumstances, but pointed out that it is the average player with an inflated ego who makes Bridge a frustrating experience.

Directing the game week after week, I have witnessed the best and worst attitudes, from nice compliments to an opponent for a well-bid or well-played hand to verbal and even physical abuse for a poor bid or a poor play. And I have now made up my mind that I will not accept any more bad behavior. We all complain about the lack Sur-Del Bridge Club

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lan 13, Mar 24: Swiss Teams

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of new blood in the Bridge World, but what do we do about it? Nothing! From now on, whenever I direct, any foul language or aggressive behavior (verbal or physical) will automatically bring a one month suspension from the Club and a detailed report to the Ethics Committee of the Unit.

Let us all keep the game an entertaining experience.

And I want to show here an example of good humour between partners, giving a copy of the score card of a player. These two have been playing together for a long time and enjoy their games week after week. Everyone will realize that this was done tongue in cheek and without any malice ...

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S Both	23 5	3S+1	W	170		Bad response by Marsha	Handicap Game 1st Monday of
W None	24 5	2H	N		110	Bad bidding by Marsha	each month, Computer scoring
N E-W	25 2	3C	E	110		Marsha underbid	UPCOMING EVENTS
E Both	26 2	3C+1	N		130	Marsha misdefended	Jan 16: Club Championship
S None	27 2	2H+1	E	140		Marsha underbid	Feb 13: Swiss Teams
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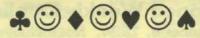
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Breakage?

by Shirley Bowers

In Toronto, a couple of decades ago partner and I, sitting East-West, came to table #6 in the eleventh round. Our customary smile and hello was greeted with "DIRECTOR!" from North and "!@#\$% &*" from South.

Bewildered but undaunted, we took



our respective seats. Confronting us were twice the usual number of boards, and one was missing the South hand!

Silence and confusion reigned until the appearance of the Director. Upon his query "how can I help?", North directed his glance, together with pointed finger, to the floor on the right side of South. There, lying in glorious disarray, were thirteen cards...torn in half! (This was long before the introduction of plastic cards.)

The Director, in astonsihment, enquired of South, "Did you tear these cards?" South, still obviously teed off with his partner, remarked: "No! I dropped them and they broke.!!!"

T			30-31 Dec	Check flyers for New Years plans			
Vance	ouver h	Bridge Centre	Jan 1-7	Smorgasbord Week returns!			
2776 E. Br	oadway, Va	ancouver BC, V5M 1Y8		Play all week, as often as you			
Ph. 255-2	2564 Less	ons, books, supplies		like, for a one-time fee of \$10.			
Rubber Bri	dge: when	ever four wallets collide	Sun Jan 15	Two-session CNTC/GNT Club			
(usually	y Sat eve.,	Sun aft., Mon. eve.)		Qualifying Game (last chance!)			
8	REGULA	RGAMES	Sat Jan 28	ACBL-wide International Fund			
	ents never	pre-empt regular games)		Game (hand records)			
Monday	7:30 PM	Intermediate (0-50)		Spring Club Championship Week			
Tuesday		Open Day Game		games are Club Championships!			
Į	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game		atch our flyers for details			
Wednesday		Stratified non-L.M.		COPC Unit Final (noon and TBA)			
Thursday	7:30 PM	Newcomers (0-20)		CNTC Unit Final (noon and TBA)			
8	7:30 PM	Open (Loonie) Game	Tue Mar 7	Canada-wide Olympiad Fund			
Friday	11:00 AM		Game (hand records)				
8	8:00 PM	Open Lucky # Game		ONSTER (>70%) GAMES:			
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Saturday	1:00 PM	Beat the Experts		OINTS IN NOV-DEC: Masterpoints			
Sunday	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs		ints on books and supplies! Each point			
8		IG EVENTS	a state of the second sec	uals \$2 off VBC bridge merchandise.			
Fri 16 Dec	VBC Holic	-		T WINNERS (Congratulations!)			
Dec 24-25		ed for Christmas	North American 49er pairs (Sept 12): Jerry				
Tue 27 Dec	Afternoon	Club Championship	Loeppky and Ginger Chiew won the VBC heat and				
Don'	4	- the 1001		nd in District 19!			
X		s the 1994	and the second	Fund Game (Oct. 19): A: Bill Terzian-			
VBC	Holi	day Bash!		burn; B:Gordon Devlin/Zreen Marzban			
Dinner	Music	Wine Bridge		NLM 1994 Club Championship			
How else v	would you d	celebrate the holidays?		ners: Monday (tie): Nomi Kaplan, Jerry			
		6 (please preregister),		nesday: Shirley Fitterman			
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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: October 8, 1994. Not including invitation-only clubs.) Time **Club Director Game Details** Next CC **Most Recent Club Champions** Day Mon 1000a VCR L. Landau Teams: 6 Feb 23 Jan Edna Quinn/Marina Page 1045a BBY H. Dressler open 27 Mar Dianne Isfeld/Catriona Brown 700p SUN R. Notzl Teams unavailable unavailable 715p SRY A. Browning Teams: 13 Feb 16 Jan Bernice Selander/Gladys Mackie STR: last 13 Feb 730p CWK B. Percher Len Feeney/David Schmidt 730p TSW F. Schultz H: last 3 Apr Ted Trites/Ron Groome 730p VBC C. Delisle LP:0-50 12 Dec Nomi Kaplan/Jerry Growe Tue 1100a VBC A. Nagy open 27 Dec Phil Hernandez/Jim Burt 1200p S-W T. Stiennon Teams:13 Dec,7 Mar 21 Feb Marianne Koch/Paul Radnai 730p BBY H. Dressler 14 Feb Bonnie Anderson/Louise Elliott open 730p VBC A. Ballantyne 7 Feb Bill Terzianoff/Mike Dorn Wiss stratified Wed 1000a VCR L. Landau STR:23 Nov 14 Dec Shirley McKinney/Julie Smith 1030a HAS M. Scott 28 Dec. 22 Feb Harry Friedman/Roger Cheung open 100p SUN R. Notzl open unavailable unavailable 715p WRK F. Schultz STR: twice a month 15 Mar Ina Anderson/Wilf May 730p M-R B. Percher open (new location) 15 Mar none yet held in new location 730p C.V A. Yallouz 15 Feb Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda open 730p VBC B. Russell LP:NLM, STR 8 Feb S. Fitterman/R. Freeman 730p VCR L. Landau STR, and LP:0-50 22 Feb Terry Scott/Marina Page 1100a JCC C. Delisle 30 Jan Shirley Fitterman/Eve Loomer Thu open to all players 1200p CLO P. Stapff Teams: 9 Feb 2 Mar J. Schneider/B. Anderson 700p SUN R. Notzl unavailable unavailable open 715p F.V L. Hicks STR:12 Jan 15 Dec Ted Hicks/Oddy Skonnord 730p MIS B. Percher open 9 Mar Gilles St.Pierre/Sohrab Radmard 730p VBC E. Chan LP: 0-20 unscheduled none yet held 730p VBC G. Davis 9 Feb open John Barry/Harvey Piercy 1100a VBC C, Delisle Fri Supervised Play-no masterpoint awards given. 730p ABB B. Percher open 13 Jan G.St. Pierre/S.Radmard/D.Lefebvre/A.Rafii 730p S-D T. Stiennon Teams:13 Jan 31 Mar Beryl Hamilton/Ray Morrison 800p VBC E. Chan **TGIF Party: last** 10 Feb held after press time 100p VBC G. Davis S, Beat The Experts 11 Feb Aidan Ballantyne/Gord Davis Sat Sun 100p RMD E. Dietrich open, X: 22 Jan 12 Mar held after press time 5 Feb Bernie Lambert/Mike Dorn Wiss 630p VBC B. Russell IP,STR X:1st

