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Unit 430
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| Board 4 | Dir: W Vul: Both | NORTH | 6♥ by South Lead: Q♠ |
| WEST | ♠ — ♥ 2 ♦ K85432 ♣ QJ7543 | ♠ AKQT87 ♥ A93 ♦ 7 ♣ T96 | EAST |
| | | SOUTH | ♠ 965432 ♥ T8654 ♦ 9 ♣ 2 |
| | | ♠ J ♥ KQJ7 ♦ AQJT6 ♣ AK8 | |

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It's Your Bid Problems
(detach and send in answers)

1. (IMP Pairs, none vul.)
♠ 75 ♥ QT96 ♦ Q943 ♣ 953
Partner opens ONE CLUB in third seat and RHO overcalls ONE SPADE. You pass and LHO bids ONE NOTRUMP. Partner PASSES and RHO continues with TWO DIAMONDS. You pass again and LHO prefers to TWO SPADES. Partner DOUBLES this and RHO PASSES. *It's your call.*

2. (IMPs, none vul.)
♠ 842 ♥ K542 ♦ JT8 ♣ KQJ
Partner opens INT in first seat, PASS from RHO. *It's your call.* What are you going to do after partner's next bid, assuming the opponents remain silent?

3. (Matchpoints)
♠ Q7 ♥ A ♦ 97652 ♣ KQJ32
You are the dealer; *it's your call.* (Don't tell me the vulnerability matters; I won't believe you.)

4. (IMPs, we're vul.)
♠ Q ♥ KQ96432 ♦ A7 ♣ AK5
That darn partner preempts with THREE SPADES as dealer; RHO PASSES. *It's your bid.*

5. (Matchpoints, opps vul.)
♠ K98 ♥ 72 ♦ KT98654 ♣ 5
You open THREE DIAMONDS as dealer. RHO observes two PASSES and tries THREE NOTRUMP. This buys it. *It's your bid—er, it's your lead.*

The bidding system in use is summarized on the other side of this detachable strip.
See page 4 for detailed instructions on how to enter.

The "It's Your Bid" System

(taken from the International Bidder's Club, an on-line Monthly Bidding Contest, at www.bridgespace.com)

- Natural, five-card majors. Limit raises.
- Over 1 in a major, 2 NT is game-forcing and shows 4-card support.
- Splinter bids: all double-jump shifts, by responder as well by opener.
- 2 over 1 promises a rebid; not game forcing.
- Strong jump shifts.

- After a reverse, responder's 2NT or fourth suit is negative.
- Opening 2♠, 2♥, 2♦: 6-card suit, 5-11. 2 NT=forcing, game try.
- Opening 1NT=15-17, 2NT=20-22.
- Over NT openings or overcalls: Stayman, Jacoby transfers, Texas, Gerber. Lebensohl after two-level overcalls (through 2NT shows a stopper).
- Opening 2♣ artificial, strong. 2♦=waiting bid. Natural responses.
- Opening 3NT=gambling.
- Roman Keycard Blackwood (0314), 5NT asks specific kings.

- Over opponent's take-out double, new suit is forcing at one level, 2NT=limit raise, jump shift is pre-emptive.
- Support doubles and redoubles.
- Over overcalls cuebid is limit raise+, or any game-force.
- Negative, competitive and responsive doubles through 4♦, higher than that: value-showing.
- Weak jump overcalls.
- Direct jump cue-bid asks stopper.
- Common sense.

Problems on other side. Good luck!

Opening Lead

by Bruce McIntyre

This was supposed to be a 16-page mini-issue, until I started getting lots of entertaining stuff to go with what I had planned. It ended up as a 24 page issue, with the original going into quarantine forever because I never want to have to put together another *Matchpointer* with a cold like the one that is finally showing signs of retreating.

But I'm not complaining.

I'm ecstatic at getting a second shot at editing the *Matchpointer*. The new and improved *McBruce Matchpointer* has a few new features I had wanted to add for some time before I stepped down from the Unit Board. Let me tell you about the changes:

—The detachable strip at the left of this page is a contest for you to answer and send in by some means. Removing it will reveal on the cover a full table of contents.

—Only Yesterday, starting on the antepenultimate page and moving backwards, looks back at

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the 30-year history of the *Matchpointer*.

—The old digest format is back, with a new *Matchpointer* logo, and redesigned inside front and back covers.

