

# MATCHPOINTER

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## In Control

by Dan Jacob

Playing against a strong club system (Roman Club) you are dealt this:

♠ 76 ♥ Q432 ♦ QJ87 ♣ QJT

RHO opens 1♣ (17+). You pass and LHO responds 1♦ (no controls). Partner now bids 3♣. This is passed around to LHO who bids 4♥, ending the auction. Partner leads the A♠.

Contract: 4♥  
Lead: A♠

YOU

♠ 76  
♥ Q432  
♦ QJ87  
♣ QJT

Dummy

♠ 54  
♥ AJ5  
♦ AK65  
♣ AK76

You give count and partner continues with the K♠. Declarer plays the 9♠ from his hand at trick one, and then the jack at trick two. Partner continues with a third spade and declarer decides to ruff this...with the J♥, not quite high enough. What are you going to do at trick four?

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Louis Landau's article this time includes a lesson hand where a defender has to discard a low club to tell her partner "that she has nothing in the club suit" when in fact she holds the K♣ behind declarer's ace. The discouraging club signal is necessary to get the partner to find the only lead to beat the contract.

And yet there are some players who would frown on this. Not because it might cost if by some unlikely chance partner has the A♣. Because, to use the word they use, "it's a lie."

There are players who will bandy about this L-word as though they were talking about the weather. The habit is especially strong in players who have just come from a bridge lesson. And even more astounding is that these L-word people like to use their favorite word on their opponents

whenever anything goes wrong! Open an dubious 18 count 1NT and get a good result when you right-side the contract. "Well, if he hadn't lied about his point count..." Open a weak two with a club void and lead the deuce to wake up partner to your possible ruff. "Didja see the way he lied? No way that two was fourth best!" Play the king from KQ when declarer leads towards the AJT. You'll either get one trick in the suit, or you'll be called a liar.

There are players in this game who have learned more sequences than I will ever see, and they still get to the wrong contract sometimes. If bridge was merely a matter of learning the rules, somebody would have mastered them by now and would have become unbeatable. Sometimes "the rules" tell you to do the wrong thing. Do you do it? I'd rather be a liar than a lemming.

I think I've heard enough of the L-word. I break "the rules" on occasion, and I get enough grief from my partner when it doesn't work. I deserve better on the rare occasions when it does.

A smaller issue than last, but lots of interesting and entertaining material this time. Enjoy!

—McBruce

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## **"President's" Message**

### **not by Felipe Hernandez**

At press time, Unit President Felipe Hernandez was recovering from the effects of playing the NAOP Unit Final—and qualifying—while battling a flu bug. I'm sure he gave a valiant effort to completing the president's message on time, but the deadline is now here, the sun will be up soon, and the *Matchpointer* has no desire to keep its readers waiting. So the editor will attempt an impersonation...

The Evergreen Sectional last month went very well. Attendance was encouraging, the site in central Surrey is gaining acceptance, and we gave out the IMP League trophies to last year's winners. We collected a fine contingent of interested IMP League teams for this year, and we also collected almost a dozen nominations for the new Don Fraser Active Ethics Award.

This gave us a small problem at the Unit Board Meeting where we had to decide a winner. So many names, so many deserving recipients, and only space on the plaque for one name each year. We finally decided three things: that we would honour the nominees by printing their names in the October *Matchpointer* each year, and that we would purchase a trophy case to display all the Unit Trophies, including the new Don Fraser Plaque.

The trophy case will showcase all of the Unit Trophies, some of which go back many decades. Unit trophies are take-home deals, until the next person wins it the following year; so when a trophy is in the home of a recipient you'll see a note in the trophy case of its existence, history, and a list of winners. The trophy case will thus be a link to our past.

To all of the nominees listed, I can say only one thing: thank you. Your commitment to our game is evident from the fact that you have been nominated by your peers for an

award which recognizes outstanding standards of active ethics, courtesy and deportment. Picking a winner wasn't easy for us, with so many fine candidates. All eleven nominees are well-deserving of the honours.

The winner, Ev Hodge, has capably served as the Unit Recorder for as long as I can remember. Her table is always one where you take away a laugh or a smile no matter what the result. Congratulations Ev, and thank you.

The Future Stars Sectional, held earlier this month, drew seventy players to the tables for a weekend of friendly competition. We hope that we'll see some of these people in the Flight C IMP League, which needs a few more teams to get off the ground as I write. Think about forming a team for this fun event. And if you haven't collected your twentieth masterpoint yet, don't forget the Rookie-Master game on October 27, a great chance to play with an experienced player in a relaxed setting.

### **1997 Don Fraser Active Ethics Award Nominees:**

**Kathy Adachi  
Phyllis Barrington  
Ron Borg  
Anne-Marie Bullis  
Ernie Dietrich**

**Myra Morgan  
Mike Moffatt  
Michael Neagu  
Garry Skoropada  
Jill Wainborn**

Another sectional? That's right—just days away as you first read this *Matchpointer*, the Round-Up Sectional at the Surrey Inn. Check the back cover for details.

### **1997 Winner: Ev Hodge**

The holiday season is upon us, and we're looking forward to the Unit Christmas Party on November 30. (We held it early to avoid conflicting with the other parties you need to attend in December.) This year we are having a catered dinner for only \$25 per pair, which includes the bridge game (the final Monthly Unit Game of 1997) afterwards. Tickets will be on sale at the Round-Up sectional and at the November Unit Games. You won't want to miss this one.

Good luck to all your finesses, and remember: bridge is cool.  
—not Felipe Hernandez

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# Hoop Dreams

## by Our Fearless Forecaster

The IMP League is once again upon us. A shorter regular season this year, but extended matches for the playoffs. Something was mentioned about the supposedly "better teams" not so much losing last season, but just running out of boards. Anyway, enough about that—on to the prognostications. As is traditional in ABCL events the defending champs get the #1 seed this year if they defend, so since the same team is intact, the Doner team leads us off:



**1. Utah Jazz (Doner):** Surprised many last year topping the round-robin play and winning it all. They had the benefit of early round upsets but should do OK again this year and make the playoffs. #1 seed by virtue of being defending champs.

*Probable Record: 7½-3½, 184 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: even money*  
**Photo: Cam Doner crashes the boards for another defensive rebound.**

### JAZZ Team Roster

6-4 Point Guard	Nicci Charleson
6-6 3-pt Shooter	Marylou Bert
7-2 Centre	Cam Doner *
6-10 Power Forward	Bill Goldstone
6-7 Shooting Forward	Tom Devine

**2. Da Bulls (Jacob):** The perennial class of the A-League. About time they won again: lots of experience from national level on down.

*Probable Record: 9-2, 201 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 2-5*

**Photo: Another two points for star shooting forward Gord Davis.**

### BULLS Team Roster

6-1 Point Guard	Dan Jacob *
6-2 3-pt Shooter	Larry Hicks
6-4 Ball Handler	Aidan Ballantyne
7-0 Centre	Nathan Divinsky
6-8 Power Forward	Don Brazeau
6-5 Shooting Forward	Gord Davis



**3. Houston Rockets (Lindsay):** A lot of the older veterans on this team, but they still know how to get the job done.

*Probable Record: 8-3, 192 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: even money*  
**Photo: Rockets power forward Paul Hagen continues to show no mercy to opposing defenses**

### ROCKETS Team Roster

6-5 Point Guard	Steve Vincent
6-2 3-pt Shooter	Ron Borg
6-5 Ball Handler	Cam Lindsay *
6-11 Centre	Martin O'Reilly
6-7 Power Forward	Paul Hagen
6-5 Shooting Forward	Dave Waterman

**4. Miami Heat (Hernandez):** This team should defend tough. New import rookie Dorin Costin, must be OK to get added here. Don't look for this team to miss 2 years running.

*Probable Record: 7½-3½, 183 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 3-2*

**Photo: when not shooting the lights out, guard Mike Wilson can drive the lane with the best of them**



### HEAT Team Roster

6-4 Point Guard	Peter Maclean
5-11 3-pt Shooter	Mike Wilson
6-11 Ball Handler	Mike Neagu
6-10 Centre	Dorin Costin
6-8 Power Forward	Felipe Hernandez *



**5. New York Knicks (Pocock):** Solid partnerships. Solid backcourt game. Should see them through, they always seem to be in the hunt around here.

*Probable Record: 7-4, 181 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 2-1*

**Photo: Assist leader June Pocock shot over 70% from the field and almost 50% from three-point land to lead the league in both categories**

### KNICKS Team Roster

6-7 Point Guard	Doug Hansford
6-2 3-pt Shooter	Les Fouks
6-0 Ball Handler	June Pocock
6-9 Centre	Wilf May
6-8 Power Forward	Larry Pocock *
6-6 Shooting Forward	Don Sache

**6. LA Lakers (Remedios):** Steady rubber players have drafted a prairie pair to get them through the season. Late news flash: the addition of Shaq-like Jim Dickie to clog up the paint could seriously upset these predictions.

*Probable Record: 6-5, 176 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 5-2*

**Photo: Captain Remedios has been known to shoot from both sides with no loss in accuracy**





## LAKERS Team Roster

6-4	Point Guard	Brian Maksymetz
6-2	3-pt Shooter	Rhonda Foster
6-3	Ball Handler	Mike Yuen
7-3	Centre	Jim Dickie
6-11	Power Forward	Gerry McCully
6-6	Shooting Fwd	Tony Remedios *



## 7. Orlando Magic

(Thomas): The loss of Shaq—er, I mean Hicks, any Hicks, has to hurt. However, this squad won it all a couple of years back—they're always dangerous.

**Photo: Don't get in Dan Watson's way!**

*Probable Record: 5-6, 166 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 3-1*

## MAGIC Team Roster

6-4	Point Guard	Doug Thomas *
6-2	3-pt Shooter	Pete Walton
6-3	Ball Handler	Gary Phelan
6-10	Centre	Grace Jeklin
6-8	Power Forward	Dan Watson
6-9	Shooting Fwd	Jim Marshall

## 8. Seattle SuperSonics

(Johnson): Made some upsets and got to the Final last year. They have that Kemp-like Eugene on the team, but you never know which Eugene will show up: the one that makes all the bids seem great, or ????



**Photo: Brian Russell looking for another grandstand dunk**

*Probable Record: 4-7, 152 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 4-1*

## SUPERSONICS Team Roster

6-7	Point Guard	Ken Danielsen
6-1	3-pt Shooter	Eugene Chan
6-6	Ball Handler	Sarlo Camas
6-10	Power Forward	Brian Russell
6-9	Shooting Fwd	Martin Johnson *



**9. Charlotte Hornets (Lochang):** This team is always capable of stinging you. Watch out; they upset a few last year and got to the semi finals.

**Photo: Ken "Tuna" Lochang brings home another slam dunk**

*Probable Record: 4-7, 148 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 8-1*

## HORNETS Team Roster

6-2	Point Guard	Nurdin Kassam
6-0	3-pt Shooter	Diane Plante
6-4	Ball Handler	Ed Ashenhurst
6-8	Centre	Ken Lochang *
6-7	Power Forward	John Bryden
6-4	Shooting Fwd	Gilbert Lambert

## 10. Denver Nuggets

(Lam): Some of these guys have been around the block. If you take them lightly you might be surprised at the end of the match.

**Photo: John Reay giggles his way to the hoop for a lay-up**

*Probable Record: 3-8, 135 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 15-1*

## NUGGETS Team Roster

6-1	Point Guard	John Reay
6-5	Ball Handler	Jules Wilkins
7-1	Centre	Dennis McMahon
6-11	Power Forward	Gray McMullin
6-1	Shooting Fwd	Greg Lam *



**11. Dallas Mavericks (Fetterley):** They won some last year and haven't shied away from the tougher competition, but could be in too tough.

**Photo: Patti Adams's offensive rebounds keep this team afloat**

*Probable Record: 3-8, 134 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 16-1*

## MAVERICKS Team Roster

6-6	3-pt Shooter	Fred Brown
6-4	Ball Handler	Sandra Robson
7-0	Centre	Patti Adams
6-9	Power Fwd	Pauline McClafferty
6-5	Shooting Fwd	Geoff Fetterley *



**12. Toronto Raptors (Laudan):** Finished low in the pack last season with a similar squad. Proud of them for butting heads in top flight again, but I don't like their chances.

**Photo: Lesley Laudan shoots over the block**

*Probable Record: 2-9, 128 VP*

*Odds of reaching semi-finals: 25-1*

## RAPTORS Team Roster

6-3	Point Guard	Bill Osten
6-0	3-pt Shooter	Ella Hus
6-4	Ball Handler	Roger Allen
6-11	Centre	Lesley Laudan *
6-5	Shooting Fwd	Nicole Bourassa

Hope you all notice Toronto is last. The Grizzlies may be noticeably absent, but that's because no team in this league will improve as much as the Grizzlies will this year, they'll make a surprise trade in January, and playoffs here we come! Good luck all!

(Pictures accompanying this article come from [www.nba.com](http://www.nba.com) and [www.wnba.com](http://www.wnba.com). The captions accompanying the pictures come from a seriously deranged mind, and not from our fearless forecaster!)

**What About "C"? At press time there were only two teams signed up in the non-Life Master division of the IMP League. Teams of non-Life Masters may still enter by contacting IMP League Commissioner Bruce McIntyre at 438-9735.**

## Call for Nominations

District 19 Director David Schmidt's three-year term expires at the end of 1997. David has indicated that he would like to continue as one of two Unit 430 representatives on the DINO Board. The job requires attending most District 19 Regionals, where DINO Board Meetings are held. Any Unit 430 member may suggest another nominee for the Unit Board to consider before the December meeting of the Unit Board. To do so, contact Unit President Felipe Hernandez at 944-8409.