H = handicap STR = stratified LP = limited masterpoint game IP = IMP Pairs X:n = game not held on nth week 1st, 2nd, last, etc: only in the first, second, or last (or whatever) week of each month. (All listed clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks.) Games limited to club members and guests are not listed here. Some clubs hol quarterly club championships for each weekly session, others hold one for all of their sessions Most clubs will usually be happy to provide space and supplies for IMP League matches for small table fee: but please contact the director in advance for fees and availability.

Club News Yellow Pages

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	6		Events at Clubs	Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
	Spec	a	Events at Clubs	7 Jan	1:00	VBC	Last session of Smorgasbord Week
	Decen	nber	12-March 10, 1994	8 Jan	7:00	split	Monthly Unit Game (VBC/SRY)
	(Your harried	editor	greatly thanks Thony Stiennon for	11 Jan	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
			ity of this information. Quarterly	12 Jan	7:15	F.V	Stratified Game
			dates for all Unit 430 clubs can	13 Jan	7:30	ABB	Club Championship
	CARD AND A CONTRACT OF A CONTRACT		Weekly Game List on page 14.)	13 Jan	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
			What's Happening	15 Jan	noon	VBC	2-session CNTC/GNT Stratified
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	12 Dec 7:30		Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game	16 Jan		SRY	Club Championship
	12 Dec 7:30		Christmas Party	18 Jan			Rookie/Master Pairs
	13 Dec noon	S-W	Swiss Teams	20-22	Jan		clubs closed for Winter sectional at
	14 Dec 10:00	VCR	Club Championship/Christmas				nsborough Community Centre
			Party				Club Championship
	14 Dec 7:30	M-R	Christmas Game	25 Jan	2000		Stratified Game ACBL-wide International Fund Game
	14 Dec 7:30	C.V	Christmas Party	28 Jan 29 Jan		VBC	
	14 Dec 7:30		Christmas Party	29 Jan	7:00	split	Monthly Unit Game (VBC/SRY) (Feb. game moved back one week)
			nding club Christmas parties that pre-	30 Jan	11.00	100	Club Championship
			lub managers plan more effectively.	30 Jan			Handicap Game
			mall extra fee for the party if dinner is the club ads for the exact details.	30 Jan			Stratified Game
	15 Dec 7:30	MIS	Christmas Game	5 Feb	6:30	VBC	Club Championship
	15 Dec 7:15	F-V	Christmas Party & Club Champ.	6 Feb	10:00	1001010-000	Swiss Teams
	16 Dec 6:30	VBC	Christmas Party and Dinner	6 Feb	7:30	VBC	99ers Club Championship
	16 Dec 7:30	ABB	Christmas Game	7 Feb	11:00	and the second sec	Club Championship
.5	17 Dec 6:30	S-D	Christmas Party and Dinner	7 Feb	7:30	VBC	Stratified Club Championship
	18 Dec 1:00	RMD	Christmas Party	8 Feb	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
	19 Dec 7:30	CWK	Christmas Party	8 Feb	7:30	VBC	NLM Stratified Club Championship
	22 Dec noon	CLO	Christmas Party	9 Feb	12:00	CLO	Swiss Teams
	24-25 Dec	All clu	ubs closed for Christmas	9 Feb	7:15	F.V	Jack Ritch Mixed Pairs Champ.
	26 Dec 10:45	BBY	Closed for Boxing Day	9 Feb	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
	26 Dec 10:00	and the second s	John Reeve Individual Champ.	10 Feb	A COMPANY OF A COMPANY	VBC	Club Championship
	27 Dec 11:00	and the second second	Club Championship	11 Feb		VBC	Club Championship
	27 Dec 7:30	BBY	Game on as usual	12 Feb	noon	VBC	2-session COPC Unit Final
	28 Dec 7:30		Club Championship	-		10.00	(second session time TBA)
	30-31 Dec	VBC	Check flyers for New Years plans	13 Feb		SRY	Swiss Teams
	1 Jan 6:30	VBC	Start of Smorgasbord Week	13 Feb	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
	2 Jan 10:00	VCR	New Year Party Game				more, page 16

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

ABB	Abbotsford DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	F.V
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only:	HAS
	Shirley Bowers 732-3252 or Susan	JCC
	Gyemant 732-8555)	
BBY	Burnaby DBC (Hazel Dressler 524-4445)	MIS
C.V	Central Vancouver BC (Albert Yallouz 321-	M-R
1	1891) (renamed Central Richmond Jan. 1)	RMD
CLO	Cloverdale BC (Pat Stapff 588-6794)	
CWK	Chilliwack DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)	S-D
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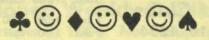
Fraser Valley BC (Liz Hicks 589-9321)

- Hastings BC (Marianne Scott 298-3932) Jewish Community Centre BC (Connie
- Delisle 263-9196)
- Mission DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)
- Maple Ridge DBC (Bob Percher 792-4389)
- East Richmond BC (Ernie Dietrich 936-
- 2298)
- Sur-Del BC (Thony Stiennon 951-7560)
- S-W South-West DBC (Thony Stiennon 951-7560) South Surrey BC (Arlene Browning 574-SRY 0299) SUN Sunshine Coast BC (Rudy Notzl 885-5552) TSW Tsawassen BC (Finn Schultz 534-5025) VBC Vancouver Bridge Centre (Club: 255-2564) VCR Vancouver BC (Louis Landau 984-8309) WRK White Rock BC (Kay Lyons 536-0486) Club News Yellow Pag

Be Gentle

by Shirley Bowers

In a Club game, playing North-South, our third round opponents were two ladies-one considerably younger. After our normal greeting of "Good evening," the older lady requested; "Be gentle with my partner, it's her first time playing duplicate."



