

MATCHPOINTER

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The Unrecommended but Actual Auction

North	South
2♣	2NT*
3♦	4♣
4♠	5♥
5♠	6♥
6NT	All Pass

NORTH

♠ AKQT6
 ♥ K
 ♦ AKQ75
 ♣ 94

Dir: North
 N-S Vul
 Lead: Q♥
 vs 6NT-S

EAST

♠ 984
 ♥ 52
 ♦ J862
 ♣ KQ85

A Better Question

by John Mullen

The 2NT response to the two club opener was a step response showing 10-12 points. Why North chose to bid diamonds before spades is a good question, but not quite as good as the one that goes "what do you lead to trick four?" (Declarer won the king of hearts in dummy, led the nine of clubs to your queen, his ace, and partner's seven, then played the jack of clubs to your queen, partner discarding the ten of hearts.)

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I thought I knew something about computers—until I got a new one. The sad result is that this issue is late, and I hope it is worth the wait. The next few issues should show that the long-term effect of the new machine will be worth the short-term woes.

The Vancouver Bridge Centre will participate in the 1996 Sectional Tournament At Clubs only minimally, despite my best attempts to persuade

them otherwise. A short summary of their rationale for this decision is inside, but I do not agree at all. The Bridge Centre's main argument, that the Unit 430 Board should make certain that any money raised from the S.T.A.C. benefits all, as opposed to the Seattle Unit only, would be a good one if the S.T.A.C. were making money. This, however, is not the case. Even so, the Unit Board discussed offering to co-sponsor the S.T.A.C., and has asked for detailed accounts of previous years. There was no chance that all of these changes could have been made before the 1996 S.T.A.C., but the effort was made, and still the VBC decided to withdraw most of their support. The stubbornness of the VBC in this matter disappoints me. (A much better argument against the S.T.A.C. would be that the Seattle

organizers never consult the CBF to check for conflicts—of which there are two during the 1996 S.T.A.C. week—before scheduling.)

I want to heavily emphasize that I want your stories for the *Storyline* articles that you'll see in each *Matchpointer* starting with this one. We need to emphasize more in our newsletter the things that happen in local bridge. It doesn't matter who you are: if you witnessed a fine display of bridge skill at a local event, let's hear about it. It's one way you can help make the *Matchpointer* better.

The results of several suggestions are in this issue: we have a yearly local sectional planner, another hand on the cover page with an answer inside, and I've improved the way I collect data from clubs, with the results that I got almost everyone this time! Good reading! —McBruce



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We welcome all suggestions and contributions. Articles, letters, information, club news, tournament results, and suggestions, may be mailed or given to the editor or any Unit Board member, or left for pick up at a Unit 430 bridge club. Internet users can also send e-mail to the editor at this address: mcbruce@direct.ca Please note the deadline for all submissions when planning club schedules for *Matchpointer* copy.

President's Message

by David Schmidt

For a few short months at least, we again have a full complement of Unit Board members as we welcome Gladys Mackie and Anne-Marie Bullis. Gladys is well known in local bridge circles while Anne-Marie has recently come from Toronto. We look forward to the contributions of both our new members. I say a few short months because our year expires at the end of June and several current Board members are planning to retire. That means we are again calling for nominations. We are asking for nominations by May 1st, which would allow us to profile the candidates in the May *Matchpointer* if there is interest to force an election. The continuation of a healthy local bridge scene depends on everyone's active involvement so please consider seriously whether you, or someone you know, would be prepared to serve as a board member.

We were extremely pleased with the Winter Sectional attendance. Table numbers were up, despite a heavy snowfall and the conflict with the Super Bowl. Thank you. I hope you will all be back for the Spring Sectional in the Engineers' Auditorium, May 10-12. On Friday evening, we will be introducing an IMP Pairs event (I don't believe we have run one at a sectional before). Many of you are already familiar with this concept, from games at the VBC and some other local clubs. (My first introduction to it was at the Calcutta—thanks L.C. for a wonderful event—and I enjoyed it thoroughly). I expect you will find this an interesting switch on normal matchpoint scoring.

But before we get to the Spring Sectional, we will have the Vancouver Regional at the Delta Pacific Hotel in Richmond. Let me doff my Unit President's hat and don my District 19 Board Member's hat for a moment to encourage you all to attend, April 15-21. This will be the last Regional in Vancouver before the ACBL Spring North American Championships in March, 1999, so it will be sometime before you can again enjoy this level of bridge so close to home. We would like to see local players out in force to welcome our

Regional visitors and encourage them to return for the NABC. Spread the word—it can only benefit bridge.

Even though it is not located downtown, the Delta Pacific is an excellent venue for a Regional. It offers ample playing space and, perhaps more importantly, easy transportation by car or bus from anywhere in the area, free parking and lots of excellent restaurants nearby—good reasons to attend.

Some of you have complained about the entry fees of \$12.50/session. Let me try to defend them: First, DINO is in poor financial shape. We are in a Catch 22, increased fees may drive some players away but without the increase DINO could well be broke and that would mean no regionals at all. Our ill health forced us to cancel the DINO Bridge Buff at the beginning of the year and I would like some solvency re-

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stored so we can replace or reinstate a district publication in the near future (fortunately, our Unit is still quite solvent, which is why we are able to charge only \$7.50/session—a real bargain—at our sectional). Two, the 1994 Vancouver Regional still lost money despite moving from downtown Vancouver to the cheaper Richmond site. Three, the Canadian dollar is struggling. Because our sanction, director and supply fees are all in American dollars, the relative position of the dollar is critical. To that end, Canadian tournaments are actually getting a break. Our fees are US\$9 and Cdn\$12.50. If you do the math, US\$9 currently translates to Cdn \$12.50. That may not seem like a break but we have to charge GST at Canadian regionals. When you discount the GST in the fee, a Canadian entry is just \$11.68, which translates back to US\$8.40. Although I personally voted against the fee increase, I think it probably was inevitable.

I think bridge is still a reasonable value. For example, I recently went to a Grizzlies game and paid \$20 plus \$10 parking to fight traffic, sit in the nosebleed seats and watch my team lose. *Showboat* tickets are over \$75 each. I could go on but you get the picture. Nobody likes high prices but look around. Nothing is as cheap as it was 10 years ago.

I'm not rich but I'll still be at the bridge tables. I hope to see you there.

—David Schmidt

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Wired For Bridge

by Bruce McIntyre

Bridge in cyberspace is fun, cool, tough, friendly, and available to all. You need only Internet access: that magic gateway to linked computers worldwide that is attracting thousands daily to its intrigue. Is it easy to play bridge on the Net? It's the first (and for a while it was the only) thing I learned, when finally "wired."

The best Internet bridge is played at the online club called OKBridge. This is a computer which receives calls from players all over the world and allows them to form themselves into tables, where they can play bridge and send messages to one another while doing so. The central computer in California sends updates to constantly change each user's screen as cards are played, bids are made, or messages are sent. In the past year, OKWin, an OKBridge interpreter for Windows has been developed, so that instead of a text-only screen, players can see actual cards and instead of typing commands like /join harry we can click on menu bars and bidding box icons to play and move around.

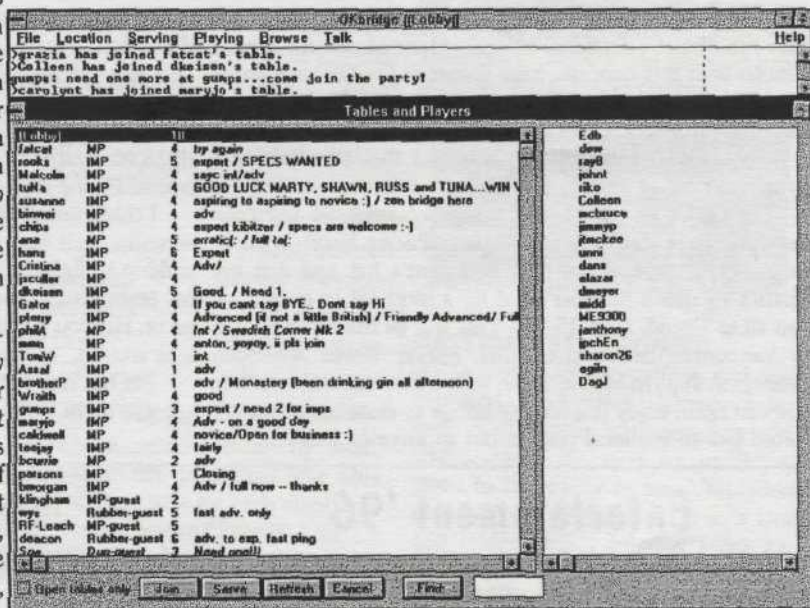
When you log on to OKBridge, you arrive in the OKBridge lobby. A list of players (listed by their OKBridge names) appears, and you can join a table to play or watch, or remain in the lobby to chat (send messages) to the other "lurkers". You can usually find out the real names behind the OKBridge names: for example, I go under the alias "McBruce." After you join a table, you can observe: seeing only the bidding and the dummy's cards when they appear, or you can kibitz one player and see what he sees, or you can watch all four hands. If a seat is open, you can ask to see if it is free and if so get in to play. If more than one seat is open, the players might send a message to the lobby urging players to help them out in filling the table.

Once you sit down, the central computer, which deals hundreds of new hands each week, checks the player records and finds a deal that nobody at that table has seen. After the deal is played, it is matchpointed (or IMPed if the table has chosen to play IMPs) against the rest of the tables that have played it, and by the end of the week it might be played hundreds of times. In this way, everybody gets an average score for the week in matchpoints and IMPs. (Your score changes even if you don't play: if you make +460 on a board early in the week when only

two other tables have played it, you might have a 100% top now: but by the end of the week it might only be 63% or something.) You can play matchpoints, IMPs (even team matches), and also non-competitive (to safeguard your stats), or simple rubber bridge scoring.

The chatting capability makes it possible to develop a convention card with your favorite on-line partners. Most OKBridge players know "sayc" (Standard American Yellow Card), and many have details in their stats about other systems they're familiar with. The chat is not quite the same as table talk though. You can send private messages to either or both of your opponents ("please explain that last call") and you can talk to kibitzers and observers, and even send messages to the lobby. The chat adds to the game: no matter how hard you laugh at a joke, you can't disturb anyone else. Being able to tell opponents privately what you understand by partner's call means that OKBridge has all the fair-play advantages of screens, without the uncomfortable feelings that screens give.

Some face-to-face players feel that OKBridge (and other on-line bridge games) are a detriment to bridge, since they supposedly keep players away from the clubs and tournaments. As far as I can see, the great majority of North American OKBridge players (which makes up only a small percentage of OKBridge's players—you often find yourself playing against players from Europe or Asia or Australia) have no wish for OKBridge to replace club or tournament



After logging on to OKBridge using OKWin, you'll see a list of players currently serving tables and in the lobby. To find out who's at any table, simply click on that line. The buttons at the bottom allow you to join or serve a table, update the screen, leave the "Tables and Players" box, or find any player. I saw the 3 players listed at gumps' table and quickly joined....

bridge. There are advantages and disadvantages that make OKBridge different and separate from ACBL Bridge:

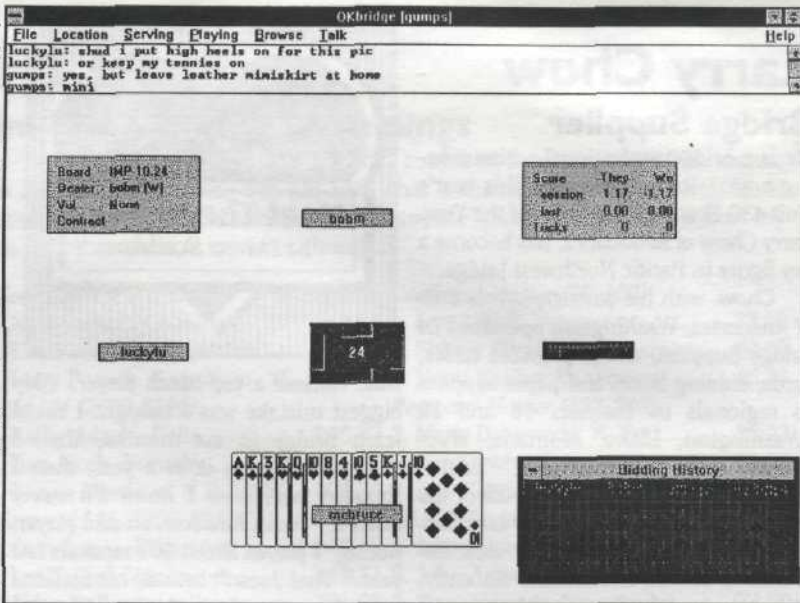
Advantages:

- play against players anywhere on Earth
- choose opponents who will give you a tough game, whatever your skill level
- potentially huge fields for matchpoint and IMP comparisons
- watching high-level matches
- chat line capability: you can go to a table just to talk
- on-line tournaments and IMP knock-outs
- detailed analysis of your play is possible by saving a file of all bids and plays at your table

Disadvantages:

- “table feel” is quite different on-line. A hesitation may have a Net-related reason
- sometimes the bridge is rather slow due to communications delays between computers
- occasional grumpiness (see below)
- some computer/Internet knowledge (but not much) is necessary
- price to subscribe: depending on the interface you use, it can cost \$50-79 US per year (after a month for free as a guest where you are limited to playing/watching at the five available guest tables)

As with anywhere else on the Internet, OKBridge players are prone to sending messages that mean no harm but are



An auction in progress. Note the chat lines at the top of the screen. I'd just told my opponents that I was taking screen pictures for this article, and the ensuing comments show that you just never know what will happen online!

interpreted differently. Usually such a message is followed by a message apologizing for the unintended offense, but occasionally somebody will get grumpy. One player who frequents the guest tables began to heap abuse upon me after I made a series of bad plays. I put up with it for awhile, then decided it had long since crossed the line into the unacceptable. I sent a message to the opponents only, saying I'd be

leaving after the current hand, as I was beginning to be irritated by my partner's behavior. To my surprise, the offender then decided he'd had enough and immediately logged off, leaving us all stranded in the lobby, where I was congratulated on being the first to outlast him!