## Fall Season Preview by the Hideous Hog (in Training)

The Flight B City League this year has eight teams, and through some McBrucean finagling with the schedule, the eight teams are going to play ten matches each. The schedule is not quite a round-robin, it's more of a square-robin; the teams are divided into two divisions and get a chance to "square the series" with each divisional rival in a revenge match near the end of the season. The division leaders and two wild-card teams will make the playoffs.

Your prognosticator has been trying to figure out the new Rogers channel lineup, and in so doing has been exposed to rather more TV than usual, a lot of it very old. This played a significant role in the predictions:

### "INTRAFINESSE DIVISION"

**ISFELD'S HEROES** This sitcom is set in wartime Germany, where Col. Isfeld (*Dianne Isfeld*) is the escape committee head in the only women's POW camp, with able assistance from "J.R." (*Joan Richards*). Escaping is not too difficult when the camp is headed by Col. Klonek (*Martin Henneberger*) and his head sergeant Shootz (*Heinz Hen-*

*neberger*). The cast sports two parent-son teams, as *Marion Crowhurst* plays the Allied prisoners radio operator, but pandemonium prevails whenever *Jeremy Crowhurst* arrives with the latest new invention from Allied headquarters. Possible Emmy winner in its first season.

Picks-Pans: 7-3. Neilsen Rating: 150 VPs.

**E.N.G.** This revival of a Canadian series will be adjusted a bit for American audiences. *Tai Eng* plays a TV news reporter who goes for the throat wherever possible, with mixed results. *Insa Fricker* and *Tom Cotton* play the feuding co-anchors, and *John Sokolowski* has some great scenes as the sports guy.

Picks-Pans: 5-5. Neilsen Rating: 120 VPs.

**PAULINE-FELD** This sitcom features *Pauline Lee* as Polly Leinfeld, a standup comic who manages to rack up frequent flyer miles while somehow keeping track of three friends: next-door-neighbour Flamer (*Shirley Bowers*), high school confidante Georgette (*Claire Burns*), and former beau Eli (*Peter Morse*). Haven't we seen this before? Very well written, but may need a season or two to find its audience.

Picks-Pans: 5-5. Neilsen Rating: 115 VPs.

**THE TOOL SHED** This talk-show features *Waldemar Jez* as Wally the Tool Man, with repeating guests *Andrew Zo-*

## Mountains & Valleys by Jimmy the Turk

Last year, some of the players in the eastern Fraser Valley decided they had enough of travel to the big city, yet still wanted to participate in IMP League play. Thus was born the Valley IMP League. Eight teams competed for the right to face off against the best the "city" could offer for the Flight B championship. More importantly, many players decided to take advantage of the opportunity to play IMPs.

Most players, from top to bottom, loved the league. They loved the idea of IMP's and enjoyed the competitive, yet friendly, atmosphere. They loved it so much that many of last year's players and several new players have combined to form seven teams for this year's go round.

Most teams have changed very little from last year, thus there is little change in the projections. Like last year, the league is still comprised of mountains and valleys; this year, the mountains are more even in height and the valleys more pronounced.

Despite that, it is a tribute to both that most of the valleys have not left disillusioned.

With that in mind, and given the benefit of hindsight from last year, here is Jimmy the Turk's view of the mountains and valleys this year:

### MOUNTAINS

**1. David Schmidt (Dan Goerzen, Jim Groves, Brian Lee, Jim Sache):** Completely unchanged from last year's lineup, the only question here is, what team will show up to play? Will it be the team which went through the regular season undefeated, or the team which posted a 40+ IMP deficit in the first 14 boards to lose its semi-final playoff match? The team proved last year it has the talent to beat any team with any lineup, yet also proved it can be beaten. One key will be for the boys to "rectify the count" by getting their bad games out of the way early and saving their best performances for the playoffs. Another will be to make sure the engine (Lee, Sache & Schmidt) is purring on all three cylinders in key matches, that Groves does not show signs of rust, and that Goerzen does not

suffer from both rust and inexperience.  
**Rating: 19.5/30**

**2. Gary Skoropada (Brad Fletcher, Mike Moffat, John Richoux, Flora Tereposky):** Another team which has remained unchanged from last season, this Maple Ridge based five-pack earns the second placing by virtue of its second place finish last year. Like the Schmidt team, Skoropada's team is loaded with talent. Skoropada and Tereposky are two of Flight B's most durable and respected players and they have an excellent supporting cast in Fletcher, Moffat and Richoux. The team is fully capable of going on a tear and winning every match. However, like the Schmidt team, they are prone to making errors at the most inopportune time (read the valley finals). No doubt they will work on correcting that this year and could easily emerge as the valley champion.  
**Rating: 19.4/30**

**3. Dan Webster (Larry Chow, Ken Cowherd, Murray Clements, Richmond Williams):** Of the top teams, Webster, last year's valley champion, had to make the biggest change this year, a change forced on him when Phil & Lenora Awram moved to Calgary. He



**rawski, Ewa Wroblewicz, and Mark Rojewski** discussing the latest innovative methods straight from the toolshed. Some of these methods are a little unusual...

Picks-Pans: 4-6. Neilsen Rating: 105 VPs.

### "SHOW-UP SQUEEZE DIVISION"

**WELCOME BACK, LARRY** **Larry Meyer** plays Larry Carter, a Bronx teacher taking his first job at his old school. His remedial class includes the "Homeboys," among them Vinny Bubbaloie (**Jim McKenzie**), "Cowshed" (**Rod Coote**) and "Stetson" (**Bob Takishita**). Keeping the crew in check is vice-principal Mr. Woodpile (**Dick Simpson**). We're not sure why, but this show keeps topping the Neilsens and may walk off with a third Emmy this year.

Picks-Pans: 6-4. Neilsen Rating: 135 VPs.

**DEEP SPADES NINE** This series focuses on life in the 23rd century on the edge of Federation space, where strange character names seem to abound. **Ruby Jackson** plays Commander Xena, and the sparks fly between Xena and "Z" (**Sandra Hawk**), an alien apparently set on making things difficult for everyone. The security team of Joq and Qoj (**H.K. Ho** and **Kenny Chan**) give a horrifying insight into the development of ultra-martial arts to the 23rd century, and Admiral Oto (**Semir Tuncer**) beams in whenever the

station needs a shot of technology to ward off the monsters.

Picks-Pans: 5-5. Neilsen Rating: 125 VPs.

**THE XX FILES** In the series opener, a mysterious dark blue piece of pasteboard in an odd shape reveals signs of alien presence on Earth. Agent Sculder (**Kelvin Raywood**) at first agrees with Agent Mully (**Kristin Orians**) that the aliens are "negative." A mysterious informant (**Bruce McIntyre**) reveals that the aliens might actually be "seeking penalties." Laboratory findings by Dr. Jimbo (**Jim Burt**) show the aliens to be "responsive," but in the last scene Agent Sculder finds evidence that the aliens indicate "support." Whatever that means. The truth is out there.

Picks-Pans: 5-5. Neilsen Rating: 120 VPs.

**CAGNEY AND LACEY AND KATE AND ALLIE** This "spinoff" glues together two popular shows with nuclear fusion. The stars are **Priscilla Brown, Christa Mead, Marylou Varga, and Adele MacKay**, but most reviewers had trouble figuring out who was who, not to mention whether the show was a sitcom or not. Despite the script problems there are some good performances here. In some danger of being cancelled unless the Women's Television Network picks it up.

Picks-Pans: 3-7. Neilsen Rating: 90 VPs.

has come up with more than adequate replacements, bringing in the valley's brightest newcomer, Rich Williams, and adding Clements, who is not well-known outside of the eastern valley but a steady player in both Mission and Abbotsford. With Cowherd, who may be the best player of the five, expected to take on a bigger role this year, and journeyman performances from Williams and Clements when called upon, Webster could easily repeat as champion. It will not be easy, however, as the other teams will be pulling out all stops in their efforts to dethrone him.

**Rating: 19.1/30**

**4. Pat Carruthers (Arlene Browning, Lois Mazuren, Joan Olson, Louise Percher, Louis Vervoort):** This team is also virtually unchanged from last year, merely adding Percher to give the team more options, given that Browning, Carruthers and Vervoort spend almost as much time on winter holidays as they do at home. Percher's addition does nothing to change the team's demeanor or ability. It is still the only team comprised solely of Life Masters, and remains likely the nicest team in the league. If anything, Percher should

help, as she and Vervoort have a regular partnership, always useful in team play. Browning could also pick up her play in an effort to establish herself in her new home. Finally, the team will be working hard to show up the prognosticator, trying to prove they deserved to keep last year's number one ranking rather than drop to this year's fourth place ranking. It could be all the incentive they need. **Rating: 19/30**

### VALLEYS

**5. Andrew Faulkner (Anne Knowlan, Walter & Connie Schmid):** Two pairs from different teams last year decided to combine their efforts this year. Since both pairs felt they were "let down" by their teammates and therefore combined this year, they will not be able to fall back on those excuses this year. While the new alignment has made each pair stronger, the team is not yet strong enough to challenge the four teams above them. Matches should be closer and they may even achieve an upset or two, but I fear they will still be on the outside looking in at playoff time. Nonetheless, the continued IMP play should be good for both pairs, particularly Faulkner/Knowlan

who are enthusiastically and diligently working their way up the bridge ladder and need the practice to hone their game for Sectional and Regional play. **Rating: 13/30**

**6. Tony Dare (Carol Hames, Dennis Lefebvre, Gilles St Pierre):** Having been abandoned by, or having abandoned, their former teammates, yet still interested in IMP League play, Dare and Hames have formed a new partnership for this year. To compete in the league, they have teamed up with Lefebvre and St. Pierre, a unique Mission pair keenly interested in trying IMP League play. It will be an interesting season, for this team, definitely the wild card in the league. Dare and Hames should form a steady but uninspired partnership, while Lefebvre and St Pierre could give everyone, including themselves, fits with a system no one understands. If they baffle their opponents, they could bring back some big swings; if they confuse themselves, the opposite will be just as true. **Rating: 10/30**

**7. Kathy Orr (Moir McLellan, Bonnie & Gerry Purcell):** In our rush

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# Arek Sitek

## "Polish"ed Young Club Player

During the past three years, local bridge players, especially those at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, have been able to learn a little about bridge, and bridge systems, on the other side of the world, thanks to Arek Sitek.

Sitek began playing bridge in his high school dormitory in Warsaw, Poland, fourteen years ago, getting his introduction to duplicate during his second year of university. "I started with chess," Sitek recalls, "but I dropped that in high school and switched to bridge. The interaction with people is better with bridge than chess. Bridge is a much more social game."

The social aspect of the game is important to him. "My goal in bridge is to have fun. I'm not a professional player, it's my hobby, so I don't think I'll achieve a lot." That doesn't mean he isn't a sophisticated player. In fact, Sitek

espouses the forcing pass and other artificial systems common in Poland. In fact, the lack of free-for-all systems was his biggest shock upon coming to Canada. "Bridge is very different here. In Poland, everything is allowed even at the club level."

He believes that should be the case here too. "I have no doubt the rule to restrict artificial systems hurts bridge. I don't think it was put in to help new players, I think it was

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## Polski Klub Brydowy

### By Arkadiusz Sitek

"So, what actually does this 1♣ mean?" is a question you hear very often if you play the *Common Language* bidding system also known as Polish Club.

Usually, the question is accompanied with a smile and the unstated comment: "Can't those Poles play something normal?" Of course we can, but why should we change our beloved system? Polish bridge has a long tradition and Poland has one of the strongest national teams in the world. Poland won the last European Pair Championships, and were second in the European Championship Teams. Maybe what that means is that this Polish Club is not that bad after all!

When I first came to the Vancouver Bridge Centre three years ago and got a partner, we sat at the table and had the usual quick discussion of systems. When he asked: "Standard?" I agreed "standard", not because I wanted to confuse my partner, but because I indeed played standard—standard Polish club! At that time my English vocabulary was even worse than now (can you imagine that?). I had a hard time remembering that clubs have three little black circles with a

cross, so I decided that it would be better not to try to explain to him my version of the standard system. We had played for a whole evening and my partner did not realize that there was any discrepancy between his standard and mine! So perhaps there is nothing strange or mysterious in Polish Club, but well, decide for yourself:

#### General description

All the openings except 1♣ and 2♣ are natural and limited to a maximum of 17 HCP. With very strong hands when we have a game just from our hand we open 2♣ which is always forcing to game. This bid is stronger than the Standard American 2♣ since with a standard 2♣ opener you can stop below game. With hands stronger than 17 HCP, but not strong enough for 2♣, we open 1♣. This means that if we have a strong hand (more than 17 HCP) 1♣ can be opened even with a void in clubs and 7 top spades. But I want to stress that this happens only when opener has a strong (>17HCP) hand. In most cases 1♣ it just shows an opening hand with at least two clubs. Further bidding is natural, except after a 1♣ opener.

#### Openings and further bidding:

2NT: 6-10 HCP; both minor suits (5-5 or better). Three of a minor is a signoff, three of a major is natural and a strong invite. There is no need in Pol-

ish Club to open a strong balanced hand 2NT since this type of hand is included in 1♣ opening.

2♥, 2♠: Weak twos.

2♦: 6-10 HCP; Two suited hand; one or both majors. (This is not allowed by the ACBL so in ACBL games, Polish Club pairs will play this as a weak two or as one of the popular 2} conventions.)

