



Board #15 S Dlr, N-S vul
WEST
♥ Q432
♥ KQJ5
♦ 986
♣ 97

NORTH
♠ KT
♥ A
♦ AQ753
♣ AKJT5

6 by East
Lead: K

Test your defensive brilliance!

by Louis Landau

South opened 2♠ and North Blackwooded to the slam, South showing one ace and no kings along the way. You lead the heart king. South thanks her partner, has a long look at dummy, plays the ace of hearts and then runs the ten of spades around to your queen, partner contributing the eight of trumps. What do you do *now*? (Answer, page 10.)

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As you'll see elsewhere within, earlier this year, to borrow a fine and accurate phrase from our new Unit President, I finally "crawled over" and made Life Master. With my gold card I received from Memphis a letter asking me to continue participating in ACBL events. I ignored this—why on earth would I quit just because I have a letter in front of my ACBL number? Once I had collected all of the coloured points required it became clear that the 300th total point would probably be won at a club and was unlikely to be accompanied by a quantum leap in bridge skill. But only a few months later, people are mentioning to me that they never see me anymore, that I don't play as often as I used to, and they're right. I can point to the 1500 deals I've played on-line since February, or to the increased schedule at work this year, but the truth is that without the gold card incentive, I am

playing less bridge, a lot less bridge.

And from the timing of this issue, it's clear that reduced time at bridge clubs means that collecting *Matchpointer* data takes longer than it used to. I used to know almost everything that was to go into the next issue; now I need to find out a significant portion of it.

Included in this issue is a report from the ACBL's Task Force on the Future of Bridge. Is the League-wide slow drain on membership inevitable or reversible? Do the suggestions of the Task Force leaning too far towards recruitment at the cost of competitive bridge as we now know it? Internet users had their say when the report was first released on-line; now let's hear your views.

One problem which must be addressed is the afore-mentioned "gold card incentive." Too many players approaching LM dismiss the power of the gold card in keeping them active. To my surprise, I was among them. There is a special significance about making LM that just doesn't exist when you're trying to get to Bronze LM or any of the higher plaques. I wish I knew the solution.

News of the death of Leo Steil reached me just before this issue went to print. A full obituary will appear in the October *Matchpointer*.

—Bruce McIntyre

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President's Message

"by" Jennifer Ballantyne

Well, not exactly. Jenny Ballantyne, Unit 430's new President, asked me to write the usual message in this space, time being far too short for her schedule at press time.

The August *Matchpointer* President's Message usually recaps the fiscal year just ended, looks ahead to the future, thanks the outgoing Board Members, welcomes the new Board Members, and recaps the changes in the Board for the coming year.

The 1995-96 year was a difficult one for Unit 430 financially. Due to rising costs in several areas, combined with the troubling continued decrease in membership, the final balance sheet for the year shows a loss of \$1,800. The Unit's financial situation is still very healthy, but the loss is a concern. Major factors were decreased attendance at tournaments, especially in the first half of 1996, with the Vancouver and Penticton Regionals having an effect on table counts at local sectionals, and the decision to expand Monthly Unit Games to two sites, which led to predictable growing pains at the new site which we expect to heal over time.

For 1996-97 we hope several changes result in success both on the balance-sheet and for our members satisfaction. We are looking at some new and less-costly sites for tournaments this year, and we are considering replacing our poorly-attended Summer Sectional with a Unit-wide S.T.A.C. week. There will be a Valley Division in the IMP League this year, and our players will continue to be financially supported by our subsidy policy.

One important new aspect of Unit 430 business sure to emerge by the end of this fiscal year will be the formation of

the various committees planning the Vancouver 1999 Spring North American Bridge Championships. The support and encouragement of your Unit Board will not be enough without the help of many other local players. Inside you'll read about the various jobs we'll need to fill to ensure that the NABC is a success. We'll be looking for your support.

Two long-time members of your Unit Board stepped down at the end of the 1995-96 year, and we owe them thanks for many years of service. **Chuck Campbell** was on last year's board as Past President, having been Unit President from 1993-95, and his experience and knowledge was invaluable to us on many occasions. Chuck will continue to help Unit 430 by chairing the Conduct, Department, and Ethics Committee. **John Mullen**, our 1995-96 Recording Secretary, also did an excellent job as Unit Treasurer during his Unit Board tenure, for so long that after switching to Recording Secretary last year, he wanted to be known as our "Past Treasurer!"

New Board Members this year are **Shirley Fitterman** of Vancouver, who will be our IMP League Commissioner, **Simon Matthews** (Maple Ridge), who will be our Recording Secretary, **Felipe Hernandez** (Coquitlam), who will take responsibility for Special Events, and **Dan Webster** (Mission), who will be assistant tournament chair and help with *Matchpointer* club and mail distribution. We welcome these capable additions to your Unit Board and look forward to their contributions. Somewhere within this issue will be a list of Board Members and their addresses and phone numbers. We encourage you to call any one of us with suggestions or ideas to help promote or improve local bridge. Help us do the best we can to make local bridge as good as it can be!

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The Flight A Story

by Felipe Hernandez

The end of another year of the Vancouver Unit IMP League had finally arrived. Fourteen teams had begun the journey but not all had survived. The regular season had been a disorganized affair with teams dropping out, player rosters changing weekly, and match deadlines disregarded. But with no music to face for their antics, no one much noticed or cared. It is time to revisit the infrastructure of the league itself since it is apparent self-policing is not the answer.

Seven teams advanced to the final with perennial champions DIVINSKY (Nathan Divinsky, Aidan Ballantyne, Mike Strebinger, Dan Jacob, Gord Davis, Don Brazeau) receiving the bye to the second round by virtue of their first place finish. That round saw them pitted against THOMAS (Doug Thomas, Gary Phelan, Peter Walton, Ted Hicks, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall) who had finished second in each of the previous two years losing both times in the final. This time THOMAS was not to be denied. They defeated the favoured DIVINSKY team handily [well, actually, it was a come-from-behind *one-IMP* victory—McB] and sat back to await their shot at glory. The other semi-final matched two newly formed teams: HERNANDEZ (Felipe Hernandez, Duane Tilden, Mike Wilson, Michael Neagu, Bill Goldstone, Marylou Bert) and DIMICH (Mike Dimich, Bev Taylor, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Greg Arbour, Gord McOrmond). HERNANDEZ had been whipped by DIMICH in the regular season so revenge was on their minds. It was not to be. The DIMICH team inflicted an even greater defeat and were poised to win it all.

The final began with a series of pickups for THOMAS: 6 IMPs when the defense slipped at one table allowing 2S to make; meanwhile 3♠ went down 3 at the other table. 13 IMPs when Dimich-Taylor reached a tenuous 4♥ while Phelan played a cozy 3NT. There were ten tricks in no trumps but only nine in hearts. And 11 more on the very next board when fortune went the other way: Phelan-Thomas bid to 6♣ which was cold and Dimich-Taylor stopped in five. The lead increased to 34 on a part-score swing. DIMICH finally got off the schneider [this idiom, meaning "broke the ice" is not to be confused with the name of another prominent *Matchpointer* columnist! —McB] when they stopped below game while their counterparts went on and went down two vulnerable: win 8. A few boards later, Gerry McCully picked up ♠—♥AKQxx ♦AKxx ♣KTx, and heard Peter Walton open 3♠. He passed and his partner made four. I have on my records that the EW score at the other table was +460 although the hand record makes that appear dubious. In any

DIMICH headed into the second half trailing 41-16.

Walton-Hicks, having provided yeoman service in the first half, yielded to Watson-Marshall. DIMICH brought in McOrmond to replace Taylor; Arbour would play the second half with McCully.

One would expect a team as talented as the DIMICH squad to play intelligently given their deficit. After all, 25 IMPs is not an insurmountable lead. And surely teams with their experience know that you don't try to recover it all on one board. No, they would need to be patient and look for openings, relying on superior judgement and card play to get them back in the match. And openings were there:

Board #1 N Dlr, none vul	NORTH ♠ QX ♥ J ♦ 87x ♣ AKJxxxx	5 x by South Lead: A
WEST ♠ JTXXXX ♥ KXXX ♦ T ♣ XX	SOUTH ♠ AX ♥ QX ♦ K9xx ♣ Qxxx	EAST ♠ KXX ♥ AXXXX ♦ AQJ ♣ —

EAST G. McCully	NORTH D. Thomas	WEST Greg Arbour	SOUTH Gary Phelan
	3♣	4♥	5♠
Pass(!)	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass(!!)	Pass		

It is not clear whether or not 6♥ would have been reached but it certainly would not have proven difficult to make especially after the (likely) club lead marks the AK of clubs in North's hand placing the diamond King in South's. McCully's passes seem out of synch with a team needing swings. Compounding the problem was the defense's inability to extract the maximum penalty to salvage something out of all this. Arbour started the diamond Ace and switched to the heart Ace. After receiving a mini-echo(!?) he continued hearts! Declarer's diamond spots were good enough to set up the suit for two tricks, the second of which provided a parking spot for his losing spade. The defense managed to get 100 out of the 500 available and so lost 9 when 5♥ was reached at the other table.

THOMAS just poured it on. Nothing fancy, just solid bidding to normal contracts. A good example: Gary Phelan, holding ♠xxxx ♥xxxx ♦KJxx ♣K, passed in first seat and heard the bidding proceed: 1♠, 1♥, double, to him. He raised to 2♥. Two spades, said his LHO, 3♦ by partner, pass back to him. Envisioning the spade singleton in his partner's hand and the good mesh in the red suits he bid 4♥ which, not surprisingly, was cold. Win 6 when his counterpart did not compete past the 3 level.

The icing on the cake came here:

Board #10 E Dir, both vul	NORTH	6 by East! Lead: K
WEST	♠ KJTxxx ♥ Jx ♦ xxxx ♣ x	EAST
♠ AQx ♥ Axxx ♦ Kxx ♣ Axx	SOUTH	♠ xxx ♥ KQxxx ♦ AQ ♣ xxx
	♠ x ♥ xx ♦ Jxxx ♣ KQJTxx	

I'm told the auction got out of hand at the other table. East (Watson) opened 1♥, South (McOrmond) preempted 3♣ and after a sequence of bidding best forgotten, EW fetched up in Six Hearts! McOrmond led his suit and Watson won in dummy, no doubt grateful his Ace had lived. After

unblocking his diamonds, he pulled trump ending in dummy and led the diamond King. Dimich, North, ahead of himself by a trick, decided it was high time to let partner know he had the spades sown up. So he pitched his Jack of Spades!! What a revoke! Not only did it become a penalty card, it also told declarer how to play the hand! The spade Queen was played from the dummy for the gain of one trick and when he followed with Ace and a spade, North found himself end-played into giving declarer his slam-going trick!

Despite this piece of luck, solid partnerships is what won it for this year's champions. The DIMICH team seemed unorganized from the start, deciding lineups at the last minute. THOMAS, by contrast, has been using the same three well-oiled partnerships for years. They use simple but effective systems. And they take their tricks. No doubt about it, THOMAS won this year's IMP League the old fashioned way: they *earned* it. Congratulations!

NABC Update III

by Doug Cowan

At last I have received a copy of the NABC Chairman's Manual, and as permanent committees are established, I will see that copies of the sections that affect them will be made available. It will be an invaluable resource.