—I've abolished the "Novice/Intermediate" section, but will continue to run all types of articles. Labeling articles like this reduces their audience. We all can learn something from any bridge article, even if just a reinforcement of our fundamentals. And novices can learn something from articles meant for experts.

—Old size, but slightly bigger and clearer typefaces, for easier reading. I'm working on a large print edition for those with vision difficulties, which will be a subscription option for a small fee.

A few of our regular contributors in the past few issues are missing this time because it was to be a smaller issue. We'll certainly invite them back for the August issue.

So, take it home, keep it handy, don't try to read it all I one sitting, and remember to send me material for August! Happy reading! —*McBruce*

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President's Message

by Brad Bart

Any time I talk to my friends or coworkers about bridge, they seem to clam up as if I belonged to a secret society or a cult where trump suits and bidding sequences are akin to secret codes and handshakes. Why does bridge have such a bad rep when it used to be such a popular game? Thankfully, the Vancouver NABC gave bridge a little bit of positive press, but even so, bridge still seems to be played behind closed doors. Here are three anecdotes from 99-00 which I will always remember as "positive press."

The first was Orbis' Hand of the Week by Zia. Every week in the fall, I paid my weekly visit to the Bermuda Bowl website for Zia's Hand of the Week. All I had to do was solve a bridge puzzle and I had a chance to win \$50K US in mutual funds. Who would have thought my non-bridge-playing friends would think bridge to be so useful?

The second was a celebrity visit by Audrey Grant. With the divorce of Bridge America and the ACBL, Audrey went back on tour, teaching bridge. On two weeks notice, Audrey came to town to give a seminar and drew 100 bridge players from greater Vancouver, proving once again that a lot of social players still think the name Audrey Grant is synonymous with "the bridge teacher."

And last there was Regis Philbin. After all the hype and talk about *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, I finally tuned in in March and quickly found myself a regular viewer. One night soon after, Regis asked the \$250K question: "In contract bridge, how many tricks are required to make a contract of 3NT? Is it seven, eight, nine or ten?" "Duh. Cnine-finalanswerregis."

Hopefully, as bridge gets more and more positive press, it will regain its momentum and popularity, and youngsters will once again have the opportunity and desire to play bridge and fail out of SFU. But until then, we must enact smaller, more local changes.

The next notable change will be at the Bonsor Sectional for the Unit Board elections. With only 7 of the current board members remaining for the 00-01 term, we will be experiencing quite the changing of the guard. Final nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting on May 20. Vancouver bridge needs your input and energy!

Oh yeah—I almost forgot to wish you a safe, happy summer! This summer is filled with great opportunities to play bridge and I hope you get a chance attend some of these wonderful events. They are: the Bonsor Sectional (May 19-22), the STaC (June 5-11), the Penticton Regional (June 12-18), Bridge Week in Halifax (June 23-29), and the Anaheim NABC (August 10-20).

In closing, the final president's message is typically filled with teary-eyed good-byes and sugar-coated sappy thank yous to the board members who worked so hard and contributed so much, and I can only try to live up to tradition. Our Board members have contributed a great deal to Vancouver bridge this year and I would like to take this space to write what a pleasure it was to work with them. Our Unit has a lot to be thankful for.

All the best!

—Brad Bart

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A Old Friend Returns

"It's Your Bid" is back after 15 years!

By far the most popular feature in the history of the *Matchpointer* is "It's Your Bid." This series began in 1969 and continued in almost every issue until a meagre seven people responded in October 1985 to the questions posed in the previous issue. Oddly enough, in the same issue nineteen survey responses were received by editor *Lauren Miller* showing that "It's Your Bid" was more popular than most other *Matchpointer* items. At least twelve of these respondents, apparently, decided not to send in answers.

Has it really been nearly fifteen years? Of course, "It's Your Bid" was pretty much like the present day counterpart in the *ACBL Bulletin*, and was originally modeled after the Bidding Challenge in *The Bridge World*. What made it special was that the moderator took the assembled comments and made them readable and entertaining. This may have contributed to its demise—it is difficult to mail a letter to such a contest if you know that any wrong answer will stick out and be highlighted. However, these days we have e-mail, answering machines, and even stratification! And—say I, pointing at myself—we have an editor who has wanted to do this for some time.

So—let's do it all again.