2♣: Game Forcing. Any distribution.

After 2♣: 2♦ denies 3 controls (A=2, K=1). Other bids promise 3 controls and are natural.

1NT 15-17 HCP, like standard..

1♥, 1♠: 12-17 HCP. Five-card majors. 1NT is not forcing, a 2/1 response is not game forcing, but after a 2/1 response a rebid of opener's suit does not necessarily show a six card suit.

1♦: 12-17 HCP—4+ diamonds; responses are similar to standard.

1♣: Three possibilities

1) 12-17 HCP, 4+ clubs. 1♣ openers with 15-17 HCP will be unbalanced. (ex: ♠AKQx ♥xxx ♦xx ♣AKxxx)

2) 12-14, balanced hand. (Weak NT hand, promises two clubs.)

3) 18-23, any distribution.

The second and third types of 1♣ opener are the only ones that will not contain a club suit (even so, the weak NT type often will have three or more clubs). A few Polish Club exceptions to the normal rules: with four diamonds



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put in to protect older players. I bet young players would rather play interesting artificial systems which have lots of potential to develop bridge," he says, adding "many Polish systems are theoretical systems."

Sitek generally plays twice a week, mostly at the VBC, which he found in the Yellow Pages. "The first thing I did when I moved to Vancouver was look in the Yellow Pages for a bridge club." Another club Sitek regularly frequents is a non-sanctioned Polish bridge club in Vancouver. He plays there mostly for the opportunity to play the artificial forcing pass systems he prefers. Anything goes at the two-year-old club, which draws up to 11 tables every other Friday.

"They are all playing different systems and I think that's good," Sitek says, noting "when I came here, I played a 'natural' Polish system and even that really shocked people. They didn't know what to do about it and were playing things like CRASH which really doesn't apply to a strong forcing pass. That was very strange to me."

and five or more clubs we open 1♠. With a five card major and a longer minor we open the major.

#### Responses after 1♣ opening:

1♠: artificial and forcing. It can show 3 types of hands:

(1) 0-6 HCP; any distribution.

(2) 7-12 HCP; no major, unbalanced hand, unsuitable for 1 or 2 NT.

(3) 16+ HCP; no major, balanced.

Although there are three possible hands, 90% of 1♠ responses show the weak hand.

2♣ - natural and forcing. (2/1)

Other bids are like standard (We always bypass longer diamonds to respond a 4 card major).

**1♣ opener's rebid:** If opener has a hand up to 17 HCP the bidding goes like in standard. With a big hand he has to tell partner about it. Following 1♣-1♠, rebids in notrump show 18-20 (1NT) or 21-23 (2NT). Since 1NT after a 1♠ response shows a big hand, hands like: ♠Axx ♥Kxx ♦Kxx ♣Qxxx present a problem. Here we have to bid a three-card major to remain within system. Any skip bid (or 2♦) is natural (5+) and strong, but we have to be very careful after 1♠ response, since partner may often be very weak.

**1♣-1 Major-2♦:** This is a special artificial bid in Polish Club (*Odwrotka*). It shows a strong, usually balanced

hand and requires from responder further description of his hand.

**1♣-1 Major-2 Other Major:** Shows strong hand and at least a five card suit.

**Recommended defense:** I recommend using your usual defensive bidding system except that the overcall 2♣ over a Polish 1♣ opening should be natural. I strongly discourage players from using any destructive bidding after 1♣ opening (like CRASH or Suction) or making aggressive overcalls, thinking: "They are not gonna double us; they have no idea what they have yet." This will more often hurt you than it will hurt Polish Club players. Destructive bidding makes sense against a strong club (Precision, etc.) when chances for our own game are dim and we are not afraid to miss one with one opponent known to hold a strong hand. Polish Club is *not* a strong club system and in a majority of cases the 1♣ bid is weak (12-14 HCP), and by destructive

After a year of playing with different partners, Sitek recruited Jim Burt to play the forcing pass system with him at the Polish club (and Precision in ACBL events). While Sitek has become a familiar face in Vancouver over the past three years, that is about to change. Later this year he is moving to Salt Lake City to take up a two year post-doctorate fellowship at the University of Utah nuclear medicine laboratory. Once he completes the program, he hopes to return to Vancouver.

"I really like it here so I want to come back. I am just amazed by the beauty here. I was in Chicago and Detroit five years ago but I felt like I was in an alien place. Here it feels like home." Perhaps by the time he returns to Vancouver, the ACBL will have relaxed its restrictions on artificial systems and Sitek will be able to play his artificial systems in all the local clubs, not just the non-sanctioned ones.

"I think getting rid of the restrictions would be good for duplicate bridge."

bidding you will often be kept out of your own game or part score contract.

I hope this short introduction to the system will help at the table when you will have to face the Polish Club system. If anyone is interested in reading more about Polish Club, I recommend the 1994 book of Grzegorz Matula *Polish Club*.

Why recently do you have to play so often against Polish Club? It is because of the new Polish Bridge Club in Vancouver, *Polski Klub Brydzowy*. The PKB was established October 13, 1995 (on Friday for good luck) and since then every second week the game is held at the Polish Combatant Center at 1134 Kingsway. Games are free with a \$15/year membership. There are delicious sandwiches, coffee and beer. The games are not sanctioned by the ACBL, so there are no disallowed bids (this is the place where you can play a Strong Pass system in a duplicate game!) and no director calls at all. There is a great atmosphere there and everyone is welcome. Fluency in Polish is an asset but not necessary: we use bid-boxes. For game arrangements and more information about the Polish Bridge Club, please contact Waldemar Jez (604) 527-8854 or check its Web page at:

<http://home.bc.rogers.wave.ca/jerzym>





# Side Effects

By Bruce McIntyre

How do you play this trump suit?

Dummy: T8643

You: AQ972

OK, we're all leading the ten from dummy in case LHO

<b>Board 19</b> 5 deals, E-W vul	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ K ♥ KQ92 ♦ K98432 ♣ 32	<b>6♣ by West</b> Lead: K♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ AQ972 ♥ J73 ♦ — ♣ AKQT5	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ J5 ♥ T85 ♦ QJT6 ♣ 9764	<b>EAST</b> ♠ T8643 ♥ A64 ♦ A75 ♣ J8

has KJ5. So what happens? As expected LHO plays the 5, what do you do now?

No—sorry. You're wrong. The correct answer is: *what is the rest of the hand?*

Ah, you see, there's a catch! In this deal, you've gotten the lead of the K♥ and you have problems in trumps and hearts. If you finesse and lose, you go down. If you play the ace of trumps and the K♣ does not drop, you still have a chance to make the contract if you can get the player holding the K♣ to follow to the enough clubs so that you pitch two heart losers from dummy. Sadly for me, my partner (who shall go nameless) didn't see the alternate line and went down by finessing.

Which play is better? What do you estimate the percentage chance of each play to be?

We'll come back to this one later with the answers.

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## Signalling

by Louis Landau

This interesting hand came up at a recent pairs game. With the opening bid asking partner to lead that suit, the opening lead of a heart would be fairly consistent at all tables. Also fairly consistent would be East overtaking partner's second heart and making the third trick for the defenders by playing yet another high heart.

From here on different tables would get different results. At those tables where West is awake, there is no problem in defeating the contract. It all depends on what West decides to discard on the third heart, and, of course, if East reads the discard correctly.

Looking at dummy and at her hand, West can see that if partner makes the "obvious" switch to a club, declarer will make all the rest of the tricks if she has the missing K♦. On the bidding it seems almost certain that virtually all the rest of the points will indeed be in that South hand. The only hope of defeating the contract is to try to tell partner to continue

with yet another heart, and thus promote her J♠. There is only one way to send this message, and that is to tell partner that she has nothing in the club suit. (The K♣ may look like "something" but it is of dubious value: if South has the K♦, club losers can be discarded on diamonds, and if East has the K♦ the defenders must eventually prevail, with both minor suit kings offside.) West can do this by discarding her 3♣ on the third heart.

If East is awake (and one always has to hope for this!) she will read this 3♣ as a signal that West does not want a club switch. Looking at the dummy,



East must realize that there can certainly be no future in switching to a diamond. Furthermore, to lead trumps so poor East has no choice but to continue with another heart, and the contract is defeated.

It is interesting to note that at the game where this deal was played, only once was the contract defeated. Were the West players unwilling to make the low club discard because they felt that the K♣ was a potential trick? Or were the East players, upon seeing the low club signal, unwilling to risk a ruff-sluff? As I have always said, bridge is not an easy game!

<b>Matchpoints</b> <b>East Dealer</b>	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ 952 ♥ 652 ♦ AQT3 ♣ 764	<b>4♣ by South</b> Lead: J♥
<b>WEST</b> ♠ J43 ♥ J3 ♦ 8652 ♣ K853	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ AKQT87 ♥ 974 ♦ KJ ♣ AT	<b>EAST</b> ♠ 6 ♥ AKQT8 ♦ 974 ♣ QJ92

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2♦	1♥	Double
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣
		Pass	4♣



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Meanwhile, a different problem:

North: ♠J865432 ♥J5 ♦72 ♣95  
 5♦ led vs 6♣ K♦ played  
 South: ♠A ♥AQ ♦A ♣AQJT87642

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♦	Double
1♥	2♠	3♥	4♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♣

Two chances here: play for the clubs to be 1-1, or give up a trump to establish the nine so you can finesse in hearts. Which is the greater percentage shot? What inferences can we make from the bidding and play? How do these inferences affect the odds?

This hand is one starting point of Hans van Staveren's DEALER program, which is a free download from any of several bridge archives on the Internet. DEALER is a program which allows the user to write short text files of instructions in its special language, in order to get the answers to questions like the 6♣ hand problem. The code for 6♣ problem looks like this:

```
predeal
north SJ865432, HJ5, D72, C95
west DQ5
south SA, HAQ, DA, CAQJT87642
east DKJ
condition
hcp(east)>=10 && shape(west, x5x) &&
shape(east, x45x + x46x + x47x)
action
average "king drops" shape(west, xxx1),
average "finesse" hascard(east, KH)
```

The first five lines instruct the computer to predeal the North and South hands, as well as the two cards expected (by the play to trick one) to be in each defender's hand.

By far the most telling evidence we have from the bidding is that West passed and East opened, albeit in third seat. From the auction we can expect West to have five hearts, and East should have four hearts for the raise. Since East opened 1♦ he should have more diamonds than hearts, but since he opened in third seat this is perhaps a dubious assumption.

The "condition" line instructs the program to disregard any distribution where either:

- a) East has less than 10 HCP,
- b) West does not have 5 hearts, or,
- c) East has five or more diamonds.

The "action" section tells the program to score each distribution as "one" or "zero" depending on:

- a) whether the K♣ drops (it checks to see if West has one club), and,
- b) whether the finesse works (it checks to see if East has the K♥).

The average of these ones and zeroes is the probability that the line will succeed. We run the program and in 44 seconds we get:

king drops: 0.57315  
 finesse: 0.74646  
 Generated 901661 hands, produced 100000.

What the program has done is dealt out the unknown cards 901,661 times, discarding the 801,661 times when the resulting deal did not meet the conditions, and counted the success of the two lines among the other 100,000 distributions. All this in 44 seconds!

So we see that in this case, a simple finesse is about 74.6%, quite a side effect indeed! We can quickly make an adjustment to the program to allow for the possibility of a 1♦ opener with 4-4 in the red suits. This takes the "king drops" line down to 53.46% and the

"finesse in hearts" line down to 71.53%. Looks like giving up a trump trick is the right play here.

Back to the 6♣ deal. We can predeal the KQ♥ to North, and the 5♥ and 5♦ to South, as well as the known 26 cards in the East-West hands. With no opposition bidding and no real inference from the opponents' passes, there are no conditions this time. There are two lines of play, leading to the A♣, and finessing the Q♣.

Leading to the A♣ works whether North or South has a singleton K♣. This line also works when the K♣ doesn't drop, as long as the player who has it has four or more clubs. Another chance is if the player with the K♣ has three clubs and only two trumps, since now he can ruff the fourth round of clubs (as we pitch our last heart loser), but must do so with the K♣. And finally, a small chance is that South may ruff with the K♣ but have no heart to return, having started with only one.

It may seem like finessing is a straight 50% shot, but it ain't that simple. If North shows out, we must cash the A♣ next and hope that South follows to three rounds of clubs. (He can ruff the fourth but then we'll have ditched dummy's last heart loser.) Once again there is always that slim chance that South might not have a heart to return if he gets in while heart losers remain in dummy.

Which is better?

Here's the result—after one million deals in about three minutes:

Lead to ace of trumps: 0.587963  
 Finesse queen of trumps: 0.511172

How close were your estimates?

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for victory and glory, too many of us forget why we play. We began because we enjoyed the game, we enjoyed its intricacies, its social contact and we enjoyed learning more and more about it. This team should remind us bridge, after all, is just a game. Orr and McLellan played last year, lost every match they played, yet enjoyed the experience enough to

come back this year. Joining them are a novice Mission couple who look forward to the opportunity to learn about IMP's, another side of the game they enjoy so much. While this team is clearly overmatched, other teams should make sure the time they spend at the table is pleasant. Losing is ok if you can say your opponents were friendly and you had fun just playing the game. **Rating: 5/30**



# Matchpoint Decisions

by Greg Morse

## 1) SPURNING THE HAMMER IN VICTORIA

The Victoria Regional Tournament committee are to be congratulated for delivering on their promise to provide a "Blooming Good Time". It certainly was that for Andy Hellqvist and me, but especially true for the visitors from Saskatchewan! These were a couple of extra-terrestrials who blew their cover by complaining of the cold, and then saying they couldn't wait to get back to Alberta!. If they are going to infiltrate our tournaments they should train their agents better than that! Playing in an open pairs event, vulnerable against not, I picked up:

♠AQJT9852 ♥A7 ♦9 ♣86

Pass on my right. Well? In spite of the 8.5 playing tricks, I can't open 2♣ because I don't have enough defensive tricks. There is a perfect NAMYATS sequence to describe this hand, but Andy and I aren't playing NAMYATS. I bid 1♣. The bidding proceeds: double on my left, redouble by partner, pass on my right.