One of the questions most frequently asked of me is "how many people will attend?" I am now advised that about 4,500 individuals make up a 10,000 table tournament. For planning purposes we are conservatively estimating 10,000 as a minimum number of tables expected. To put it in perspective, the recently completed AIDS conference attracted 15,000 and it was the largest conference ever held in Vancouver, so although not in that class, we're about a third of the size, still a major undertaking.

Direct funding by the ACBL appears to be fairly generous, especially if the figures quoted in the manual can be converted to Canadian dollars at the current rate. One of our earliest jobs will be to draw up a preliminary budget, and then determine how much, if any, additional revenue we will have to raise ourselves.

At present we have a core group, consisting of Aidan and Jennifer Ballantyne, Rose Miller as Treasurer, Steve Beatin as Secretary, (who will eventually set up an Internet Web Site for us), Patti Adams who will probably become the Partnership Co-Ordinator, and of course Phil Wood who is by far the Tournament's biggest booster. Also Bev Taylor hopes to help out whenever she can, but her time will be limited for the time being. Another welcome resource will be Elaine Ware from Vernon who attends all NABCs and is going to provide us with all the Programs and other information, particularly with regard to hospitality and entertainment.

Although the ACBL indicates most committees do not have to be established until 12-18 months prior to the

tournament, eventually the following positions will have to be filled (some may be combined): Publicity, Registrations, Entertainment, Special Events, Intermediate/Novice Calendar, Volunteer Recruitment (a big job), Caddy Recruiter (hope it's a school break week), Hospitality/Information, Souvenir Program (ACBL publishes but need local input), Restaurant Guide (another big job), Section Top Awards, Transportation/Tours/Parking, Charity Coordinator, and Pre-Tournament Hospitality (Special Guests).

(Ed: On the topic of getting caddies, the Vancouver School Board says there is a good chance that the tournament dates will coincide with the Spring Break week in 1999, but "the dates are not yet out.")

One point the manual makes a number of times is that key on-site personnel should not expect to play all the time. People must be available to handle emergencies while play is in progress. Obviously the best way to ensure that we all get to play some of the time is to arrange good delegation so the work can be spread around and not fall to just a few stalwarts. It is recommended that volunteers be recognized in some tangible way. (Free plays are one possibility.)

Key personnel will be expected to stay in the host hotel throughout the tournament at ACBL expense, but the ACBL points out that this is not a "perk," it is a necessity for those who are in critical positions and must be constantly on site during the tournament.

I plan to hold an open informational meeting on Saturday September 14, at 12 noon (before the start of the afternoon session) at the Evergreen Sectional. All are welcome and we will try to answer all your questions, and of course we will welcome anyone who would like to be considered for one of the positions listed above. Shortly thereafter a steering committee should be organized and commence regular planning sessions. Meanwhile if anyone wishes more information please feel free to call me at 922-0555 (work) or 921-7787 (home).

Future Watch

ACBL Peers Into Crystal Ball

"Contract bridge has enjoyed the role of the world's preeminent mental sport for nearly three quarters of a century. A combination of circumstances has placed the sport in a steady decline for at least twenty years in North America from a high of 32 million enthusiasts to the present 17 million.

"It is nearly midnight for Cinderella. The median age of the ACBL membership is over 66, and the number of members is declining by 3% per year."

—from the Report of the Task Force on the Future Of Bridge

The Internet community, through the Usenet newsgroup rec.games.bridge, was recently given a summary of the report of the ACBL's task force, which resulted in several weeks of lively debate. Because most bridge players will not have seen the report, we'll summarize it here for you. (Late note: material in these funny brackets is material added after the notes from the Miami meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors were published and we found out which proposals in the report had been approved.)

The report begins with the quote above and goes on to assert that the problem is competition from other entertainment and the poor definition of the product. After a list of assets of the game—fun, low-cost, amateurs compete with experts and champions, mental exercise yet sociable—the report gives two liabilities: duplicate's complexity, and the unfortunate public perception of bridge players.

The Overview section lists five areas of suggested action for the league to take. Membership acquisition and retention strategy must be revamped, a less complicated game must be offered at all levels (while making certain that players who wish to compete under the current regulations may do so), clubs must be supported more vigorously by the league, computer bridge is recognized as an opportunity the ACBL should pursue in increasing membership, and bridge education should be tailored to demographic groups the task force feels are the best prospects for active participation.

The biggest recommended change is the introduction of the Classic Card game at all levels of ACBL tournaments, a game in which all participants use the same abbreviated convention card, with only limited variations on "standard" allowed. (For a look at what the Classic Card will allow you to play, see the box accompanying this article.) Only at NABC open events would you be forced to contend with unusual systems, as the report encourages that the Classic Card game be available either as a separate event or as part of an event where some sections are restricted to Classic Card players. Masterpoints for the Classic

Game would be equal to those given for the regular game, and scores from Classic sections would be compared for overalls with scores from regular sections.

No alerts or announcements will be made in the Classic game (meaning that you'll have to keep a close watch on the opponents convention card since there are options for most bids). No Committee appeals of a Director's ruling will be allowed, appeals will be made only to the Director-In-Charge. The report encourages clubs to adopt innovative solutions to appease players not wanting to play in the Classic Game, but gives no examples of how exactly to do this. (The Classic Card game has been approved and ACBL Management has been instructed to introduce it as soon as possible.)

The second area of encouraged change is in promotion of bridge. The Task Force gives no specific ideas, but wants to see the league and the Educational Foundation subsidize approved ideas from teachers, clubs and Units. The ACBLscore program will be developed so that lists of winners can easily be obtained for press releases to publications and even newspapers. There is a suggestion that "bridge-friendly" columnists can help promote the game, if discovered and encouraged. Encouragement for the Bulletin's new features for beginning and intermediate players was given, with the hope that the trend in that direction will continue. Large metropolitan areas may in future be encouraged to hold membership drives, usually in conjunction with the "full-service" clubs: this scheme to be test-marketed and if successful added to most large cities.

The Task Force recommends that the League recruit and employ bridge coordinators, starting with four regions and increasing to 10-15 area coordinators, responsible for the part-time promotion of the game. (One such field office has been approved, three more will quickly be set up.) As well, the Task Force recommends that the ACBL develop teaching methods and tutorials geared to people who play other games on the Internet and might be interested in taking up computer bridge. Existing software companies with bridge products will be encouraged to include ACBL information in their packaging, and Microsoft will be requested to include a bridge "applet" in future Windows releases.

The Task Force has proposed major changes in the current system of ACBL membership recruitment and retention. First year fees will be half of the regular fee of US\$28, and there is a generous system of rebates to teachers, clubs and Units who recruit members, or get their recruits to renew their membership. It is proposed that players state a home club or Unit which would be responsible for keeping that player active. The special rates for Junior players (under 26) would remain at US\$10 per year, with special vouchers for entries given by the ACBL. (Not approved.) A new category would be created for Computer Members: US\$12 per year, no Bulletin, but most Bulletin articles would be available for download from the ACBL home page. (This is on hold as another ACBL committee studies the proposal.)

Computer tournaments would be sanctioned and winners would receive masterpoints at one-half the rate of club games, with a limit of 100 total per player and 10 per player per calendar year. {Not only has this been approved, but the limits have been removed.}

A special surcharge of 50 cents at club games and \$2.00 at tournaments would be introduced for players who are non-members and for Life Masters who do not pay their service fee. Half of the surcharge will go to the ACBL, and the other half to the club or the tournament organizer. Non-members joining the ACBL will be able to record their points won at their home club for six months preceding their joining, otherwise the recording of masterpoints for non-members will be discontinued. {The \$2.00 tournament surcharge was approved in a close vote and must be ratified at the next meeting. The club surcharge was not approved.}

The total number of Regional Tournaments will be reduced by about 25% over the next few years, with a committee set up to ensure that the most successful Regionals and dates will remain in place. {Not approved.} The Task Force believes that the number of Sectional Tour-

naments (which unlike Regionals has remained stable over the past 15 years) is acceptable with the exception of a few metropolitan areas. The Task Force recommends that at Sectional, Regional, and Qualifying games up to the National level, no committee appeals of a Director's ruling be allowed, and that conditions of contest be uniform throughout the ACBL. {The conditions of contest part was not approved, the no Committee Appeals part is being sent to the Laws Commission for study.} A further recommendation is that tournament directors be given annual additional training to improve uniformity in rulings and appeals. {Approved unanimously.}

The remainder of the report concerns suggestions of reforming the political structure of the ACBL and a financial summary predicting the revenues and expenses from Task Force recommendations. The mid-range prediction shows a profit by the year 2000, and the opinion of the Task Force is that the recommendations will allow the optimistic prediction to be closer to the actual future financial statements.

The entire report can be found at the ACBL home page (www.acbl.org). The summary of the classic card is at this address: www.acbl.org/info/charts/classic.htm

The Classic Card

Allowed conventions

These are the options listed on the Classic Game convention card. There is no area on the card for "Other Conventional Calls," your system is limited to the options presented on the card. Like the summary of the Task Force report, this is a summary of the regulations listed on the ACBL home page.

1NT opener: Any contiguous range of 3 points from 11-19.

1 of a major opener: may be 4 or 5 cards by agreement and must not be substantially lighter than what would be deemed standard but may be somewhat lighter.

1 of a minor opener: promises three or more cards in either suit.

Over 1NT: 2♣ is Stayman, 2NT is natural and invitational. 2 of any other suit may be a) a signoff, b) 2♦ may be forcing Stayman (2♥ and 2♠ signoffs), or c) Jacoby Transfers may be used (2♣ must be game forcing and rebids by responder after transferring must be at least invitational). 3 of any suit must be invitational or better and may be natural or show two suits. Texas transfers are allowed at the four level. Transfers may or may not apply over a double or a natural 2♣ overcall. Over other bids double is

negative or penalty and all other bids (including 2NT) are natural.

Over 1 of a major: a double raise may be forcing or limit, Jacoby 2NT and game forcing raises to 3NT are allowed, splinters are allowed. In competition, a double raise is limit, cuebid is forcing; over takeout double, jump raise can be limit, preemptive or forcing. Strong jump shifts, except in competition where they may be any strength by agreement. 1NT Forcing and Drury or Reverse Drury is allowed.

Over 1 of a minor: double raise may be forcing or limit, 2NT may be natural (forcing) or invitational. In competition, double raise may be limit raise or forcing, cue-bid is a forcing raise.

Splinters are allowed on opener's rebid. Responder may use Fourth Suit Forcing and New Minor Forcing (or Checkback) at his rebid.

Over strong 2♣ bids, the 2♦ response is artificial. 2 of any other suit is weak, range within 5-11, and at least a five card suit. 2NT response shows invitational or better values and may ask for a feature or distribution highlights. New suits over weak twos may be forcing or not, but opener must always be allowed to raise a new suit and will be penalized for failing to do so with an appropriate hand.

2NT opener: Any 3 point range 19 points or more. 3♣ is Stayman, Jacoby and Texas Transfers, artificial 3♠ bids, and

Gerber are allowed.

Cheapest NT overall may be any range up to 4HCP, specified for direct and balancing seats. Cue-bid is Stayman, 2-level suits are signoffs, 3-level suits are forcing. Jump to 2NT is for minors or two lowest unbid.

Negative doubles are restricted to the level of 4♦ and must show values to compete, and either both unbid suits or one unbid suit and tolerance for partner's suit.

Overcalls: must specify whether new suits are forcing, whether a jump raise is forcing, limit, or preemptive. Cuebid shows support and invitational or better, or may be a very strong hand without support.

Over opponents NT: Natural, or Landy (2♣ shows majors).