The rules: Five problems are printed on the right hand side of the cover, which is to be removed and sent in. (If you do so, you'll find the removal reveals a handy table of contents for the whole issue.) Despite the name of the contest, you are not always asked to make a call—sometimes it will be an opening lead or even a defensive or declaring play. Write your answers down, using as a bidding system that of the basic

Five Card Major system summarized on the back of the cover strip. If you wish, write the answer you would give in a "modern" system if different.

If you include comments on any of your answers I shall place you in Flight A and your comments (and mine on them!) will be treated as fair game—so you may as well comment on them all. If not, indicate whether you are an experienced player (Flight B) or a newer player (Flight C). I'll list the top scores in each flight, and I invite all players to participate.

NOTE: At least one of the problems will be taken from previous issues of the *Matchpointer*. We'll include some answers from long ago with the contemporary ones to see what's changed.

The scoring will be...completely subjective! You may even influence the scoring with comments, although I will seldom print or read more than about thirty words from anyone on each deal. There will be 100 points maximum on any hand, and the emphasis will not be on what worked at the table (in most cases the hands will be from actual play), but what rates to work most often.

Responses to: Bruce McIntyre, 6636 Dow Ave., #203, V5H 3C9. You can send me e-mail at mcbruce1@home.com or call me at 438-9735. I won't take more than a set of answers over the phone—if you want to send comments you must mail or e-mail me, or catch me on the street somewhere and subpoena me with your answers. Maybe the best way would be for club managers to keep It's Your Bid envelopes for responses, and I can collect them before the next issue. Remember to classify yourself as Flight A, B, or C—or I shall. Feel free to send along better problems for next time, all will be considered.

We need responses from players of all levels for this to be a success.

Political Intrigue!

Who Wants To Be A Nominee?

The Annual General Meeting of Unit 430 will take place shortly after the first Saturday session, May 20, of the Spring sectional at Bonsor. For those not playing in the first session, we expect that the session will end about 3:30 and the meeting will start at 3:45 or so. There is ample time during the break to attend the meeting (which will be over by 4:30 at the latest), since the second session doesn't start until 7:30 pm.

At the meeting there will be a recap of the year so far from Unit President Brad Bart, and a summary of Unit Finances by Treasurer Pete Walton. Board Members will answer any questions Unit members may have. Most importantly, we will

be presented with a list of nominees for election to the Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2000.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting. If there are more nominees than vacancies, ballots will be distributed and an election will be held.

At the *Matchpointer* deadline, only two nominees were known, but it was known that there are many maybes out there! Also uncertain at press time was the number of vacancies on the Unit Board.

If an election is necessary, the President will introduce any nominees present, and time permitting, let the nominees in attendance speak briefly if they wish. Ballots will then be distributed and a ballot box will be set up. Ballots will be accepted until shortly after the end of the first session of the Swiss Teams on Monday. The results will be announced during the second session of the Swiss Teams.

Finn Schultz

42 years of directing!

Just about anyone who has played bridge in the greater Vancouver area during the past 40 plus years owes some credit to Finn Schultz.

"I've been directing for 42 years," the affable 80-year-old notes; "over the years, I have run ten different clubs."

Schultz still directs two games/week, running eight-table games in Tsawassen Monday night and White Rock Tuesday afternoons, although he will likely retire this year. "I think it's time for someone else to take over."

Schultz played a little bridge in his native Denmark but didn't really take up the game until he emigrated to Vancouver in 1951. He took night school bridge lessons, learning the (now-banned) Neapolitan club system and began playing regularly at the North Shore Bridge Club (which eventually became the Pemberton Club) and other clubs. When NSBC director Peter Holmes was transferred out-of-town and planned to shut down the club, Schultz stepped up.

"I said that if he taught me how to run the game, I would take it over."

Schultz's biggest claim to fame is the White Rock Bridge Club which he started in 1962 and ran for 35 years. Over the years he has also directed in Vancouver and Richmond, including the "big game at the Airport Inn" which attracted up to three sections.

"At one point I was working all day and running bridge games five nights a week," he recalls.

Over the years, Schultz has noticed a lot of changes. The big games of the past are long gone and so are many of the players. The ones who remain are all aging. "We just don't get the young people any more."

Schultz offers several reasons for the drop in numbers:

- People are afraid of duplicate and it's hard to keep them.
- There is a proliferation of clubs today. "When



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play computer games and forget about bridge," Schultz notes, adding even bridge players are turning to the computer. "It's fantastic. You can sit at the computer and play with someone in South Africa or wherever."