However, since paying the fee and becoming an OKBridge subscriber, I've found on the non-guest tables (and most of the guest tables) an incredibly high standard of etiquette and understanding, within a framework of high-spirited fun. Almost all players are interested in playing bridge as opposed to criticizing, grousing, baiting, or being generally rude. Sad to say, but it is quite clear that as face-to-face players we have a lot to learn from the standard set in cyberspace.

An example of the results you can get from OKBridge. If I wanted to, I could find the bids and plays leading to "oconnell's" redoubled 200, or anyone's result.

Larry Chow

Bridge Supplier

He is a bridge professional without being a pro. In just six years, this year's Unit 430 Bronze Life Master of the Year, Larry Chow of Abbotsford, has become a key figure in Pacific Northwest bridge.

Chow, with his partner, Lynda Cole of Anacortes, Washington, operates PDI Bridge Supplies, which provides tables, cards, bidding boxes and paper supplies to regionals in Districts 18 and 19 (Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Alberta and British Columbia) as well as some or all of the tables and/or supplies at many area Sectionals (including Unit 430) and Regionals in Hawaii and Alaska. Recently, PDI organized and operated the successful Vancouver Calcutta and will operate the Mt Vernon Strawberry Sectional for at least the next two years.

Chow advanced rapidly up the bridge ladder since he began playing bridge with his cousin, Alan Ferguson, in Terrace in 1990. Along the way he has captured four mini-McKenney races, as he made bridge virtually a full-time avocation.

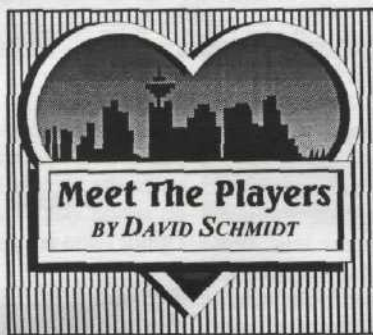
"I got into it full speed because that's the way I do things," Chow says, "I give everything my all."

Although he had been playing hearts and whist all his life, he only began playing bridge after his kids were "old enough to drive (when my kids were into kid things, I was into their things, when they became independent, I could do my own things)."

While Chow now plays 2/1 and its attendant conventions, he credits his early success to the ACBL Standard Yellow Card.

"When I played the first year, all I played was Yellow Card. I probably read the book 100 times. The key to starting is to play few conventions," he says, adding that "most people, myself included, would benefit by playing Yellow Card, nothing else."

Despite his considerable success, Chow does not con-



sider himself a top-notch player. "My biggest mistake was I thought I could learn bridge in six months, then I thought I'd learn it in a year, then I thought two, now I know I'll never learn it." He is, however, an avid player, noting "I played about 200 sessions last year." That doesn't include his sessions on OKBridge, where "bighook" is also becoming a familiar presence.

His entry into the bridge supply business was almost by accident. Two years ago, District 19 was looking for someone to haul its bidding boxes and Chow volunteered. As a result, he was invited to bid on the district's supply contract, which he and Cole subsequently won. To save money, he started printing his own convention cards and other supplies. Then the VBC asked him to buy out their book supply business and a complete supply business was born. He provides paper supplies to most lower mainland clubs and just shipped convention cards to Hawaii and Michigan, indicating PDI's fame is growing. His travel schedule attests to that. "I'm booked in for 120 days of travel this year," he notes.

Chow is extremely supportive of his cross-border partner, Cole, saying "it turned out to be very necessary to have an American partner because both Districts 18 and 19 cross the border and you need to have someone who can officially work in each country."

He met Cole at the 1993 Seattle North American Championships. "I was playing with James Knight of Bellingham and Ralph and Lynda Cole were our other half. Ralph and Lynda had a disagreement and Lynda and I

ended up playing the rest of the tournament together."

PDI actually stands for Pacific Delectables Inc, a small company Chow and Cole formed before bidding on the DINO supply contract. "To pay for our bridge, Lynda and I were going to sell smoked salmon. I knew how to smoke it and Lynda's husband (a commercial fisherman) caught it." They still sell smoked salmon but that has taken a back seat to the bridge business, which is expanding rapidly (with help from Chow's wife, Ingrid, Garry Skoropada, and in the case of the Calcutta, Larry's two children).

The Calcutta had been a dream of Chow's for years. "From the first year I played bridge, I went to the Red Deer Calcutta and really enjoyed it. There's money on the line and people bid and play differently. I felt if they could run a decent Calcutta between Calgary and Edmonton, we should be able to do one between Seattle and Vancouver."

Initial response was fantastic. "I'm just amazed at the interest that was shown," Chow says, "all the top players want the competition and the money adds to the excitement. This event draws so many top players. We had 26 tables this year and I expect 40 next year."

Chow's bridge organization is not limited to money tournaments. Concerned about the possibility of losing money, the Mt Vernon unit gave PDI its sanction on a two-year contract. Chow and Cole took on full responsibility for the Strawberry Sectional because "Lynda lives in that area and I played in it since I started and we didn't want to see it fold. We took a two-year contract because if we lose money this year (because of Penticton), we might make it back next year."

Chow, who now has a vested interest in seeing tournaments prosper, believes the key is to "give the people what they want. Almost every sectional should include a knockout." He also

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Unit 430 Movers & Shakers

1995 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Final Standings

Here are the leading 1995 masterpoint winners from Unit 430: the Mini-McKenney counts all points won in ACBL events; the Ace of Clubs is restricted to points won at ACBL club games. I'm not sure what is the more astounding feat: Ernie Dietrich's 175 points at clubs only, or Cam Doner racking up over a thousand "all-purpose" points in 1995! I will hold my cards a little closer to my chest in 1996 when I see these folks at my table, though...

1995 MINI MCKENNEY STANDINGS

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Anthony Faulkner, Chilliwack	39.03
2. Anne Knowlan, Sardis	33.34
3. Sharon Hughes, N. Vancouver	30.16

Junior Master (5-20)

1. Dan Webster, Mission	109.07
2. Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver	81.98

Club Master (20-50)

1. Jeanette Greenhut, Vancouver	89.61
2. Isabel Chernoff, Surrey	47.57
3. Brian Lee, Abbotsford	42.30

Sectional Master (50-100)

1. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver	84.09
2. H.K. Ho, Coquitlam	75.63
3. Amad Rafii, Vancouver	74.83

Regional Master (100-200)

1. Maria Dabrowski, N. Vcr	142.92
2. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby	123.70
3. Michael Neagu, Coquitlam	112.13

NABC Master (200-300)

1. Adam Dabrowski, N. Vcr	138.62
2. Duane Tilden, Vancouver	115.62
3. Toyo Nunoda, Vancouver	107.79

Life Master (300-500)

1. John Horne, Surrey	133.85
2. Daisy Neilson, Langley	115.60
3. Tony Remedios, Vancouver	104.46

Bronze LM (500-1000)

1. Larry Chow, Abbotsford	274.33
2. Al French, N. Vancouver	151.47
3. Bernice French, N. Vancouver	148.22

Silver LM (1000-2500)

1. June Pocock, Coquitlam	343.41
2. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	203.04
3. Larry Pocock, Coquitlam	197.48

Gold LM (2500-5000)

1. Kathy Adachi, Delta	295.32
2. Dan Jacob, Burnaby	211.47
3. Donna Morrison, N Burnaby	193.34

Diamond LM (5000-10,000)

1. Cam Doner, Richmond	1,018.92
2. Leo F Steil, Vancouver	478.71
3. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	261.99

There are prizes for the leaders in all categories, some of which were presented at the March Unit Game. If you led a category and have not received your certificate or medalion, please contact a Unit Board Member so that we can get it to you.

1995 ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Anthony Faulkner, Chilliwack	36.12
2. Anne Knowlan, Sardis	31.60
3. Sharon Hughes, N. Vancouver	25.19

Junior Master (5-20)

1. Dan Webster, Mission	86.14
2. Amirali Alibhai, N. Vancouver	56.04
3. Murray Clements, Mission	40.13

Club Master (20-50)

1. Jeanette Greenhut, Vancouver	55.04
2. Brian Lee, Abbotsford	36.70
3. Jean Bardsley, Vancouver	29.79

Sectional Master (50-100)

1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver	73.06
2. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver	60.03
3. Nomi Kaplan, Vancouver	45.11

Regional Master (100-200)

1. Maria Dabrowski, N. Vcr	88.93
2. Ken Cowherd, Aldergrove	73.30
3. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby	69.93

NABC Master (200-300)

1. Adam Dabrowski, N. Vcr	81.56
2. John Ashwell, Richmond	66.55
3. Toyo Nunoda, Vancouver	74.59

Life Master (300-500)

1. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver	89.34
2. Daisy Neilson, Langley	83.98
3. John Horne, Surrey	63.59

Bronze LM (500-1000)

1. Nadia Yallouz, Vancouver	59.24
2. Arlene Browning, Surrey	57.99
3. Tai Eng, Richmond	57.39

Silver LM (1000-2500)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam	175.98
2. Pat Landau, N. Vancouver	130.67
3. Anne-Marie Bullis, New West	126.04

Gold LM (2500-5000)

1. Kathy Adachi, Delta	128.86
2. Donna Morrison, N Burnaby	112.59
3. Mary Fines, North Vancouver	102.22

Diamond LM (5000-10,000)

1. Leo Steil, Vancouver	77.73
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	47.44
3. Laurence Betts, Burnaby	9.38

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believes tournament organizers must keep a handle on costs. "I think we're approaching a threshold of what people will pay for bridge."

That is particularly important in his business. He and Cole rely on the help of family (Larry's wife, Ingrid, a non-player, is a key worker) and friends (particularly Garry Skropada) to keep costs to a minimum. They also make their own sandwiches to keep tournament food costs down. The sandwiches are becoming popular with a lot of tournament regulars. "A lot of people (including this writer) come over and join us."

Chow does not regret his entry into the business of bridge ("we get to see lots of country and we get to play a lot of bridge") but admits starting a business from scratch has been costly. "I didn't know how much money I would spend until I got into it. We still haven't been paid for any of our work but we hope to pay ourselves by June. We keep a good handle on our costs and we will make money."

He and Cole will do it by continuing to provide good quality supplies, good service, good tournaments and affordable prices. Hopefully that will keep Chow, and many others, sitting around PDI tables playing the game he loves for years to come.

Entry Preservation

by Louis Landau

This hand was played a short while ago at one of my games. Although there is no way to find out how the bidding went at all the tables, there is no doubt that the final contract of 5♠ should be reached by all but the weak at heart!

When you as declarer look at your cards you should realize that the only possible way to make this contract is to set up the diamonds to give a couple of discards. Otherwise you will have two spade losers and two heart losers.

If you assume that the diamonds will break as expected (not worse than 4-2), you will need to trump three of them to set them up, and in addition you will need an entry into dummy to make the last two diamonds that you have set up so carefully. You have the A♦ as one entry and the A-K of clubs for two more entries, however you need that fourth entry to get there to make the contract. It is not often that you can use a three as an entry, but this is one of those occasions, provided you have planned ahead and worked it all out.

NORTH	
Dlr: North	♠ 73
N-S Vul	♥ Q2
Lead: T♠	♦ AJ7642
vs 5♠(S)	♣ AK3

WEST	EAST
♠ T6	♠ KQJ942
♥ T86543	♥ AKJ
♦ QT83	♦ K9
♣ 5	♣ 84

SOUTH			
♠ A85			
♥ 97			
♦ 5			
♣ QJT9762			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	Double	3♠
Pass	4♠	4♠	5♠
All Pass			

Double Dummy Problem

♠AQ4 ♥AKQJ ♦QJT987 ♣—
 ♠JT987 ♥T987 ♦— ♣KQJT ♠K6532 ♥— ♦65432 ♣987
 ♠— ♥65432 ♦AK ♣A65432

Contract: 7♥ by South

Lead: K♦

Double dummy problems have always been very popular amongst bridge players. Generally the hands are made up by players, often in the middle of a sleepless night! You are always given all four hands, and in fact, you are encouraged to know exactly who has which cards. You have to assume that your opponents play perfectly on defence. You can't count on mistakes from them, and you can't fool them. In other words they know as much as you about the hands!