Jump Overcalls: preemptive, intermediate (opening hand with good suit), or strong.

Direct cuebid: strong takeout, or two known suits: Michaels not allowed.

Blackwood or RKC allowed, Grand Slam Force allowed.

Carding choices: A or K from AKx, any from three small, Q optional from KQT9 vs NT, otherwise all standard.

Psychic bids are strongly discouraged.

Jean Groome

Consistent winner

You don't have to be number one to be regarded as one of the unit's top players. Over the past 25 years, Jean Groome of Tsawassen has amassed about 2,500 points despite winning only one regional event. The key, she says, is to consistently play well. "I don't usually play below average so the points keep building up."

Groome didn't play bridge until after she married, learning the game because her husband, Ron, "wanted me to. He had played bridge since he was eight and played duplicate a few times." At first, she played only with Ron (they still play regularly at the Tsawassen club and occasional tournaments) but started playing with other partners after "Helen Mitchell dragged me away from Ron in 1972."

She counts Leo Steil and Jennifer Ballantyne as two favorite local partners and Barbara Nist and Bob Currie as two favorite tournament partners. "I often go to tournaments without a partner and pick them up there," she notes.

Not quite a pick-up but close was Paul Soloway. "In 1978, I won a free game with Mary Jane Farrell. She was ill so asked me if I would play with Paul Soloway instead. I did and we finished just out of the overalls. It was a very interesting experience and he always remembers me," she recalls, adding "we spent a lot of time filling out a card. I don't know if he spends that much time with all his clients but he did with me and I didn't pay a cent to play with him."

Although Groome played Precision for a few years, she is now a confirmed 2/1 player, saying "I got tired of having the wrong hand declare NT. I figured I was as good a declarer as the next person, so I wanted the same lead as everyone else." She is a big fan of negative doubles, calling them "the best bid ever invented."

While Groome allows work to interfere with her bridge (she is a nurse on a 12-hour shift rotation), having a baby did not. "I was in a tournament at Victoria when my son was just eight weeks old. I left my son with my in-laws, played the first session, rushed back to nurse him between sessions, then went back to play the second session. We finished in the overalls."

Groome admits some players were surprised, but not her



in-laws, who played duplicate and understood the passion it entails. She notes that is one reason some players are not as well-mannered as they should be. While she does not condone bad behaviour, she believes it is no better or worse than it has ever been and is probably inevitable.

"We choose to play duplicate rather than social bridge because we're more intense. The outcome matters more."

At the same time, she believes players must go out of their way to encourage less experienced players. "We all have an obligation to nurture newcomers until we get them totally hooked," she says. To that end, she has organized Tsawassen Life Masters into developing a local semi-regular rookie-master game. "It's the only way to raise the level of novice players. When they learn a little bit more, they're not as frightened and will come out to tournaments. We have to pass it along or bridge will wither and die."

Over the years, Groome has certainly done her part for bridge in the Pacific Northwest. She served four years on the Unit Board (as special events co-ordinator, vice-president and elections secretary in the days when that meant hand addressing 1,400 ballot envelopes.) She served another six years on the District 19 board, including two as the board's first-ever Canadian president. Earlier this year, she and Ron went to New Zealand on holidays and had a rare opportunity to compare local bridge to that played in Auckland. It was quite different. All hands are pre-dealt and there is a pad in the centre of the table on which every player writes his/her bid. Instead of alerting, partner circles any unusual bid. "They have no convention cards. The only convention card I saw was the one I brought. They all played ACOL, so if I bid a 15-17 HCP NT, Ron would circle the bid."

The club used computer scoring but the movement was unusual. "We played in a 39-table game. The other section had 17 tables while we had 22 tables with a strange movement. We played the same pair three times."

She notes players were extremely courteous. No coffee or tea was allowed at the table, instead there was a "tea break" during the game. "The things they were most militant about was who got the tea and that they finished on time."

Not only did the Groomes finish on time, but they finished first!

Volunteers?

CBF, DINO openings

The Canadian Bridge Federation is calling for nominations for Zone Six director, a three year term

beginning in 1997. At the same time, Unit 430 must nominate a local player to be one of our two representatives on the District 19 Board. The current CBF Zone Six Director is Aidan Ballantyne, and the District 19 Board Member whose term ends at the end of 1996 is

Jenny Ballantyne. Both the CBF and the DINO position would require some travelling and bridge organizational experience. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like to nominate someone, contact Aidan or Jenny at 438-3095.

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

Board 6 of the Saturday afternoon session at the recent sectional was an interesting defensive problem:

Board #6 E Dir, E-W vul	NORTH ▲ 98 ♥ QT86 ♦ A5 ♣ AQJ75	4 x by East Lead: 8
WEST: Dummy	SOUTH ▲ Q42 ♥ — ♦ 87642 ♣ 98632	E: Declarer ▲ AJ73 ♥ AT742 ♦ KJT ♣ K

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Marylou Bert	J. Schneider	B. Goldstone	Pat Landau
		1♥	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	4♣
4♥	Double	All Pass	

Marylou and Bill had just "cleaned" us for 1100 on the companion board and I was determined to "get the board back!"

The eight of clubs was led to my ace, and I returned a club, ruffed by declarer. Now Bill, muttering something about "let's see how badly they break," laid down the ace of trumps and went down one the "prosaic" way.

When we later discussed the hand he said that the double was ill-conceived (well—those were not his *exact* words, but

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Fritz Bowers

This past July 4, our local bridge world lost a special friend. Bridge players are often accused of being an "insular bunch". No one could ever have called Fritz Bowers insular. He was one of the most diversified people imaginable. A family man, with a highly successful career as Vancouver's City Manager, Fritz found time to learn to fly! He held a pilot's licence (he once flew Andy and I to a Sectional in Kelowna), and he learned to scuba-dive—a sport he truly loved. He enjoyed music and the theatre, and, in between times, he played bridge! He achieved Life Master but played

this is a family magazine) because without it he'd be down one, but with it should make the hand. After ruffing the second club, a heart to the king, a heart back to the ace, and a third to my queen (I must of course split my heart honours), the position is:

▲98♥8♦A5♣J75	▲AJ73♥T♦KJT♣—
▲KT65♥9♦Q93♣—	▲Q42♥—♦87♣963

North-South have won two out of the first five tricks. North now exits with the jack of clubs—normally giving a ruff-sluff is considered one of the seven deadly sins (like trumping partner's ace) but here it is clear that our only hope for the fourth defensive trick is either a trump or a long club. Say declarer ruffs in dummy, pitching a diamond, comes to hand with the ace of spades, pulls the last trump and runs the spades (we will graciously concede that he will find the queen). That's only nine tricks, and North will hang on to the ace of diamonds and a club winner: down one. It does not help to ruff the jack of clubs and force out the diamond ace: another club sets up the long trump.

So let's go back one step:

▲98♥Q8♦A5♣J75	▲AJ73♥T7♦KJT♣—
▲KT65♥95♦Q93♣—	▲Q42♥—♦876♣963

(Tricks 2-2, East on lead)

Let's say he now plays a spade to the ten and a low diamond back. We must now violate another basic rule (second hand low) and pop up with the ace—otherwise with his tenth trick now in the bag he can revert to the plan above and collect his other nine in peace. Now a club is played; let's say he pitches a diamond and ruffs on the table and plays two more rounds of diamonds—we do *not* ruff, but pitch a spade and the eight of hearts will now score with a spade ruff, or, if he now plays a trump to my queen, another club sets up the fourth defensive trick as before.

So how bad was the double? In a team game it would be very bad, but in matchpoints it turned out to that +100 was a poor score since some North-South pairs were +130, while +200 was a 10½—well worth the risk, since the gain was more than the loss would have been had the contract come home.

the game far more for the sheer fun of it. He will be best remembered for his humour and kindness.

A gentleman. A gentle man.

He truly enjoyed his weekly game at Arbutus Village, partnered by his wife Shirley, among friends. He was a "people person," always ready to help, support, advise, and listen, with great tolerance and understanding.

Dear Fritz, I am so glad to have known you. On behalf of our local bridge community, sympathy to Shirley Bowers, the Bowers family, and his many, many friends throughout the community.

—Anne Nagy

Trump sentries

by Louis Landau

With a hand like North has, one can hardly stay out of a slam when partner opens, even if it is a preemptive opening. All North thinks she has to know is whether or not the combined partnership has all the necessary controls to be in a small slam or a grand slam. When she discovers that they are missing an unknown king, she should sign off in what she thinks will be a safe six contract.

trumps and make the rest of the tricks.

The secret of success with this type of hand is to ensure that if you have to lose the lead and you have a dangerous suit, as you have here with the hearts, *you must make sure that you have a trump left in dummy when you lose the lead.*

It does not matter who has the missing lady, so long as you are careful to leave that trump in dummy. If the finesse happens to be successful you might make all 13 tricks, but that is not important. You have ensured your contract by leaving a trump in dummy when you need it.

However! If you should be up against one of these brilliant West players who can see through card backs and *ducks* the lead of the ♠10 from dummy, it's already too late: eventually West will win her trump trick and have hearts to cash. Against the brilliant player you can only make the hand by ESP, with a little luck thrown in: win the ♥A, come to hand with the ♣Q, ruff a heart with the ♠10, play the ♣A, ruff a club with the ♠A, ruff a heart with the ♠K, then ruff a club with the ♠J. West can overruff (if she is brilliant again and decides not to, you can pin the ♠8 by simply leading trumps from the top) but now the *declaring* hand is out of hearts and you'll win 12 tricks: two heart ruffs in dummy, five of the six spades in your hand, three clubs (you ruffed the other two), and two red aces. It's a good thing for you that the ♠8 was *singleton* or your spades would not run after all those high ruffs, but brilliance in the face of brilliance usually pays well!

And the luck? You need a little of that as well, because if West overruffs your ♠J and returns a *diamond*, your entry to dummy to cash the club is prematurely forced!



Board #15 S Dir, N-S vul	NORTH ♠ KT ♥ A ♦ AQ753 ♣ AKJT5	6 by East Lead: K
WEST ♥ Q432 ♠ KQJ5 ♦ 986 ♣ 97	SOUTH ♠ AJ9765 ♥ 942 ♦ 42 ♣ Q2	EAST ♠ 8 ♥ T8763 ♦ KJT ♣ 8643

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

South as declarer looks at the combined hands after the opening lead, and sees that she has two losers in hearts and one in diamonds. However she can also see that she can discard these losers on all the good clubs in dummy, so there should be no problem with the hand. What she should realize is that she can make the contract, even if she loses the ♠Q, provided that the person who wins that card cannot cash a heart trick to set the contract. If she decides to try and throw away her losers before drawing trumps, she will find that West will be able to ruff and make a natural trump trick.