- The atmosphere has changed. "It's a whole new attitude now. In the past there was a completely different atmosphere. The main thing is the sociable part of the game has disappeared."

Not that bridge in the old days was perfect. Some players (who shall remain unmentioned) were extremely difficult at the table although Schultz notes those who still play have "mellowed" with age.

There were also problems with "with life masters and juniors. In the old days there was an attitude that the life masters were very hard on newcomers."

One of Schultz's main reasons to start directing was to counter that.

"My main focus has always been to encourage new players," he says, adding "Over the years, I brought about 800 members into the Vancouver unit."

Many players he nurtured have gone on to great bridge careers.

"I remember when young kids barely out of their teens like Paul Hagen, Jim Dickie, Jim Donaldson and Mike Strebinger were just starting out on the North Shore," he notes.

Of a more recent vintage, Schultz recalls regularly picking up Cam Doner and taking him to the White Rock club when Doner was starting out.

Seeing players like that has been "my reward. I hope they think kindly of me when they're winning."

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June 5: STaC June 19: Club Championship

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Finn Schultz, 534-5025

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

June 6: STaC June 20: Club Championship

Give Me A Hand

by Joerg Schneider

The scene: STaC game Wednesday night at Albert's.

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| Board 4 | Dlr: W Vul: Both | NORTH ♠ AKQT87 ♥ A93 ♦ 7 ♣ T96 | Seattle STaC Wed. Evening |
| WEST | | SOUTH | EAST |
| ♠ — ♥ 2 ♦ K85432 ♣ QJ7543 | | ♠ J ♥ KQJ7 ♦ AQJT6 ♣ AK8 | ♠ 965432 ♥ T8654 ♦ 9 ♣ 2 |

Those arriving in 6NT had no problem: twelve tricks are on top: two clubs, one diamond, five spades, and four hearts.

Those playing in six spades will also come home as long as they keep their wits about. Win the lead in hand, cash the jack of spades, cross to the ace of hearts, cash four more spades, cash the hearts, etc.

At our table the auction went:

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|----------|-------|------|------------|
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ (GF) |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT (1430) |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

The opening lead was the queen of clubs and I now played a heart to the ace and a heart back, with the idea of pulling all the trumps and overtaking in spades. This line works when hearts are 4-2. If East has long spades, you finesse in diamonds and even if it loses you have the rest of the tricks. If West has long spades, you cash only three spades then give up a diamond, endplaying whoever has the king. This must add up to 90% or better, but today was not the day for that line! When West showed out on the second round of trumps the hand could no longer be made.

However, six hearts can be made. Cash the king-queen of hearts, and when West shows out play the jack of spades, ace of diamonds, ruff a diamond high, reaching this position:

North: ♠ AKQT8 ♣ T9

West: (immaterial)

East: ♠9654 ♥ T86

South: ♥ J7 ♦ QJT ♣ K8

Now you play four rounds of spades from dummy, pitching three diamonds and a club from your hand, then lead the last spade. If East ruffs in with the 8 (or 10), you pitch your K♣ and wait with J-7 of trumps over the T-6 (or 8-6). If East ruffs low, you overruff, cash the high trump and concede the last trick.

It does not help East to underruff the diamond with the 6 (when you ruff a diamond high to reach the board and its good spades). In this case, East keeps his small club and if he plays it on the fifth spade, you can ruff small and your jack of hearts is the twelfth trick.

The best contract of seven spades was reached at only one table—it fails only on the 6-0 trump break, a 98.5% grand slam. Tough luck for enterprising bidding!

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Tips for Tops

by Mark Eddy

Today's tip is: Be more aggressive in the bidding.

I'm playing with a nice person I've known a long time but never partnered before. She's been extremely cautious in the bidding so far—I suspect that's because she has fond memories from years of receiving big plusses when sitting left or right of me—and so between rounds, I gently suggest that we might get just a *tad* more aggressive. She doesn't say anything, but gives me a very long, very uncertain (and very wide-eyed) stare. There's no time to discuss it further, 'cause our next opponents (two ladies who don't seem to ever have any problem with their bids or defensive signals or opening leads) have settled in and are licking their chops. On the very next board I pick up...