Given these simple rules, have a look at the hand above, and see if you can make your contract of 7♥ after the king of diamonds opening lead. This is possible, and even though this particular hand is one of the original classics, there must be a large number of players that have never seen it. You'll see the answer in the next *Matchpointer*! This should give you plenty of time to study the problem and try to find the answer, and not look at the solution before you have worried about it! Good luck and enjoy!

You take the A♦ and ruff a diamond with the 6♣. You then play your 7♣ and take it with the A♣, and ruff another diamond with your 9♣. You now play your 10♣, overtake it with the K♣, and ruff another diamond with your J♣. You have now set up

the diamonds as well as drawn all the enemy's trumps. Most importantly you still have the 2♣ in your hand! You play this to the 3♣ on the table and this provides you with the necessary entry to play your last two diamonds and discard two losers in your hand and make the contract.

Only by realising you need an extra entry right from trick two, can you make this contract. You have to realize that the 3♣ is only an entry if you still have the 2♣ in your hand! Not an easy hand, but certainly not impossible to work out.



Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church, NW 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

A separate 49er game will be run Wednesday evening whenever attendance allows

Computer Scoring Bid-boxes

Both Wed. games are jackpot games.

All holiday Mondays are PARTY DAYS, with door prizes, goodies etc.

STAC games Mar 25 and 27 (am & pm), stratified sectional rating silver points!

Wed April 3 (am): Handicap Game

Mon April 8: Easter Fun Pairs

Mon May 13: Handicap Game

Mon May 20: Victoria Day Fun Pairs

Club closed 17 April for Vancouver Regional

Player of the Month: Dec 95 Maria Dabrowski

1995 Player of the Year: Marion Adams

Jan 96: Adam Dabrowski (day games)

Stella Alliston (evening games)

John Reeve Individual: Sid Robinson

1995 Club Championship Points Leaders:

Day Games: Adam Dabrowski

Evening Games: Pat Landau

Storylines

Hands from various sources

This will be the first in a series of *Matchpointer* articles consisting of stories that we have received either via e-mail or in the "write your story here" pamphlets distributed at tournaments. It is open to anyone who wishes to submit a story: novice thru expert, experienced contributor to timid newcomer, putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard for the first time. Whether a story sees print will depend upon the nature of the story and the real estate available in the *Matchpointer*. No stories were missed out this time.

from Cam Doner:

This is a deal from the Saturday evening session at the Winter Sectional. I may have altered it slightly as I tried to reconstruct it from memory:

♠ Q9 ♥ JT752 ♦ K6 ♣ A843
 ♠ AKT74 ♥ KQ3 ♦ Q4 ♣ T65 ♠ 8652 ♥ 96 ♦ 953 ♣ KQ72
 ♠ J3 ♥ A84 ♦ AJT872 ♣ J9

I don't remember the auction but it seems South opened 1♦. Sitting West, I must have overcalled 1♠, because I seem to recall North bidding 2♥. I eventually wound up in three spades, doubled by North. The actual bidding is not relevant as it is the defense that is interesting.

North led the K♦ and a second diamond to South's ace. South returned the J♦, and I ruffed with the ten, North overruffing with the queen. North now returned the jack of hearts to South's ace. Now what? South returned a heart. Who takes the charge for South not returning a diamond for the uppercut? I think North does: the way to get the uppercut is for North to cash the ace of clubs. North would have bid over three spades holding Qx/KJTxx/Kx/Axxx. By cashing the ace of clubs, North is telling South it's cash out time. From South's perspective the only chance for another trick is not to look for high cards in partner's hand. Partner only needs the nine of spades so giving up a ruff/sluff (the thing they say you should never do) is in order. Once again showing there are no nevers in bridge.

from Ron Borg:

Larry Hicks got a "Buccaneer" award on the following hand from the Sunday Swiss Teams at the January Winter Sectional. Outgunned, outmanned, with only the slightest chance of survival, he boldly steered his ship through the enemy lines and stole the prize.

♠ 97 ♥ J74 ♦ A9753 ♣ Q65
 ♠ QJT82 ♥ 542 ♦ J6 ♣ T73 ♠ K4 ♥ AT98 ♦ K54 ♣ KJ98
 ♠ A985 ♥ KQ6 ♦ QT2 ♣ A42

With both vulnerable, East opened 1♦ in second seat, South overcalled 1NT and North raised to 3NT. The lead of the spade queen was overtaken by the king and allowed to hold. Larry rose with the ace on the spade continuation and

led a diamond to the ace. East played low. Larry rose with the queen and continued the suit. East, back on lead, tried a small heart, which rode to the jack. East discarded a club and a heart on the run of the diamonds while Larry let go his spades. A heart to the ace and another to Larry's king followed. On the lead of a small club towards dummy, West erred by playing the seven (but that happens when you encounter buccaneers). Larry played low from dummy. East was on lead and forced to give up the prize.

Larry, to no one's surprise, was a double winner at the Sectional.

from Josh Sinett

Two stand-outs from the final session of our win at the Vancouver Calcutta, as you requested, Bruce:

Board 18 Sunday Eve., N/S vul.

♠ 86 ♥ JT82 ♦ JT62 ♣ AT3
 ♠ AKQ83 ♥ - ♦ A84 ♠ 87654 ♠ T ♥ AKQ763 ♦ KQT3 ♣ Q9
 ♠ J9542 ♥ 954 ♦ 95 ♣ KJ2

West: 1♥ 3♥ 4NT 6♥
 East: 1♠ 4♣ 5♥ All pass

As you can see, this is not a high-percentage slam if the opponents lead clubs. However, Bill's natural 4♣ call made this a very difficult lead to find. After the lead of the 9♦, I won in hand, cashed 3 rounds of trumps, and then cashed AKQ of spades, discarding my two losing clubs. North was able to ruff the third round of spades, but this was the only trick for the defence. Plus 10 IMPs.

Sunday Evening, Board 26:

♠ K82 ♥ A932 ♦ KJ832 ♣ K
 ♠ AT7654 ♥ KT ♦ - ♠ JT963 ♠ 9 ♥ J85 ♦ QT765 ♣ AQ85
 ♠ QJ3 ♥ Q764 ♦ A94 ♣ 742

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♣
3♥	Double	All Pass	

(As you can see, 6♣ may make on the hand and 5♠ is an excellent contract, but they're difficult to find even with the strong-sounding bidding by West.) Bill started out by leading the A♠ and T♠ (suit-preference), which I ruffed. I returned the T♦ for Bill to ruff, Bill gave me a second spade to ruff, and I returned the 5♦ for another ruff. A club went to my ace, but there was no third diamond ruff and the champs had to settle for +500 and 4 IMPs.

Just to fill the remaining space here, this is a story told to me by *Micheal Neagu* which happened at the Bridge Centre not too long ago. Partner opens 1♠ and RHO overcalls 2NT. Alerted, to your surprise, so you ask. "Hearts and one of the minors," says LHO casually. "Don't you play Michaels?" you ask. "What would it have meant if he overcalled 2♠?" LHO thinks for a few seconds, and then, with full confidence that he *knows the system*, says "that would show hearts...and the *other* minor."

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

First, a play problem:

NORTH	
♠ QJ9	The Auction: West North East South 1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ Pass 4♠
♥ A6	
♦ AK654	
♣ 872	
SOUTH	
♠ AKT842	All Pass
♥ 4	Opening Lead: K♥
♦ 987	How do you plan the play?
♣ K93	The danger of this hand is that

monds and play a club through your king (surely the club ace is with West!) To keep the danger hand out of commission you must duck the opening lead, creating a loser where none existed before (my partners will confirm that this trait comes to me quite naturally!). Now on the heart continuation you pitch a diamond, play two rounds of trumps (keeping the queen in dummy) and three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third round high. Now a trump to the queen allows two of your losing clubs to go on the established diamonds for eleven tricks.

The East-West cards:

♠76 ♥KQT752 ♦32 ♠A65

♠53 ♥J983 ♦QJT ♠QJT4

This type of ducking play occurs from time to time but is often overlooked.

Now: what is your bid?

Wednesday evening at Albert's, nobody vulnerable, you hold:

♠ — ♥AQxxx ♦AQxx ♠AKxxx

Your right-hand opponent opens...TWO HEARTS! What is your call?

I showed this hand to a few people and the most common suggestion was PASS, and if you found this call, in tempo, good for you: surely you cannot tank and then pass! But will partner really balance holding something like this?

♠KTxx ♥xx ♦JTxx ♠QJxx

Unlikely, yet 3NT has an excellent chance of making. Someone suggested 2NT, but I play that natural (15-17): the hand is too strong, the spade void is not really a problem since partner is bound to have spades. I doubled and partner, with ♠AJxx ♥xx ♦K9x ♠QTx, not unreasonably, jumped to four spades. I think three spades is better, showing 10+ pts and leaving 3NT available. We wound up in five clubs, which on the lead of the jack of diamonds, actually makes (clubs are 3-3). Unfortunately I found an exotic line which catered to a 4-2 trump split and ran into a predictable crossruff for down two.

So what is the best bid? I think it is: "Double—is it my lead, partner?"

People Needed

96-97 Nominations open

The Unit 430 Executive Board is looking for volunteers to help make bridge as good as it can be in the Vancouver area. The Unit Board has two immediate vacancies which we would like to fill with volunteers willing to continue into the next year if possible. In July several current Board Members will be ending their terms and there will be several more vacancies. So, if you'd like to serve now, and are willing to continue into the 96-97 year, contact any Unit Board member listed above. If you'd like to be considered for next year, or know of somebody who you think would make a fine volunteer, this is the nomination procedure:

The Nominating Committee is being chaired by Brian Russell (291-0701 or at the VBC: 255-2564), and at press time the other two members had not been announced. The Committee's job is to accept written nominations up until May 1st. At that time, the Committee will make certain that each of the nominees has consented to run, and present the list to the Unit Board. If the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies for the next year,

an election will be held, and all candidates (all nominees plus current Unit Board Members whose two-year terms have expired and who wish to continue) will be profiled in the May *Matchpointer*. What has often happened in the past years is that the nominees and vacancies balance out, or there have not been enough nominees and the Board has been empowered to seek additional nominees.

Board Members spend one night each month discussing Unit Business and a small amount of their free time doing the various jobs that keep Unit 430 activities functioning smoothly. Common sense is far more important than card sense: we are looking for someone who can help us make bridge work, not necessarily someone who can make a trump squeeze work without help.

Also requiring notification at this time is that amendment's to the Unit By-Laws must be submitted to the Unit Secretary, in the form of a petition containing at least 50 members of Unit 430, or seven Unit Board Members. Any proposals meeting these requirements would be published in the *Matchpointer* and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting during the July Sectional, where a two-thirds majority of Unit members attending the meeting would be required to amend.

Mailbag

History and nostalgia

(BM: This interesting letter has been in my hands far too long for me to use the excuse that I was too busy to call the writer and thank him, but to my great regret that's what I did.)

from Stan Bodlak:

The December *Matchpointer* had a list of Unit 430's top 50 masterpoint holders. History and/or nostalgia buffs may be interested in the Unit's list from 1967! In that year we had 904 members, including 42 Life Masters! (Those were the days when we looked forward to the Monthly Unit Game as it paid the princely reward of a whole masterpoint!)

Unit 430's 1967

Top 30 Masterpoint Holders

1. Adrian Hicks.....	1430
2. Lillie Hills.....	1382
3. Erik Stark.....	1353
4. Edie Bonnell.....	1154
5. Ron Borg.....	1121
6. Max Stacklies.....	1022
7. Lisa Strebing.....	1020
8. Tony Marsh.....	1008
9. Norm Turnbull.....	1003
10. Buddy Crapko.....	[no total given]
11. Earl Adams.....	985
12. Jim Donaldson.....	911
13. June B. Hicks.....	882
14. Jean Turnbull.....	823
15. Dolly Shapiro.....	801
16. Leo Steil.....	732
17. Paul Hagen.....	684
18. Benny Lapidus.....	604
19. Willie Weinstein.....	599
20. Mrs. M. V. Macmillan.....	549
21. Murdoch Smith.....	544
22. Max Vernon.....	483
23. Joe Jacob.....	474
24. Mike Strebing.....	464
25. Mrs H. M. Stark.....	463
26. Karl van Renesse.....	457
27. Sefton Levine.....	414
28. Gordon Horne.....	393
29. Doug Oram.....	382
30. Henry Smilie.....	381

Here is a list of players from the current Top 50 with their point totals in 1967: Ted Hicks 226, Bob Connop 189, Ev Hodge 138, Mary Fines 117, Jim Dickie 102, Don Brander 94, Stella Alliston 77, Jenny Ballantyne 52, Delphine Tablotney 19, Charles Swanson 7, Sheila Dickie 4.