Well? Now what?

I can't think of any bid which would be forcing to game here, and I'm not yet ready to bid 4♣ so I pass.

1NT on my left, Double from partner, pass, back to me.

Partner has indicated lack of fit (no surprise there!) and defensive values. He must be worth a trick or two so we can probably make 4♣ vulnerable which is worth 620.

We would have to beat 1NT by four tricks to get a better result, and I'm not sure we can do that. Partner has no idea of the strength of my spade suit and might not even lead a spade! If declarer has a source of tricks 1NT might even make!

I bid 4♣ and all pass.

This was the complete deal:

N-S Vul West Dealer	NORTH	4♣ by North
WEST	♠ AQJT9852 ♥ A7 ♦ 9 ♣ 86	EAST
♠ 43 ♥ 9532 ♦ J876 ♣ Q94	SOUTH	♠ K7 ♥ KQ4 ♦ AQ54 ♣ KT75
	♠ 6 ♥ JT86 ♦ KT32 ♣ AJ32	

Accurate defense holds me to ten tricks so we score 620. Against 1NT Andy would have led a heart!. With three

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SUBURBIA clubs	South-West Duplicate Bridge Club	Fraser Valley Bridge Club	Sur-Del Bridge Club
<b>Thony Stiennon</b> (non-playing director) 951-7560	White Rock Elks Club 1469 George St. White Rock BC	Century House 620 Eighth St. New Westminster BC	St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, 11601 82nd Ave., Delta BC
<b>Regular Games:</b>	Tuesdays at 11 am	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Fridays at 7:30pm
<b>Club Championships:</b>	December 9	December 4	December 12 (Ken Holland Trophy)
<b>Christmas Party:</b>	December 16	December 18	December 19
<b>Membership Game:</b>	October 21	October 23	October 24
<b>Other Important Items:</b>		Closed Dec. 11	Teams Nov. 21

## South Surrey Bridge Club

1284 184th Street (Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club), South Surrey

**Director/Manager:**

Arlene Browning-574-0299

**Mondays at 7:15pm**

*Stratified first Monday each month  
Computer scoring  
Novice Sections every game  
Partners Guaranteed*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Oct 27: CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game**  
(Preregister please: Partnerships:Dot  
Carnegie 535-8286)

November 17: Membership game

November 24: ACBL Charity Game  
December 8: Swiss Teams  
December 15: Christmas Party

### WINNERS:

Upgraded Club Championship:  
Maggie Warren/Judy Acheson  
COPC Qualifying Game:  
Wilf May/Kathy Adachi



## Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church, NW corner of  
Taylor Way and Hwy 1, W. Vancouver

**Louis Landau - 984-8309**

All games non-smoking

Monday 10:00 AM open  
Wednesday 10:00 AM open  
Wednesday 7:15 PM stratified

Computer Scoring Bid-boxes

Both Wednesday games  
are jackpot games.

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

## UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES

Mon Nov 10: Club Championship  
Mon Nov 24: Handicap Game  
Wed Nov 26 (am): Membership Game  
Mon Dec 1: Stratified Game  
Mon Dec 15: Christmas Party Game for  
the Daytime Players  
Wed Dec 17(pm): Christmas Party Game  
for the Evening Players (also a Club  
Championship Game)  
**Players of the Month:**  
**Daytime:** Amir Alibhai (August),  
Adam Dabrowski (September)  
**Evening:** August: Mary Fines/Joan  
Richards (A), Mike Hurley (B), Carolyn

Keane/Marion Ward-Hall (C). September:  
Mary Fines (A), Barry Kirkham (B),  
Ron Hetherington/Bob Morris (C)

## RECENT WINNERS

Seeburg Memorial Trophy: John  
Ashwell/Stella Alliston. NAOP  
Qualifying: Ev Hodge/Pat Landau (A),  
Gary Post/Bob Butler (B), Mike Hurley/  
Barry Kirkham (C). Labour Day Charity  
Pairs: Peter Morse/Claire Burns. ACBL  
Instant Matchpoint Game: N/S: Zreen  
Marzban/Lawrence Betts, E-W: Mary  
Fines/Doug Cowan. District-wide  
Charity Game Winners: Kathy Bye/  
Geraldine LaCroix (74.16%)

## White Rock Bridge Club

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

Anne-Marie Bullis 525-5669

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Stratified games last Wed. each month  
Oct 22: Swiss Teams Club Champ.  
Nov 5: Annual Club Charity Game

## East Richmond Bridge Club

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

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry, includes lunch  
Sundays at 1:00 PM

Nov 2: Closed for Sectional  
Nov 23: Membership Game  
Dec 7: Building unavailable,  
no game (this date only)  
Dec 14: Club Championship  
Dec 21: Christmas Party

Charity Game Winners:  
Barry Wade & Brian Engler

# 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 8: MAX Milk Bottle  
Fund Charity Game  
Dec 15: Christmas Party &  
Club Championship  
Charity Game Winners:  
Dan Webster/Phil Awram

## Maple Ridge

Centennial Ctr. Seniors  
Complex: 11940 224th St.  
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm  
December 17: Club  
Championship &  
Christmas Party  
Club Championship  
Winners: Dan Webster &  
Rich Williams

## Mission

Leisure Centre  
7621 Taulbut Ave.  
Thursdays at 7:30 pm  
December 18: Club  
Championship &  
Christmas Party  
Club Championship  
Winners: Roselle McRae &  
Brian Lee

## Abbotsford

McCallum Activity Centre  
2478 McCallum Road  
Fridays at 7:30 pm  
Oct 26, 11:30am:  
(special date and time)  
Two-session Swiss  
Teams Charity Club  
Championship  
Dec 19: Christmas Party



# CLUB NEWS YELLOW PAGES

## Unit 430 Sanctioned Weekly Duplicate Game List

(Most recent update: October 17, 1997. Not including invitation-only clubs)

Day	Time	Club	Director	Game Details	Next CC	Last Reported Club Champions
Mon	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	HCP: 24 Nov, STR: 1 Dec	10 Nov	Stella Alliston/Mohammed Dadbeh
	10:45 am	BBY	H. Dressler	open	17 Nov	Ted Jellema/Roy Trask
	7:15 pm	SRY	A. Browning	open, STR: 1st, Swiss: 8 Dec	20 Oct	Maggie Warren/Ludy Acheson
	7:30 pm	CWK	B. Percher	STR: last	15 Dec	Andrew Faulkner/Anne Knowland
	7:30 pm	SQU	W. Jonat	1st: HCP, 3rd: Trophy Race	Game	annual trophy points race
	7:30 pm	TSW	F. Schultz	open	information seldom received—can anyone help?	
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	LP: 0-200, stratified	8 Dec	Ryan Park/Rocky Rockandel
Tue	10:45 am	VBC	B. Russell	stratified	9 Dec	Nomi Kaplan/Christa Mead
	11:00 am	S-W	T. Stiennon	open	9 Dec	Ron McConnell/Jean Serien
	7:30 pm	NSW	M. Strebing	open	11 Nov	Charity Swiss winners: Sandy McCreery, Doug Strachan, Ken Garfinkel, Mike Engle
	7:30 pm	BBY	H. Dressler	open	3 Dec	Anne-Marie Bullis/Hobert Liang
	7:30 pm	VBC	A. Ballantyne	stratified	9 Dec	Ken Robertson/Shirley Fitterman
Wed	10:00 am	VCR	L. Landau	open	TBA	Stella Alliston/Joyce Peters
	10:30 am	HAS	M. Scott	open	3 Dec	Hazel Stowards/Andrew Lee
	10:45 am	VBC	E. Chan	New-plicate: 0-20 MP	10 Dec	Sophie Cymbalista/Theresa Kong
	7:15 pm	WRK	A.M. Bullis	open, STR: last	22 Oct (teams)	Dot Carnegie/Rekha Shah
	7:15 pm	VCR	L. Landau	stratified	17 Dec	Terry Scott/Marina Page
	7:30 pm	C.R	A. Yallouz	open	12 Nov	Pat Stapff/Ioerg Schneider
	7:30 pm	M-R	B. Percher	open	17 Dec	Dan Webster/Rich Williams
	7:30 pm	VBC	B. Russell	LP: 0-750, stratified	10 Dec	Don Keith/Christa Mead
Thu	10:30 am	DTA	P. Stapff	open: new time & place	4 Dec	Ernie Dietrich/Dianne Isfeld
	11:00 am	JCC	C. Delisle	open to all players	6 Nov	Evelyn Mindell/Betty Averback
	7:15 pm	F.V	T. Stiennon	open, X: 11 Dec	4 Dec	Doug Thomas/Pete Walton
	7:30 pm	MIS	B. Percher	open	18 Dec	Roselle MacRae/Brian Lee
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	0-20	11 Dec	Flora So/Nancy Belyea
	7:30 pm	VBC	G. Davis	stratified	11 Dec	Jeremy & Marion Crowhurst
Fri	1:00 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	Classic Card, STR	12 Dec	Julien Lévesque/Bud Creelman
	7:30 pm	ABB	B. Percher	open	26 Oct. (Sun.)	Eileen Van Pelt/Roselle McRae
	7:30 pm	NSW	L. Landau	Monthly Swiss Teams—first	Friday of each month only	
	7:30 pm	S-D	T. Stiennon	open, Teams: 21 Nov	12 Dec	tie: M. Moffatt/E. Dietrich, D. Hansford/J. McDonald
	7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	TGIF Party: last	12 Dec	Rhoda Tafler/Elaine Ryan
Sat	1/7:30 pm	VBC	E. Chan	rubber bridge (always); periodic special events—check club box for details Monthly Madness, Nov 8, Dec 13: 99ers Pairs (1:00), Open IMP Pairs (7:30)		
Sun	1:00 pm	RMD	E. Dietrich	open, X: 2 Nov, 7 Dec	14 Dec	Hal Rodd/Helen Montgomery
	6:30 pm	VBC	A.M. Bullis	IMP Prs-STR, X: 1st (MUG)	7 Dec	Jim Burt/Ark Sitek

### GAME DETAILS abbreviations:

HCP=handicap game

STR=stratified game

LP=limited masterpoint game

IP=IMP Pairs scoring

X:n=closed on nth week of each month X:date=closed this date

1st, 2nd, last, etc=only on the first, second last (or whatever) week of each month (unless noted, all clubs that hold special games once a month hold open games on all other weeks)

Games limited to club members and guests and unsanctioned games are not listed here. Most (not all) clubs hold four quarterly club championships for each of their weekly sessions. Most clubs will 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.



## Special Events at Clubs

**October 22—December 23, 1997**

(Quarterly Club Championship dates for Unit 430 clubs are also listed in the Weekly Duplicate Game List about four inches to the left of here.)

### Date Time Club What's Happening

22 Oct	7:15	WRK	Swiss Teams Club Championship
23 Oct	7:15	F.V	Membership Game
24 Oct	7:30	S-D	Membership Game
24 Oct	7:30	VBC	TGIF + bidding contest
26 Oct	11:30	ABB	2-session Charity Swiss Teams Club Championship
27 Oct	7:15	SRY	<b>CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game</b>
27 Oct	7:30	VBC	<b>CBF Fall Rookie-Master Game</b> (pre-registration at both sites necessary)
27 Oct	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game

### Club Abbreviations and Contacts

Abbr.	Club Name(*=non-ACBL)	Club Contact	Phone No.	Ad.page
ABB	Abbotsford DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	13
ARB	Arbutus Village BC (by invitation only)	Shirley Bowers	732-3252	18
BBY	Burnaby DBC	Hazel Dressler	524-4445	16
C.R	Central Richmond BC	Albert Yallouz	321-1891	13
CWK	Chilliwack DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	13
DTA	Delta BC	Pat Stapff	588-6794	17
F.V	Fraser Valley BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	12
HAS	Hastings BC	Marianne Scott	298-3932	22
JCC	Jewish Com. Ctr. DBC	Connie Delisle	263-9196	23
MIS	Mission DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	13
M-R	Maple Ridge DBC	Bob Percher	792-4389	13
NSW	North Shore Winter Club	Bernice Mulock	987-8289	22
PKB	Polish Bridge Club *	Waldemar Jez	527-8854	9
RMD	East Richmond BC	Ernie Dietrich	936-2298	17
S-D	Sur-Del BC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	12
S-W	South-West DBC	Thony Stiennon	951-7560	12
SRY	South Surrey BC	Arlene Browning	574-0299	12
SQU	Squamish DBC	Lorraine Hurren	898-2702	23
SUN	Sunshine Coast BC *	Rudy Notzl	885-5552	22
TSW	Tsawassen BC	Finn Schultz	534-5025	19
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Club telephone: 255-2564		17
VCR	Vancouver BC	Louis Landau	984-8309	13
WRK	White Rock BC	Kay Lyons	536-0486	13