♠ T8 ♥ KT8642 ♦ T7 ♣ K83

I decide that this is not up to my usual standard for a weak two as dealer, especially red versus white, but unfortunately I seem to have come to that conclusion after placing the *stop* card on the table. I'm obliged to do something "jumpy" I suppose, and so naturally I decide to start with a "this-is-what-I-mean-by-aggressive" 3♥ call (let me know when you've stopped laughing and I'll carry on...okay, it's been five minutes, I think that's enough snickering). LHO quickly (at the same instant that my three heart bid hits the table) produces the *very takeover double* card, partner finds a 4♥ call, and RHO fishes around and eventually finds the *sort-of-penalty double* card. I'm sure some of you don't discriminate between the double cards in most bid boxes, but rest assured they *are* dissimilar; I've identified at least five distinctly different "Big Red" cards (and even a couple more on some of these people's better days). The auction screeches to a halt (I hate that sound), and here I am... doubled... again. At least I know can expect a rock-crusher from this partner, so maybe I'll have some play for down two...

The opening lead is the ace of spades, and my conservative, stodgy partner carefully sets down what can only be described as somewhat-less-than-regulation rock-crushing equipment.

♠ 9652 ♥ QJ9 ♦ AJ ♣ A742

A♠ led vs 4♥*

♠ T8 ♥ KT8642 ♦ T7 ♣ K83

It seems my little hint on us being more hawkish has had its effect. That's somewhat unexpected, and as this is the first time in my long experience that *any* partner has *ever* taken my advice on *anything*, it also somehow seems rather unfair (pout). At any rate, I can see that at least I do indeed, in spite of everything, have a very good play for down two (sigh).

Now, for some reason, I get it into my head that I might muck around for awhile and somehow manage to hold this dumb contract to down one (at the moment I have absolutely no idea how this might be accomplished), so after the ace, king and queen of spades from LHO (I ruffed the last one, I'm not a mucker), I lead a little trump to the queen. RHO wins with the heart ace and exits with the queen of clubs which I win in dummy with the ace. I'd like to be able to squeeze someone somehow (that's always impressive) and get out for down one, so I suppose I should be counting something at this point, but I'm not sure what... I decide to at least look like I have some plan, and so I stare at the dummy, peruse their convention card, count trumps, count my blessings, and count my own cards. (Stop laughing; who knows, maybe the board has been fouled, and I won't have to play this after all!) Eventually I abandon counting, and go back to mucking around. With nothing better to do, I start peeling off all the trumps I can find, reducing my assets to:

♠ 9 ♥ — ♦ AJ ♣ 74

♠ — ♥ 4 ♦ T7 ♣ K8

Notice I've gotten conservative, and kept one little trump, just in case... I don't like being "heartless" (bad pun, groan here). I remember that I forgot to count up my losers, but that should be easy... lessee, they already have three tricks so far, and a trick to get in each of the minors yet, so I haven't even rectified the count for down one. That seems to eliminate the squeeze possibility I was thinking of (please don't ask what type of squeeze—I've developed Alzheimer's recently). I finally guess to just cash out what I can, rather than make this any worse or more embarrassing.

BINGO!!! I cash the last trump, and LHO shifts around uncomfortably in her chair. I dunno what is happening, but I try to look like I expected this all along, so I smile and nod knowingly at her. What the heck her problem is, I have absolutely *no* idea, but I don't want *her* to know that. At any rate, she eventually drops the club ten, and when I cash the king of clubs, she follows with the nine as her partner plays the jack! I stare at the eight of clubs for a few seconds, but I'm pretty sure it's good now. Yes, indeedy-doody, mucking around has paid off, and the opponents have made a mistake or something, and I'm going to be down only one! I play this last club with glee, and now LHO scowls again!!! Unbelievably, she discards the queen of diamonds. The spade nine isn't

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doing me much good, so I decide to throw that and hope the diamond finesse is coming home, but I don't have to worry about it, because when I lead the diamond seven LHO follows with the king and I have ten tricks. This is the greatest pleasure in bridgedom. I shuffle the cards nonchalantly, and slide them into the little pocket with the bored look all those experts seem to have that says "Didn't even work up a sweat over that one, pard." I know nothing but I look like I know everything, and what more could one want out of life?

As I'm basking in the glow of the post-mortem, my LHO is, of course, blaming my RHO for not returning a diamond after winning her ace of hearts, but it really makes no difference to the end position. In fact, the only way to beat this is for LHO to have made the diamond switch herself at trick two or trick three. Of course, I let her rant on for a few minutes before pointing this out to her partner, who smiles at me appreciatively.