(BM: Thanks for the nostalgia, Stan: I'm sure that many will enjoy seeing some of these names again! On that note, several people suggested to me that the annual list in the December issue should also include deceased players whose final totals are comparable with the current top players. This is a good suggestion, and I'll see what I can do to get this data for the next list.)

more from Stan Bodlak:

It's time to recognize players who exhibit a combination of high level active ethics, exemplary courtesy to partners and opponents, and the kind of general deportment which enhances everyone's enjoyment of bridge. I'd suggest that the trophy be named after Don Fraser, who I believe exemplified the qualities mentioned above. It shouldn't be difficult for a committee to work out the criteria and mechanics for an annual presentation. Do I have a seconder?

(BM: The Unit Board will discuss this idea during the next few meetings. There are several details to get around: should we purchase a new trophy or restore a trophy not in use? (Several trophies donated to the Unit

are unused because the events they were meant for are not played anymore.) I would suggest that the responsibility for administering the rules, nominations and annual selection be given to the Unit's Conduct, Deportment and Ethics committee, currently headed by Lauren Miller until the July Annual General Meeting, when Lauren will hand over the reins to Chuck Campbell. No reason the CD&E folks should only be concerned with bad CD&E!)

NABC News

Three years to go!

The 1999 Spring North American Bridge Championships will be held in Vancouver from March 17-28. A logo is being developed by Jude Goodwin-Hanson, which will be unveiled on a banner at the Vancouver Regional in April. The steering committee mentioned by Doug in the December issue is beginning to take shape, with Steve Beaton as Secretary, Rose Wrean, Treasurer, and Bev Taylor in charge of Publicity. Tournament co-chairs Doug Cowan and Aidan Ballantyne are still looking for volunteers to organize the preparation for this bridge extravaganza. Especially needed is someone to take charge of Tournament Hospitality. Even with 3 years to go before the tournament begins, it is not at all too early to get started for such a major event. Please contact Doug at 922-0555 (daytime) or 921-7787 (home) if you are interested in getting aboard as the voyage begins!

**1999 Spring NABC
March 17-28
Vancouver BC**

Vancouver Bridge Centre

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Rubber Bridge Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon Mar 26: CBF Olympiad Fund Game
Tue (am) Mar 26: District 19-wide S.T.A.C. game
Wed Mar 27: CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master game (preregistration requested)
Fri Mar 29: TGIF Party Night
Fri Apr 26: TGIF Party Night
Thu May 9: CBF International Fund Game
May 10-12: closed for Spring Sectional
Tue May 14: Sectional Winners Free Play Night
May 26-June 1: Club Championship Week #2
Fri May 31: TGIF Party Night
Fri June 7, and Sat June 8: World-Wide (formerly Epson) Pairs Contest

RECENT WINNERS

CNTC/GNT: Dec 10: Roger Allen, Sherman Kwan, Duane Tilden, Ken Robertson. Jan 6: Steve Vincent, Gerry McCully, Don Brazeau, Duane Tilden. 1995 4th Qtr CH.IMPS: Roger Allen Christmas Charity Game: Duane Tilden/Mike Manica (open), Gloria Black/Jane Fisher (novice). Dec 17 Club Champ.:

REGULAR GAMES (All but Friday Stratified)

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday	7:30 PM	Intermediate (0-200)
Tuesday	10:45 AM	Best Lunch In Town!
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Strat. Adv. Int. (0-750)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Novice (0-20)
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game
Friday	11:00 AM	Supervised Play
	7:30 PM	Open Lucky # Game
Saturday	1:00 PM	Casual Bridge
Sunday	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs

Ev Hodge/Mary Fines **Boxing Day Tournament of Champions Membership Game:** Marguerite Chianzenza/Sue Bradford **Junior Week Winners:** Mon: A/B: Lynne Westlund/Lucy Nakashima Tue am: A: Nomi Kaplan/Ken Robertson B: Gina Beland/Chris Dia-mond C: Marylou Varga/Lorna Ternan Tue pm: A: Chris Diamond/Aidan Ballantyne B: (tie) Lesley Lauden/Roger Allen and Jim Kerr/Maarten Tjebbes C: Ed Marchuk/Graham Thomas Wed: Don Keith Tom Markham Thu: A: Leo Steil/Aidan Ballantyne B: Ruby Jackson/Ken Lochang C: Bill Henning/Jerry Shapiro Fri: Kathy Bye/Sky Williamson Sat individual: Akbar Vaiya Sun: A/B/C: James Burt/Erik Sitek **BIG GAME Feb 27: 74.31% by Anne-Marie Bullis and Les Fouks**

East Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie at River Road
(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry, includes lunch

Sundays 1:00 PM

Club Champions December 3rd:

John and Trudy Hurdle

March 31: S.T.A.C. game

**Closed for Tournaments on
April 21 (Regional) and
May 12 (Sectional)**

Pre-dealt Hand Record Games:
April 14 (Charity Game) and
June 9 (Club Championship)

We now have bidding boxes!

Cloverdale Bridge Club

Cloverdale Curling Rink (be-
side Arena), 6150-176th St

Pat Stapff 588-6794

Coffee and snacks included

Thursdays at 11:00 PM

S.T.A.C. March 28

Charity Game May 9

Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

Rear of 5653 Wharf St., Sechelt

Rudy Notz 885-5552

Partners Guaranteed

Monday Wednesday Thursday

7:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm

teams open open

Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars

South Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street (Semi-
ahmoo Fish & Game Club)

Director/Manager:

Arlene Browning-574-0299

Mondays at 7:15pm

Handicap Games first

Monday of each month

Computer scoring

March 25: S.T.A.C

April 29: Swiss Teams

Membership trophy game (Nov 20):

Dot Carnegie/Randy Jordan

The Centre Page

from VBC sources

As you might have noticed elsewhere in this issue, the Bridge Centre will make only a token participation in the upcoming District-wide S.T.A.C. It is a tough decision for us to make as S.T.A.C. games are generally well received and usually there is increased attendance. However, we felt that the principle involved is too important to ignore. Briefly, Sectional Tournaments At Clubs are run by local Unit Boards. They are the only organizations sanctioned to run "sectionals". We simply believe that Vancouver area S.T.A.C. games should be run under the auspices of the Vancouver Unit Board. We would wholeheartedly support S.T.A.C. events run by our Unit but we cannot support S.T.A.C. events run by an outside Unit with the same enthusiasm.

On a more positive note, the Bridge Centre generated the third largest game in Canada for the CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game. Our 27 tables was just one less than Kate Buckman's in Toronto. Our high scores of 75% (Gina Beland/Chris Diamond) and 70% (Ryan Park/Fred Brown) were second and fourth best in Canada out of 700 entries. We are beginning to see some results from the hard work of the past couple of years. We would like to thank all the people involved for their efforts in teaching and developing novice players. However, this is just the first step. Although there was a good turnout for the Rookie-Master Game, keeping the beginners in the game and encouraging them to be regular duplicate players remains a tough task. Hopefully, as we gain more experience, we can devise better programs to help newcomers enjoy the challenge of duplicate.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the CBF Spring Rookie-Master Game will be held Canada-wide. The 1996 Helen Shields Canadian Rookie-Master Game commemorates Helen Shields, originally from Vancouver, who was one of the Lake-Head's finest players. As CBF President and Director, Unit 228 President and Thunder Bay DBC President, Helen did all she could to welcome new players to duplicate bridge. Once again, to ensure a successful event we will need everyone's help. It is a thrill for the rookies to be playing with an experienced partner in a real game. A "rookie" by definition must have less than 20 masterpoints although clubs are encouraged to bump up overqualified "rookies" to master status. A primary requisite for "master", is not masterpoint holding, but the ability to put rookies at ease and to ensure that everyone has fun. Please let us know early if you can play or know friends or family who wish to participate. As usual, the Bridge Centre will absorb the extra sanction fees.

Readers may not be aware, but the ACBL Educational

Foundation sponsors a College Bridge Contest each November wherein the top 5 pairs are awarded a scholarship of \$500.00 (US) to each player. The Bridge Centre is pleased to report that we were able to run this event for the second year in a row. Local winners, Brian Chan/David Tong (65.52%) fell just shy of the fifth place winning score of 66.38%. With \$5,000.00 (US) up for grabs, one would think there would be a stampede to enter. Unfortunately, only 228 players at 16 sites participated. The largest game at 5 tables was the University of Waterloo (Hooray for Canada!). We were close behind at 4 tables.

New for 1996 is the College Teams Contest. For the first time, teams from 9 zones will win free trips to the National Finals in May in Memphis. Our zone includes Districts 18, 19, and 20. Apparently, we have the only college players in all of Districts 18, 19 and 20, as we were the only ones to hold the College Bridge Contest. So where will be our zonal play-off? Portland, in conjunction with their February regional. At last report, no teams entered and our zone will not have a team in Memphis. All any team had to do was simply show up and win by default! What a way to run an event!

Nevertheless, we are proud to have done our part to support Junior Bridge. The ACBL designated the month of February as Junior Month with clubs encouraged to run games to support Junior Bridge. The Bridge Centre ran "Junior Week" Feb. 12-18 with 63 participating tables raising \$252 for the CBF Junior Development Fund. Highlight of Junior Week was a visit by Mike Roberts of Victoria, three-time member of the Canadian Junior National Bridge Team. A special Individual game provided opportunity for our college players to meet and play a few hands with Mike. As usual, the Bridge Centre absorbed the special game surcharge applicable for Junior Month games. Special thanks to the CBF and to Unit 430 for their financial contribution to help make Junior Week a success.

We are particularly proud of our legendary Christmas Turkey Dinner. 34 tables of hungry and highly appreciative players came out last December for our Christmas Charity Game. Previously, dinner was free to thank our players for their support but 2 years ago we asked them to make a contribution to charity. Thanks to their generosity, the Bridge Centre has raised a total of \$725.00 for the Vancouver Sun Children's Fund. Many thanks to all those who helped to make it super successful. Special thanks to those who contributed despite being unable to attend.

Unfortunately, the CBF Olympiad Fund Game on Monday, March 25 and the CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game on Wednesday, March 27 conflicts with the District-wide S.T.A.C. Given a choice, we chose the patriotic route...After all, we're Canadians, eh?

CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: March 18, 1995. Not including invitation-only clubs.)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Most Recent Club Champions
Mon	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 13 May	1 Apr	Shirley McKinney/Julie Smith
	1045a	BBY	H. Dressler	open	13 May	Ernie Dietrich/Yuko Fujieda
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	Teams	unsupplied	see Wednesday
	715p	SRV	A. Browning	open	13 May	Mary Lou Bert/Kitty McCallum
	730p	CKW	B. Percher	STR: last	3 Jun	Jim Groves/Jim Sache
	730p	KER	T. Trerise	open	29 Apr	Don Sharp/Sue Bradford
	730p	SQU	W. Jonat	H: 1st, trophy race game: 3rd		annual trophy points race
	730p	TSW	F. Schultz	open	3 Jun	Marg & Axel Schulman
	730p	VBC	C. Delisle	LP: 0-200, stratified	27 May	Ginger Chiew/Jerry Loeppky
Tue	1045a	VBC	E. Chan	stratified	28 May	John Berry/Anne-Marie Bullis
	1100a	S-W	T. Stiennon	Teams: 2 Apr, 25 Jun	21 May	Ernie Dietrich/Harry Friedman
	730p	NSW	M. Strebinger	open	new listing: game now open to all players	
	730p	BBY	H. Dressler	open	30 Apr	Marge Neate/Stella Alliston
	730p	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	28 May	Roger Allen/Lesley Laudan
Wed	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 3 Apr	22 May	Diane Dean/Pat Landau
	1030a	HAS	M. Scott	open	22 May	held after Matchpointer deadline
	100p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	unsupplied	Individual: Doris Housley
	715p	WRK	F. Schultz	open	12 June	Sefton Levine/Bernie Hoy
	715p	VCR	L. Landau	STR	26 June	Andrew Ross/Anne Scott
	730p	C-R	A. Yallouz	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	730p	M-R	B. Percher	open	12 Jun	Lorraine Brown/Rosemary Sontowski
	730p	VBC	B. Russell	LP: 0-750, STR	29 May	Burton & Kinga Voorhees
Thu	1100a	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	9 May	Hushang Mohtadi/Eugene Chan
	1100a	CLO	P. Stapff	open	6 Jun	Kathy Adachi/Ina Anderson
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	unsupplied	see Wednesday
	715p	F.V	T. Stiennon	open	23 May	Hobert Liang/Sherman Kwan
	730p	MIS	B. Percher	open	26 May (Sun.)	John Richoux/Larry Chow
	730p	VBC	E. Chan	LP: 0-20	30 May	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	730p	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	30 May	Leo Steil/Andrew Ross
				Supervised Play—no masterpoint awards given.		
Fri	1100a	VBC	C. Delisle	open	26 Apr	Connie Schmid/Lenora Awram
	730p	ABB	B. Percher	Monthly Swiss Teams: first Friday of each month only (no game April 5.)		
	730p	NSW	L. Landau	Teams: 22Mar, 24May	17 May	John Sokolowski/Tom Cotton
	730p	S-D	T. Stiennon	TGIF Party: last	31 May	Sheila Dickie/Ron Christensen
	730p	VBC	E. Chan			
Sat	100p	VBC	E. Chan	casual bridge	1 Jun	Toyo Nunoda/Bey Kanee
Sun	100p	RMD	E. Dietrich	open (ex. tournaments)	9 Jun	Pauline Lee/John Whittelsey
	630p	VBC	B. Russell	IP-STR, X: 1st (MUG)	26 May	Mary Lou Bert/Bill Goldstone

HCP=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. (Unless noted, 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 hold 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/or supplies for IMP League matches for a small table fee: but please contact the director in advance for fees and availability.

CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Special Events at Clubs

March 15, 1995—June 8, 1996

(Quarterly Club Championship dates for Unit 430 clubs can also be found in the Weekly Game List about four inches—10.16 cm—to the left of here.)

Date Time Club What's Happening

25-31 Mar S.T.A.C. (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). This annual District-wide event is sectionally rated, and awards silver points for club games. High finishers also may win large masterpoint awards if their score places in the District-wide overalls for that session. Most Unit 430 clubs are running S.T.A.C. games, with only the following exceptions known at press time: VBC is limiting their S.T.A.C. participation to only their Tuesday afternoon game, WRK will run the CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master game instead, and M-R will not be holding a S.T.A.C. game. Card fees for S.T.A.C. games may be slightly higher than normal.

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

ABB—Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
ARB—Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers Susan Gyemant	732-3252 732-8555
BBY—Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445
C.R.—Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891
CLO—Cloverdale BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794
CWK—Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
F.V.—Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
HAS—Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932
JCC—Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196
KER—Kerrisdale DBC	Ted Trerise	261-5443
MIS—Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
M-R—Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389
NSW—N. Shore Winter Club	Mike Strebing	942-6441
RMD—East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298
S-D—Sur-Del BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
S-W—South-West DBC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560
SRV—South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	574-0299
SQU—Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	892-3308
SUN—Sunshine Coast BC	Rudy Notzl	885-5552
TSW—Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025
VBC—Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone #:	255-2564
VCR—Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309
WRK—White Rock BC	Kay Lyons	536-0486

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
25 Mar	7:30	VBC	CBF Olympiad Fund game
27 Mar	7:15	WRK	CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master game (info: Kay Lyons 536-0486)
27 Mar	7:30	VBC	CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master game (preregistration requested)
29 Mar	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night
1 Apr	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
1 Apr	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
2 Apr	11:00	S-W	Swiss Teams
3 Apr	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
5 Apr	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game not held this month (resumes May 3)
7 Apr			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 SRY)
8 Apr	10:00	VCR	Easter Fun Pairs
8 Apr	10:45	BBY	Club closed for holiday
8 Apr	7:30	CWK	ACBL Charity Game
13-14 Apr		VBC	CNTC Zone Final (times TBA)
14 Apr	1:00	RMD	Charity Game
15 Apr	10:00	VCR	Still open despite Regional
15-21 Apr			Most clubs closed for Vancouver Regional at the Delta Pacific Inn in Richmond (begins Mon. eve)
24 Apr	7:15	WRK	Swiss Teams
26 Apr	7:30	ABB	Club Championship
26 Apr	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night
29 Apr	7:15	SRV	Swiss Teams
30 Apr	7:30	BBY	Club Championship
2 May	7:30	MIS	ACBL Charity Game
3 May	7:30	S-D	Alternate location for this night only: St John United Church, 7655 Scott Road in Surrey
3 May	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
5 May			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
			New location for Suburbia game: see page 27
6 May	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
9 May	11:00	CLO	Charity Game
9 May	11:00	JCC	First anniversary party and Club Championship Game
9 May	7:15	F-V	CBF International Fund Game
9 May	7:30	VBC	CBF International Fund Game
10-12 May			Most clubs closed for Spring Sectional at Burnaby Engineer's Hall
13 May	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
13 May	10:45	BBY	Club Championship
13 May	7:15	SRV	Club Championship
14 May	7:30	VBC	Sectional Winners Free Play Night

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Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
16 May	11:00	CLO	Regular location unavailable for this day only, temporary location TBA (info: Pat Stapff 588-6794)
17 May	7:30	S-D	Club Championship
20 May	10:00	VCR	Victoria Day Fun Pairs
20 May	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
21 May	11:00	S-W	Club Championship
22 May	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
22 May	10:30	HAS	Club Championship
23 May	7:15	F-V	Club Championship
24 May	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
26 May	11:30	MIS	2-session Swiss Teams
26 May-1 June		VBC	Club Championship Week #2
26 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
27 May	7:30	VBC	0-200 Club Championship
28 May	10:45	VBC	Club Championship
28 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
29 May	10:30	HAS	Charity Game
29 May	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
29 May	7:30	VBC	0-750 Club Championship

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
30 May	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
30 May	7:30	VBC	Novice (0-20) Club Championship
31 May	7:30	VBC	TGIF/Club Championship
1 June	1:00	VBC	Club Championship
2 June			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W) Note new location for Suburbia game (p. 27)
3 June	7:30	CWK	Club Championship
3 June	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
3 June	7:30	TSW	Club Championship
5 June	10:00	VCR	Stratified Game
6 June	11:00	CLO	Club Championship
7 June	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
7 June	7:30	VBC	World-Wide Pairs
8 June	1:00	VBC	World-Wide Pairs

ADVANCE NOTICE

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
9 June	1:00	RMD	Club Championship
12 June	7:15	WRK	Club Championship
12 June	7:30	CWK	Club Championship

SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
Thony Stiennon (non-playing director) 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC
Regular Game:	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
Swiss Teams:	April 2		March 22, May 24
Club Championships:	May 21	May 23	May 17
Charity Game:	February 6	Int. Fund Game: May 9	Sur-Del players:
Special Notes:	STAC March 26	Different location May 3: the Sur-Del game will be held for this night only at St. John United Church at 7655 Scott Road	

News from Suburbia

by Thony Stiennon

On January 5th, we celebrated at the Sur-Del Bridge Club, the ninetieth birthday of the nicest lady in the Bridge world: Dorothy Gavigan. The attendance was great, the atmosphere most pleasant and the birthday lady was the Queen of

Hearts...a wonderful evening. A week later, Dorothy offered two bottles of white wine for the first prize in a Handicap game: the wine intended for the winners *after the handicap*. Dorothy insisted that it would not be for those who always win but for the little guys who come and play week after week. The big game was held on March 15, and we'll name the lucky winners here next time. See you all at the tables!

—Thony Stiennon

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby *Hazel Dressler 524-4445*
Mondays at 10:45am \$4.50 per player Tuesdays at 7:30pm

IMP League matches: \$16/team, includes coffee

Club closed Easter Monday, April 8

Club Championships: Monday May 13, and Tuesday April 30.

ACBL-wide Seniors Game, Feb 26: Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue

TWO BIG GAMES!

Jan 16: Noorali Dhahani/Nurdin Kassam: 219½ on a 156 avg: 70.35%

Feb 20: Pearl Minkoff/David Walker 154½ on a 108 avg: 71.52%

Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club

Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver

First Anniversary Party & Club Championship: May 9

All players welcome! Connie Delisle (263-9196), director

Isawassen Bridge Club

South Delta Rec Centre, 1720-56th Street, Delta

Finn Schultz 534-5025 Mondays 7:30 pm

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver

sandwiches *Marianne Scott* Wednesdays
 cookies, tea/coffee **298-3932** at 10:30 am sharp

Club Championship: May 22

Charity Game: May 29

Central Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond

(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

Albert Yallouz 321-1891

coffee & goodies computer scoring

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

ARBUTUS VILLAGE

BRIDGE CLUB

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
 28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

BY INVITATION ONLY

Shirley Bowers 732-3252

Susan Gyemant 732-8555

White Rock Bridge Club

Sunnyside Community Centre
 1854 154th St., White Rock, BC

Kay Lyons 536-0486

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

March 27: CBF Rookie Master Game (contact Kay Lyons for partnerships)

April 17: Swiss Teams

April 24, May 29: Stratified

We welcome all bridge players to a friendly bridge club

The Valley Clubs

Bob Percher 792-4389

partners always guaranteed!

Chilliwack

Senior Recreation Centre
 9400 College Street
Mondays at 7:30 pm
 Stratified Games last
 Monday each month
 March 25: S.T.A.C.

Apr 8: ACBL Charity Game

June 3: Club Champ.

Milk Bottle Fund Game:

Roselle McRae/Louise Percher

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
 Complex: 11940 224th St.
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
 Dec C.C. winners: Gary
 Skoropada/Dan Webster

Mission

Leisure Centre
 7621 Taulbut Ave.
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
 March 28: S.T.A.C
 May 2: ACBL Charity Game

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
 2478 McCallum Road
Fridays at 7:30 pm
 March 29: S.T.A.C.
 April 26: Club Champ.

DONT MISS THIS!

13th Annual Mission Charity Swiss Teams Championship!

Two sessions starting 11:30 am Sunday May 26.

VANCOUVER REGIONAL April 15-21, 1996

in Richmond BC, Canada NEAR VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

MONDAY

Stratified Charity Pairs.....8:00 pm

TUESDAY

Stratified Open Pairs 1st session.....1:00 pm

Stratified Women's Pairs 1st session.....1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs 2nd session.....7:30 pm

Stratified Senior Pairs 1st session.....7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Stratified Open Pairs 2nd session.....1:00 pm

Stratified Women's Pairs 2nd session.....1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs 2nd session.....7:30 pm

Stratified Senior Pairs 2nd session.....7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams two sessions.....1:00 & 7:30

(Flight A 20 pt VP scale Flight B Win/Loss)

Stratified Senior Swiss Teams two sessions.....1:00 & 7:30

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs two sessions.....1:00 & 7:30

Stratified Senior Pairs two sessions.....1:00 & 7:30

SATURDAY

Open Stratified Pairs two sessions.....1:00 & 7:30

SUNDAY (PLAYTHROUGH starting at 10:00 am)

Stratified Swiss Teams, Senior Swiss Teams done by 6:30 pm

Flight A: 20 pt VP Scale, Flight B, Seniors: Win/Loss

Fast Stratified Pairs (2 sessions, 5 mins/board)..... done by 4 pm

MASTERPOINT RESTRICTIONS FOR STRATIFIED EVENTS

Stratified Main Events: A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300

Stratified Main Events: Flight A: Unlimited, play separately

Flight B: 300-1000, 100-300, 0-300

FOUR BRACKETED KNOCKOUT EVENTS:

Bracketed Knockout Teams: Monday, 8:00 pm; Tuesday, 9:00 am;

Tuesday, 1:00 pm, Wednesday, 1:00 pm

Morning Knockout Teams: Wednesday, 9:00 am, Thursday, 9:00 am;

Friday, 9:00 am, Saturday, 9:00 am

Weekend Knockout Teams: Friday, 1:00 pm, Friday 7:30 pm, Satur-

day, 1:00 pm, Saturday 7:30 pm

Senior Knockout Teams: Saturday, 1:00 pm, Saturday 7:30 pm, Sun-

day, 1:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 pm

CONTINUOUS PAIRS SCHEDULE

Play as many sessions as you like: Regionally rated side games, plus overall awards to individuals based on your top two percentages.

Afternoon Continuous Pairs: Tuesday thru Saturday at 1:00 pm

Evening Continuous Pairs: Tuesday thru Saturday at 7:30 pm

1999 and 99er EVENT SCHEDULE

MON: Stratified Charity 1999 Pairs, 8:00pm

TUE: Stratified 99er Pairs, two single sessions, 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm

WED: Stratified 1999 Pairs Championships, two sessions, 1:00 pm

and 7:30 pm (single session entries accepted)

THU: Stratified 1999 Pairs, two single sessions, 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm

FRI: Stratified 99er Pairs, two single sessions, 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm

SAT: Stratified 99er Pairs Championships, two sessions, 1:00 pm and

7:30 pm (single session entries accepted)

STRATA RANGES: 1999er games—A:100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

99er games—A: 50-100, B: 20-50, C: 0-20

DELTA PACIFIC RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

HOST HOTEL & PLAYING SITE—10251 St. Edwards Drive, Richmond BC, V6X 2M9, 1-800-263-1133 (Canada)

Tournament Chairperson: Aidan Ballantyne 604/438-9735 (h), 604/439-9293 (w)

HEAD DIRECTOR: Phil Wood

PARTNERSHIPS: Patti Adams 604/275-1531

NO SMOKING IN PLAYING ROOMS OR ADJACENT LOBBY

Regional Details

Last local Regional before NABC

The 1996 Vancouver Regional will be the final Vancouver Regional before the Spring NABC in 1999. Tournament organizers hope as many local players will attend this last big tournament before the big show.