This is quite a common problem. Once declarer realizes that she can afford to lose a trump trick there is no particular problem. She wins the lead, of course, and immediately plays dummy's ♠10, and, if it is not covered, takes the finesse. If, as happens in this hand, West wins the trick, she cannot cash a heart trick as there is still a trump in dummy, and whatever she returns, declarer can draw the rest of the

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April: Donna Morrison (A), Amir Alibhai (B), Joyce Noel (C)
May: Stella Alliston (A), Arthur Ma (B)
June: Amir Alibhai (A & B), Patti Lamb (C)

[Editor's note: This article appeared in the June *Matchpointer*, unfortunately alongside a diagram of the lesson hand from the *March* issue. Depending upon how you look at it, this error, obviously attributable to me and not to Louis, caused differing types of havoc. Many, realizing that I had inadvertently substituted a different

hand, were amused at West's opening bid and subsequent power auction to slam—on a two count. My favorite was the statement "After North [who according to the diagram, held AJ7642 in trumps] leads her A♠ it does not matter what she does next." It has however come to my attention that a few players were so literal

as to suppose that the error was not mine but Louis's! I can only say that this cannot indicate anything but blindness on their part, and whether they like Louis's lessons or not, they could probably do with a double dose this time. Here is the article again, and barring further error, the actual hand it described:]

Don't Loose That Deuce!

by Louis Landau

This hand was actually played at St. David's in West Vancouver, and although you might not agree with all the bidding, especially the jump to slam, there is no reason why West should not be playing in diamonds, and, being duplicate, West should be trying to make 6 even if she is only in 5!

It is a very easy hand to make mistakes on, and is an excellent example of how important it is to plan ahead. After North leads her A♣ it does not matter too much what she leads next. The normal switch to a trump is probably the best play as she does not want to do any harm to any tricks that partner might have. If West is a normal player, she should realize that she has only two losers in her hand—both in spades. She can throw away one on the A♥, but to get rid of the other one she has to hope that the hearts break 4-4 and the last little heart will become an extra winner. This is fairly elementary, but what is not that elementary is that West should realize that she needs enough entries into dummy to do this. In this case she needs four entries to set up the suit, and another entry to use that last heart.

If she takes the trump lead in dummy, that is her first entry, and she should immediately play the A♥ and discard a spade from her hand. If, on the first diamond she unthinkingly plays her 2♦ from her hand, she is going to go down. Look at what happens. She next plays a heart from dummy and ruffs in her hand. A second entry into dummy is achieved by trumping her losing Q♣, and a third heart is then trumped in her hand. At this stage West has four

trumps left in her hand—the Ace, the King, the Queen and the Jack. There is only one more entry into dummy, and that is with the K♠. The 4th heart is now played and ruffed, but there is no further entry into dummy to use the last heart as an extra winner.

Board #8 W Dir, none vul	NORTH ♠ Q9 ♥ KJT5 ♦ 4 ♣ AKJT83	6 by West Lead: A
WEST ♠ AT65 ♥ — ♦ AKQJ872 ♣ Q2	SOUTH ♠ J872 ♥ Q964 ♦ 3 ♣ 9764	EAST ♠ K43 ♥ A8732 ♦ T965 ♣ 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	2♣	Neg.Dbl.	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

All West has to do to make the contract is keep her 2♦. When she wins the trump switch with dummy's 10, she must *not* follow low from her hand, but must play her 7 or 8. Furthermore when she starts trumping dummy's hearts, she must trump *high* and preserve a small trump as the 5th and vital entry into dummy. The whole success of the hand depends on when declarer plays her 2♦!

Storylines

Hands from various sources

All bridge players are great story-tellers: even if you "cannot write" (this is the biggest excuse in writing: nobody cannot write—some write less often than others, with expected results) you certainly can get 52 cards down on paper and sketch out what happened and why it was interesting. Your *Matchpointer* editor provides, as a free service, any required embellishment! So start looking for those interesting hands and send them along.

From Doug Cowan:

Lead of the month: you hold this hand...

♠XXXX ♥KXX ♦KJ ♣AJXX

...and the bidding is over very quickly; at both tables RHO opens 4♠ which ends the auction. What do you lead? (we'll come back to this one)

From David Schmidt:

THE VALUE OF LIGHTNER DOUBLES

We've all heard of Lightner doubles. Do we know what they are and, if so, do we use them?

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The perfect hand for a Lightner double showed up for one section at the Friday evening session of the recent Summer Sectional:

South Dealer Vul. unknown	NORTH	6 by East "It's Your Lead"
WEST	♠ QJX ♥ AXXX ♦ XXX ♣ QXX	EAST
♠ - ♥ JTxxx ♦ AKQX ♣ AXXX	S: on lead	♠ AKTxxxxx ♥ K ♦ Jx ♣ Kx
	♠ xx ♥ xxx ♦ xxxx ♣ JTxx	

South passed and the uncontested bidding went 1♥-1♠, 2♣-2♦, 2NT-6♣. This is not the best bidding in the world but how do you handle an 8-card suit? I decided to trot out 2♣ at my second bid to see what partner would do and settled on 6♣ when partner's notrump bid suggested a diamond control.

As South, what do you lead? You are in a vacuum unless North makes a Lightner double, asking for a lead of dummy's first bid suit (hearts).

Without the double, South chose a minor suit lead and slam was quickly made. It turned out to be worth 10½, suggesting a number of pairs bid and made 6♣. On a heart lead, demanded by a Lightner double, the slam is always defeated!

From the Hideous Hog-In-Training:

Players need to adapt to situations and glean from them all the possibilities. Who but my Mollo namesake, for example, would have thought of escaping a high-stakes squeeze by masticating the crucial card in a sandwich? But these on-line players are beginning to take this concept too far:

♠- ♥J85 ♦AKJT86542 ♣A

Both vulnerable, LHO opens 1♠. Partner passes and it's a good thing I am facing a computer screen and not live opponents because I cough up half a truffle when RHO bids 3♣! It quickly transpires that this is a Bergen-style limit raise. This means I'll get another call, and if somehow I don't it will work out fine, so I pass! LHO bids 3♥ and partner somehow finds a bid of 4♣. RHO supports hearts, so I take the "obvious" action of supporting their first-bid suit, and bid 4♠! This is doubled and partner cannot bear it,

beating a hasty retreat to 5♣. This too is doubled and I see no reason not to bid FIVE spades now. LHO is still in the doubling rhythm...

...but as soon as his double of 5♣ appears on screen the table disappears in a puff of smoke! We find ourselves in the lobby: at least three of us do: partner is nowhere to be found. And since partner was the table's "server," upon whose connection the continued existence of the table depends...dare I cry foul? Conspiracy?

Well, not without checking the records first...

South Dealer Both Vul	NORTH	5 x (E)! (auction incomplete...)
WEST	♠ K954 ♥ KT74 ♦ Q9 ♣ K95	EAST: H-I-T
♠ 862 ♥ 93 ♦ 73 ♣ T87643	SOUTH	♠ - ♥ J85 ♦ AKJT86542 ♣ A
	♠ AQJT73 ♥ AQ62 ♦ - ♣ QJ2	

There is a small chance that West's connection went belly-up after South doubled 5♣, but the coincidence is too great. And yet West was headed for a great result! Do you think North-South are going to find their slam? If they do I'm bidding 7♦ anyhow, which goes for only 500. Partner's 4♣ and 5♣ bids are beneath comment in a family magazine.

Back to Doug Cowan's lead problem:

(from page 11)

I led a trump which is the choice of virtually everyone who has seen the hand, but of course you've guessed by now that if that were the answer there'd be no story.

Can you guess the killing lead that Larry Pocock made to defeat the contract? He fingered the K♦ and came out looking like a genius when this was the layout:

Dummy: ♠x ♥xxx ♦axxx ♣KQxxx
 Declarer: ♠AKQJxxx ♥axx ♦xx ♣x

The premature removal of the key entry scuttled the contract as of course after this brilliant lead he had no trouble hoppin up with the A♣ and returning another diamond, stranding the KQ♣ and forcing declarer to concede two hearts.

Was it genius or pure luck? I don't know, you'll have to ask Larry, but don't expect an honest answer!

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Culminating out Sept 22-28 Club Championship Week is the Goofy Pairs Calcutta. Pairs are drawn at random from a group of "jockeys" and a group of "horses." After the TGIF game on Sept 27 the draw will be announced and a Calcutta auction will commence. The IMP Pairs Saturday starting time depends upon the number of pairs entered.

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Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: August 23, 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: 11 Nov	7 Oct	Eileen Sands/Yvonne Klan
	1045a	BBY	H. Dressler	open	unsupplied	Harry Friedman/Gordon Kiel
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	Teams	held 14 Aug	see Wednesday
	715p	SRV	A. Browning	open	unscheduled	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	730p	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	16 Dec	Joan Olsen/Pat Carruthers
	730p	KER	T. Trerise	open	21 Oct	Amad Rafii/Judi Murphy
	730p	SQU	W. Jonat	H: 1st, trophy race game: 3rd		annual trophy points race
	730p	TSW	F. Schultz	open	unsupplied	Marg & Axel Schulman
	730p	VBC	C. Delisle	LP:0-200, stratified	23 Sept	Ed Starkins/Bruce Jackson
Tue	1045a	VBC	E. Chan	stratified	24 Sept	Connie Delisle/Shirley Fitterman
	1100a	S-W	T. Stiennon	Teams: 24 Sept	3 Sept	Esther Freeman/Thelma Hofstede
	730p	NSW	M. Strebinger	open	unsupplied	none yet held
	730p	BBY	H. Dressler	open	unscheduled	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	730p	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	24 Sept	Leo Steil/Wilf May
Wed	1000a	VCR	L. Landau	open, HCP: 2 Oct	27 Nov	held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline
	1030a	HAS	M. Scott	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	1045a	VBC	E. Chan	LP:0-20	unscheduled	<i>new game</i> , none yet held
	100p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	held 14 Aug	Individual: Pat Ashby
	715p	WRK	F. Schultz	open	18 Sept	Jim Dickie/Len Feeny
	715p	VCR	L. Landau	STR	11 Sept	Pat Landau/Maria Dabrowski
	730p	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	unsupplied	unsupplied
	730p	M-R	B. Percher	open	11 Sept	John Richoux/Garry Skoropada
	730p	VBC	B. Russell	LP:0-750, STR	25 Sept	Ric Sumner/Pat Jones
Thu	1100a	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	unscheduled	Nomi & Nadia Kaplan
	1100a	CLO	P. Stapff	open	5 Sept	John Horne/Pat Wotherspoon
	700p	SUN	R. Notzl	open	held 14 Aug	see Wednesday
	715p	F.V	T. Stiennon	open	5 Sept	Wilf May/John McDonald
	730p	MIS	B. Percher	open	19 Sept	Walter Schmid/Dan Webster
	730p	VBC	E. Chan	LP: 0-20	26 Sept	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	730p	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	26 Sept	Judy Strebinger/Steve Clements
Fri	1100a	VBC	C. Delisle	Supervised Play—no masterpoint awards given.		
	730p	ABB	B. Percher	open	unscheduled	Roy Van Pelt/Roland Perron
	730p	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams: first Friday of each month only		
	730p	S-D	T. Stiennon	Teams: 27 Sept	6 Sept	Ken Holand/Harvey Sawyer
	730p	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	27 Sept	Liz Hicks/Roger Allen
Sat	100p	VBC	E. Chan	casual bridge	28 Sept	Toyo Nunoda/Bev Kanee
Sun	100p	RMD	E. Dietrich	open (ex. tournaments)	8 Sept	Adi Wadia/Rusty Desmukh
	630p	VBC	B. Russell	IP-STR, X:1st (MUG)	22 Sept	Marylou 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.

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Special Events at Clubs

September 1—October 25, 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

1 Sep	Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
2 Sep	10:00 VCR Labour Day Pairs
3 Sep	11:00 S-W Club Championship
5 Sep	7:15 F.V Club Championship
5 Sep	7:30 VBC "Tuna Challenge" Jackpot Game
6 Sep	7:30 S-D Club Championship
6 Sep	7:30 NSW Monthly Team Game
8 Sep	7:30 RMD Club Championship
11 Sep	7:30 M-R Club Championship
11 Sep	7:15 VCR Club Championship
13-15 Sep	Evergreen Sectional at Queensborough Community Centre, most clubs closed.