As you can see, things just got progressively better and better as the trumps came down, which happens to be exactly what this endplay is called a progressive squeeze. I like this one, cause you don't have to count (which is difficult) or rectify (which sounds rude) or anything: just play off all those nasty trumps until one of them squirms (I love watching them do that, don't you?) and throws the wrong thing. And then, you get to play the winner they just gave you and watch them squirm some more! Of course, you have to remember what cards are winners and stuff, but that's not too hard most of the time.

Here's the complete hand...

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| Board 15 | Dir: S Vul: N-S | NORTH ♠ 9652 ♥ QJ9 ♦ AJ ♣ A742 | 4♥* by South Lead: A♣ |
| WEST | | SOUTH ♠ T8 ♥ KT8642 ♦ T7 ♣ K83 | EAST ♠ 743 ♥ A73 ♦ 96432 ♣ QJ |

...and the position when I led the last trump:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Board 15 | Dir: S Vul: N-S | NORTH ♠ 9 ♥ — ♦ AJ ♣ 74 | 4♥* by South N-S 5, E-W 3 |
| WEST | | SOUTH-on lead ♠ — ♥ 4 ♦ T7 ♣ K8 | EAST ♠ — ♥ — ♦ 9643 ♣ J |

So, what have we learned here? Well, it seems that bidding more aggressively works okay. Also, that even when we don't have squeezes, the opponents seem to get squeezed if we let them...and that all players discard badly sometimes. Oh. And we learned not to double me when I preempt (heh heh). 2dalu...

Questions

by Bruce McIntyre

To improve your standard of play, you probably need to ask more questions. Not to the opponents ("What did four diamonds show?"); no, not that. Not even to partner ("Did you read my six as encouraging at trick five?"); no, not that either. To get better you have to start asking questions—silently, please—to yourself.

It's a painful process, frustrating, because the improving player and especially the beginning player has lots of questions, but few which are relevant. For example, a beginner might first ask himself

what to do if the trump suit splits 5-0. The expert proba-

bly asks first if he can make it on a 4-1 split, and then looks for possibilities if it's worse. Usually once you work out the play that succeeds against 4-1, you've found or are about to find the one that also covers 5-0. (Or you can do what I do and say "who cares if they split 5-0?")

Not only that, the non-expert has to develop an instinct about when to ask himself (or herself) the pertinent questions. You can't just ask yourself silent questions until you hit the right one three weeks later. Often the question I'm asking myself when playing against a newer player is "What is he thinking about now?"

British writer Danny Roth, in his book on defense (*Signal Success In Bridge*), proposes one basic ques-

tion to ask yourself as often as possible: "What on Earth is going on here?" (Experts tend to substitute the word "the" for "on" and various unprintable words for "Earth.")

So play a hand with me. I'll ask the questions, and I'll even help you answer them:

♠ — ♥ K85 ♦ AKQ9875 ♣ K74

Matchpoints; opponents are vulnerable, you deal and open ONE DIAMOND. LHO overcalls ONE SPADE; partner bids TWO HEARTS. There can't be much left over for RHO and he contributes a PASS. You cuebid TWO SPADES, not because of the void, but because of the general strength

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IMP League

by Larry ("Commish") Meyer

The regular season is complete, and here are the play-off teams:

FLIGHT A (14 teams)

| Rank | Team | W | L | T | VPs |
|------|-----------|----|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Divinsky | 11 | 2 | 0 | 272 |
| 2 | Goldstone | 10 | 3 | 0 | 263 |
| 3 | Lindsay | 10 | 2 | 1 | 258 |
| 4 | Foster | 9 | 4 | 0 | 228 |
| 5 | Charleson | 8 | 5 | 0 | 218 |
| 6 | Dimich | 7 | 6 | 0 | 209 |

First-round matches are #3 LINDSAY vs #6 DIMICH and #4 FOSTER vs #5 CHARLESON. The highest-ranked survivor will play #2 GOLDSTONE in one semi-final. The lowest-ranked survivor will face #1 DIVINSKY in the other semi-final.

DIVINSKY's 20-10 victory over HOUSE clinched first place for them, and let DIMICH breathe a little easier, as HOUSE needed only nine more VPs to squeak into the playoffs.