Some flyers indicated that the horizontal events, played over two afternoons or two evenings, were to be held on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

BC Transit will get you to the tournament. Two routes stop within a short walk of the host hotel. The 421 and 420 buses travel between Knight at Marine and Richmond Centre. The walk from the 421 is slightly shorter.

You'll need to ask the driver to let you off at St.

Edwards Drive, from where the host hotel is in full view. For full details, contact BC Transit at 261-5100.

Tournament activities tentatively scheduled at press time include the popular Panel Show at 11:45 on Friday evening, a directors seminar (Directing the Club Game) on Friday morning, and a Saturday morning teachers get-together. Contact tournament chairperson Aidan Ballantyne at the number above for details. The 1999 Vancouver NABC logo will be unveiled for the first time at the tournament on a large banner.

Trophies for the Under 200 Events will be awarded, and there will be a program of speakers, as well as a number of "ASK ME" people on hand following most sessions to answer those tough questions.

With continuous pairs, a full slate of Under 200 events, four knockout events, and four senior's events in addition to the main events, this is truly a Regional for everyone.

ACBL Unit 430

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1995-96 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight A

Standings as of March 14, 1996

Team Captain	Record	VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Seed
N. Divinsky	9-1-0	211	21.10	+23.90	1
M. Dimich	8-1-0	182	20.22	+19.33	4
F. Hernandez	7-3-0	188	18.80	+19.40	5
J. Pocock	7-3-0	180	18.00	+12.40	7
L. Steil	5-4-0	142	15.78	+ 3.67	9
M. Takemori	5-5-0	157	15.70	+ 1.90	8
C. Lindsay	5-4-0	138	15.33	- 0.78	3
D. Thomas	4-5-0	135	15.00	+ 0.22	2
M. Johnson	3-5-0	108	13.50	+ 0.75	13
J. Anthony	3-6-0	120	13.33	- 4.33	6
T. Remedios	2-6-0	99	12.38	- 8.62	10
O. Carter	3-5-0	87	10.88	-26.62	14
D. Cowan	2-7-0	83	9.22	-24.22	11
P. Adams	1-9-0	90	9.00	-24.50	12

In the 14 team Flight A, seven teams make the playoffs, and the winners receives a first-round bye. All teams appear to be playing their matches close to schedule, and the Harry the Horse's picks are currently running at a +70.55% correlation to the actual standings, slightly better than last year's anonymous reviewer's +65.03%.

FLIGHT A TEAM ROSTERS

Patti ADAMS, Connie Delisle, Pauline McClafferty, Marguerite Chiarenza, Jennifer Ballantyne
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 Martin JOHNSON, George Bell, Elliott Netto, Eugene Chan, Sarlo Camas
 Cam LINDSAY, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Cam Doner
 June POCOCK, Larry Pocock, Sheila Giroto, Don Sache, Kathy Adachi, Wilf May
 Tony REMEDIOS, Brian Russell, Billy Gamble, Sherman Kwan, Roger Allen, Ken Robertson
 Leo STEIL, Les Fouks, Bob Sauve, Anne-Marie Bullis

Mike TAKEMORI, Stephen Vincent, David Waterman, Ben Takemori, Martin O'Reilly, Jack Hopwood
 Doug THOMAS, Gary Phelan, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall, Ted Hicks, Peter Walton

Flt. A Results	vs PA	vs JA	vs OC	vs DC	vs MD	vs ND	vs FH	vs MJ	vs CL	vs JP	vs TR	vs LS	vs MT	vs DT
P. Adams	—	-53:4	30 Apr	10 Apr	-57:4	25 Mar	-49:5	-31:7	-22:8	-10:11	+56:26	-48:5	-26:8	-5:12
J. Anthony	+53:26	—	-5:12	10 Mar	-39:6	-5:12	-22:8	25 Mar	-3:12	10 Apr	30 Apr	-36:6	+13:20	+5:18
O. Carter	30 Apr	+5:18	—	-1:14	10 Mar	10 Apr	-63:3	-115:0	-21:8	+5:18	25 Feb	+11:20	25 Mar	-34:6
D. Cowan	10 Apr	10 Mar	+1:16	—	-20:9	-30:7	25 Mar	30 Apr	+45:5	-19:9	-63:3	+18:9	+6:18	-30:7
M. Dimich	+57:26	+39:24	10 Mar	+20:21	—	+12:20	+21:22	+25:22	10 Apr	-18:9	+16:21	30 Apr	+2:17	25 Mar
N. Divinsky	25 Mar	+5:18	10 Apr	+30:23	-12:10	—	+24:22	+54:26	+52:26	+7:19	+18:21	+19:21	+42:25	30 Apr
F. Hernandez	+49:25	+22:22	+63:27	25 Mar	-21:8	-24:8	—	10 Apr	+7:19	30 Apr	+18:21	+31:23	+70:27	-21:8
M. Johnson	+31:23	25 Mar	+115:30	30 Apr	-25:8	-54:4	10 Apr	—	25 Feb	-16:9	-30:7	10 Mar	-34:6	+19:21
C. Lindsay	+22:22	+3:18	+21:22	+45:25	10 Apr	-52:4	-7:11	25 Feb	—	-39:6	25 Mar	-11:10	30 Apr	+11:20
J. Pocock	+10:19	10 Apr	-5:12	+19:21	+18:21	-7:11	30 Apr	+16:21	+39:24	—	+1:16	25 Mar	-15:10	+48:25
T. Remedios	-56:4	30 Apr	25 Feb	+63:27	-16:9	-18:9	-18:9	+30:23	25 Mar	-1:14	—	10 Apr	-53:4	10 Mar
L. Steil	+48:25	+36:24	-11:10	+18:21	30 Apr	-19:9	-31:7	10 Mar	+11:20	25 Mar	10 Apr	—	-24:8	+5:18
M. Takemori	+26:22	-13:10	25 Mar	-6:12	-2:13	-42:5	-70:3	+34:24	30 Apr	+15:20	+53:26	+24:22	—	10 Apr
D. Thomas	+5:18	-5:12	+34:24	+30:23	25 Mar	30 Apr	+21:22	-19:9	-11:10	-48:5	10 Mar	-5:12	10 Apr	—

1995-96 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight B

Standings as of March 14, 1995

JIMMY-THE-TURK DIVISION

Team Captain	Record	VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Seed
W. Schmid	7-1-0	171	21.38	+ 26.50	7/3
L. Meyer	6-3-0	141	15.67	+ 2.78	5/7
T. Eng	3-5-0	111	13.88	- 2.50	1/4
J. Wilkens	2-4-0	78	13.00	- 11.00	4/2

HIDEOUS-HOG-IN-TRAINING DIVISION

Team Captain	Record	VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Seed
G. Fetterley	2-4-0	94	15.67	+ 7.50	6/6
T. Scott	5-4-0	133	14.78	- 2.22	2/1
D. Ayukawa	3-4-0	94	13.43	- 6.71	8/5
R. Sumner	3-6-0	108	12.00	- 14.33	3/8

FLIGHT B ROSTERS

Diane AYUKAWA, Jim Balcom, Bob Jess, Bev Kanee, Toyo Nunoda, Joyce Rhodes
Tai ENG, Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Fred Powell, Peter Wong

Geoff FETTERLEY, Fred Brown, Kathy Bye, Sandra Hawk, Ruby Jackson

Larry MEYER, Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita

Walter SCHMID, Lenora & Phill Awram, Connie Schmid, Dan Webster

Terry SCOTT, Adam & Maria Dabrowski, Bernice & Al French, Marina Page

Ric SUMNER, Rob Shelburn, Bob Beattie, Thelma Hofstede, Bruce McIntyre, Roman Woroch

Jules WILKINS, Hazel Dressler, Greg Lam, Ted Trerise, Mike & Gail Moffatt

The seeds in the standings are Jimmy the Turks before; HHITs after the slash. The Hog's picks compute to a +13.09% correlation to the current standings, JTT's are below average at -34.52%.

Flt. B Results	vs Eng	vs Meyer	vs Schmid	vs Wilkens	vs Ayukawa	vs Fetterley	vs Scott	vs Sumner
T. Eng	—	-1:14, 20 Apr	-27:7, -70:3	+58:26, 30 Mar	-30:7	-1:14	-5:12	+54:26
L. Meyer	+1:16, 20 Apr	—	-39:6, -24:8	+76:28, +1:16	+32:23	+2:17	-50:5	+26:22
W. Schmid	+27:23, +70:27	+39:24, +24:22	—	+7:19, 20 Apr	-15:10	10 Mar	+42:25	+18:21
J. Wilkens	-58:4, 30 Mar	-78:2, 20 Feb	-7:11, 20 Apr	—	10 Mar	30 Jan	+58:26	+18:21
D. Ayukawa	+30:23	-32:7	+15:20	10 Mar	—	+14:20, 30 Mar	-25:8, -26:8	-23:8, 20 Apr
G. Fetterley	+1:16	-2:13	10 Mar	30 Jan	-14:10, 30 Mar	—	+61:27, 20 Apr	+45:25, -44:5
T. Scott	+5:18	+50:25	-42:5	-58:4	+25:22, +26:22	-61:3, 20 Apr	—	-25:8, +60:26
R. Sumner	-54:4	-26:8	-18:9	-18:9	+23:22, 20 Apr	-45:5, +44:25	+25:22, -60:4	—

As with the Flight A results grid, a date in a box is the date by which a match is supposed to be played. A pair of numbers separated by a colon is the IMP margin (plus is a victory, minus is a loss, zero a tie) and the victory points earned by the team on the left. The top team in each division makes the playoffs along with two wild-card teams. The semifinal matches will see the division winners play the wild-card team from the other division. If both wild-card teams are from the same division, the highest-ranked wild-card team will play the team that won the other division.

HAVE YOU TRIED IMP PAIRS YET?

DON'T LET MATCHPOINTS GET YOU DOWN

VBC EARLY BIRD SUNDAYS: 6:30 PM

IMP PAIRS—EARLY FINISH TIME

CHIMPS. QUARTERLY CHAMPIONSHIP IMPs RACE

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Clay CONNELLY, Gerald Paul, Joe Parranto, David Grannis, H.K. Ho

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Richard FREEMAN, Nomi Kaplan, Christa Mead, Jerry Growe, Shirley Fitterman

Alberto ILANO, Hal Smith, C.A. Halliday, C. Dodd, H. Morgan

Pat JONES, Vicki St. Mars, John Beresford, Roy Goodman, Dolores Layton

Ryan PARK, Paul Campbell, Mike Bogelund, Simon Moret, Tim Norman

1995-96 Unit 430 IMP League, Flight C "Standings" as of March 8, 1996 (see notes)

Team Captain	Record	VPs	VP Avg.	IMP Avg.	Seed
S. Williamson	7-1-0	167	20.88	+ 28.00	1
P. Jones	4-2-0	107	17.83	+ 12.83	3
R. Dunn	4-3-0	118	16.86	+ 20.29	4
C. Connolly	3-3-0	94	15.67	+ 7.00	5
R. Park	6-2-0	124	15.50	- 5.87	9
G. Devlin	3-4-0	74	10.57	- 29.71	6
G. Fraser	2-4-0	58	9.67	- 39.17	8
A. Ilano	1-6-1	113	14.13	+ 5.13	7
R. Freeman	1-6-1	105	13.13	- 4.50	2

In Flight C we have had the unfortunate scenario of two teams (Ilano and Freeman) forfeiting due to inability to field teams, and since despite appearances there is a hotly contested race for the top spot, the details need to be given:

Matches which are not played because of a forfeit are scored as follows: the offending team receives 0 VPs, and the non-offending team receives the best of three options: 18 VPs (60% of the possible VPs), their average VPs in all of their played matches, or the inverse of the offending team's average. The inverse of Freeman's and Ilano's scores in the matches they played was high enough that this possibility is not a consideration. Matches played against teams which later forfeit are not adjusted.

The printout above is based on a computer program which has not been taught these rules, and has simply assigned 18-12 scores to all unplayed matches involving the forfeiting teams, and a 15-15 tie in the match involving both forfeiting teams. Average VP scores include 18-12 assigned scores in forfeited matches. The real situation is as follows:

WILLIAMSON's average of 21.83 VPs is better than 18, so for the two forfeits they will receive not 18, but 21.83, making their adjusted final total 174.67.

JONES has matches left against Dunn and Fraser, and two blitzes would raise their average to 21.28. Their 27-3 loss to Freeman stands, but they would get that average for the unplayed match vs. Ilano for a final total (dependant on winning by two blitzes in their final two matches) of 173.29.

DUNN has only the match left against Jones, and a blitz would raise their average to 18.57. Their 20-10 victory over Ilano stands, and the best they can do is get that blitz so they receive 18.57 for the forfeit against Freeman for a final total of 166.57.