My first thought was: "My heavens! What kind of reputation have we achieved?" However, we then proceeded to bid to a contract of Four Spades and novice (?) on lead, plonked down the J^{*}, dummy came down with AQxx, while I held T9xx. It's got to be a singleton, I said to myself, so promptly went up with the ace. Trumps were pulled; winners cashed; now it's time to throw RHO in with the K+. WRONG!! "Novice" East had led from KJ doubleton!! I was the only person in the field making fourevery other table made five on a marked club finesse!

My second thought was "How many years do I get for strangulation??"

ARBUTUS VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club 1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby Hazel Dressler 524-4445 Mondays at 10:45am **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** We are open on Tuesday, December 27th IMP league matches: \$16/team, including refreshments UPCOMING EVENTS Mon., Feb. 27: ACBL-wide Seniors game Tue., Mar. 7: Can. Olympiad fund game **MEMBERSHIP GAME WINNERS (tie!)** Donna Morrison & Stella Alliston Amad Rafii & Chester Michno BIG GAME: 71.3%! (154 on a 108 average) Bonnie Anderson & Olive Perdue Hallowe'en Costume Party Winners:

Date Time Club What's Happening

14 Feb	7:30	BBY	Club Championship
15 Feb	7:30	C.V	Club Championship
19 Feb	noon	VBC	2-session CNTC Unit Final
			(second session time TBA)
21 Feb	12:00	S-W	Club Championship
22 Feb	10:30	HAS	Club Championship
22 Feb	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
22 Feb	7:30	VCR	Club Championship
27 Feb	10:00	VCR	ACBL-wide Seniors Game
27 Feb	10:45	BBY	ACBL-wide Seniors Game
27 Feb	7:30	TSW	Handicap Game
27 Feb	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
2 Mar	12:00	CLO	Club Championship

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre 28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver BY INVITATION ONLY Shirley Bowers 732-3252

Crayons, Jokers, Wizards

Burnaby Hallowe'en contest fun for all

"The Crayons" highlighted the Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club's annual Hallowe'en Party Costume Contest on Octobe 31. The members of the colourful group were Dianne Isfeld Angela Fenton, Molly Mason, Gail Moffatt, Mike Moffatt Sandra Robson, and Pat Blackall. Our source for thi information wanted to remain anonymous as part of th winning entry, but intrepid *Matchpointer* journalism reveale that the anonymous person was "brown." Other priz winners were Ev "The Joker" Hodge, and Dianne "Th Wizard" Wilson.

Date Time Club What's Happening

2	Mar	7:15	F.V	ACBL Charity Club Championship
5	Mar	7:00	split	Monthly Unit Game (VBC/SRY)
7	Mar	12:00	S-W	Swiss Teams
7	Mar	7:30	BBY	Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game
7	Mar	7:30	VBC	Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game
8	Mar	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
9	Mar	7:30	MIS	Club Championship

ADVANCE NOTICE

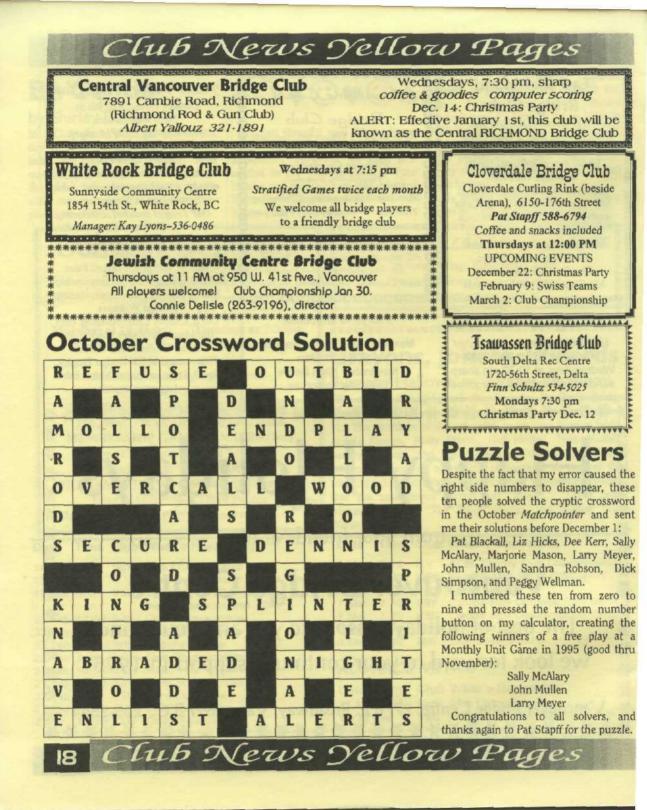
 Date
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 Club
 What's Happening

 12 Mar
 1:00
 RMD
 Club
 Championship

 18-19 Mar
 VBC
 CNTC Zone Final (details; p. 19)

Club News Yellow Pages

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East Richmond	Sunshine Coast	Fraser Valley Bridge Club					
Bridge Club	90 0	Century House, 620 8th St. New Westminster					
7891 Cambie at River Rd.	Bridge Club Rear of 5653 Wharf St., Sechelt	Thursday at 7:15PM sharp					
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club) Ernie Dietrich 936-2298	Rear of 5653 Wharf St., Sechelt Rudy Notzl 885-5552	Liz 589-9321 Ted 528-6161					
\$5.00 entry, includes lunch	Partners Guaranteed	Larry 526-1953 \$5 entry (includes refreshments) for					
Sundays 1:00 PM March 12: Club Championship	Hospitality Breaks	regular games, special events extra					
Apr. 9: International Fund Game	Monday Wednesday Thursday	no smoking in playing area					
both pre-dealt with hand records	7:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 0 teams open open 0	IMP League matches: \$10/team Dec. 15: Christmas Party (Club					
Closed for Sectional Jan. 22 Membership Game Winners:	Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars	Championship Open Pairs)					
Barry Wade/Les Baldys	O ACBL-wide charity game Nov 21: 0	Jan. 12: Stratified Game					
Charity Game Winners:	1sti Pat Ashby & Art Fraser 2ndi Gwenda Thain/Aline McNeill	Feb. 9: Jack Ritch Mixed Pairs Championship (Club Championship)					
Ida Goodlad/Hazel Stowards		Mar 2: Charity Club Championship					
		Recent Winners Oct 6, Charity Championship: (tie)					
Hastings Bridge Club	and the second se	Jim Marshall/Gladys Mackie and					
1950 Windermere St., Vancouver Marianne Scott 298-3932	Membership Game Winners Pat & Cliff Glen	Doug Thomas/Pete Walton					
Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp	November High Score	15th Annual Mitch Hodge Trophy, Nov 3: Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld					
sandwiches, cookies, tea/coffee	Delphine Tablotney	(repeat winners!)					
	py Hol	idays					
	from your friends at the						
Vanco	uver Bridge	Centre					
The best of h	oliday seasons to you a	and yours, and					
we look forward to your continued support in 1995.							
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Special Events

Info from various sources

Congratulations to Jerry Loeppky and Ginger Chiew, who won the VBC heat of the North American 49er Pairs and placed 2nd in DINO, narrowly missing a



trip to the Nationals.