### Date Time Club What's Happening

28 Oct	7:30	BBY	Annual Hallowe'en Costume Parade Game (prizes for the three best costumes)
30 Oct	7:30	VBC	Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game (open)
31 Oct.-2 Nov.			<b>Round-Up Sectional at Surrey Inn; most clubs closed</b>
3 Nov	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
3 Nov	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
5 Nov	7:15	WRK	Annual Club Charity Game
6 Nov	10:30	DTA	Membership Game
6 Nov	11:00	JCC	Club Championship
8 Nov	1:00	VBC	One-session Master/Non-Master CNTC Qualifying Game (preregistration necessary)
8 Nov	1:00	VBC	Monthly Madness 99er Pairs
8 Nov	7:30	VBC	Monthly Madness Open IMPs
9 Nov			<b>Monthly Unit Game (6:30 VBC, 7:00 S-W)</b>
11 Nov	7:30	NSW	Club Championship
12 Nov	7:30	C.R	Upgraded Club Championship
17 Nov	10:45	BBY	Club Championship
17 Nov	7:15	SRY	Membership Game
17 Nov	7:30	SQU	Trophy Race Game
18 Nov	7:30	VBC	Canadian Open Pairs Stratified Qualifying Game
20 Nov	11:00	JCC	Charity Game
21 Nov	7:30	S-D	Swiss Teams
23 Nov	1:00	RMD	Membership Game
24 Nov	10:00	VCR	Handicap Game
24 Nov	7:15	SRY	ACBL-wide Charity Game
24 Nov	7:30	CWK	Stratified Game
24 Nov	7:30	VBC	ACBL-wide Charity Game
26 Nov	10:30	HAS	Membership Game
26 Nov	10:00	VCR	Membership Game
26 Nov	7:15	WRK	Stratified Game
28 Nov	7:30	VBC	TGIF + bidding contest
30 Nov	6:00		<b>MUG Christmas Party, Bonsor C.C.</b>
1 Dec	10:00	VBC	Stratified Game
1 Dec	7:15	SRY	Stratified Game
1 Dec	7:30	SQU	Handicap Game
2 Dec	10:45	BBY	Club Championship
3 Dec	10:30	HAS	Club Championship
4 Dec	10:30	DTA	Club Championship
4 Dec	7:15	F.V	Club Championship
7 Dec	—	RMD	<b>No game (this date only)</b>
7-12 Dec		VBC	Club Championship Week

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## Date Time Club What's Happening

7 Dec	6:30	VBC	Club Championship
8 Dec	7:30	CWK	MAX Milk Bottle Fund Charity Game
8 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-200 MP)
9 Dec	10:45	VBC	Club Championship
9 Dec	11:00	S-W	Club Championship
9 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
10 Dec	10:30	HAS	Christmas Party Game
10 Dec	10:45	VBC	Club Championship (0-20 MP)
10 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-750 MP)
<b>11 Dec—</b>	<b>F.V</b>	<b>Club Closed (this date only)</b>	
11 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship (0-20 MP)
11 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
12 Dec	1:00	VBC	Classic Card Club Championship
12 Dec	7:30	S-D	Club Championship (Ken Holland Trophy Game)
12 Dec	7:30	VBC	Club Championship
13 Dec	1:00	VBC	CNTC Qualifying Game (1 or 2 sessions: TBA)
13 Dec	1:00	VBC	Monthly Madness 99er Pairs
13 Dec	7:30	VBC	Monthly Madness Open IMPs
14 Dec	1:00	RMD	Club Championship
15 Dec	10:00	VCR	Day Games Christmas Party
15 Dec	7:15	SRY	Christmas Party

## Date Time Club What's Happening

15 Dec	7:30	SQU	Final 1997 Trophy Race Game
16 Dec	11:00	S-W	Christmas Party
17 Dec	10:30	HAS	Charity Game
17 Dec	7:15	VCR	Evening Game Christmas Party and Club Championship
17 Dec	7:30	C.R	Christmas Party
17 Dec	7:30	M-R	Christmas Party and Club Championship
18 Dec	10:30	DTA	Christmas Party
18 Dec	7:15	F.V	Christmas Party
18 Dec	7:30	MIS	Christmas Party and Club Championship
19 Dec	7:30	ABB	Christmas Party
19 Dec	7:30	S-D	Christmas Party
19 Dec	7:30	VBC	Annual Holiday Bash
21 Dec	1:00	RMD	Christmas Party
22 Dec	10:45	BBY	Christmas Party
23 Dec	7:30	BBY	Christmas Party

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Date Time Club What's Happening

26 Dec	TBA	VBC	Tournament of Champions
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## Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

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Nov. 17 Club Championship Dec. 2

Dec. 22 Christmas Party Dec. 23

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- COPC Club Qualifying. \$1.50 extra surcharge (subsidized by club) will be refunded whenever attendance exceeds 15 tables! Qualify directly to National Final! Thu Oct 30 (7:30), Tue Nov 18 (7:30)
- CNTC Club Qualifying (\$8/session) Sat. Nov. 8 (1:00): Master/Non-Master teams only (one session, preregistration required—non-masters are players with less than 200 MP), Sat. Dec. 13 (1 or 2 sessions, TBA)
- Monthly Madness Nov. 8, Dec. 13. Saturdays once a month, 99er Pairs at 1:00, open IMP Pairs at 7:30.
- Club Championship Week: Dec 7-12 (all games)
- Fri Oct 24: TGIF: Party night, bidding contest.
- Mon Oct 27: CBF Fall Rookie Master Game (preregister)
- Tue Nov 4: Sectional Winners Free Play Night (closed Oct 31-Nov 2)
- Mon Nov 24: ACBL-wide Charity Game (hand records)
- Fri Nov 28: TGIF: Party night, bidding contest.
- Fri Dec 19: VBC Holiday Bash (preregister)
- Fri Dec 26: (7:30) VBC Tournament of Champions (free play for all 1997 VBC club champions; non-champions are also welcome)

### WINNERS

- North American 49er Pairs: 10 Sept: Brian Fedler/Marvin Lee, 70.00% (highest score of all VBC games); 15 Sept: Mark Rojewski/Waldemar Jez; 20 Sept: Ewa Wroblewicz/W. Jez; 29 Sept: Martin Henneberger/Mark Rojewski.
- Monthly Madness: Sept 6: Vincent Ho/Hsiang Li (99er Pairs), George Bell/Bob Kiggins (Open IMPs). Oct 11: Bodie Foroughi/Hsiang Li (99er Pairs), Chris & Gina Diamond (Open IMPs).
- First TGIF Bidding Contest Perfect Score: Jim LeNoble. ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game: N/S: Tony Remedios/Tove Chen; E/W: Amir Mitha Norrali Dhahani. District-wide Charity Game: Dianne Isfeld/Martin Henneberger.

### REGULAR GAMES

- (special events **never** pre-empt regular games)
- Monday 7:30 PM *Intermediate Stratified (0-200 MP)*
- Tuesday 10:45 AM *Stratified Open Game*  
*Lunch Available!*
- Tuesday 7:30 PM *Stratified Open Game*
- Wednesday 10:45 AM *Novice Game (0-20 MP)*  
*Includes Mini-Lesson and Lunch*
- Wednesday 7:30 PM *Advanced Intermediate Game Stratified (0-750 MP)*
- Thursday 7:30 PM *Newcomers (0-20 MP)*  
*Includes Mini-Lesson*
- Thursday 7:30 PM *Stratified Open Game*
- Friday 1:00 PM *Classic Card Game*
- Friday 7:30 PM *Open Lucky # Game*  
*last Friday each month: TGIF + bidding contest*
- Saturday Watch for *Monthly Madness*  
*otherwise weekly Aft and Eve Rubber Bridge*
- Sunday 6:30 PM *"Early Bird" Stratified IMP Pairs*  
*early start, early finish for nine-to-fivers*



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### RECENT VBC BIG GAMES

Fri Aft Aug 22: Julien Lévesque and "L.R.R.H.", 73.50%; Mon Aug 22: Amir Mitha/Norrali Dhahani, 77.08%; Fri Aug 29: Jim Burt/Arek Sitek, 71.31%; Tue Sept 9 am: Greg Arbour/Hoshang Shroff, 70.00%; Mon Sept 22: Rocky Rockandel/Ryan Park, 70.83%

## Central Richmond Bridge Club

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### RECENT WINNERS

Club Championship, Sept 17:  
Pat Stapff/Joerg Schneider

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 12: Upgraded Club Championship  
(Sectionally rated, extra masterpoints)  
December 17: Christmas Party

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November 6: Membership Game

December 4: Club Championship

December 18: Christmas Party

Closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1



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diamonds, a spade, two hearts and a club, 1NT might even make and certainly will make at least five tricks! Looks like 4♣ was the correct decision, but it was worth only 4½ on a 12 top, a mild minus. That's the difference Andy and I have found between a 99'er field and an open one. In the 99'ers, doing the right thing will usually net a plus. The open field is tougher (and more fun!), where doing the right thing gets you an average at best. Looks like I'll be learning this game for a while yet!

## 2) YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MATHEMATICIAN

In a recent club game as dealer you pick up:

♠AJTxx ♥Axx ♦QT ♣Kxx

You open 1♠, partner responds 2♦, and in a few bids propels you to 6NT. The opening lead is a small club and you see:

Dummy: ♠Qxx ♥KQ9x ♦AJxx ♣AQ

small club led against 6NT

Declarer: ♠AJTxx ♥Axx ♦QT ♣Kxx

Looking at dummy you are glad you did not get a diamond lead. What are your chances? How do you play?

You will make the slam if either of these happen:

- The diamond finesse works
- The spade finesse works
- The hearts are 3-3

There is a fourth option also, which will be discussed later. You must play to try all three possibilities.

You need to set up the spades and so must try the spade finesse first. If it fails you would like LHO to continue a club, so you win the ace, concealing the king. You lead a low spade from dummy (to guard against a singleton king opposite 9xxx) to the jack, which holds. You cross to dummy in hearts, and lead another low spade to the ten. This time LHO takes her king (the spades are therefore 3-2).

If LHO leads back a club what is your plan?

If LHO leads back a diamond what is your plan?

If LHO leads back a club you have two ways to play the hand: the "finesse" line or the "squeeze" line. The finesse line requires that you test the hearts; if they are not 3-3, then try the diamond finesse. 6NT goes down half the time that hearts don't break.

Alternatively, you could play for a squeeze in hearts and diamonds. (See below for possible end position.) It seemed right at the time to adopt the finesse line. When LHO returned a club after winning the king of spades, this is how I played the hand. Hearts were 3-3 (the king of diamonds was offside) so 6NT was made.

But...if LHO leads back a diamond, you do not have time to test the hearts before trying the diamond finesse, so the squeeze line

offers better odds than the straight finesse (50%). On the diamond return therefore rise with the ace, and come down to this end position with declarer on lead:

Dummy: ♠— ♥Kx ♦J ♣—

6NT; you need the rest

You (on lead): ♠x ♥x ♦T ♣—

Lead the last spade and discard the jack of diamonds from dummy. No opponent can keep two hearts and the king of diamonds. If the K♦ does not appear play on hearts. If the K♦ drops on the last spade, pitch a heart and claim. The squeeze line works whenever hearts are 3-3, plus anytime the king of diamonds is in the same hand with four or more hearts.

(McBruce here. Greg submitted this article several months ago with all kinds of percentages based on the familiar charts that tell you how likely it is that a suit will split 3-3, etc. Of course, the actual probabilities in the middle of a hand are sometimes quite different. One cannot assume, for instance, that the hand with long hearts has the same chance to hold the K♦ as the other hand. The "book" chance that a suit will split 3-3 is not the same as the chance that a suit will split 3-3 after both defenders have followed once.

A program written by Hans van Staveren named DEALER, available on the Internet, uses the blinding speed of modern computers to estimate probabilities. The DEALER program dealt the North-South cards, as well as the East-West cards that were known, then dealt the rest of the cards randomly, one million times, and counted (This all took about ten seconds on my machine, which is no power computer!) the success rate of the squeeze and finesse lines:

Lead at trick 5	Club	Diamond
Finesse line	71.5%	50.0%
Squeeze line	66.1%	66.1%

So...the original numbers (omitted here) were a little off, but the idea was absolutely right. Back to Greg.)

So much for mathematics, but what about Bridge?

When I showed my solution to Aidan Ballantyne at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, he immediately suggested an alternative. If LHO returns a club at trick five, he advocated coming to hand with the A♠, and immediately leading the Q♦, while watching LHO closely. If she does not cover or even hesitate, assume she does not have the king and adopt the squeeze line. If she does cover you have your twelve tricks. Aidan feels that most LHOs would cover automatically if they had the K♦, and that the chance of a defensive error is much greater than the 5.4% difference between the squeeze and finesse lines.

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# Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

North: ♠Q3 ♥984 ♦T3 ♣A86542

South: ♠AK ♥AJT7 ♦AJ962 ♣K7

Contract: 3NT Lead: 4♣

Plan the play, solution at the end of the article.

Board 22 on Friday afternoon at the Evergreen Sectional proved to be a difficult to bid slam in diamonds:

North: ♠72 ♥K8 ♦J9872 ♣AJ92

South: ♠AKT543 ♥A43 ♦KQ64 ♣—

(Dealer East, E-W vulnerable)

After a pass by East, South will open 1♠. Playing 2/1 North will bid 1NT (forcing) and the spotlight is on South. If he bids 3♠ to show his good 6-card suit, North will raise and there the matter rests. If South rebids 3♦, North will raise and now cue-bidding will get you there:

South North

1♠ 1NT

3♦ 4♦

4♥ 5♣

5♦ 5♥

6♦ pass

Playing standard the auction should

go something like:

South North

1♠ 2♦

4♦ 5♣

5♥ 6♦

Purists may argue that both 2♦ (on only 9 HCP) and 4♦ (on 16 HCP) are overbids, but I think that the fifth diamond in the North hand and the fact that South has a four-loser hand would justify these bids.