CONNELLY has matches left against Devlin and Fraser, and two blitzes would raise their average to 19.43. Their 27-3 victory over Freeman stands, and the best they can do is get those two blitzes so they receive 19.43 for the forfeit against Ilano for a final total of 155.43.

No other team can raise their averages above 18 in their remaining matches, so their score for unplayed matches against Freeman or Ilano will remain at 18.

This means that the WILLIAMSON team has clinched first place and the 1995-96 title. Congratulations! The Hog in Training's picks are +41.67% accurate with the forfeits, and +89.28% among the seven surviving teams! Hah!

Flt. C Results	vs Connolly	vs Devlin	vs Dunn	vs Fraser	vs Freeman	vs Ilano	vs Jones	vs Park	vs Sky W.
C. Connolly	—	15 Mar	+29:23	30 Feb	+68:27	+6:18	-18:19	-18:19	-25:8
G. Devlin	15 Mar	—	-84:1	+41:24	+6:18	-82:2	+5:18	-16:9	-78:2
R. Dunn	-29:7	+84:29	—	+140:30	+6:18	+11:20	15 Mar	-15:10	-55:4
G. Fraser	30 Feb	-41:6	-140:0	—	+6:18	+6:18	15 Feb	-6:12	-60:4
R. Freeman	-68:3	-6:12	-6:12	-6:12	—	tied: 15	+62:27	-6:12	-6:12
A. Ilano	-6:12	+82:28	-11:10	-6:12	tied:15	—	-6:12	-6:12	-6:12
P. Jones	+18:21	30 Feb	15 Mar	15 Feb	+6:18	+6:18	—	+58:26	+62:27
R. Park	+18:21	+16:21	+15:20	+6:18	+6:18	+6:18	-58:4	—	-56:4
S. Williamson	+25:22	+55:26	+60:26	+60:26	+6:18	+6:18	-62:3	+56:26	—

Special Events

...from various sources

Canadian Women's Teams Championship The B.C. Zone Finals will be held at the Da Vinci Centre in Victoria on March 30 and 31. There is no qualification procedure: any women's team is welcome to enter this fun event. Three teams will qualify to represent B.C. at the National Finals in Fredericton NB, July 2-6. Teams interested should contact Kathy Adachi (591-9113) for further information.

Canadian Open Pairs Championship The Unit Final was held on January 21, and seven pairs qualified to represent Unit 430 at the National Final in Saskatoon, beginning June 6. These were the qualifiers: Ken Robertson/Roger Allen, June Pocock/Kathy Adachi, Bill Goldstone/Mary Lou Bert, Peter Maclean/Mike Wilson, Margurite Chiarenza/Rick Gorman, Mike Dimich/Bev Taylor, and Dennis McMahon/Gray McMullin. Players qualify as individuals as all stages.

Canadian National Teams Championship The Unit Final was played on February 18, and (number) teams qualified for the Zone Final April 13-14 at the VBC. These were the qualifying teams: Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Larry Hicks and Allan Graves; Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Rod Coote and Rick Hoggarth; Felipe Hernandez, Mike Wilson, Peter Maclean and Lauren Miller; Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Ken Robertson and Gord Davis. The Meyer team will compete in the GNT next month, allowing the 4th place

team to qualify as our third representative to the Zone Final.

Grand National Teams The District Final will be held during the weekend of April 12-14 in Bellevue and Redmond. Teams having qualified in Flight B or Flight C are eligible to attend. The event begins Friday night at 8pm, and qualifying continues through Saturday afternoon, with quarterfinals Saturday evening, semis and finals Sunday. Eliminated teams (and any other players) may take part in single session side events on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

North American Open Pairs Qualifying for this event does not begin until June, but this year's District Finals will be held at our own Round-Up Sectional in November! We hope that this will mean increased participation at the club level, since travelling to Seattle for a weekend will not be an obstacle for the winners this year!



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MATCHPOINTS & MUNCHIES

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Player Data

New Bronze Life Master
(500 MP): Marny Van Camp

New Silver Life Masters
(1000 MP): Monica Angus,
Ken Danielsen,
Colin Sabiston

New Gold Life Master
(2500 MP): Stella Alliston

Esmail, Zainool Esmail,
Jacqueline Fagon, Doris
Housley, Gail Lenobel, Malcolm Lower, Mike Pope,
Teddie Steede-Mechler

**Welcome to Unit 430 to
(from):** Michael Haggerty
(SW Ontario), Gerry McCully
(Okanagan), Gray McMullin
(Parksville), Tony Y. N. Shyu

Welcome to our new members: Sheila Collinson, Nizar
Farewell to: no one. No body left!

Cover Problem Answer

Did you return a spade to lock declarer in dummy? Or a heart to set up partner's trick? Neither works.

Declarer showed his point count, then bid clubs, then hearts twice. He likely has five or six hearts to go with his six clubs, and therefore has entry problems to his hand, where, if he can get there, the ten of clubs and ace of hearts will provide parking spots for the diamonds on the table. You can try a spade and gamble that partner has the jack, but 100% safe is the jack of diamonds, which turns your eight of diamonds into gold when declarer's singleton ten comes down! The complete hand:

♠ AKQ76 ♥ K ♦ AKQ75 ♣ 94
♠ 7532 ♥ QJT84 ♦ 943 ♣ 7 ♠ 984 ♥ 52 ♦ J862 ♣ KQ85
♠ J ♥ A9763 ♦ T ♣ AJT632

(Thanks to John Mullen for the problem.)



Local Winners

VANCOUVER WINTER SECTIONAL
Queensborough Community Centre
January 26-18, 1996

Friday

Afternoon Women's Pairs 13 tables

1. Donna Morrison/Anne Marie Bullis
2. Kathy Adachi/Ina Andersen
3. Bonnie Anderson/Olive Perdue
4. Delphine Tablotney/Phyllis Gerber
5. Sheila Giroto/June Pocock
6. Daisy Neilson/Myra Morgan

Afternoon Stratified Pairs 27 tables

- A1. Bill Goldstone/Mary Lou Bert
- A2B1. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
- A3B2. Christa Mead/Priscilla Brown
- A4. William Phelan/Alex Knox
- A5B3. S Lugtig/Janet Dugle
- A6. Leo Steil/Robert Sauve

- B4. Adi Wadia/Rustom Deshmukh
- B5. Aase Haines/Eleanor Webb
- B6. Arthur Ma/Amad Raffii

Evening Open Pairs 21 tables

1. Joan Richards/Mary Fines
2. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
3. Sheila Dickie/Ron Christensen
- 4/5. Catriona Brown/Jeanette Greenhut
- 4/5. Jim LeNobel/Laureen Holley
6. Clay Connolly/Gerald Paul

Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs 20 tables

1. Kathy Adachi/Hobert Liang
2. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
3. Doug Thomas/Donna Morrison
- 4/5. Jennifer Ballantyne/Pete Walton
- 4/5. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
6. Keith Miller/Rose Wrean

Future Masters Winners

Friday Evening 5 tables

- A1B1. Sharon Hughes/Joan Sobieniak
- A2. Prashant Pandit/Amir Mitha
- A3. Petee Malone/Frances Gunn
- A4B2. Norma Saltzberg/Gordon Devlin

Saturday Afternoon 7 tables

- A1B1. Joy Shapiro/Jerry Shapiro
- A2B2. Jeannette Tiede/Kurt Tiede
- A3B3. Anthony Faulkner/Anne Knowlan
- A4. Prashant Pandit/Amir Mitha
- A5. Vicky Smith/Lynell Walker

Saturday Evening 5 tables

- A1/2B1. Noorali Dhanani/Jimmy Nanji
- A1/2. Anthony Faulkner/Anne Knowlan
- A3/4. Shirley Laidlaw/Gypsy Sturrock
- A3/4. Joy Shapiro/Jerry Shapiro

Saturday 2-session

Stratified Pairs 47, 48 tables

- A1. Dan Jacob/Larry Hicks
- A2. Rhonda Betts/Gerry McCully
- A3. Anne Nagy/Sheila Dickie
- A4. Janet Daling/Bill O'Brien
- A5. Peter Herold/Kenny Scholes
- A6. Aidan Ballantyne/Michael Neagu
- A7. Dwayne Dicks/Dianne Isfeld
- B1. Kelvin Raywood/Kristin Orians
- B2. Marion Crowhurst/Claire Burns
- B3. Adi Wadia/Rusty Deshmukh
- B4. Ruby Jackson/Sandra Hawk
- B5. Ken Lochang/Betty Jackson
- B6. Sky Williamson/Amirali Alibhai

Sunday

Flight A VP Swiss Teams 16 teams

- 1/2. Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Martin O'Reilly, Felipe Hernandez
- 1/2. Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Larry Hicks, Ron Borg

3. Michael Dimich, Mike Hargreaves, Beverley Taylor, Cameron Doner
4. Leo Steil, Robert Sauve, Jean Groome, Anne Marie Bullis
5. Don Sache, Phyllis Gerber, Delphine Tablotney, Sheila Giroto
6. Janet Daling, Bill O'Brien, Polly Dunn, Pat Dunn

Flight B W-L Swiss 28 teams

1. Terry Scott, Marina Page, Claire Burns, Marion Crowhurst
2. John Lien, John Horne, Catherine Lyons, Maree Logan
- 3/4. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, James Burt, Arkadivsz Sitek
- 3/4. Connie Schmid, Walter Schmid, Leszek Baldys, John Ashwell
- 5/7. Toyo Nunoda, Beverly Kane, Adi Wadia, Rusty Deshmukh
- 5/7. James Sache, Jim Groves, Anne Knowlan, Anthony Faulkner
- 5/7. Dick Simpson, Rod Coote, Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie

Canadian Open Pairs Championship Unit Final

January 21 at Vancouver Bridge Centre

1. Ken Robertson/Roger Allen
2. June Pocock/Kathy Adachi
3. Bill Goldstone/Mary Lou Bert
4. Peter Maclean/Mike Wilson

Canadian National Teams Championship Unit Final

February 18 at Vancouver Bridge Centre

1. Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Larry Hicks, Allan Graves
 2. Larry Meyer, Jim McKenzie, Rod Coote, Rick Hoggarth
 3. Felipe Hernandez, Mike Wilson, Peter Maclean, Lauren Miller
 4. Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Ken Robertson, Gord Davis
- (The Meyer team will play in the Grand National Teams District Final next month making the Unit representatives to the Zone Final Jacob, Hernandez, and Foster.)

PHIL WOOD TROPHY

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Dan Jacob | 26.07 |
| 1. Larry Hicks | 26.07 |
| 3. Aidan Ballantyne | 15.20 |
| 4. Mike Wilson | 13.99 |
| 4. Felipe Hernandez | 13.99 |
| 6. Nurdin Kassam | 12.22 |
| 6. Haiderali Nazak | 12.22 |
| 6. Gerry McCully | 12.17 |
| 9. Kathy Adachi | 11.94 |
| 10. Martin O'Reilly | 11.82 |

EDITH BONNELL TROPHY

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Kathy Adachi | 11.94 |
| 2. Sheila Dickie | 11.63 |
| 3. Rhonda Foster | 11.27 |
| 4. Claire Burns | 10.79 |
| 4. Marion Crowhurst | 10.79 |
| 6. Anne-Marie Bullis | 9.93 |
| 7. Mary Lou Bert | 9.23 |
| 8. Janet Daling | 9.21 |
| 9. Bev Taylor | 9.05 |
| 10. Donna Morrison | 8.32 |

PHIL WOOD UNDER 200 TROPHY

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. Rustom Deshmukh | 5.89 |
| 1. Adi Wadia | 5.89 |
| 3. James Burt | 5.26 |
| 3. Erik Sitek | 5.26 |
| 5. Priscilla Brown | 5.09 |
| 6. Kristin Orians | 4.88 |
| 6. Kelvin Raywood | 4.88 |
| 8. Christa Mead | 4.69 |
| 9. Sky Williamson | 3.65 |
| 9. Amirali Alibhai | 3.65 |

Out-of-town Winners

YEAR-END REGIONAL
Reno NV, December 26-31

Tuesday Continuous Pairs

A3. Ozzie & Shirley Isfeld

Tuesday Evening Side Game

B6. John Lien/Liz Stoneman

Tuesday Stratified Pairs

A4. Cam Doner

B1. Esther Freeman

Tuesday Evening 99er Pairs

A3BC1. Malcolm & Liz Lower

Wednesday Swiss Teams Flight A

8/10. Cam Doner, Aidan Ballantyne

Wednesday Flight B Swiss Consolation

1. Ram Hira

Wednesday Senior Swiss

A5. Leo Steil

B3. Elaine Ross

Holiday Knockout Teams

Bracket IV

2. Jacques Printz

Bracket VII

2. Alex Jack

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game

A3. Larry Pocock/Don Sache

Wednesday Afternoon 99er Pairs

A6BC1. Malcolm & Liz Lower

Wednesday Stratified Pairs

A8. Paul Hagen/Connie Delisle

Wednesday Evening 99er Pairs

B2. Malcolm & Liz Lower

Thursday Senior Stratified Pairs

A2. Leo Steil

C5/6. Alex Jack

Midweek Bracketed KO's

Bracket II

2. Larry & June Pocock, Don Sache,

Sheila Girotto

Bracket III

2. Garry Skoropada, David Schmidt

Bracket VI

1. Dan Webster

Friday Flight A Open Pairs

5. Paul Hagen/Connie Delisle

Friday Continuous Pairs

B4. Alex Jack

Friday Afternoon 99er Pairs

A4/6B2/3. Doris Housley

'95 Wrap Up KO Teams

Bracket III

2. Jacques Printz

Bracket V

1. Ed Marchuk

Morning KO Teams

Bracket I

3/4. Cam Doner

Bracket IV

2. Liz Stoneman, John Lien

Saturday Open Pairs

C4. Dan Webster

Saturday 199er Trophy Pairs

B2. Liz & Malcolm Lower

Sunday Flight B Swiss

1. Esther Freeman

5. Randy Jordan

Sunday Mixed Pairs

5. Brian Russell

(thanks to David Schmidt for providing Daily Bulletins and Sunday results. Portland Regional and Bellingham Sectional results did not reach me in time, but I'll try to include them in the next issue.)