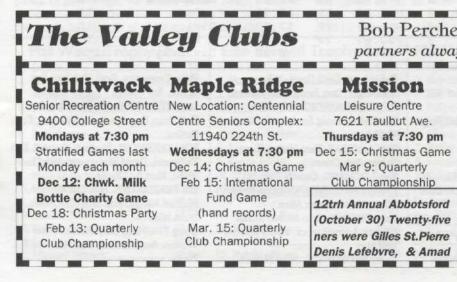
The Flight A Unit of the North Final

American Pairs (NAP) was held at the VBC on Oct. 23, with a disappointing attendance of only five tables. Qualifying from Unit 430 were:

Gordon McOrmond/Dan Jacob Ron Borg/Greg Arbour Larry Pocock/June Pocock Aidan Ballantyne/Michael Neagu Roger Allen/Eugene Chan John Bryden/Mike Wilson

Considering the sudden drop in attendance at the three Unit Finals this year, the Unit Board is considering stratifying the Unit Final next year, or holding two or more of the three flights on the same day. The opinions of players who participate in this event are solicited before a change is made.

The District Final for all three flights will be held at the Tacoma Sectional on January 7-8. The top two pairs overall



will gualify to represent District 19 in the national final. New partnerships may be formed emong eligible players for the District Final.

Subsidy guidelines were still being considered by the Unit Board, but the preliminary report reccomends no subsidies for the NAP. Most players said the current level of subsidies (in the past players have recieved about 30-50% off card fees at the District and National Finals from the Unit's NAP subsidy fund) were trivial. Air-andaccomodation for national finalists has been and will continue to be covered by the ACBL.

There is one final stratified Canadian National Teams Championship and Grand National Teams (Flight B & C) qualifying game, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Jan. 15; twosessions, noon and TBA.

> Qualifying teams in flights B and C will be eligible for the GNT District Final in Seattle Apr. 21-23, 1995..

Qualifying teams in flight A will be eligible to contest the CNTC Unit

Final, changed to Feb. 19, 1994; noon and TBA. Four or five teams from the Unit Final will gualify for the BC Zone Final, to be held March 18-19

at the VBC, four sessions, the first Saturday session starts at noon, the rest TBA. (Up to four extra local teams may be invited to participate in the Zone Final based on participation from outof-town teams.) Two or three teams from the Zone final will qualify to represent B.C. at the National Final in Toronto from June 6-11. The CNTC National Champions will represent Canada in international competitions.

The CBF has changed the conditions of contest for the CNTC to allow for limited substitutions at the Unit or Zone Final level, as well as one withdrawal for any reason. Contact Larry Pocock at 939-0711 for details.

The Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) Unit Final is being held Feb. 12 at the VBC; 2 sessions, noon and TBA. CBF subsidy rules and National Final gualification rules have been substantially changed this year.

There will not be a Unit Final for the Canadian Womens Team Championship (CWTC) this year. The BC Zone Final is being co-ordinated by Bonnie Anderson (261-2457). The smart money says May 20-21 at the VBC: details next time.

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre

2478 McCallum Road

Fridays at 7:30 pm

Dec 16: Christmas Game

Jan 13: Quarterly

Club Championship

Max Charity Swiss Teams

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teams participated, win-

Sohrab Radmard.

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Bob Percher 792-4389

partners always guaranteed

The IMP League, Flight A: Lindsay blasts off to

FLIGHT A	VS	VS	VS	vs	vs	VS
RESULTS	Betts	Borg	Divinsky	Hernandez	Lindsay	Lochang
Betts		by Jan 7	by Feb 18	by Feb 4	L 12:10VP	W 50:25VP
Borg	by Jan 7		L 3:12VP	by Dec 18	L 4:12VP	by Mar 3
Divinsky	by Feb 18	W 3:18VP		by Jan 21	by Mar 3	by Jan 7
Hernandez	by Feb 4	by Dec 18	by Jan 21		L 31:7 VP	W 1:16VP
Lindsay	W 12:20VP	W 4:18VP	by Mar 3	W 31:23VP		by Feb 4
Lochang	L 50: 5VP	by Mar 3	by Jan 7	L 1:14VP	by Feb 4	
Pocock	L 18: 9VP	by Mar 29	by Feb 4	W 9:19VP	by Feb 18	by Jan 21
Skoropada	by Jan 21	L 6:12VP	by Dec 18	by Jan 7	L 71:3 VP	by Mar 29
Stei1	by Mar 29	by Feb 4	W 8:19VP	by Mar 3	by Jan 7	by Nov 30
Takemori	by Mar 3	by Jan 21	by Mar 29	by Feb 18	by Dec 18	W 11:20VP
Terzianoff	W 40:24VP	by Feb 18	by Nov 30	by Mar 29	by Jan 21	by Dec 18
Thomas	by Dec 18	W 7:19VP	L 20: 9VP	L 2:13VP	by Mar 29	by Feb 18

Flight A IMP League Standings as of Dec. 2, 1994.

Т	eam Captain's Name			-Lost ord		Avg.			per tch	Next Opponent	Matchpointer Prediction
с.	Lindsay	4	-	0	+2	9.50	88	22	.00	Takemori	2nd
L.	Steil	3	-	0	+1	5.33	61	20	.33	Lochang	8th
J.	Pocock	2	-	1	+2	6.00	57	19	.00	Takemori	10th
Μ.	Takemori	2	-	1	+1	5.67	56	18	.67	Pocock	3rd
Ν.	Divinsky	2	-	1	+	5.00	50	16	.67	Terzianoff	1st
D.	Thomas	2	-	2	+	2.50	63	15	.75	Betts	5th
L.	Betts	2	-	2	+	4.00	62	15	.50	Thomas	4th
S.	Borg	1	-	3	-	2.00	53	13	.25	Hernandez	6th
F.	Hernandez	2	-	2		9.25	51	12	.75	Borg	9th
в.	Terzianoff	1	-	2	-1	1.33	36	12	.00	Divinsky	7th
Κ.	Lochang	0	-	3	-2	0.67	29	9	.67	Steil	11th
G.	Skoropada	0	-	4	-4	7.25	24	6	.00	Divinsky	12th