Date	Time	Club	What's Happening
16 Sep	7:15	SRY	Swiss Teams
16 Sep	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
18 Sep	7:15	WRK	ACBL Charity Game
19 Sep	7:30	MIS	Club Championship
19 Sep	7:15	F-V	Royal Viking Instant MP Pairs
19 Sep	7:30	VBC	Royal Viking Instant MP Pairs & Tuna Challenge Jackpot Game
21 Sep	1:00	VBC	North American 49er Pairs
22-29 Sep		VBC	Club Championship Week
22 Sep	6:30	VBC	Wine & Cheese Club Championsh.
23 Sep	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200)
24 Sep	10:45	VBC	Club Championship
24 Sep	11:00	S-W	Swiss Teams
24 Sep	7:30	BBY	Membership Game
24 Sep	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
25 Sep	10:00	VCR	Seeburg Memorial Charity Pairs
25 Sep	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-750)
26 Sep	7:30	VBC	Two Club Championships (0-20 and open)

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 Defisle	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
SRY—South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	574-0299
SQU—Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702
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

27 Sep	7:30	ABB	ACBL Charity Game
27 Sep	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night, Club Championship, and Calcutta for Saturday Goofy Pairs following game
28 Sep	1:00	VBC	Afternoon Club Championship
28 Sep	TBA	VBC	Goofy Pairs Calcutta Returns
29 Sep	1:00	RMD	Charity Game
30 Sep	7:00	SUN	ACBL Charity Game
30 Sep	7:15	SRY	ACBL Charity Game
30 Sep	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
2 Oct	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
3 Oct	7:30	VBC	"Tuna Challenge" Jackpot Game
4 Oct	7:30	NSW	Monthly Team Game
5-6 Oct		VBC	Future Stars Tournament (see ad, p. 25)
6 Oct	Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)		
7 Oct	10:00	VCR	Club Championship
7 Oct	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
13 Oct	6:30	VBC	Wine & Cheese Night
14 Oct	10:00	VCR	Thanksgiving Day Charity Pairs
16 Oct	7:15	WRK	Member/Guest game, winning pair wins 1 year ACBL membership and \$5 ACBL scrip
17 Oct	7:30	VBC	"Tuna Challenge" Jackpot game
20 Oct	noon	VBC	NAOP (all flights) Unit Final, 2 sessions beginning at noon
20 Oct	1:00	RMD	International Fund Game

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CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

Date Time Club What's Happening


21 Oct	7:30	KER	Club Championship
21 Oct	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
22 Oct	11:00	S-W	Membership Game
22 Oct	7:30	VBC	Olympiad Fund Game
24 Oct	7:15	F-V	Membership Game
25 Oct	7:30	S-D	Membership Game
25 Oct	7:30	VBC	TGIF Party Night


Date Time Club What's Happening

28 Oct	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
31 Oct	11:00	CLO	Hallowe'en Costume Swiss Teams
2 Nov	7:30	NSW	Monthly Swiss Teams
3 Nov			Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)
4 Nov	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
6 Nov	7:30	M-R	International Fund Game
7-10 Nov			Round-Up Sectional at Surrey Inn, some clubs will remain open on Thurs/Fri, details next issue
11 Nov	10:00	VCR	Remembrance Day Handicap Pairs
18 Nov	7:15	SRY	Membership Trophy Game

ADVANCE NOTICE

27 Oct	noon	ABB	Charity Swiss Teams Championship, 2-sessions, noon/TBA
28 Oct	10:45	BBY	Charity Game



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Books and supplies for players, clubs, Units
Bridge accessory rentals: tables, bid-boxes, boards,

Isawassen Bridge Club

South Delta Rec Centre, 1720-56th Street, Delta
Finn Schultz 534-5025 Mondays 7:30 pm

White Rock Bridge Club

Sunnyside Community Centre
1854 154th St., White Rock, BC
Kay Lyons 536-0486

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm
SPECIAL EVENTS
Sept 18: ACBL Charity Game, and Club Championship
Oct 16: Member/Guest game (Sectionally-rated). Play with a non ACBL member and win a 1 year ACBL membership and \$5 of ACBL Scrip. Call Kay Lyons to pre-register.

SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
<p>Thony Stiennon <i>(non-playing director)</i> 951-7560</p>	<p>White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC</p>	<p>Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC</p>	<p>St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC</p>
Regular Game:	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
Swiss Teams:	September 24		September 27
Club Championships:	September 3	September 5	September 6
Membership Game:	October 22	October 24	October 25
<p><i>Don't forget the ACBL-wide Royal Viking Instant Matchpoint Game, at Fraser Valley Bridge Club on September 19th!</i></p>			

Vancouver Bridge Centre

2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5M 1Y8
Ph. 255-2564 Lessons, books, seminars
Rubber Bridge Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS (See our ads elsewhere!)

Sept 19: Royal Viking Instant Matchpoint Game

Sept 21: North American 49er Pairs, (1pm)

Sept 22-28: Club Championship Week

Sept 28: Goofy Pairs Calcutta Returns!

Oct 22: Olympiad Fund Game

Watch for COPC, CNTC, GNT dates

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Summer IMP League: Champagne Div.: "Upper-Class Twits": (Martin Johnson, Sheila Dickie, Sarlo Camas, Sefton Levine). Beer Div.: "Completely Different": (Simon Matthews, Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Dan Webster, H.K. Ho, and a cast of dozens)

1996 SUNDAY CHIMPS QUARTERLY WINNERS:

Patti Adams (1st Qtr), Ken Robertson (2nd Qtr)

REGULAR GAMES (All but Friday Stratified)

(special events never pre-empt regular games)

Monday	7:30 PM	Intermediate (0-200)
Tuesday	10:45 AM	Stratified Open Game featuring the Best Lunch In Town!
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game
Wednesday	10:45 AM	New Novice Game (0-20) bring a friend to the VBC's newest game
	7:30 PM	Strat. Adv. Int. (0-750)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Novice (0-20)
	7:30 PM	Stratified Open Game (Beat The House Night) every second Thu nite: Tuna Challenge Jackpot
Friday	11:00 AM	Supervised Play
	7:30 PM	Open Lucky # Game last Friday of each month: TGIF party night!
Saturday	1:00 PM	Casual Bridge
Sunday	6:30 PM	Early Bird IMP Pairs scores count for quarterly CHIMPs championships 2nd Sunday each month: Wine and Cheese night

S. Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street (Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club)

Director/Manager:

Arlene Browning-574-0299

Mondays at 7:15pm

Stratified Games first Monday of each month

Computer scoring

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 16: Swiss Teams

Sept 30: ACBL Charity Game

Nov 18: Membership Game

NAOP Qualifying Game Winners, July 22:

Carol Thompson and Mariann Hutton

BIG GAME (70.6%!)

Bill Goldstone and Marylou Bert

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

Dec 9: Chwk Milk Bottle
Fund Game

June Club Champs: David

Schmidt/Dennis Huber

Chwk July Club Champs:

Joan Olsen/Pat

Carruthers

Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors
Complex: 11940 224th St.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Sept 11: Club Champ.

Nov 6: Intl. Fund Game

Club Champs: John Richoux
& Garry Skoropada

Mission

Leisure Centre
7621 Taulbut Ave.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Sept 19: Club Champ.

Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre
2478 McCallum Road

Fridays at 7:30 pm

Aug 16: Club Champ.

Sept 27: ACBL Char. Game

DON'T MISS THIS!

13th Annual Abbotsford Charity Swiss Teams
Championship—2 sessions beginning 11:30
am Sunday October 27th.

Unit 430 Movers & Shakers

1996 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Standings

Thanks to the miracle workers at ACBL Headquarters in Memphis (and the amazing speed of electronic mail), here are the halfway standings in the Ace Of Clubs competition (in which points won in 1996 club games only count), and the Mini-McKenny (in which all ACBL points won in 1996 count). As usual, I direct all of your questions on the statistics presented here to the folks at the ACBL Membership Assistance Department, via their toll-free number, 1-800/467-2623. Obviously, a number of factors can affect these standings, among them the exact date of the computer run, which clubs and tournaments had reported their results to Memphis, which events had been processed by Memphis, among several others. If you call me to try to find out the answers to any of these questions, I will have to give you my impression of Fawly Towers waiter Manual: "I know *nothing*: *no-thing!*"

MINI-McKENNEY MIDWAY STANDINGS

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Walter Rae Fee, Delta 23.35
2. Richard Werlin, Richmond... 19.22
3. Peggy Ross, Vancouver 18.48

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Vcr. 22.19
2. Norma Saltzberg, Vancouver 15.52
3. Gordon Devlin, Vancouver ... 14.58

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Christa Mead, Vancouver 51.83
2. Arik Sitek, Vancouver 41.31
3. Bachan Buttar, Surrey 37.22

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amirali Alibhai, North Vcr. ... 73.79
2. Arthur Ma, West Vancouver . 56.28
3. Amad Rafii, Vancouver 52.53

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Gray McMullin, Vancouver... 97.85
2. H.K. Ho, Coquitlam 60.86
3. Jeanette Greenhut, Vcr..... 58.75

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby 169.66
2. Richard Dunn, Delta..... 69.43
3. John Lien, Surrey 67.28

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Don Sharp, Vancouver 100.66
2. Felipe Hernandez, Coq..... 92.11
3. Bev Kanee, Richmond..... 79.29

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. Larry Chow, Abbotsford 148.44
2. John Whittlesey, Vcr..... 81.26
3. Gary Post, Vancouver..... 77.78

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Gerry McCully, Burnaby 147.99
2. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam .. 115.51
3. Pat Landau, North Vcr. 88.88

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Dan Jacob, Burnaby 192.29
2. Kathy Adachi, Delta..... 141.42
3. Stella Alliston, North Vcr. .. 118.84

Diamond Life Master (5000-10000 MP)

1. Cam Doner, Richmond 261.03
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vcr. 236.76
3. Leo Steil, Vancouver 97.97

Regional Master (100-200 MP)

1. Nomi Kaplan, Vancouver32.00
2. Shirley Fitterman, Vcr.....24.43
3. Geraldine Lacroix, N. Vcr.23.09

NABC Master (200-300 MP)

1. Kathy Bye, North Vcr.33.16
2. Toyo Nunoda, Vancouver30.58
3. Bob Kiggins, Burnaby.....29.45

Life Master (300-500 MP)

1. Maria Dabrowski, North Vcr..41.93
2. Adam Dabrowski, North Vcr...39.54
3. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver35.48

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MP)

1. John Horne, Surrey.....33.22
2. Walter Link, White Rock.....32.93
3. Joni Johnston, White Rock...32.17

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MP)

1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam.....71.77
2. Pat Landau, North Vcr.60.80
3. Anne-Marie Bullis, NewWest.46.19

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MP)

1. Kathy Adachi, Delta.....65.86
2. Donna Morrison, Burnaby58.88
3. Stella Alliston, North Vcr.....52.27

Diamond Life Master (5000-10000 MP)

1. Leo Steil, Vancouver25.76
2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vcr.20.53
3. Laurence Betts, Burnaby0.83

ACE OF CLUBS MIDWAY STANDINGS

Rookie (0-5 MP)

1. Richard Werlin, Richmond... 14.01
2. Kenny T.K. Chan, Vcr. 8.79
3. Jacqueline Falcon, West Vcr. . 7.57

Junior Master (5-20 MP)

1. Joan Sobieniak, West Vcr. ... 14.32
2. Anneliese Rohde, West Vcr. . 10.76
3. Nadia Kaplan, Vancouver 9.18

Club Master (20-50 MP)

1. Ben Sills, Sechelt..... 22.05
2. Bill Henning, Coquitlam 19.99
3. Sharon Hughes, North Vcr... 18.08

Sectional Master (50-100 MP)

1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver 46.62
2. Amirali Alibhai, North Vcr. ... 41.09
3. Dan Webster, Mission..... 25.09

Uh, uh, **0.83**? Sure, Unit 430 had at last count only four Diamond LMs, but **0.83**? Cam! You had six months—surely in that time you could've racked up at least **0.84**!