FLIGHT B (10 teams)

| Rank | Team | W | L | T | VPs |
|------|----------|---|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Eng | 9 | 0 | 0 | 204.8 |
| 2 | Adams | 6 | 3 | 0 | 160 |
| 3 | McIntyre | 6 | 3 | 0 | 149 |
| 4 | Meyer | 4 | 5 | 0 | 145 |
| 5 | Jez | 5 | 4 | 0 | 137 |
| 6 | Nystrom | 4 | 5 | 0 | 136 |

First-round matches are #3 MCINTYRE vs #6 NYSTROM and #4 MEYER vs #5 JEZ. The highest-ranked survivor will play #2 ADAMS in one semi-final. The lowest-ranked survivor will face #1 ENG in the other semi-final.

ENG had the league virtually clinched months ago, and won their last match by a forfeit. ADAMS was one VP ahead of MCINTYRE when the two

teams played their final match, and ADAMS staged a comeback in the second half to nail down the other bye. JEZ scored just enough in their loss to NYSTROM to stay IVP ahead in the final table.

FLIGHT C (6 teams)

| Rank | Team | W | L | T | VPs |
|------|------------|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Mazur | 5 | 0 | 0 | 124 |
| 2 | Lai | 3 | 1 | 1 | 104 |
| 3 | Seltenrich | 2 | 2 | 1 | 84 |

The Flight C final, #1 MAZUR will play #2 LAI, who defeated #3 SELTENRICH in the semi-final.

SELTENRICH survived a close race for third place. MAZUR and LAI were neck and neck all season until the final round, when MAZUR scored a 24VP victory to take first place. Does LAI have a surprise in store for the trophy match?

The Unit Board laid the groundwork for IMP League changes for next year at its April meeting. To sketch out the details, we need input from players.

Here's the basic plan for 2000-2001:

FLIGHT A: Higher team entry fee, may be \$150 or more. Cash prizes. Serious competition, all matches to be played at VBC in separate rooms. Strict enforcement of scheduling and roster rules. Screens may be used in the playoffs.

FLIGHT B: \$30 team entry fee. Two strats, maximum increased to 5000MP, about half of the teams will be in flight B2. Teams in B2 will have a separate playoff. B2 teams qualifying for B1 playoffs may contest both! The B-League Trophy goes to the B1 winner.

FLIGHT C: \$25 team entry fee. All players must be non Life-Masters. If there is enough interest, Flight C will be stratified as Flight B is.

We'll have more details in the August *Matchpointer*. A survey to hone these ideas will appear at the sectional and at the VBC, where most matches are played. We hope you'll give us your views.

of the hand. This shuts the opponents up and when partner rebids THREE DIAMONDS, you jump to SIX DIAMONDS.

LHO leads the king of spades; here's the dummy:

♠ AJ5 ♥ AJT64 ♦ J63 ♣ T9

K♠ led vs 6♣

♠ — ♥ K85 ♦ AKQ9875 ♣ K74

Here's a good time to start asking yourself questions. Silently, remember: no moving your lips.

What are my chances of making

this? Pretty good. You have ten tops, and finding the queen of hearts will be enough to make this with ease.

What are my matchpoint prospects?

In a good field, you're probably with some of the field in 6♦. In an average or weaker field, you're way ahead to be in slam on 26 combined points. Many people don't realize that partner's two heart bid promises five hearts here and will needlessly rebid hearts. The inability to agree on diamonds at the

three level will keep them out of slam. But your key advantage is that you didn't get a club lead—as some unfortunates in 6♥ might. If you find the queen of diamonds you'll make seven (seven diamonds, five hearts and the ace of spades) even though you're off an ace.

Is it 100% that LHO has the queen of hearts? the ace of clubs? the other club honours? You can virtually place LHO with the ace of clubs—without it he'd have only ten

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high card points for his vulnerable overcall. The others are not 100% since people have been known to overcall with twelve. But these other cards are, well over 50% of the time, going to be in LHO's hand. One interesting point is that they have a ten card spade fit and RHO could not make a preemptive raise at his first turn. (Holding a zero count doesn't stop people from pre-empting when they see a good fit these days.) Perhaps LHO has seven spades.

What do I pitch from hand on the ace of spades? In IMPs, sure, pitch a heart. After pulling trumps, you can play ace-king-ruff in hearts, returning to the jack of diamonds to pitch two clubs, leaving one loser if hearts break or the queen falls in three rounds, as it almost certainly will. The trouble is, in matchpoints this abandons all hope at making seven, which may add as much as 30% to your score for the board. So pitch a club and go for it.