A Precision auction would be:

South: 1♠ (16+ HCP, any distribution)

North: 2♦ (8+ HCP, 5+ diamonds)

South: 2♠ (5 or more spades)

North: 3♣ (surely denying 3 spades)

Now South knows that the spade slam is out, but that as a side suit it will offer a rich source of tricks. Blackwood does the rest and the slam is duly reached.

(McBruce here: this is what happened at the sectional on this deal:

+920	1	100.00%
+480	1	96.88%
+450	23	59.38%
+420	3	18.75%
+200	2	10.94%
+170	2	4.69%
-50	1	0.00%

Your result may vary, this is taken from two events encompassing three sections.

We don't know what the other two +420 results were, but your *Matchpointer* editor reports getting three tricks against four spades, unlikely as that may seem. We don't know what contract led to -50. We do know that Joerg and Pat Stapff were the only ones to get to the slam! Well done!

Solution to the play problem:

North: ♠Q3 ♥984 ♦T3 ♣A86542

South: ♠AK ♥AJT7 ♦AJ962 ♣K7

Contract: 3NT Lead: 4♣

Win the opening lead in hand (good choice!). Now K♣, a club to the ace, and (assuming clubs are 3-2) another club, pitching your high spade from hand!

Now it's true that you cannot lead a spade to dummy to get to the good clubs, but *neither can the opponents to set up their suit (if they do you immediately get to cash four tricks)*. So, they will now have to open the red suits, to your advantage.

## Tsawassen Bridge Club

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(answer to cover problem "In Control")

What are you going to do at trick four? It depends on what you did at trick three! If you over-ruffed, or discarded a diamond or a club you will not be able to beat 4♥; you will be squeezed in the minors. Here's why:

You know (or should know) from the auction that your partner has the K♥ (declarer showed no controls), most likely singleton. If you overruff, anything you return, anything at all, will allow declarer to play the A♥, dropping partner's king, a heart to his hand, followed by two more hearts. Dummy will pitch two clubs on these and you are cooked, unless partner holds the 9♣ (fat chance). If you discard a diamond, declarer will play the ace-king of

diamonds and ruff the third to set up the suit. If you discard a club at trick three, declarer gets home by playing his four minor suit winners from dummy. A diamond ruff gets him to hand where the 9♣ is ready to take the tenth trick.

In order to beat 4♥ you must *under-ruff*. There is no rush to win your Q♥ since you know that partner has the king. Let the declarer win the trick and when he/she plays A♥ and another, you can win the trick and lead a minor suit. Declarer will need to use a trump to get off dummy, and there will be no squeeze, since you discard after dummy and the communication is now broken!

—Dan Jacob (with thanks to a friend from New York)



# Movers and Shakers

## Halfway Standings

Most of you will know by now that the Mini-McKenney tracks masterpoints won in all ACBL events, while the Ace of Clubs tracks only points won at clubs. Both of these lists are dated September, which of course means that included here is all

points received in Memphis by that date. As to what exactly had been received to that point, I know nothing. Call the ACBL Membership Assistance Department at 1-800/467-2623.

We understand that some players are confused about the categories they are placed in, so we are including a complete definition of each category this time, and we are checking the categories carefully for possible errors.

### 1997 MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1997

(points from all sources)

Rookie		Regional Master		Silver Life Master	
1. Andrew Lee, Burnaby .....	32.14	1. Dan Webster, Mission .....	52.20	1. Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam ..	194.83
2. Waldemar Jez, New West .....	16.32	2. Judy Murphy, Vancouver .....	50.71	2. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam .....	135.28
3. Vicki Croome, Surrey .....	14.95	3. Bernard Grant, Chilliwack .....	47.03	3. Les Fouks, Vancouver .....	121.14
Junior Master		NABC Master		Gold Life Master	
1. Mark Rojewski, Burnaby .....	24.80	1. Amiral Alibhai, N. Vancouver ....	90.01	1. Gord McOrmond, Delta .....	148.47
2. Jeremy Crowhurst, Vancouver ...	20.67	2. Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver ....	86.83	2. Rhonda Foster, Burnaby .....	121.80
3. Greg Morse, Richmond .....	19.12	3. Jeannette Greenhut, Vancouver .	80.91	3. Peter Herold, Surrey .....	117.84
Club Master		Life Master		Diamond Life Master	
1. Marylou Varga, Coquitlam .....	45.54	1. John Lien, Surrey .....	76.59	1. Cam Doner, Richmond .....	357.32
2. Adele Mackay, Coquitlam .....	34.32	2. Claire Burns, W. Vancouver .....	72.57	2. Allan Graves, Vancouver .....	186.74
3. Ann Andres, Vancouver .....	23.47	3. Bev Kane, Richmond .....	70.05	3. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver ....	170.57
Sectional Master		Bronze Life Master		(Unit 430 has no Grand Life Masters. We're working on it. Check back in a few years...)	
1. Barry Kirkham, W. Vancouver ....	50.85	1. Don Sharp, Salt Spring Island ....	84.82		
2. Amad Rafii, Vancouver .....	50.77	2. Daisy Neilson, Langley .....	75.71		
3. Barbara Green, N. Vancouver ....	46.78	3. Liz Stoneman, White Rock .....	65.26		

#### Masterpoint Categories for Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenny Races

**Rookie:** 0-5 masterpoints of any colour.

**Junior Master:** 5 masterpoints of any colour.

**Club Master:** 20 masterpoints of any colour.

**Sectional Master:** 50 master-

points including at least 5 silver points.

**Regional Master:** 100 masterpoints, including at least 15 silver points and 5 red or gold points.

**NABC Master:** 200 masterpoints, including at least 25 silver points, at least 15 red points, at least 5 gold points,

and a total of at least 50 pigmented (gold, red or silver) points.

**Life Master:** 300 masterpoints, including at least 50 silver points, at least 50 red or gold points (a minimum of 25 must be gold points.)

**Bronze Life Master:** 500 total masterpoints.

**Silver Life Master:** 1000 total masterpoints.

**Gold Life Master:** 2,500 total masterpoints.

**Diamond Life Master:** 5,000 total masterpoints.

**Grand Life Master:** 10,000 total masterpoints and at least one unlimited North American Championship win.

### 1997 ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1997

(points from clubs only)

Rookie		Regional Master		Silver Life Master	
1. Dorin Costin, New West .....	12.09	1. Ken Cowherd, Aldergrove .....	37.77	1. Ernie Dietrich, Coquitlam .....	91.43
2. Simona Costin, New West .....	11.43	2. Dan Webster, Mission .....	34.02	2. Pat Landau, N. Vancouver .....	72.77
3. Andrew Lee, Burnaby .....	10.66	3. Bernard Grant, Chilliwack .....	30.41	3. Olive Perdue, Vancouver .....	53.70
Junior Master		NABC Master		Gold Life Master	
1. Mark Rojewski, Burnaby .....	11.40	1. Pat Lester, W. Vancouver .....	47.37	1. Stella Alliston, N. Vancouver .....	63.10
2. Ewa Wroblewicz, Vancouver .....	8.58	2. Harry Friedman, Richmond .....	43.05	3. Mary Fines, N. Vancouver .....	60.66
3. Anita Morse, N. Vancouver .....	8.08	3. Amiral Alibhai, N. Vancouver ....	40.11	2. Kathy Adachi, Delta .....	54.88
Club Master		Life Master		Diamond Life Master	
1. Ann Andres, Vancouver .....	22.22	1. John Lien, Surrey .....	35.16	1. Laurence Betts, Burnaby .....	23.30
2. Marylou Varga, Coquitlam .....	21.14	2. Bev Kane, Richmond .....	34.37	2. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver .....	3.89
3. Wink Andres, Vancouver .....	19.12	3. Nancy Yoshida, Vancouver .....	29.46	3. Allan Graves, Vancouver .....	1.27
Sectional Master		Bronze Life Master		(Don't forget: you are placed into the category that you were in at the start of 1997.)	
1. Amad Rafii, Vancouver .....	41.71	1. Daisy Neilson, Langley .....	57.01		
2. Barbara Green, N. Vancouver ....	30.30	2. Joni Johnston, White Rock .....	41.99		
3. Zreen Marzban, W. Vancouver ....	25.55	3. Yuko Fujieda, Vancouver .....	39.26		



## In Memoriam

Some brief notes on six Lower Mainland players that we will never see again at the bridge table. Anyone that knew them will certainly miss their personalities at the local tables. The *Matchpointer* extends condolences to the friends and families of these players. In alphabetical order:

### **COLIN COLLIN, 69, Silver Life Master**

Recent President/Board Member of the White Rock/Surrey Bridge Club. A talented, intelligent, kind soul, with a great sense of humour! Good bridge, too.

### **KEN HOLLAND, 61, Life Master**

"Real gentle-man ... Always hummed the same tune ... Never would say what the tune was!" (Ron McConnell). Started playing bridge with

Mike Moffat, who is sponsoring the Ken Holland Memorial Trophy which will be awarded for the first time at the Sur-Del Bridge Club at the Club Championship on December 12.

### **STAN HOLDING, 79, Silver Life Master**

Milked many cows in his day (and probably a few money players, too). Started playing at six years old. Owned Fort Langley Bridge Club for some time. Left a library that may possibly contain every bridge book ever written!

### **GORDON KEEL, 86, NABC Master**

Gordon died August 25, 1997. Born in Lethbridge on Jan 14, 1911, Gordon and his wife Anne moved to Vancouver in 1947. In addition to his interest in the literary arts, notably Shakespeare, and golfing, Gordon was the consummate bridge player. He corresponded and played with many of the masters of

bridge, including Goren and Jacoby. He will be missed by all who shared his love for the game.

### **ALLAN OLSON, 72, Life Master**

"On Sept 14, our long time friend and member of the White Rock/Surrey Bridge Club passed away. His kindness, wit & very own bridge style will be sadly missed. Many of his bridge friends laid him to rest at the Tsawassen/Boundary Bay cemetery." (Rita Hasselbach).

### **COLIN SABISTON, 70s, Silver LM**

Was a regular at many suburban games for many years before moving to the Okanagan. Nice man, great stories.

(Thanks to Roman Woroch and Harry Friedman for collecting these brief notes.)

Gordon McOrmond  
President  
543-4224

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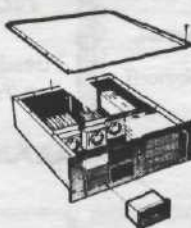
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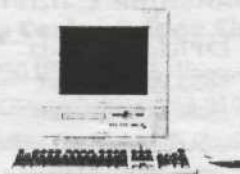
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# Special Events

## Multi-Level Event Information

**North American Open Pairs** The Unit Final was held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on October 18. All three flights were combined into one stratified section of 15 tables, and these pairs qualified to the next level:

A B C	Overall Winners	Flight(s) Qualified for
1.	Greg Arbour/Tony Remedios	(A)
2.	Dan Jacob/Larry Hicks	(A)
3.	Don Sache/June Pocock	(A)
4.	Roman Woroch/Ric Sumner	(A,B)
5 2	Maureen Crompton/Andrew Ross	(A,B)
6 3	Simona & Dorin Costin	(A,B,C)
4	Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez	(A,B)
5	Catriona & Bill Henning	(A,B)
6 2	Fred Brown/Geoff Fetterley	(A,B,C)
3	Chris Robbins/Chris Maylin	(A,B,C)
4	Greg Morse/Andy Hellquist	(A,B,C)
5	Faye & Gary Gilrairie	(A,B,C)
Other Qualifiers		Flight(s) Qualified for
	Don Keith/H.K. Ho	(A,B)
	Terry & Frances Gould	(A,B)
	Patti Adams/Sandra Robson	(A,B)
	Sky Williamson/Amir Alibhai	(A,B,C)
	Julien Levesque/Harry Greenhut	(C)

The next stage in this event is the District Final, at the Tacoma Sectional starting at noon on Saturday, December 6. The three flights will be in separate sections, and the event will be at least two sessions and possibly as many as four sessions long, ending early Sunday evening at the latest. Entry fee is \$9.00 US per session (in the past the policy has been to collect the entry fee for all four sessions at the start,

and refund half of the entry to players eliminated after the qualifying sessions). Good luck to our players!

**Canadian Open Pairs Championship** Two qualifying games have been held so far, one at the South Surrey Bridge Club and one at the Tsawassen Bridge Club. We have not received results from the Tsawassen game, but the South Surrey Game on September 29 qualified twelve pairs out of the 24, and the winners were Kathy Adachi and Wilf May, with a score of 63.66%, good for 3.67 red points. The VBC plans two COPC qualifying games, Thursday October 30, and Tuesday November 18, both at 7:30. All qualifying pairs are eligible to play in the national finals. The highest scoring pair in Unit 430 will receive a subsidy to help defray costs.

**Canadian National Teams Championships** As this issue goes to press the first CNTC qualifying game, a two-session event on consecutive Mondays, is finishing up. Other qualifying games are scheduled for Saturday November 8, and Saturday December 13, both at 1:00 at the Bridge Centre. The November game is a Master/Non-Master teams, with each team needing two non-masters (0-200 MP), and preregistration is necessary to get people matched up. The CNTC Unit Final is tentatively scheduled for March 7 at the Bridge Centre. After that there will be a Zone Final leading to the National Final in July.