Roster Changes:

POCOCK adds Kathy Adachi and Wilf May LOCHANG adds Elliott Netto and Roger

Allen

Team Rosters:

Lawrence BETTS, Bev Taylor, Rhonda Betts, Mike Wilson, Mike Dimich, Dave House

Sandra BORG, Nicci Charleson, Marcia & Richard Christie, Jennifer



Paynter, Ron Borg Nathan DIVINSKY, Aidan Ballantyne, Gord Davis, Mike Strebinger, Dan Jacob, Don Brazeau Felipe HERNANDEZ, John Reay, Duane Tilden, Craig Snelgrove, Dennis McMahon Cam LINDSAY, Paul Hagen, Cam Doner, Bob Connop Ken LOCHANG, Connie Delisle, Pauline McClafferty, Catriona Brown, Elliott Netto, Roger Allen June POCOCK, Don Sache, Sheila Girotto, Larry Pocock, Kathy Adachi, Wilf May Garry SKOROPADA, Mike Moffatt, Flora Tereposky, Brad Fletcher, Jim Sache, Jim Groves Leo STEIL, Bill Goldstone, Mary Lou Bert, Jean Groome, Larry Daugert, Tom Devine Mike TAKEMORI, Stephen Vincent, Ben Takemori, David Waterman, Jack Hopwood, Martin O'Reilly Bill TERZIANOFF, Ron Christenson, Michael Neagu, Rob Shelburn, Mike Dorn Wiss Doug THOMAS, Gary Phelan, Peter Walton, Jim Marshall, Dan Watson, Ted Hicks

early lead; Steil, Pocock surprise predictor

FLIGHT A	VS	VS	VS	VS	VS	VS
RESULTS(Cont	.)Pocock	Skoropada	Steil	Takemori	Terzianoff	Thomas
Betts	W 18:21VP	by Jan 21	by Mar 29	by Mar 3	L 40: 6VP	by Dec 18
Borg	by Mar 29	W 6:18VP	by Feb 4	by Jan 21	by Feb 18	L 7:11VP
Divinsky	by Feb 4	by Dec 18	L 8:11VP	by Mar 29	by Nov 30	W 20:21VP
Hernandez	L 9:11VP	by Jan 7	by Mar 3	by Feb 18	by Mar 29	W 2:17VP
Lindsay	by Feb 18	W 71:27VP	by Jan 7	by Dec 18	by Jan 21	by Mar 29
Lochang	by Jan 21	by Mar 29	by Nov 30	L 11:10VP	by Dec 18	by Feb 18
Pocock		W 87:29VP	by Dec 18	by Nov 30	by Jan 7	by Mar 3
Skoropada	L 87:1 VP		by Feb 18	by Feb 4	by Mar 3	L 25:8 VP
Steil	by Dec 18	by Feb 18		W 10:19VP	W 28:23VP	by Jan 21
Takemori	by Nov 30	by Feb 4	L 10:11VP		W 46:25VP	by Jan 7
Terzianoff	by Jan 7	by Mar 3	L 28:7 VP	L 46:5 VP		by Feb 4
Thomas	by Mar 3	W 25:22VP	by Jan 21	by Jan 7	by Feb 4	

Trophy Races

Winners: D.Jacob, P.Landau, M.Neagu

Holding even the largest of leads going into the big Round-Up Sectional has proved to be difficult in the past, but this year it proved to be impossible. Dan Jacob went to White Rock on a mission, and finished first in the three biggest events to win over 53 points, a total larger than Michael Neagu's leading total for the first four sectionals! Jacob's regular partner Gordon McOrmond won enough points to pass Neagu, for second place. Neagu's total of 53.50 was good for third and won him the Phil Wood Under 200 trophy by a margin of 16 points over Rob Shelburn. In the Edie Bonnell race, strong performances by several women vaulted them onto the list. Pauline McClafferty, Patti Prenty, and Connie Delisle all had excellent tournaments and moved into the top ten. But in the year long race, their totals were not as good as the front-runners going in. Pat Landau played well under the pressure to win 14.68 points in White Rock and amass just enough to win the trophy, by two points over Mary Lou Bert, with Jean Groome a close third.

Complete listings of all Sectional Masterpoint winners and races are available to club managers either on DOS disk (in text format usable by word processing programs), or on paper. Club managers may contact Bruce McIntyre at 438-9735 for more information.

21. Paul Hage

Phil Wood Trophy	Kace
1. Dan Jacob	91.13
2. Gord McOrmond	60.24
3. Michael Neagu	53.50
4. Peter MacLean	53.01
5. Larry Hicks	52.04
6. Cam Doner	48.43
7. Aidan Ballantyne	48.35
8. Greg Arbour	48.17
9. Mike Dorn Wiss	47.97
10. Mike Wilson	47.85
11. Joerg Scheider	47.81
12 Lauren Miller	44.93
13. Pat Landau	43.51
14 .Leo Steil	42.97
15. Michael Dimich	42.00

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Edie Bonnell Trophy R	lace
1. Pat Landau	. 43.51
2. Mary Lou Bert	.41.51
3. Jean Groome	.40.68
4. Patti Prenty	.36.66
5. Bev Taylor	
6. Connie Delisle	.32.38
7. Lynn Fleming	.30.99
8. Grace Jeklin	.26.05
9. Stella Alliston	.24.93
10. Pauline McClafferty	
16. Mary Lou Bert	. 41.51

10. Mary Lou Dert	11
17. Jean Groome 40.	68
18. Ron Borg	94
19. Rob Shelburn	56

200 Race	Phil Wood Und
53.50	1. Michael Neagu
	2. Rob Shelburn
	3. Bill Terzianoff
19.74*	4. Felipe Hernadez
	5. Gail Watson
	Gloria Prescott
	7. Kathy Bye
15.72	8. Rangie Sylvestre
15.70*	9. Yuko Fujieda
	10.Bruce McIntyre
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uncertain	#—1995 eligibility sta
	20. Patti Prenty

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The IMP League, Flight B: Close at the top

Two VPs separate first and third; top two to meet in early season showdown

FLIGHT B RESULTS	vs Dean	vs Eng	vs Kerr	vs Kingsland	vs McIntyre	vs Meyer	vs Robson Wi	vs hittlesey
Dean		by Feb 18	by Mar 29	W 21 21VP	L 60 4 VP	by Jan 7	by Jan 28	W 10 19VP
Eng	by Feb 18		W 70 27VP	W 48 25VP	by Dec 3	by Jan 28	by Mar 29	by Jan 7
Kerr	by Mar 29	L 70 3 VP		L 28 7 VP	by Jan 7	by Feb 18	L 9 11VP	by Jan 28
Kingsland	L 21 9 VP	L 48 5 VP	W 28 23VP		by Jan 28	by Mar 29	by Jan 7	by Feb 18
McIntyre	W 60 26VP	by Dec 3	by Jan 7	by Jan 28		W 61 27VP	by Feb 18	by Mar 29
Meyer	by Jan 7	by Jan 28	by Feb 18	by Mar 29	L 61 3 VP		W 44 25VP	L 4 12VP
Robson	by Jan 28	by Mar 29	W 9 19VP	by Jan 7	by Feb 18	L 44 5 VP	•••••	L 23 8 VP
Whittlesey	L 10 11VP	by Jan 7	by Jan 28	by Feb 18	by Mar 29	W 4 18VP	W 23 22VP	

Flight B IMP League Standings as of Dec. 2, 1994.