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St., Vancouver

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

IMP League

Playoff Results

Elsewhere you'll find Felipe Hernandez's article on the final of the Flight A IMP League, but here are the full playoff results:

FLIGHT A

Quarter Finals:

#1 Divinsky had a bye

#2 Hernandez defeated #7 Steil (Leo Steil, Les Fouks, Bob Sauve, Anne-Marie Bullis)

#3 Dimich defeated #6 Lindsay (Cam Lindsay, Ron Borg, Paul Hagen, Bob Connop, Cam Doner)

#5 Thomas defeated #4 Pocock (June and Larry Pocock, Sheila Giroto, Don Sache, Kathy Adachi, Wilf May)

Semi-Finals:

#3 Dimich defeated #2 Hernandez (Felipe Hernandez, Mike Wilson, Michael Neagu, Duane Tilden, Mary Lou Bert, Bill Goldstone)

#5 Thomas defeated #1 Divinsky (Nathan Divinsky, Aidan Ballantyne, Don Brazeau, Gord Davis, Mike Strebinger, Dan Jacob)

Final: #5 Thomas defeated #3 Dimich (Mike Dimich, Bev Taylor, Gerry McCully, Rhonda Betts, Gord McOrmond, Greg Arbour)

THE WINNERS: Doug Thomas, Gary Phelan, Dan Watson, Jim Marshall, Ted Hicks, Peter Walton

FLIGHT B

Semi-Finals:

Meyer, wild-card #1, defeated Fetterley, winner H-I-T division (Geoff Fetterley, Fred Brown, Kathy Bye, Sandra Hawk,

Ruby Jackson)

Schmid, winner JTT division, defeated Eng, wild-card #2 (Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Fred Powell, Peter Wong)

Final: Meyer defeated Schmid (Walter & Connie Schmid, Lenora & Phil Awram, Dan Webster)

The Winners: Larry Meyer, Rod Coote, Jim McKenzie, Dick Simpson, Bob Takashita

FLIGHT C

In Flight C there were no playoffs due to the long 8-match season, and despite some complicated calculus to cope with two forfeiting teams, it was known in March that the Williamson team had taken the title.

The Winners: Sky Williamson, Gina Beland, Lillian Gibson, Marion Crowhurst, Amir Alibhai

IMP League 96-97

Form your teams now!

The IMP League is expanding! In 1996-97 there will be four separate competitions:

Flight A.....unlimited.....	\$30/team
Flight B (City)...0-1500.....	\$30/team
Flight B (Valley) 0-1500.....	\$30/team
Flight C.....0-300	\$15/team

The new Valley division in Flight B will play their matches against each other, there will be no crossover as there was in the two divisions of Flight B last year. Valley division teams should expect to have to play matches as far east as Abbotsford and should expect to play very few

matches as far west as New Westminster or Surrey. Flight B playoffs may feature City vs Valley matches.

Note: because of several problems in the past few years, there will be increased emphasis on team captains to make sure matches are completed on time. Also, the ACBL has decreed that no substitutions may be used unless the sub joins the team (if there is an opening—no six-player team may use substitutes at any time.)

The IMP League Commissioner for 1996-97 is Shirley Fitterman, whose telephone number is 731-7077. The deadline for entries in Flight A and Flight B is the Evergreen Sectional, Sept 13-15. The deadline for Flight C is the Future Stars Sectional, October 5-6. If you are interested in playing, whether you have a team, a pair, or just yourself, call the Commish!

Special Events

A 1995-96 wrap-up

The Canadian Women's Team Championships were held in Fredericton in early July, and despite the distance involved, no less than fifteen of Unit 430's finest women players were present on five teams!

The Thomson team, including Carolyn Levi, the Neate team (Margie Neate, Stella Alliston, Donna Morrisson, and Anne-Marie-Bullis), and the Hodge team (Ev Hodge, Mary Fines, Monica Angus, and Flora Tereposky) were all

eliminated at the conclusion of the round-robin portion. The Colter team, including Lynn Fleming and Rhonda Foster, made the semi-finals and lost to the eventual second-place team.

The Adachi team (Kathy Adachi, Ina Anderson, Leslie Gold, Sheila Giroto) also made the semi-finals, losing to the eventual winners. A fine showing from Unit 430.

The National Finals of the Grand National Teams were held at the Miami NABC in early August, and Unit 430 had a representative team representing District 19 in the Flight C competition. The team of Kelvin Raywood, Kristin

Orians, Dan Webster and H.K. Ho were unlucky to draw the eventual winners in their round-robin opening match, but nearly beat the third team in the group, who also went on to the quarter finals. However, they avenged their quick knockout by winning the North American Non-Life Master Swiss Teams!

1996-97 event news

We await dates for COPC, CNTC and GNT club qualifying games. The VBC has scheduled a North American 49ers Pairs game for Saturday, Sept 21, at 1:00 pm. The NAOP Unit Final is on Oct 20 at the VBC, full details appear on page 24.

Unit 430 1995-96 Financial Statements

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1996 (unaudited)	
ASSETS	
Current	
Petty Cash	56.00
Term Deposits	10,298.68
U.S. Bank Account (in Can. \$)	2,270.83
Accounts Receivable	1,077.25
Prepaid Expenses	2,100.00
	<u>\$15,802.76</u>
Supplies	414.46
Equipment	
Bid-boxes (net)	547.33
Boards (8-sets) (net)	524.16
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,288.71

LIABILITIES	
Current	
Cheques in excess of deposit	966.68
Accounts Payable	401.76
Mary Clarke Trophy Fund	34.44
GST Payable	-9.13
Subsidy Fund—current	639.55
—future	1,478.15
Total Liabilities	\$3,511.45
MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Balance from June 95 statement	\$15,627.83
Excess of revenue over expense	-1,850.57
Balance, June 30 1996	\$13,777.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$17,288.71

REVENUES <i>(net of GST)</i>	1996 Gross Revenue	1996 Costs	1996 Profit (Loss)	1995 Profit (Loss)
'95 Summer Sectional	7,389.07	6,133.01	1,256.06	(396.66)
'95 Evergreen Sectional	7,528.62	7,639.15	(110.53)	336.17
'95 Future Stars Sect.	889.72	1,037.45	(147.73)	(245.42)
'95 Round-Up Sectional	13,176.73	13,673.98	(497.25)	441.28
'96 Winter Sectional	8,165.73	7,622.41	542.86	288.12
'96 Spring Sectional	6,123.64	6,231.13	(107.49)	726.37
Multi-Level Events	3,328.92	2,993.29	338.63	(44.08)
IMP League	742.99	470.89	272.10	279.89
Christmas Party	1,365.87	1,473.50	(107.63)	(276.11)
Monthly Unit Games	5,402.28	5,599.51	(197.23)	488.34
EVENTS subtotal	\$54,113.11	\$52,874.32	\$1,241.79	\$1,597.81
OTHER REVENUE				
ACBL Membership			4,080.00	4,134.44
US Exchange			(1.75)	(43.81)
Interest + Other Revenue			420.23	602.61
TOTAL REVENUE			\$5,740.27	\$6,291.05

EXPENSES <i>(net of GST)</i>	1996	1995
Matchpointer (net)	3,118.53	2,950.09
Administration	2,127.12	1,674.97
Unit Board Dinner	365.83	374.13
Unit Bd. Free Plays	255.14	287.86
Contributions to events	176.17	0
Allocated to subsidy fund	610.73	235.72
Depreciation	823.73	767.52
Other expenses	113.59	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,590.84	6,390.29
Net Income for the year	-1,850.57	-99.24

This is an abbreviated version of the Unit 430 financial statement for the 1995-96 year. A full report was presented at the Annual General Meeting and can be ob-

20	Available subsidy account balances:	GNT \$581.94	COPC \$221.72	CNTC \$517.35	CWTC \$517.35	NAOP \$279.34
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Who Ya Gonna Call?

1996-97 Unit 430 Executive Board Members

Duties	Board Member	Address	Phone (voice)	Fax/E-Mail
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PHIL WOOD TROPHY

1. Dan Jacob	47.07
2. Mary Lou Bert	36.08
3. Bill Goldstone	35.18
4. Felipe Hernandez	33.28
5. Gerry McCully	28.95
6. Larry Hicks	28.38
7. June Pocock	28.01
8. Rhonda Foster	27.47
9. Kathy Adachi	27.11
10. Mike Wilson	25.80
11. Peter Herold	23.20
12. Sharon Colson	23.07
Neil Ballard	23.07
14. Gary Phelan	22.10
15. Michael Neagu	21.22
16. Joe Jabon	20.99
Jim Aitken	20.99
18. Nurdin Kassam	20.41
19. Bill O'Brien	19.63
Janet Daling	19.63

Trophy Race Standings

Unit 430 targeted by cross-border shoppers!

These numbers were painstakingly calculated by your editor by hand, at a cost of roughly four more hours than usual, because game files from the recent Summer Sectional were not received at *Matchpointer* headquarters. When the work was done, clear evidence remained of a daylight robbery by out-of-towners! Will this continue in September or will our heroes rebound? Stay tuned....