O Calcutta!

Rousing success in first try

The first Vancouver Calcutta, held in Burnaby over the first weekend of February, was quite a show. Players came from Alberta, Washington, and Vancouver Island to join the Lower Mainland's elite talent (and some up and coming hopefuls) for a weekend of bridge for potentially significant rewards. 28 pairs in Flight A and 24 pairs in Flight B played four sessions of IMP Pairs for a total of \$8,000 in prize money, while on Friday evening over five times that amount was bid for shares of the 52 pairs, of which 90% was paid out to the owners of the top finishers. Despite the pressurized atmosphere resulting from the money riding on the result and the use of screens in both flights, most reviews of the event gave two thumbs up to organizers Larry Chow and Doug Deschner, and auctioneers Joe Jabon, Deschner and Cam Doner. Your *Matchpointer* editor walked in slightly late Friday evening, sat down beside partner Dan Webster and

said "so where are the Flight B players?" Hoping to buy ourselves for \$100 while nobody was looking, we were amazed to hear auctioneer Joe Jabon open the bidding himself at \$200! This bid (which I later joked was Joe's worst opener ever) drew silence, and became I think one of Joe's few poor investments. For next year's event, better looking hand records are promised, a larger turnout if the reviews mean anything, and perhaps even a third flight. Watch for it!

Flight A Results:

Ken Scholes/Peter Herold	+127
Joe Jabon/Harry Steiner	+119
Greg Arbour/Steve Vincent	+112
Gordon McOrmond/Mike Hargreaves	+107
Jim McAvoy/Duncan Smith	+91
Leo Steil/Mary Lou Bert	+46
Tony Remedios/Bill Gamble	+41
Peter Maclean/Lauren Miller	+40

Flight B Results:

Josh Sinnett/Bill Sinnett	+101
Mike Corey/David Greenspoon	+87
Don Sache/Sheila Girotto	+61
Jerry Sund/Richard Gursky	+54
Erik Sitek/James Burt	+51
Ralph Cole/Brenda Robson	+47
Mike Roberts/Jane Elliot	+19
Kal Kaleem/Ken Cowherd	+18

(all scores in IMPs)

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Monthly Unit Games

Suburbia game moving in May

The Monthly Unit Games got off to a good start in 1996, with decent attendances at both sites. We hope that players will make some time on Easter Sunday for the April game, which proved impossible to reschedule. Starting in May, the Suburbia game location will be the White Rock Elk's Club, 1469 George St, a short walk from the White Rock business centre. We hope our Suburbia players will find the new site (the same as the Tuesday morning South-West Duplicate Bridge Club game) accessible and pleasant. For players unfamiliar with the site who wish to attend on May 5 (don't forget: the April 7 game will be held at the current site, the Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, at 1284 184th St., in South Surrey), please contact our Suburbia director, Thony Stiennon (951-7560) or the Unit Board member responsible for Unit Games, Gladys Mackie (526-0687).

The attendance records for the first three games of 1996 say that 32 people have played in all three games at one site or the other, and 44 more have played in two out of three. This follows the pattern of previous years data and means we have a solid base of loyal players for the Monthly Unit Games (at both sites). Let's work on expanding that base by welcoming new players and reminding regular players we don't often see at Monthly Unit Games about the next game.

Once again, the masterpoint races this year have three prizes. The player who gets the most points in Unit Games in 1996 wins the Unit Game Trophy and free plays for all games in 1997. The Flight B and C players who win the most points in 1996 receive six free plays for 1997 Unit Games. For purposes of the masterpoint race, you are eligible for the flight you were in at the beginning of the year. For example, if you go over 1000 in the middle of the year, you must play in Flight A for the rest of the year, but your points won are still applied toward the Flight B Race and you are still eligible to win Flight B.

A B January 7 (South Surrey)

- 1 1 Brian & Joni Johnston
 - 2 - Donald Sache/Sheila Giroto
 - 3 - Frances Gould/Terry Gould
 - 4 2 Insa Fricker/Tai Eng
 - 5 3 Paul Radnai/Roland Perron
 - 4 Leszek Baldys/Norman Treleven
 - 5 Leonard Feeny/Ken Cowherd
- (not enough flight C pairs for overalls)

A B C January 7 (Vancouver)

- 1 - - Garry Skoropada/Brad Fletcher
- 2 - - Olive Perdue/Bonnie Anderson
- 3 1 1 James Burt/Arkadiusz Sitek
- 4 - - Donna Morrison/Evelyn Hodge
- 5 2 2 Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowlan
- 6 3 - Chris Diamond/Gordon Davis
- 4 - Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda
- 5 - Richard Gorman/Eugene Chan
- 6 - Angela Fenton/Patti Adams

A B February 4 (South Surrey)

- 1 - Ina Andersen/Kathy Adachi
 - 2 1 John Lien/Liz Stoneman
 - 3 - Jean Groome/Ronald Groome
 - 4 2 Terry Valjean/Gary Scollon
 - 5 3 Norman Treleven/Esther Freeman
 - 4 M Hutton/Mabel Holding
- (not enough flight C pairs for overalls)

A B C February 4 (Vancouver)

- 1 1 - Patti Adams/Angela Fenton
- 2 2 - Joseph Princz/Joycie Miura
- 3 3 - Pat Jones/Ric Sumner

A B C February 4 (Vancouver) cont.

- 4 4 - Graham Thomas/Lesley Laudan
- 5 - - Catriona Brown/Pearl Minkoff
- 6 - - Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
- 1 Hal Smith/Fred Spencer
- 2 Hoshang Shroff/Rani Shroff

A B March 3 (South Surrey)

- 1 - Doug Hansford/John McDonald
- 2 - Derek Ward/Donald Sache
- 3 - Elizabeth Lee/Norman Treleven
- 4 - Bernie Hoy/Sefton Levine
- 5 - Arlene Browning/Dorothy Carnegie
- 6 - Kathy Adachi/Ina Andersen
- 1 Daisy Neilson/Tai Eng
- 2 M Hutton/Mabel Holding
- 3 Esther Freeman/Isabel Chernoff
- 4 Dorothy Gavigan/Leszek Baldys

A B C March 3 (Vancouver)

- 1 1 1 Kathy Bye/Mona Taylor
- 2 - - Phyllis Barrington/Andrew Ross
- 3 - - Tom Cross/George Bell
- 4 2 - Pauline Lee/John Whittlesey
- 5 3 2 Christa Mead/Edward Marchuk
- 6 4 3 Dan Webster/Phillip Awram
- 5/6 - Jim Groves/Robert Percher
- 5/6 - Toyo Nunoda/Yuko Fujieda

1996 Point Leaders thru March

A B C Pts.

- 1 - - 3.67 Donald Sache
- 2 1 - 3.30 Patti Adams
- 3 1 - 3.30 Angela Fenton

1996 Point Leaders thru March cont.

A B C Pts.

- 4 3 1 3.25 Brad Fletcher
- 5 - - 3.25 Garry Skoropada
- 6 4 2 3.00 Mona Taylor
- 6 4 2 3.00 Kathy Bye
- 8 6 - 2.87 Norman Treleven
- 9 - - 2.72 Ina Andersen
- 9 - - 2.72 Kathy Adachi
- 11 - - 2.69 Bonnie Anderson
- 11 - - 2.69 Olive Perdue
- 13 7 - 2.60 Tai Eng
- 14 - - 2.50 John McDonald
- 14 - - 2.50 Doug Hansford
- 16 8 - 2.38 Joni Johnston
- 16 8 - 2.38 Brian Johnston
- 18 - - 2.25 Phyllis Barrington
- 18 - - 2.25 Andrew Ross
- 20 10 - 2.11 Mabel Holding
- 20 10 - 2.11 M Hutton
- 3 1.97 James Burt
- 3 1.97 Arkadiusz Sitek
- 5 1.88 Pat Jones
- 5 1.88 Joseph Princz
- 7 1.48 Andrew Faulkner
- 7 1.48 Anne Knowlan
- 9 1.34 Frances Gould
- 10 1.06 Edward Marchuk
- 10 1.06 Terry Valjean
- 10 1.06 Christa Mead

141.08 masterpoints were won by 102 people (a further 46 played but didn't scratch) in the first three Monthly Unit Games of 1996.

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

April 8 May 5

June 1 July 7

All Suburbia games begin at 7:00

All City Games begin at 6:30

Directors: City: Louis Landau (984-8309)

Suburbia: Thony Stiennon (951-7560)

Strata: A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300

Site Addresses

"City": Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

"Suburbia": Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, 1284 184th St., South Surrey

NOTE: Beginning April 8, the Suburbia game will take place at the White Rock Elks Club, 1469 George St., White Rock

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Tournaments & Dates

March 22-June 23

MARCH

22-24 Yakima Sectional

25-31 District 19-wide S.T.A.C. (most Unit 430 Clubs)

30-31 CWTC Zone Final in Victoria

APRIL

7 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

12-14 GNT District Final in Bellevue/Redmond

13-14 CNTC Zone Final at Vancouver Bridge Centre

15-21 Vancouver Regional (Delta Pacific, Richmond)

26-28 Kimberly, Tacoma, Qualicum Sectionals

29-5 Medford Regional

30-5 Anchorage Regional

MAY

3-5 Ketchikan, Vernon Sectionals

5 Monthly Unit Game (two sites: first Suburbia MUG at Elks Club in White Rock)

10-12 Spring Sectional at Burnaby Engineer's Hall

15 Matchpointer deadline (June issue to cover events from May 31 thru August 23)

17-19 Prince George, Richland Sectionals

24-27 Renton Sectional

27-2 Sacramento Regional

31 June Matchpointer hits the streets

31-2 Spokane Sectional

JUNE

2 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

10-16 Las Vegas Regional

17-23 Penticton Regional

Please confirm dates of out-of-town tournaments before making travel arrangements. We try to include the latest available information in the *Matchpointer*, but things change and sometimes we don't hear about them. If you attend out-of-town tournaments, please bring back Daily Bulletins or a list of local winners so we can include them in the next *Matchpointer*.

Unit 430 Sectionals

A One-Year Planner

Spring Sectional, May 10-12, 1996, at Burnaby Engineer's Hall.

Summer Sectional, July 19-21, 1996, also at Burnaby Engineer's Hall. Includes Unit 430 Annual General Meeting between sessions Saturday.

Evergreen Sectional, September 13-15, 1996, at the Queensborough Community Centre.

Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional, October 5-6, 1996, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

Round-Up Sectional, November 8-10, 1996, at the Surrey Inn (first time at this location).

Winter Sectional, January 24-26, 1997, tentatively at the Queensborough Community Centre.

Advance Notice: Summer Sectional, July 19-21, 1996, Engineer's Hall, Burnaby



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 PRESENTS THE

SPRING SECTIONAL

MAY 10-12, 1996
ENGINEERS' AUDITORIUM

4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby, BC

FRIDAY

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

OPEN PAIRS* 7:30
IMP PAIRS* 7:30
*Stratified: 0-300; 300-1000; 1000+

STRATIFIED FUTURE
MASTER PAIRS 7:30
0-20, 20-50, 50-100

SATURDAY

STRATIFLIGHTED
OPEN PAIRS 1:00 & 7:30
FLT A: Unlimited - stand alone
FLT B: Stratified 0-200, 200-750
Single session entries accepted
when possible.

STRATIFIED FUTURE
MASTER PAIRS 1:00 & 7:30
0-20, 20-50, 50-100
Single Sessions

SUNDAY

FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS (W/L)
First session 10:30 AM
Second session TBA

FLT A: Unlimited

FLT B: 0-500
ANDY NAGY MEMORIAL
TROPHY

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FREE
COFFEE
ALL
WEEKEND

GOODIES
SUNDAY
MORNING

LOTS OF
PARKING

ENTRY FEES:
\$7.50
per session