Tea	am Captain's Name			Lost ord		Avg. rgin		VPs per Match	Next Opponent	Matchpointer Prediction
в.	McIntyre	2	-	0	+6	0.50	53	26.50	Eng	2nd
Т.	Eng	2	-	0	+5	9.00	52	26.00	McIntyre	1st
J.	Whittlesey	2	-	1	+	5.67	51	17.00	Eng	8th
D.	Dean	2	-	1	-	9.67	44	14.67	Meyer	3rd
L.	Meyer	1	-	2	- 1	7.00	40	13.33	Dean	7th
D.	Kingsland	1	-	2	-1	3.67	37	12.33	Robson	6th
s.	Robson	1	-	2	-1	9.33	32	10.67	Kingsland	4th
D.	Kerr	0	-	3	-3	5.67	21	7.00	McIntyre	5th

Roster Change:

KERR announces the appointment of Ram Hira (ph. 688-1301 home, 985-1903 office) for match scheduling, and adds Enid Burfitt to the roster.

Team Rosters:



Diane DEAN, Jim Balcom, Bob Jess, Tove Chen, Leslie Laudan, Nancy Yoshida Tai ENG, Dwayne Dicks, Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Fred Powell Dee KERR, Kathy Bye, Ram Hira, Corinne Tapley, Enid Burfitt Dawn KINGSLAND, Sky Williamson, Maureen Schwartz, Lillian Gibson, Nigel Nicholas Bruce McINTYRE, Patti Prenty, Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Geoff Fetterley, H.K. Ho Larry MEYER, Bob Takashita, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Rod Coote Sandra ROBSON, Angela Fenton, Pauline Lee, Marina Page, Anne Scott, Terry Scott John WHITTLESEY, Louise Elliott, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins

The IMP League, Flight C: Just Under Way...

Commisioner gratified at late sign-up surge; Hog-In-Training's predictions: p10

FLIGHT C RESULTS	vs Burt	vs Chan	vs Eddy	vs Fitterman	vs Forward	vs Markham	vs Murphy	vs Sumner
Burt		by Feb 28	by Feb	by Apr 15	by Jan 15	L 27 6 VP	by Mar 18	L 75 0 VP
Chan	by Feb 28		L 36 5 VP	by Feb	by Apr 15	by Mar 18	by Jan 15	by Dec
Eddy	by Feb	W 36 25VP	5 VP	by Jan 15	by Mar 18	by Feb	by Dec	by Apr 15
Fitterman	by Apr 15	by Feb	by Jan 15		by Dec	W 34 25VP	by Feb 28	by Mar 18
Forward	by Jan 15	by Apr 15	by Mar 18	by Dec 18		by Feb 5	L 86 0 VP	by Feb 28
Markham	W 27 24VP	by Mar 18	by Feb 28	L 34 5 VP	by Feb 5		by Apr 15	by Jan 15
Murphy	by Mar 18	by Jan 15	by Dec 18	by Feb 28	W 86 30VP	by Apr 15		by Feb 5
Sumner	W 75 30VP	by Dec 18	by Apr 15	by Mar 18	by Feb 28	by Jan 15	by Feb 5	

Flight C IMP League Standings as of Dec. 2, 1994.

	aptain's me			Lost	Avg. Margin		VPs per Match	Next Opponent	Matchpointer Prediction
J. Mur	phy	1	-	0	+86.00	30	30.00	Eddy	5th
R. Sum	iner	1	-	0	+75.00	30	30.00	Chan	1st
M. Edd	у	1		0	+36.00	25	25.00	Murphy	2nd
S. Fit	terman	1		0	+34.00	25	25.00	Forward	4th
T. Mar	kham	1	-	1	- 3.50	29	14.50	Sumner	6th
B. Cha	n	0	-	1	-36.00	5	5.00	Sumner	7th
J. Bur	t	0	-	2	-51.00	6	3.00	Forward	3rd
D. For	ward	0	-	1	-86.00	0	0.00	Fitterman	8th

Roster Changes:

SUMNER adds Clay Connolly.

MARKHAM adds Bill Stephenson and Joan Campbell. Team Rosters:

James BURT, Joan Bell, Priscilla Brown, Anicet Pinto, Sharon Barnes

Brian CHAN, Davis Tong, Aaron Chan, Alex Cheng, Ross Li, Eddie Tse

Mark EDDY, Edith Hicks, Phil & Lenora Awram

Shirley FITTERMAN, Nomi Kaplan, Jeannette Greenhut, Richard Freeman

Diane FORWARD, Tessa Walters, Audrey Cooke, Pam Moore Tom MARKHAM, Joyce Tokarek, Todd Schindeler, David Grannis, Bill Stephenson, Joan Campbell Judy MURPHY, Rangie Sylvestre, Wanda Stepien, Bobby Wood, Bob Kiggins

Ric SUMNER, Roman Woroch, Pat Jones, Clay Connolly



Local Winners VANCOUVER ROUND-UP SECTIONAL: NOV. 10-13. PACIFIC INN, WHITE ROCK

Thursday Afternoon Stratified Pairs (33 tables)

- Sefton Levine/Margaret Kidder 1.
- Marcia Christie/Aban Gerrie 2.
- 3. Cam Doner/Cam Lindsav
- 4. Roman Woroch/Ric Sumner
- 5. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
- Mike Dorm Wiss/Michael Neagu 6.

Thursday Evening **Open Pairs** (18 tables)

- Larry Hicks/Rob Crawford 1.
- 2. Mona Taylor/Malcolm Tindale
- 3. Monica Angus/Bill Angus
- 4. Don Keith/Hing Kong Ho
- 5. Marcia Christie/Sandra Borg
- Catriona Brown/Andrew Ross 6.