EDITH BONNELL TROPHY

1. Mary Lou Bert	36.08
2. June Pocock	28.01
3. Rhonda Foster	27.47
4. Kathy Adachi	27.11
5. Sharon Colson	23.07
6. Janet Daling	19.63
7. Mary Fines	18.60
8. Stella Alliston	16.64
9. Claire Burns	15.64
10. Sheila Dickie	15.35

PHIL WOOD UNDER 200 TROPHY

1. Amirali Alibhai	11.94
2. Kelvin Raywood	11.77
3. H.K. Ho	11.19
4. Christa Mead	10.57
5. Kristin Orians	9.77
6. Sky Williamson	9.27
7. James Burt	9.08
Arik Sitek	9.08
9. Nancy Friedman	9.00
10. Pat Lester	7.76



Local Winners

VANCOUVER SUMMER SECTIONAL
Burnaby, July 19-21, 1996
Friday Afternoon

Open Pairs 17 tables

- Shirley Fitterman/Ken Robertson
- Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
- Gord Davis/Dennis Dohl
- Pat Stapf/Joerg Schneider
- Les Fouks/Robert Sauve
- Corrine Tapley/Ram Hira

Women's Pairs 16 tables

- Stella Alliston/Mary Fines
- Arlene Browning/Pat Carruthers
- Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
- Liz Lee/Maggie Warren
- Gail Watson/Gloria Prescott
- Julie Cowan/Rose Miller

Friday Evening

Stratified Open Pairs 40 tables

- Derek Ward/Joyce Peters
- A2B1. Ted Lai/Ram Hira
- A3. Gary Phelan/Grace Jeklin
- A4. Trudy Hurdle/Aban Gerrie
- A5. Len Feeny/Larry Pocock
- A6. Bill Goldstone/Marylou Bert
- B2C1. Richard Werlin/Gloria Prescott
- B3C2. Phil & Lenora Awram
- B4C3. Sky Williamson/Julian Lee
- B5. Joan Richards/Sharon Hughes
- B6. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
- C4. Christa Mead/Delma Murray
- C5. Zofia & Marek Skarzynski
- C6. Amirali Alibhai/Arthur Ma

Saturday 2-session

Stratified Open Pairs 40, 43 tables

- Rhonda Foster/Gerry McCully
- Janet Daling/Bill O'Brien
- A3B1. Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
- A4. Nathan Divinsky/Don Brazeau
- A5. Ernie Dietrich/Hal Rodd
- A6. Linda Sims/Aban Gerrie
- A7. Marguerite Chiarenza/Judy McGowan
- B2. Amirali Alibhai/Geradline Lacroix
- B3. Pat Lester/Chester Michno
- B4. John Lien/John Horne
- B5. Ram Hira/Barry Kirkham
- B6. Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam
- C1. David Huang/Ping Ding
- C2. Nando Masini Pieralli/Rangie Sylvestre
- C3. Greg Lam/Nancy Friedman
- C4. Marylou Varga/Adele Mackay

SUMMER SECTIONAL TOP TEN MASTERPOINT WINNERS

(done without using official tournament gamefiles and without complete consolation Swiss results, therefore unofficial)

1. Felipe Hernandez	17.23
2. Michael Neagu	16.78
3. Rhonda Foster	13.80
3. Gerry McCully	13.80
5. Neil Ballard	13.70
5. Sharon Colson	13.70
7. Jim Aitken	13.00
7. Joe Jabon	13.00
9. Janet Daling	10.42
9. Bill O'Brien	10.42

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs Cont.

- Joyce Tokarek/Elizabeth Conrad
6. Sky Williamson/Julian Lee

Future Masters Stratified Games

Saturday Afternoon 5 tables

- Lynette Guard/Mary Kingland
- A2BC1. Paul Campbell/Simon Moret
- A3BC2. Richard Werlin/Elizabeth Hopkins
- A4. Noorali Dhahani/Amir Mitha

Saturday Evening 3 tables

- A1/2. Lynette Guard/Mary Kingland
- A1/2B1. Richard Werlin/Elizabeth Hopkins
- B2. Flora So/Peter Hanlan

Sunday Swiss Teams

Open Swiss Teams 42 teams

- Joe Jabon, Jim Aitken, Neil Ballard, Sharon Colson
- Mike Strebing, Mike Wilson, Felipe Hernandez, Michael Neagu

Player Data

It's been some time since we received player data, so much of this is quite overdue.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to:
Angeline Bennington
Claire Burns
Kathy Bye
Jane Craig
Maria Dabrowski
Diane Dean
Bob Kiggins
John Lien
Pauline Lee
Bruce McIntyre
Toyo Nunoda
Joyce Rhodes
Graham Thomas

New Bronze Life Masters (500 MP):

Sheryl Brander
Maria Dabrowski
Mohammed Dabbeh
Diane Dean
Yuko Fujieda
Betty Hamilton
Ken Lochang
Haiderali Nazak
Toyo Nunoda
Cornel Sawchuk

Unit 430 Rank Breakdown as of July 1, 1996				
Category	July 1 1996	% of '96 total	July 4, 1995	% of '95 total
Total members of Unit 430	1124	(2.8% down)	1156	
Rookies (0-5 MP)	88	7.8	111	9.6
Junior Masters (5-20)	87	7.7	91	7.9
Club Masters (20-50)	133	11.8	133	11.5
Sectional Masters (50-100)	119	10.6	145	12.5
Regional Masters (100-200)	124	11.0	118	10.2
NABC Masters (200-300)	90	8.0	90	7.8
Life Masters (300 +)	483	43.0	468	40.5

New Silver Life Masters (1000 MP):

Larry Chow
Esther Freeman
Al French
Rhoda Tafler

New Gold Life Master (2500 MP):

Jean Groome

Welcome to our new members (some of whom are no longer so new and have been turning up in winners lists!): **Murat Arabacioglu**, **Claud Ashby**, **Matthew Bagdan**, **Herb Balinsky**, **Stephen Beard**, **Linda**

Burchill, **Kenny T.K. Chan**, **Fay-Lois Crawford**, **Dennis Frankenburg**, **Rick Hoggarth**, **Betsy Horne**, **Frank Jameson**, **Frank Langdon**, **Helen Lundine**, **Adele Mackay**, **Ruth McKergow**, **Don McKinnon**, **Elizabeth Mills**, **Victor Murniak**, **Lucy Nakashima**, **Man Han Ng**, **Barry Niedermaier**, **Mel Phillips**, **Nel Phillips**, **Mark Rojewski**, **Dawn Smith**, **Pauline Smith**, **Lorna Teranan**, **Marylou Varga**, **Barbara Verwest**, **Hank Verwest**, **Lynne Westlund**, **Richard Werlin**, **Ruth Winkler**, **Ewa Wroblewicz**, **Andrew Zorawski**.

Welcome to Unit 430 to (from): **Roger Allen** (Victoria), **Carmen Dieno** (Yuma), **Walter Link** (Phoenix), **Umbert Pandini** (Florida), **Giuseppina Allard** (Manitoba), **Bernard Grant** (Yuma), **Carol McKergow** (Okanagan), **Mary Stewart** (Kootenay), **Mike McCarthy** (Quesnel), **Ewa Wroblewicz** (Victoria).

Farewell to: **Dorothy Baker**, **Thomas Coward**, **Les Day**, **Marguerite Howard**, **John Hutchinson**, **Vivian Hutchinson**, all to Victoria.

- Sunday Swiss Continued
- Greg Lam, Roger Allen, Nancy Friedman, Lesley Laudan
 - 4/6. Kelvin Raywood, Kristin Orians, Dan Webster, H. K. Ho
 - 4/6. Don Sharp, Peter Jacquest, Sue Bradford, Hazel Dressler
 - 4/6. William Gamble, Sarlo Camas, Eugene Chan, Martin Johnson
 - Dan Jacob, Ron Borg, Larry Hicks, Greg Arbour

(The consolation Swiss results somehow disappeared from the printout; we'll get 'em next issue.)

Out-of-town Winners

Very little to report this time, because we have had few reports sent to us. Matt Smith sent Sunday results from the Penticton Regional, but nowhere could I find

- another set of Daily Bulletins.
- Penticton Sunday Swiss Flight A**
- Larry Chow
 - Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster
 - Aidan Ballantyne
 - 8/9. Cam Doner
 - Jean Groome

- Sunday Swiss Flight B**
- 2/3. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Joyce Rhodes, Rekha Shah
 - 6/13. Lotte Elias, Julie Cowan, Norman Treleven, Larry Snelling

- Sunday Senior Swiss**
- 1/2. Stella Alliston, Margie Neate
- Sunday Stratified Pairs**
- A4. Ken Danielsen/Doug Hansford
 - A5B1. Liz Stoneman/John Lien
- Sunday Flight B Consolation Teams**
- 4/8. Betty Harold; Barbara Stachoski, Carol Thompson, Tillie Nielson, Eleanor

Kaufmann; Terry Scott, Al & Bernice French, Marina Page (that's three separate teams there)

Roman Woroch sent some Bulletins from the Albuquerque Navajo Trail Regional, May 21-27, at which he was 5th/7th in the C flight of the Friday Stratified Swiss, and 3rd/4th in the second Bracket of the Saturday Prime Time Bracketed KOs.

In the **Summer NABC in Miami**, there were two notable results: **Cam Doner** and **Greg Arbour** reached the round of 16 in the Spingold, and the District 19 Flight C GNT team of **Kelvin Raywood**, **Kristin Orians**, **Dan Webster**, and **H.K. Ho** were knocked out by the eventual winners but rebounded to win the North American Non-Life Master Swiss Teams! Congratulations!

NAOP Qualifiers

Unit Final October 20

The following is a list of all players who have qualified for the North American Open Pairs Unit Final, showing which flights they have qualified for. The three flights are unlimited, 0-1500, and 0-500 (non-Life Master). One important note about the list below: if you are eligible to play in any lower flight than one you have qualified for, you are allowed to play in the lower flight at the Unit Final with any other qualified player. For example, if you are a Flight C player who played in a qualifying game with a Flight B player and qualified in Flight B, you and your partner may play in the Flight B Unit Final, but you yourself may find another eligible partner for the Flight C Unit Final: by qualifying for Flight B you are qualified for C as well.

The Unit Final will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Sunday, October 20, two sessions beginning at noon. The early starting time will make it possible for

qualifying players from all areas of Unit 430 to play, as the event will be over by about 9PM. Flight A will be a separate section, but Flight B and C may be combined and stratified if attendance does not warrant running three simultaneous events. About one-half of the players in each flight will qualify for the District Final. The District Finals in all flights will be held at the Surrey Inn, beginning at 1 pm on November 9, in conjunction with the Round-Up Sectional. Depending on attendance, the event may be as many as four sessions long. Any qualifying player may play with any other qualifying player in the District Final.

The list below includes qualifiers from the following games: July 4 (VBC), July 9 (VBC), July 17 (VBC), July 30 (VBC-am), August 5 (VBC), August 13 (VBC), August 21 (VBC). The following known qualifying games are not included in this list: July 22 (SRY), August 28 (VCR-pm), August 29 (VBC), August 29 (F-V), August 30 (S-D), August 31 (VBC-aftn). A final list will be included with the minutes of the September Unit Board Meeting sent to all clubs, which we hope Club Managers will display at their clubs..