**Canadian Women's Teams Championship** No information yet received on this event. Generally a B.C. Zone Final is held that is open to all women's teams wishing to enter in the spring.

**CBF Bridge Week** The National Finals of the CNTC, COPC, and CWTC will take place at the first annual CBF Bridge Week, in Laval, Québec (near Montréal) July 12-18,

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**Sunshine Coast**  
**Bridge Club**  
 5653 Wharf Road,  
 Suite 202, Sechelt  
 Rudy Notz 885-5552  
 Partners Guaranteed

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 pm	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
fees	open	open

Social Bridge/Bridge Plus/Seminars

**North Shore Winter Club Bridge**  
 1325 E. Keith Rd., N. Vancouver

Tuesdays at 7:30	Monthly Team Games: 7:30, first Friday each month
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**Bernice Mulock 987-8289**

**Hastings Bridge Club**  
 1950 Windermere St. (at 4th Ave.), Vancouver

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

**December 3: Club Championship Game**  
**December 10: Club Christmas Party**  
**December 17: Charity Game**



Special Events Unit 430 Co-Ordinator	Club Qualifying	Unit Final	District/ Zone Final	National Final
<b>COPC</b> Patti Adams 275-1531	Oct 30 (VBC) Nov 18 (VBC)	No Unit or Zone Final: club qualifiers may play in National Final		1st annual CBF Bridge Week
<b>CNTC</b> Anne-Marie Bullis 525-5669	Nov 8 (VBC) Dec 13 (VBC)	March 7 (VBC) (tentative)	TBA	July 12-18, 1998 Laval, PQ
<b>CWTC</b> TBA	none	none	TBA (Spring 98)	all CBF events
<b>GNT</b> Felipe Hernandez 944-8409	awaiting details from DINO	none	Mar 13-15, Ev- erett (tentative)	Chicago NABC Jul 23-Aug 2, 1998
<b>NAOP</b> Geoff Fetterley 258-3439	finished	finished	December 6-7 at Tacoma Sectional	Reno NABC Mar 19-29, 1998

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1998. A complete schedule and more details can be obtained at this Internet address: <http://www.cbf.ca/BWeek/>

**Fall Rookie-Master Game** This is a special event run by the Canadian Bridge Federation scheduled for Monday, October 27. Rookies are defined as players with less than 20 masterpoints, and masters are anyone nice enough to play with a rookie. The CBF provides hand records and analyses. Two clubs are holding this event this year, the South Surrey Bridge Club (7:15) and the Vancouver Bridge Centre (7:30). Both clubs would prefer pairs and/or players without a partner to preregister.

**Grand National Teams** (Alert: this

is an editorial rant.) I find it frustrating in the extreme to discover that GNT details are still unavailable from District 19. This makes four consecutive years that the details of an event, which begins at the club level in late fall, are not available in October. The inevitable result is less participation at the club level, leading to dwindling attendance at the District Final.

But wait, it gets worse. Apparently the details *are* available, but only if you're in Seattle. The Seattle Bridge Web Page says several clubs are holding GNT Qualifiers in October and November. How on earth can you expect Vancouver clubs to participate if you hoard the conditions and dates?

Wake up, DINO! This information should be out by now, should always have been out by now, yet never is. If you haven't got the time to mail the flyers at least get the information onto the Internet.

**North American 49er Pairs** Four NA49er games were held at the VBC in September, with contestants hoping to score big to win the prizes in ACBL scrip for topping the region. The highest score was obtained by Brian Fedler and Marvin Lee with a 70.00% game on September 10, and we await the compilation of the results to see if that holds up as the highest. Congratulations!

### Squamish Bridge Club

Masonic Hall, Elliott Building  
38140 Cleveland Ave., Squamish  
Mondays at 7:30 PM  
monthly handicap and trophy race games  
Lorraine Hurren 898-2702

### Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club

Thursdays at 11 AM at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver  
All players welcome! Connie Delisle (263-9196)  
Club Championship November 6  
Charity Game November 20

**Applications Requested** Unit 430 is taking applications for 1997 Unit Game sites and Directors. Applications for sites should include financial details, availability on the traditional Monthly Unit Game evenings (first Sunday of each month), and maximum table capacity. Director applications should include experience and remuneration expected. The Unit Board will consider all applications at its December meeting, and the lowest bid(s) will not necessarily be accepted. Applications may be sent to any Unit Board Member. For further details and information please contact Unit 430 President Felipe Hernandez at 944-8409.





## Local Winners

Future Stars 0-100 Sectional  
Vancouver Bridge Centre  
October 4-5

*Saturday*

Afternoon Stratified Pairs *14 tables*

- ABC1. Mike Eastwood/Ryan Richdale
- AB2. Ewa Wroblewicz/Waldemar Jez
- AB3. Jeremy Crowhurst/Marvin Lee
- AB4C2. Don Evers/Gerry Ferguson
- AB5. Greg Morse/Brian Fedler
- AB6. Harry Greenhut/Julien Levesque
- B6. Patricia Hanlon/Anne Smith
- C3. Vicki Croome/Peggy Winter
- C4. Resi Boddenberg/Sophie Cymbalista

Evening Stratified Pairs *10 tables*

- AB1. Brian Fedler/Brian Engler
- AB2. Jeremy Crowhurst/Marvin Lee
- AB3. Mark Rojewski/Waldemar Jez
- AB4C1. Linda Wormwoth/Jacqueline Phillips
- AB5C2. Mike Eastwood/Ryan Richdale
- AB6. Anita Morse/Pat Stickland

### Future Stars Top 10

- 1. Brian Fedler.....3.84
- 2. Brian Engler.....3.65
- 3. Marvin Lee.....3.48
- 4. Mike Eastwood.....2.65
- 4. Ryan Richdale.....2.65
- 6. Waldemar Jez.....2.44
- 7. Jeremy Crowhurst.....2.38
- 8. Julien Levesque.....2.02
- 8. Harry Greenhut.....2.02
- 10. Rae Fee.....1.98

A total of 51.38 silver points were won by 40 people (30 more played but did not win any) at the 1997 Future Stars Sectional.

*Sunday*

Morning Stratified Pairs

- A1. Julien Levesque/Harry Greenhut
- A2/3B1. Anita Morse/Pat Stickland
- A2/3. Brian Engler/Rae Fee
- A4B2. Martin Henneberger/Greg Morse
- B3. M. E. Barber/Norma M. McNamara

Evening Swiss Teams *5 teams*

- 1/2. Franco & Gillian Cellura, Marvin Lee, Brian Fedler; Brian Engler, Rae Fee, Marlene Barber, Norma M. McNamara

(A list of the top ten masterpoint winners at the Future Stars Sectional is below)

### Evergreen Sectional

Surrey, September 12-14

*Friday Afternoon*

Stratified Open Pairs

*29 tables*

- AB1. Ruth Ableman/Dee Kerr
- AB2. Bruce McIntyre/Dan Webster
- A3. Derek Ward/Laureen Holley
- A4B3. John Reay/Jane Fyfe
- A5B4C1. Garry Scollon/Joan Brooks
- A6/7B5C2. Ron & Maxine Sodmont
- A6/7. Joerg Schneider/Pat Stapff
- B6. John Lien/Liz Stoneman
- C3/4. Jo-Ann & Anne Smith
- C3/4. Helen & Leon Bator
- C5. Marylou Varga/Adele Mackay
- C6/7. Judith Wilson/Sharon Hughes
- C6/7. Donald Evers/Jerry Ferguson

Stratified Women's Pairs

*8 tables*

- A1. Stella Alliston/Marge Neate
- A2. Nomi Kaplan/Marylou Bert
- A3. Evelyn Hodge/Mary Fines
- A4. Dot Carnegie/Margaret Kidder
- A5/6B1. Tomie Yamanouchi/Toyo Nunoda
- A5/6. Phyllis Gerber/Delphine Tablotney
- B2. Daisy Neilson/Corrine Tapley
- B3. Patricia Wotherspoon/Elaine Levins

### Evergreen Sectional Top 10

- 1. Ken Scholes.....27.39
- 2. Larry Pocock.....16.70
- 3. Gerry McCully.....16.10
- 4. Peter Herold.....15.93
- 4. Gord McOrmond.....15.93
- 6. Ram Hira.....15.88
- 6. Ted Lai.....15.88
- 8. Neil Ballard.....15.77
- 9. Michael Hargreaves.....15.50
- 10. Les Fouks.....14.86

A total of 1054.71 silver points were won by 319 people (a further 51 people played but did not win any) at the 1997 Evergreen Sectional.

*Friday Evening*

Stratified Pairs

*36 tables*

- A1. Sheila Dickie/Ron Christensen
- A2. Derek Ward/Laureen Holley
- A3B1. Joni & Brian Johnston
- A4. Nathan Divinsky/Les Fouks
- A5. Elaine Ryan/Rhoda Tafier
- A6B2. Dee Kerr/Ruth Ableman
- B3. Victor Bennington/Arthur Ma
- B4. Dan Watson/Audrey Loy
- B5C1. James Burt/Arak Sitek
- B6. Don Keith/Christa Mead
- C2. Andrew Zorawski/Mark Rojewski
- C3. Dan Webster/Rich Williams
- C4. Adele Mackay/Marylou Varga
- C5. Bennie & Catherine Vaughan
- C6. Ian Hayter/Stan Sangdahl

*Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockouts*

Bracket I

*7 teams*

- 1. Larry Pocock, Wilf May, Kathy Adachi, Doug Hansford
- 2. Cam Doner, Bill Goldstone, Tom Devine, Marylou Bert

Bracket II

*8 teams*

- 1. Barry Kirkham, Ram Hira, Sheila Shoring, Ted Lai
- 2. Christopher Maylin, John Lien, Maree Logan, Catherine Lyons
- 3. Dianne Isfeld, Martin Henneberger, Greg Morse, Andy Hellquist

Bracket III

*8 teams*

- 1. Juan & Olga Reyes, Greg Lam, Jules Wilkins
- 2. Sharon Hughes, Judith Wilson, Anita Morse, Brenda Cameron
- 3. Richard Dunn, Diane Ayukawa, Marvin Lee, Prashant Pandit

*Saturday Afternoon*

Stratified Open Pairs

*36 tables*

- A1. Sandra Jenkins/Ken Scholes
- A2. Les Fouks/June Pocock
- A3. Hal Gloff/Carl Wilson
- A4. Gordon Davis/Ken Robertson
- A5B1. Chris & Gina Diamond
- A6. Trudy & John Hurdle
- B2. Nick Parker/Janis Parker
- B3C1. Nomi Kaplan/Marylou Varga
- B4. James Lenobel/Laureen Holley
- B5C2. Betty Harold/Ghods Ahmad
- B6. Gladys Sagen/Eleanor Webb
- C3. Nancy Arnold/Edward Marchuk
- C4. Rudolf Notzl/Edward Worsfold
- C5. Tom Markham/Ruby Vanziffie
- C6. Donald Evers/Jerry Ferguson

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### Saturday Evening

#### Stratified Open Pairs

35 tables

- A1. Gerry McCully/Neil Ballard  
 A2. Delphine Tablotney/Helen Montgomery  
 A3. Sandra Jenkins/Ken Scholes  
 A4. Aban & Bob Gerrie  
 A5. Stella Alliston/Evelyn Hodge  
 A6. Anne-Marie Bullis/Louis-Marie Bourguignon  
 BC1. Simona & Dorin Costin  
 B2. Insa Fricker/Tai Eng  
 B3. Mariann Hutton/Carol Thompson  
 B4. Hushang Mohtadi/Eugene Chan  
 B5. Peter Morse/Claire Burns  
 B6C2. Bob Bosley/Van Buchanan  
 C3. Edward Worstfold/Harold Hansen  
 C4. Dan Webster/Rich Williams  
 C5. Lynne Radcliffe/Paulette Tipper

### Sunday Swiss Teams

#### Open W-L Swiss

28 teams

1. Peter Herold, Gord McOrmond, Mike Hargreaves, Ken Scholes  
 2. Phil Hernandez, Michael Neagu, Mike Wilson, Peter Maclean

### Sunday Open W-L Swiss cont.

- 3/4. Ram Hira, Ted Lai, Margaret Kidder, Sefton Levine; Rhonda Foster, Neil Ballard, Gerry McCully, Steve Bruno  
 5/7. Mariann Hutton, Aase Haines, Eleanor Kaufmann, Larry Snelling; Larry Pocock, Les Fouks, Jean Groome, Robert Sauve; Cam Doner, Bill Goldstone, Carl Wilson, Hal Gloff  
 8/12. Santokh Sian, Vicky Smith, Paulette Tipper, Lynne Radcliffe; Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Dianne Isfeld, Dwayne Dicks, Thony Stiennon; Stan Bodlak, Sandi White, Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish; Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne, Ron Borg, Larry Hicks; Jim McKenzie, Larry Meyer, Dick Simpson, Rod Coote

### Non-Life Master W-L Swiss

11 teams

1. Joan Sobieniak, Sharon Hughes, Maureen Schwartz, Edward Marchuk  
 2. Andrew Faulkner, Anne Knowlan, Connie & Walter Schmid  
 3. Christa Mead, Nomi Kaplan, Gordon Devlin, Adele Mackay  
 4. Juan & Olga Reyes, Martin Henneberger, Greg Morse

### Consolation Swiss

13 teams

1. Geoff Fetterley, Fred Brown, Ken Lochang, Brian Fedler  
 2/3. Ronni Hubschmitt, Mary Jane Reinholt, Garry Skoropada, Cornel Sawchuk; Sky Williamson, Amiral Alibhai, Peter Morse, Claire Burns  
 4. Louis-Marie Bourguignon, Sarlo Camas, Gilbert Lambert, Diane Plante  
 5/6. Don & Gail Sharp, James Brown, Susan Bradford; John Currie, Patti Adams, Sandra Robson, Angela Taylor

## Out-of Town Winners

(None this time. I'm sure somebody won something outside of the Unit boundaries, but I can only print what I hear about. If you go to out-of-town Regionals, please bring back copies of the *Daily Bulletins*. If you lend them to me for a few days I'll extract all of the local names for print in the *Matchpointer*. If you attend an out-of-town sectional and score in the overalls, or you see another local player who does, write me a note including the name of the event, the overall rank, and the players involved, and it will appear in the next issue.)