Thurday/Friday Eve, Saturday Morning Bracketed Knockouts (35 teams)

Bracket I (8 teams)

- Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Greg 1. Arbour, Gordon McOrmond, Ron Borg
- 2. Mike Wilson, Peter Maclean, Jym Galand, Lynn Fleming

Bracket II (8 teams)

- Bill Terzianoff, Ron Christenson, Rob 1. Shelburn, Connie Delisle
- Al Freeze, John Lien, Donna Freeze, 2. Liz Stoneman

Bracket III (7 teams) 1. Sandra Robson, Pauline Lee, Pauline McClafferty, Angela Taylor, Patti Prenty

Allen Coulter, Marian Ellstrom, 2.Donna Dickenson, Winnifred Gilbreath

Bracket IV (6 teams)

- Ken Lochang, Ruby Jackson, Geoff 1. Fetterley, Sandra Hawk
- Aase Haines, Kay Lyons, Allan Olsen, 2. Maree Logan

Bracket V (6 teams)

- Allen Kleinsasser, Linda Morrison, 1. Tommie Zabrowski, Joan Zabrowski
- 2. Gail Watson, Gloria Prescott, Diane Avukawa, Richard Dunn

Friday Afternoon **Open Pairs** (31 tables)

- Doug Hansford/Ken Danielson
- 1. 2. Nicola Charleson, Larry Pocock
- 3. Greg Arbour/Jym Galand
- 4. Joerg Schnieder/Pat Stapff
- 5 Rob Shelburn/Bill Terzianoff
- Grace Jeklin/Jim Sache 6.

Women's Pairs (23 tables)

- 1. Dianne Wilson/Grace Wakabayashi
- 2. Joni Johnston/Rita Hasselbach
- 3. Margaret Kidder/Judy Strebinger
- 4. Thelma Hofstede/Esther Freeman
- Beverley Cullen/Lorraine Hardy 5.
- June Pocock/Kathy Adachi 6.

Round-Up Sectional Top 20 Sure, we normally list only the top ten, but the Round-Up sectional was so generous in silver point distribution that we doubled that for this one:

1.	Dan Jacob		10
2.	Aidan Ballantyne	.35.7	7
3.	Gordon McOrmond	.33.9	96
4.	Ron Borg	.32.5	6
5.	Connie Delisle		
6.	Greg Arbour	.25.0	8
7.	Larry Hicks		
8.	Pauline McClafferty		
	Patti Prenty		
	Joerg Schneider		
	Peter Maclean		
	Larry Pocock		
	Jym Galand		
	Les Fouks		
15.	Marguerite Chiarenza	.16.5	56
	Cam Doner		
	Rob Shelburn		
1000	Cam Lindsay		
	Lynn Fleming		
	Pat Landau		
Do	you recall complaints about	the	50

silver point requirement to become a Life Master? Dan Jacob showed that complaint to be unfounded by winning more than 50 at a single tournament!

Round-Up provides big finale

4-day, Bracketed KOs, send attendance soaring

The 499 table turnout continues the developing reputation of this tournament as the areas biggest sectional. Another way to measure turnout is by having the computer track total masterpoints won by all ACBL members playing. Here are the 1994 data:

		I otal Masterpoints	No. of	No. of	
	Sectional	Won by Members	Winners	Participants	
	Winter (Burnaby)	926.79	359	429	
	Spring (White Rock)	821.75	301	369	
	Summer (Burnaby)	598.92	, 237	304	
)	Evergreen (Queensborough)	743.94	280	364	
	Round-Up (White Rock)	1537.24	425	480	
	Total for all sectionals	4630.74	676	740	

One additional stat that can be taken from this information is that about 80% of people who attend tournaments escape with some silver points. (Of course, the more sessions you play, the better your chances ...) For the Round-Up Sectional, this figure is close to 90%. With more stratified and stratiflighted events coming in 1995, this proportion of winners will continue to rise.

- Future Masters Stratified (11 tables) A1. Richard Sturgess/Hazel Nicol A2. Petee Malone/Violet Kinnear
- A3B1. Ginger Chiew/Tony Wischer
- A4. Bobby Wood/Ed Marchuk
- A5B2. Roberta Richards/Zreen Marzban
- A6. Nancy Davies/Pat Lester
- B3. Joyce Tokarek/Tom Markham
- B4. Rosemary Cunningham/Eileen Savers
- B5C1, Muriel O'Brien/Steve Carich
- C2. Pat Pope/Priscilla Brown

Friday Evening **Open Pairs** (23 tables)

- Les Fouks/Bob Sauve 1.
- 2. William Osten/Jim LeNobel
- Leo Steil/Jean Groome 3.
- 4. Roger Allen/Brian Russell
- 5. Catriona Brown/Andrew Ross
- 6. Jennifer Paynter/Laureen Holley

Seniors Pairs (17 tables)

- 1. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
- Edward and Joan Ashenhurst 2.
- 3. Lotte Elias/Larry Snelling
- Colin Collin/Liz Lee 4
- Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue 5.
- =6. Marge Neate/Mary Fines
- =6. Ted Deeder/John McDonald

Stratified Future Masters (9 tables)

- A1. Joyce Tokarek/Ed Marchuk
- A2. Bill Stephenson/Joan Campbell
- A3. Petee Malone/Violet Kinnear
- A4. James Burt/Anicet Pinto
- A5. Roy Trask/Pattie Lamb
- B1. James Burt/Anicet Pinto
- B2. Michelle Rostron/Alex Jack
- B3. Christa Mead/Ghodsi Ahmadi
- B4. Bill Henning/Gordon Lovegrove

Player Data

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to: **Diane** Ayukawa Leszek Baldys Nelson Fong Allan Marr Susan McBride Yuko Fujieda **Janis** Parker

Saturday 2-session Stratified Pairs (63, 57 tables) Dan Jacob/Gordon McOrmond A1. A2. Joerg Schneider/Pat Landau Trudy Hurdle/John Hurdle A3. A4. Ben Takemori/Mike Takemori A5. Peter Herold/Jim Dickie A6B1C1, N. M. Pieralli/Rangie Sylvestre A7. Gordon Davis/Ken Robertson Sandy McIlwain/Aidan A8. Ballantyne A9. Bob Gerrie/Aban Gerrie B2C2. Craig Snelgrove/Ted Moens Angela Taylor/Santokh Sian B3. Anne Scott/Steve Beaton B4. =B5. Shervl Kanee/Christina Jacob Ken Lochang/Graham Putnam =B5. =B7Louise Elliott/Roger Cheung Grace Jeklin/Randy Jordan =B7=C3.Barbara Allard/Susan Herman =C3.Marion Nelson/Tom Hansen Maureen Crompton/Tom C5. Markham Mary Jane Reinholt/Ronni C6. Hubschmitt