Ruth Abelman	AB-	Shiela Dickie	A--	Dan Jacob	A--	Gary Phelan	A--
Kathy Adachi	A--	Dennis Dohl	A--	Grace Jeklin	A--	Anicet Pinto	--C
Ghods Ahmad	-BC	Cam Doner	A--	Pat Jones	-BC	June Pocock	A--
Amir Alibhai	--C	Tom Dorn	--C	Kal Kaleem	A--	Larry Pocock	A--
Roger Allen	AB-	Richard Dunn	-BC	Nomi Kaplan	-BC	Kelvin Raywood	ABC
Bonnie Anderson	AB-	Mark Eddy	-B-	Don Keith	-BC	John Reay	-B-
Guido Angioli	--C	Len Feeny	AB-	Dee Kerr	A--	Roberta Richards	-BC
Vera Angioli	--C	Angela Fenton	-B-	Jim Kerr	ABC	Ken Robertson	AB-
Eileen Axelrod	AB-	Shirley Fitterman	ABC	Sherman Kwan	AB-	Andrew Ross	AB-
Sidney Axelrod	AB-	Al French	AB-	Ted Lai	-B-	Howard Rubin	A--
Gus Axen	A--	Bernice French	AB-	Lesley Laudan	AB-	Brian Russell	AB-
Diane Ayukawa	-B-	Harry Friedman	-B-	Hobert Liang	AB-	Victoria St. Mars	ABC
Aidan Ballantyne	A--	Jane Fyfe	-BC	Ken Lochang	AB-	Maureen Schwartz	-BC
Lydia Bellan	--C	William Gamble	AB-	Jerry Loeppky	-BC	Sid Segal	A--
Marylou Bert	A--	Aban Gerrie	AB-	Olive Macdonald	AB-	Dick Simpson	--C
Laurence Betts	A--	Bob Gerrie	AB-	Adele Mackay	-BC	Leo Steil	A--
David Birnbach	ABC	Lu Gesford	-BC	Tom Markham	-BC	Ric Sumner	-B-
Pat Blackall	AB-	Faye Gilraine	ABC	Ed Marchuk	-BC	Mona Taylor	-B-
Fred Brown	-BC	Gary Gilraine	ABC	Marjorie Mason	-B-	Graham Thomas	ABC
Priscilla Brown	-B-	Bill Goldstone	A--	Wilf May	A--	Jiri Tichy	ABC
James Burt	-BC	Bill Goodwin	ABC	Simon Matthews	--C	Maarten Tjebbes	ABC
Kathy Bye	-B-	Harry Greenhut	-BC	Dennis McMahan	-B-	Marylou Varga	-BC
Eugene Chan	AB-	Jeanette Greenhut	ABC	Gord McOrmond	A--	Gail Watson	ABC
Kenny T.K. Chan	-BC	Jerry Growe	-BC	Christa Mead	-BC	John Whittlesey	-B-
Steve Clements	A--	Peter Hanlan	--C	Larry Meyer	--C	Sky Williamson	ABC
Fay-Lois Crawford	ABC	Ken Hansen	--C	Hushang Mohtadi	--C	Craig T. Wilson	--C
Maureen Crompton	AB-	Felipe Hernandez	AB-	Judy Murphy	ABC	Bobby Wood	-BC
Gord Davis	A--	Larry Hicks	A--	Anne Nagy	A--	David Wooley	--C
Terry Dee	--C	H.K. Ho	ABC	June Nathanson	A--	Hugh Wooley	--C
Connie Delisle	A--	Dianne Isfeld	-B-	Micheal Neagu	AB-	Roman Woroch	-B-
J. DeMuelemeester	AB-	Ruby Jackson	-BC	Suzanne Noble	--C		

FUTURE STARS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

FOR PLAYERS WITH UNDER 100 MASTER POINTS

OCTOBER 5-6, 1996



Shoot for the moon!
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SATURDAY

- 12:30 pm **Mini Lesson**
 "Introduction to Tournament Bridge"
 by Arlene Browning
- 1:00 pm **Stratified Open Pairs**
 Single Session 0-20; 20-50; 50-100
- 7:00 pm **Mini Lesson**
 "Matchpoint Play Techniques"
 by Aidan Ballantyne
- 7:30 pm **Stratified Open Pairs**
 Single Session 0-20; 20-50; 50-100

SUNDAY

- 11:00 am **Stratified Open Pairs**
 Single Session 0-20; 20-50; 50-100
- 4:00 pm **Mini-Lesson**
 "Team Strategies"
 by Eugene Chan
- 5:00 pm **Open Swiss Teams**
 Single Session



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Monthly Unit Games

Triple Crown bid by Lien

Last issue we reported that the masterpoint lists were beginning to see more and more Suburbia names, because although the City games were slightly larger (about 58% of the masterpoints given out thus far have been awarded at the City game because of the slightly larger attendance), the Suburbia winners were more consistently able to pull in the big overall awards. Two months later, this trend continues to such an extent that the highest ranking player on the list who plays in the City games is Pat Landau at 13th. The biggest news is that the same player, John Lien, currently leads in all three flights!

So what exactly are MUGs? MUG stands for Monthly Unit Game, the dual-site Unit Championship matchpoint pairs game, held on the first Sunday of each month, starting at 6:30 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, and 7:00 at the White Rock Elk's Club. The games are stratified, with Flight A at 1000+ and Flight C at 0-300 MP. Especially in White Rock, more Flight C pairs are needed so that we may award Flight C overalls (this requires five pairs minimum). Partners are usually available for those arriving 15 minutes early.

There are three masterpoint races, one for each strat, and the prizes are free plays for the following year's MUGs for the Flight A winner, and free plays for six MUGs of the following year for the Flight B and Flight C winner. No player may win

more than one of these awards; if a player leads in more than one category he wins the highest category and the other awards go to the next player eligible. Points are counted towards all categories that a player was eligible for at the beginning of the year. For example, if you pass 300 points in the middle of a year you may no longer play in the C strat, but points that you win in the B strat for the remainder of the year will count towards the Flight C masterpoint race.

The MUG Directors both deserve praise for their efforts in promoting the games. Monthly games are often difficult to maintain since it takes longer for a players to get used to a once-per-month game than for a weekly game, especially in the summer when bridge table counts often plummet as players find other diversions. **Thony Stiennon** directs the Suburbia game and has been calling local players to keep them coming back. **Louis Landau** directs the City game and several more of his "congregation" at the St. David's Church have been seen giving the City game a try.

Six players have attended all eight Monthly Unit Games in 1996: Tai Eng, Len Feeny, Frank Kelley, Pat Landau, John Lien and Liz Stoneman. Ten more have played in seven out of eight.

Breaking down the data, we find that 97 different players have played in the Suburbia games, 23% of these have played in more than half of the games. 134 players have played in the City games, only 19% have played in more than half. Thanks to all those who have participated thus far, and we invite all players to join us for the final four months of 1996!

A B July 7, 1996 (White Rock)

1	Frances Gould/Terry Gould
2 1	John Lien/Liz Stoneman
3	Mark Eddy/Wilf May
4 2	Brian Johnston/Joni Johnston
5	Dorothy Carnegie/Walter Link (not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)

A B C July 7, 1996 (Vancouver)

1/2 1	Grace Jeklin/Randy Jordan
1/2	Felipe Hernandez/Michael Neagu
3	John Mullen/June Pocock
4/5	Eugene Chan/Sefton Levine
4/5	Larry Pocock/Leonard Feeny
6/7 2	John Whittlesey/Chester Michno
6/7	Bill Goldstone/Marylou Bert
3 1	Vera Angioli/Guido Angioli
4	Pat Jones/Ric Sumner
	2/3AJ Austin/Peter Davis
	2/3Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut

A B August 4, 1996 (White Rock)

1	Doug Hansford/Ken Daniels
2 1	John Lien/Liz Stoneman
3	Frances Gould/Terry Gould
4	Raymond Morrison/Beryl Hamilton
5 2	Insa Fricker/Roman Woroch

A B August 4, 1996 (Wh. Rock) cont.

3	Joyce Rhodes/Annerita Hasselbach
4	Brian Johnston/Joni Johnston (not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)
A B C	August 4, 1996 (Vancouver)
1	Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
2	Don Brazeau/Judy Strebinger
3 1	Len Feeny/Marguerite Chiarenza
4	Ken Lochang/Roger Allen
5/6	Leo Steil/Jean Groome
5/6 2	John Mullen/Angela Fenton
3/4	Bob Kiggins/Dean Martin
3/4	Pat Jones/Ric Sumner
5 1	Ted Sterling/Nora Sterling
2	Shirley Fitterman/Jeanette Greenhut

1996 Point Leaders thru August

A	B	C	Pts.	
1	1	1	8.01	John Lien
1	1		8.01	Liz Stoneman
3	3		7.68	Terry Gould
3	3	2	7.68	Frances Gould
5	5		6.07	Tai Eng
6			5.78	Doug Hansford
7			5.73	Don Sache
8	6		5.72	Insa Fricker

A B C Pts. Points Leaders cont.

9			5.59	Kathy Adachi
10	7		5.52	Joni & Brian Johnston
12			5.25	Sefton Levine
13			5.23	Pat Landau
14			5.00	Phyllis Barrington
15	9		4.99	Len Feeny
16	10		4.54	John Mullen
17			4.57	Doug Cowan
18			4.53	Donna Morrison
19			4.49	Angela Fenton
20			4.43	Patti Adams
20			4.43	Wilf May
3			3.90	Pat Jones
4			3.56	Graham Thomas
4			3.56	Amad Rafii
6			3.32	Arik Sitek
6			3.32	James Burt
7			3.25	Brad Fletcher
8			3.00	Kathy Bye
9			2.76	Jeanette Greenhut
9			2.76	Shirley Fitterman

365.92 masterpoints have been won by 169 people (a further 54 have played but not won any) in MUGs thus far in 1996.

Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

September 1 October 6

November 3

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

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Tournaments & Dates

September 1-November 17

SEPTEMBER

30-2 Olympia, Spokane Sectionals

1 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)**

6-8 Nanaimo Sectional

13-15 **Evergreen Sectional at Queensborough
Community Centre (schedule, back cover)**

19 *Royal Viking Instant Matchpoint Game at Fraser
Valley (7:15) and VBC (7:30)*

21 *North American 49er Pairs (1:00, VBC)*

OCTOBER

4-6 Victoria, Bremerton, Walla-Walla Sectionals

5-6 **Future Stars Sectional at VBC (see ad, page 25)**

OCTOBER Cont.

6 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)**

11-14 Kelowna Sectional

13-19 *Seaside Regional*

20 *NAOP Unit Final at VBC (noon and TBA)*

25-27 Courtenay, Seattle Sectionals

NOVEMBER

1-3 Sunnyside Sectional

3 **Monthly Unit Game (two sites)**

7-10 **Round-Up Sectional at Surrey Inn**

11-17 *Seattle 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

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 7-10, 1996, at the Surrey Inn (first time at this location).

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

Spring Sectional, May 9-11, 1997, at Bonsor Community Centre in Burnaby (new location).

The Unit Board at press time was looking into the possibility of holding a Unit-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs in place of the 1997 Summer Sectional. This would require a change of plans for the Unit 430 Annual General Meeting, which might be held at a special Unit Game, at a club, or perhaps at the Spring or Evergreen Sectional. Options will be discussed at future meetings.



EVERGREEN SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 1996

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FRIDAY

STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-200, 200-750, 750+) 1:00
STRATIFIED WOMEN'S PAIRS (0-200, 200-750, 750+) 1:00

7th ANNUAL HENRY SMILIE
MIXED B-A-M TEAMS 7:30
FUTURE MASTER STRATIFIED PAIRS 7:30
(0-20, 20-50, 50-100)
Open Pairs Side Game 7:30

SATURDAY

STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS 1:00 & 7:30
A: Unlimited, play separately B Stratified: 0-300, 300-1000
Single session entries accepted
FUTURE MASTER STRATIFIED PAIRS 1:00 & 7:00
(0-20, 20-50, 50-100) Two single sessions

SUNDAY

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS 10:30 & 4:00 PM
Flt A: Unlimited, play separately (20 VP Scale)
Flt B: Stratified 0-300, 300-1000 (win/loss)

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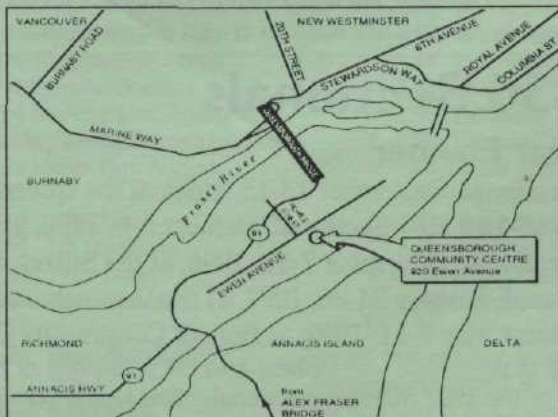
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Round Up Sectional • Nov 7-10, 1996

Winter Sectional • Jan 24-26, 1997

Spring Sectional • May 30-Jun 1, 1997



Advance Notice: Round-Up Sectional, Nov. 7-10, Surrey Inn