## Masterpoint Race Standings After Evergreen Sectional Phil Wood Trophy

1. Cam Doner ..... 49.60  
 2. Bill Goldstone ..... 47.35  
 3. Mike Wilson ..... 43.94  
 4. Dan Jacob ..... 40.23

5. Peter Herold ..... 37.35  
 6. Ken Scholes ..... 36.17  
 7. Gary Phelan ..... 34.83  
 8. Gordon McOrmond ..... 34.25  
 9. Gerald McCully ..... 33.40  
 10. Les Fouks ..... 31.89  
 11. Marylou Bert ..... 31.56  
 12. Michael Hargreaves ..... 30.68  
 13. Aidan Ballantyne ..... 30.33  
 14. Kathy Adachi ..... 28.34  
 15. Felipe Hernandez ..... 27.37

16. Ram Hira ..... 26.66  
 17. Michael Neagu ..... 26.04  
 18. Ernie Dietrich ..... 25.59  
 19. Ted Lai ..... 25.09  
 20. June Pocock ..... 24.57  
 21. Barry Kirkham ..... 23.56  
 22. Tony Remedios ..... 22.95  
 23. Michael Yuen ..... 22.57  
 24. Grace Jeklin ..... 22.54  
 25. Larry Pocock ..... 21.95  
 26. Rhonda Foster ..... 21.20

## Edith Bonnell Trophy

1. Mary Lou Bert ..... 31.56  
 2. Kathy Adachi ..... 28.34  
 3. June Pocock ..... 24.57  
 4. Grace Jeklin ..... 22.54  
 5. Rhonda Foster ..... 21.20  
 6. Claire Burns ..... 20.08  
 7. Dee Kerr ..... 19.16  
 8. Gay Parrish ..... 17.51  
 9. Ruth Ableman ..... 17.25  
 10. Bernice French ..... 15.04  
 11. Margaret Kidder ..... 14.57  
 12. Lenora Awram ..... 14.22  
 13. Sheila Dickie ..... 14.14  
 14. Pat Jones ..... 13.94  
 15. Delphine Tablotney ..... 13.67

## Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

1. Barry Kirkham ..... 23.56  
 2. Lenora Awram ..... 14.22  
 3. Marylou Varga ..... 12.94  
 4. Sharon Hughes ..... 12.84  
 5. Dan Webster ..... 11.31  
 6. Amiral Alibhai ..... 11.25  
 7. Ghodsi Ahmadi ..... 11.20  
 8. Jane Fyfe ..... 10.23  
 9. Christopher Maylin ..... 9.98  
 10. Doreen McOrmond ..... 9.24  
 11. Greg Morse ..... 9.22  
 12. Adele Mackay ..... 9.02  
 13. Martin Henneberger ..... 8.44  
 14. Anne Knowlan ..... 8.08  
 14. Andrew Faulkner ..... 8.08

## Leo Steil Trophy

1. Peter Herold ..... 37.35  
 2. Gary Phelan ..... 34.83  
 3. Marylou Bert ..... 31.56  
 4. Kathy Adachi ..... 28.34  
 5. Ram Hira ..... 26.66  
 6. Ernie Dietrich ..... 25.59  
 7. Ted Lai ..... 25.09  
 8. Barry Kirkham ..... 23.56  
 9. Michael Yuen ..... 22.57  
 10. Pirtpal Gill ..... 19.27  
 11. Dee Kerr ..... 19.16  
 12. Wilf May ..... 18.57  
 13. Derek Ward ..... 18.07  
 14. Ron Borg ..... 17.36  
 15. Ruth Ableman ..... 17.25



# Monthly Unit Games

## Two games left; Poles 1-2

As 1997 draws to a close, two stars of Unit 430's emerging Polish contingent, Mark Rojewski and Arek Sitek, have emerged in the Monthly Unit Game trophy race, with good results in the most recent three City games. Despite appearances, all three races are still close: the final game will be a multiple-section finale which will award even more points to overall finishers than usual. It may seem like a long way from third to first in the C race, but if things remain as they are with Rojewski and Sitek occupying the top two spots, the C award will be given to the next highest, since you may only win one award!

Basic information about MUGs (Monthly Unit Games): they take place normally on the first Sunday of the month, but in November we are moving to the 9th to avoid conflict with the Round-Up sectional. There is no December game this year; the Unit Christmas Party takes the place of the December game. This year's Christmas Party Game is on November 30th at the Bonsor Community Centre, a catered dinner followed by the final 1997 game, all starting at 6:00pm. The tickets, including dinner and the bridge game, are \$25/pair and will be pre-sold at the Round-Up Sectional

and at the November Unit Game. After the Round-Up Sectional, you will be able to purchase tickets directly from Unit Game Co-ordinator Gladys Mackie. A catered dinner makes preregistration necessary, so please buy your tickets before mid-November.

The competitions: each game is stratified, with boundaries at 300 and 1000 masterpoints. Games are scored in matchpoints and although the awards are in black points, the games carry sectional rating, which means overall awards are about the same as at a sectional side game. The annual points races are based on the category you began the calendar year in. The player who wins the most masterpoints wins the MUG trophy and free plays for the following year. The player who begins the year under 1000, who wins the most masterpoints (in any flight) wins the Flight B championship and six free plays. And the player who begins the year under 300, who wins the most masterpoints (in any flight) wins the Flight C championship and six free plays.

Two people (not including directors Thony Stiennon and Louis Landau!) have not missed a MUG in 1997: Pat Landau and Mark Rojewski. Ten others have missed but one of the ten games so far this year: Tai Eng, Len Feeny, Aase Haines, Ev Hodge, Joni Johnston, John Lien, Donna Morrison, Liz Stoneman, Carol Thompson, and Andrei Zorawski.

### A B September 7, 1997 (White Rock)

1	Bill Goldstone/Marylou Bert
2 1	Joni Johnston/John Horne
3 2	Marianne Hutton/Mabel Holding
4 3	Isabel Chernoff/Roman Woroch
5	Doug Hansford/John McDonald
4/5	Paul Radnai/Marianne Koch
4/5	Patricia Wotherspoon/Avril Hodson
(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)	

### A B C September 7, 1997 (Vancouver)

1	Ken Robertson/Aidan Ballantyne
2 1 1	Arek Sitek/Mark Rojewski
3 2 2	Heinz & Martin Henneberger
4 3	Laureen Holley/Linda Sims
5 4 3	Ewa Wroblewicz/Andrew Zorawski
6 5	Chester Michno/Bob Kiggins
4	Brian Engler/Barry Wade

### A B October 5, 1997 (White Rock)

1 1	Roman Woroch/Isabel Chernoff
2 2	Tai Eng/Insa Fricker
3	Doug Hansford/Ken Danielson
4	Sheila Sache/John Horne
3	Norman Treleaven/Lotte Elias
(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)	

### A B October 5, 1997 (Vancouver)

1	Chester Michno/Ken Robertson
2/3	Sheila Dickie/Leonard Feeny
2/3	Stella Alliston/Sharon Hughes
4	Garry Skoropada/Flora Tereposky
5	Ram Hira/George Bell
6	Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau
1	Michael Neagu/Felipe Hernandez
2	John Lien/Liz Stoneman
3	Andrew Zorawski/Ewa Wroblewicz
4	Arek Sitek/Mark Rojewski
5/6	Dan Webster/Richmond Williams
5/6	Randy Jordan/Grace Jeklin
(not enough Flight C pairs for overalls)	

### 1997 MUG Standings thru October

A B C	
1 1 1	Mark Rojewski.....10.89
2 2 2	Arek Sitek.....9.86
3	Patricia Landau.....9.40
4 3	Leonard Feeny.....8.71
5	Doug Cowan.....7.73
6 4	Roman Woroch.....7.62
7 5	Ken Lochang.....7.14
8 6	John Lien.....7.05
8 6	Liz Stoneman.....7.05
10	Linda Sims.....6.80
11	Ken Robertson.....6.79

### A B C MUG Standings Cont.

12 8	Terry Gould.....6.38
12 8 3	Frances Gould.....6.38
14	Laureen Holley.....6.36
15 10	Joni Johnston.....6.13
16	Colin Collin.....6.12
17 11 4	Martin Henneberger.....6.04
18	Doug Hansford.....5.90
19 12	Kelvin Raywood.....5.80
19 12 5	Kristin Orians.....5.80
14	Judy Strebing.....5.78
15	Lotte Elias.....5.15
6	Aase Haines.....4.99
7	Andrei Zorawski.....4.61
8	Shirley Fitterman.....3.97
9	Bill Henning.....3.75
10	Ewa Wroblewicz.....3.42
11	Hoshang Shroff.....3.00
12	Ruby Jackson.....3.00
13 A	Patricia Jones.....2.72
14	Jeanette Greenhut.....2.69
15	Heinz Henneberger.....2.63

A total of 450.34 masterpoints have been won by 169 people (a further 76 people have played but have not won any) in Monthly Unit Games in 1997.



## Coming Monthly Unit Game Dates

November 9, not 2 (Sectional)

November 30 (Christmas Party at  
Bonsor Community Centre)

(normally the first Sunday of each month)

Directors: **City**: Louis Landau (984-8309)

**Suburbia**: Thony Stiennon (951-7560)

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

## Site Addresses & Gametimes

**"City"**: 6:30 pm, at Vancouver Bridge  
Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo),  
Vancouver (255-2564)

**"Suburbia"**: 7:00 pm, at White Rock  
Elks Club, 1469 George St.,  
White Rock

**Further Info**: Gladys Mackie 526-0687

♠ \$6 per player ♡ sectional rating ♦ goodies ♣ free coffee ♠  
♠ trophy race ♡ bid-boxes ♦ non-smoking ♣ two sites ♠

## Tournaments & Dates

**October 23—December 31**

### OCTOBER

24-26 Courtenay Sectional

24-27 Ketchikan Sectional

31-Nov 2 Round-Up Sectional at Surrey Inn (see ad on  
back cover)

27-Nov 2 Sacramento Regional

### NOVEMBER

9 Monthly Unit Game (two sites)

10-16 Seattle Regional

20-30 Fall NABC in St. Louis MO

### NOVEMBER (Cont.)

28 *Matchpointer* deadline (December issue covers  
events from December 12—March 11, 1998)

30 Unit Christmas Party at Bonsor Community  
Centre. \$25/pair includes catered dinner.

### DECEMBER

1 *Matchpointer* editor turns 35 (add twenty-five  
years and 100% more gray if material for  
December issue still not in by this date)

5-7 Tacoma Sectional, including GNT District Final  
beginning Saturday at noon

12 December *Matchpointer* hits the streets

26-31 Reno Year-End 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

### 1997 Round-Up Sectional

October 31-November 2, 1997, at the Surrey Inn.

### 1998 Winter Sectional

January 23-25, 1998, at the  
Engineer's Hall in Burnaby

### 1998 Spring Sectional

June 5-7, 1997, at Bonsor  
Community Centre in Burnaby

## A One-Year Planner

### 1998 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs

Silver Points at your local club,  
June 8-14, 1998

### 1998 Evergreen Sectional

Dates and location unconfirmed

### 1998 Future Stars (0-100 MP) Sectional

Dates and location unconfirmed





# ROUND-UP Sectional

**Oct 31 - Nov 2, 1997**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY

- |        |  |             |
|--------|--|-------------|
| 1:00pm | STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS                          | One Session |
|        | STRATIFIED WOMEN'S PAIRS                       | One Session |
| 7:30pm | 9th Annual Henry Smilie<br>Board-A-Match Teams | One Session |
|        | Stratified Open Pairs                          | One Session |
|        | Future Master Pairs                            | One Session |
|        | 0-20, 20-50, 50-100                            |             |

### SATURDAY

- |        |                     |             |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1:00pm | STRATIFIED PAIRS    | 1st session |
|        | Future Master Pairs | One Session |
|        | 0-20, 20-50, 50-100 |             |
| 7:30pm | STRATIFIED PAIRS    | 2nd session |
|        | Future Master Pairs | One Session |
|        | 0-20, 20-50, 50-100 |             |

### SUNDAY

- |             |                             |            |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 10:30 & TBA | STRATIFIED SWISS (Win/Loss) | 2 sessions |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|

Lunch will be available between sessions Sunday  
in the Surrey Inn Dining Room.  
SOUP AND SANDWICH BUFFET  
\$6.00 (includes coffee)

STRATIFIED RANGES FOR ALL STRATIFIED EVENTS  
0-300, 300-1000, 1000+

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Advance notice: Winter Sectional, January 23-25, 1998, at the Engineers Hall in Burnaby