Sunday 2-session

Open Swiss Teams (40 teams)

- =1. Connie Delisle, Pauline McClafferty, Marguerite Chiarenza, Patti Prenty
- =1. Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Larry Hicks, Aidan Ballantyne
- 3. Cam Doner, Cam Lindsay, Les Fouks, Larry Pocock
- =4. Lawrence Betts, Sandy McIlwain, Rhonda Betts, Greg Arbour, Lynn Fleming
- =4. Peter MacLean, Paul Hagen, Peter Herold, Bob Connop
- =4. Norman Featherston, Dave Setter-

New Gold Life Master: (2500 MPs) Michael Dimich

Welcome to our New Members: Fatemeh Pazand, Ginger Chiew, David Doreen McOr-Grannis, mond, Christa Mead, Margaret E. Miller-Tait, Peggy L. E. Ross, Teresa M. Webb

Farewell to: Carmen Dieno (Yuma), Nancy Hur-

holm, Pay Miller, Patrick Dunn

- 7. Mike Moffatt, Gail Moffatt, Roland Perron, Ernie Dietrich
- Richard Christie, Jennifer Paynter, 8. Marcia Christie, Nicola Charleson
- Mike Dorn Wiss, Michael Neagu, 9 Mike Strebinger, Jim Dickie

Non-Life Master Swiss (20 teams)

- Christopher Maylin, Kay Lyons, 1. Chris Robbins, Maree Logan
- =2. Allen Kleinsasser, Linda Morrison, Joan Zabrowski, Tommie Zabrowski
- =2. Jean Noste, Lynette Guard, Evelyn Payne, Mattie Emmons
- =2 Alan Hendricksnn, Kent Harold, Tom Hansen, Marion Hansen
- =2. Jane Craig, Pauline Thompson, Maraget Elliott., Kathy Bye
- =2. Jim Allan, Gloria Allan, Marion Crowhurst, Claire Burns

Consolation Swiss (13 teams)

- Chester Michno, Mary Fines, Monica 1. Angus, Delphine Tablotney
- =2. John Horne, Edward Ashenhurst, John Lien, Art Fraser
- =2. Ted Trerise, Tillie Neilson, Marjorie Mason, Albert Dolynski
- =2. Marigail Abinati, Leroy Abinati, Sandi Hart, Stan Christie
- =5. James Burt, Richard Dunn, Diane Avukawa, Anicet Pinto
- =5. Albert Yallouz, Nadia Yallouz, Shirley Isfeld, Ozzie Isfeld

More winners (Seattle regional, Minneapolis NABC) next issue

> rell (Montreal), Vera M. Lacina (Honolulu), Darrin W. L. Steele (Trent Valley)

Welcome to Unit 430 to (from): J. Charles Bourassa (Montreal), Nicole B. Bourassa (Montreal), Tom Mc-Kenna (Quesnel), Shirley M. Miller (Sault International), Kathy Adachi (Ontario), Vivian A. Brailean (S. Saskatchewan).

- New Bronze Life

Masters (500 MPs):

James Anderson

Lotte Elias

Tai Eng

Ram Hira

Nicola Charleson

Bill Van Camp

John Whittlesey

New Silver Life Master:

(1000 MPs)

Olive Macdonald

P	10	DI	nthly Unit Games			00	Grai	Il winners and points leaders:
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EARLY 1995 MUG DATES Sunday January 8 (moved forward one week to avoid New Years recovery...) Sunday January 29 (moved back a week to avoid conflict with Bellingham sectional) Sunday March 5 All games begin at 7:00 sharp

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Tournaments & Dates

December 12-March 19

DECEMBER

12-31 (rest up for the holidays: no nearby tournaments) JANUARY 1995

- 6-8 Tacoma Sectional (including NAP District Finals)
- 8 Jan. Monthly Unit Game: two sites (see p. 26)
- 13-15 Port Townsend Sectional
- 20-22 Winter Sectional, Queensborough Comm.Centre
- 29 Feb. Monthly Unit Game: two sites (see p. 26) FEBRUARY
- 3-5 Bellingham Sectional
- 12 COPC Unit Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre

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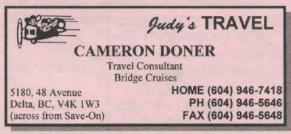
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- 14-20 President's Day Regional (Palo Alto CA) 15 Matchpointer deadline (March issue co
 - Matchpointer deadline (March issue covers events from March 1 thru May 20)
- 17-19 Seattle Sectional
- 19 CNTC Unit Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre
- 20-26 Oregon Trail Regional (Portland OR)
- 27 ACBL Senior's Game (daytime)

MARCH

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- March Matchpointer hits the streets
- 3-5 Sectionals in Duncan, Tacoma, and Moses Lake
- 4 CWTC Unit Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre
- 5 Mar. Monthly Unit Game: two sites (see p. 26)
- 10-12 Everett Sectional
- 18-19 CNTC Zone Final at Vcr Bridge Centre
- 17-19 Yakima Sectional



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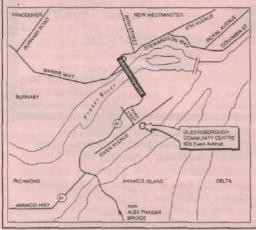
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

WOMEN'S PAIRS	1:00
OPEN PAIRS	1:00

JEAN TURNBULL CHAMPIONSHIP MIXED PAIRS TROPHY 7:30 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS 7:30 Stratified Future Stars 7:30 A:50-100 B:20-50 C:0-20

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

ADRIAN AND JUNE BUDD HICKS OPEN PAIRS TROPHY QUALIFYING

FINALS	7:3
CONSOLATION	7:3
New Entries Accepted for Consolation	

Stratified Future Stars Single Sessions 1:00 & 7:30 A:50-100 B:20-50 C:0-20

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

10:30 AM and 4:00 PM

WILLY WEINSTEIN FLIGHT A TEAMS TROPHY Flight A Unlimited Victory Points FLIGHT B 0-1000 WIN/LOSS SWISS

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Sectional News

The Winter Sectional at the Queensborough Community Centre will feature the trophy presentations for the Phil Wood, Edie Bonnell and the Phil Wood Under 200 trophies. The Unit Game Trophy, the Jean Turnbull Trophy (Friday evening mixed pairs), and the Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy (Saturday Open Pairs) will also be presented. Please try to attend if you are a trophy winner.

1:00

After the trophy presentations on Sunday, play will continue for the Willie Weinstein Trophy in Flight A Victory Point Swiss, and the Mary Clarke Trophy in the Flight B Win-Loss Swiss.