Is there any other plan other than pulling trumps and then playing the king of hearts and a low one to the dummy? Yes. You might try leading the jack of hearts immediately. RHO, with very little information about the distribution so far, may cover, or give you a tell.

What's a tell? A tell tells you what he's got. Comes from poker.

Time to continue. I'll repeat the layout since you've turned the page.

♠ AJ5 ♥ AJT64 ♦ J63 ♣ T9

K♠ led vs 6♦

♠ — ♥ K85 ♦ AKQ9875 ♣ K74

You pitch a club on the ace of spades and play the jack of hearts from dummy. RHO plays a smooth but disinterested deuce. You win the king, LHO playing the three, and pull two rounds of trumps with the ace and king. (LHO has the single-

ton deuce of diamonds.) You lead the five of hearts from hand and LHO plays the seven. You finesse the ten and there's good news and bad news. The good news is that the ten wins. The bad news is that RHO hasn't got any more. The heart position at trick six, lead in dummy:

Dummy: ♥ A64

LHO: ♥ Q9

You: ♥ 8

Thanks, McBruce. Your cute play of the jack of hearts from dummy has ensured down one. I'm losing a heart and a club and there isn't a thing I can do about it. This is not a question. Think again.

LHO overcalled one spade and had four hearts as well? Yes.

What the unprintable is going on here? Congratulations! Now you're thinking like an expert!

This is not an answer! OK, we're even. Let's see what we have. LHO has four hearts, one diamond, and at least six spades. If he had only five, he might have doubled with 5-4-1-3 distribution instead of overcalling (but I recommend overcalling with hands like that). Most importantly, if he had only five spades, RHO also has five spades and certainly would never have passed with five card support. This leaves one or two clubs, one of which we know is the ace.

Hey! RHO must have at least one point, since LHO can't have two clubs to the AQJ, and we know he has at most two. Good point. So we know that LHO started with six or seven spades to the king-queen, four hearts to the queen, a singleton diamond and the ace of clubs and perhaps one other.

Aha! Ace of hearts, ruff a heart, jack of diamonds, heart pitching a club, making six, right? Right, but: you can do better...

Why are you torturing me like this? Well, let me confess. When I

played the hand, I made the same jack of hearts play, but first I pulled trumps, ending on the board by leading the five to the jack. So I didn't have that option at this point—no convenient re-entry to dummy. But I made seven, and you can too.

Well, it isn't a club lead that's going to work, and you won't let me ruff out hearts so it must be a diamond from dummy. What happens if I lead out my diamonds? Work it out.

OK. Playing all my diamonds reduces everyone to three cards. When I lead the last diamond I will have two clubs and a heart in my hand, and three hearts plus the jack of spades in dummy. LHO will be down to the queen of spades, the queen-nine of hearts, and the ace of clubs. If he pitches a heart, I pitch the jack of spades and make three more hearts. If he pitches the ace of clubs, I pitch the third heart from dummy and lead the king of clubs. He's squeezed again: if he throws a heart I toss the jack of spades and make two hearts; if he throws the queen of spades, I toss a heart and make the ace of hearts and the jack of spades. But what happens if he tosses the queen of spades? Then you pitch a heart, play a heart to the ace and the jack of spades and give him the last trick.

How did you make seven then? Easy! LHO pitched the ace of clubs.

But you said he was an expert defender! He was. He decided to hope that partner had the king of clubs. Not so unreasonable, since he started with the ace-doubleton and the clubs had to be somewhere. If partner had the king then there was no squeeze and we were going down. If partner didn't he was pinned to a bad score whether we made six or seven, so why not hope? I might easily have held QJx instead of Kxx in clubs. Even expert defenders make mistakes: but you have to make them sweat!

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Arbutus Village Bridge Club

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
28-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

BY INVITATION ONLY

Anne Nagy 271-0720
coffee, tea, cookies

Thursdays at 7:30 pm sharp

Squamish Bridge Club

1471 Pemberton Street, Squamish

Mondays at 7:30 pm

First Monday: Handicap game

Third Monday: Trophy Race Game

Lorraine Hurren 898-2702

Closed end of June: reopens September 11.

Hollyburn Bridge Club

Hollyburn Country Club

950 Cross Creek, West Vancouver

Mondays at 7:30 pm, open to all

Thursdays at 9:30 am, by invitation only

Louis Landau 984-8309

"Bridge with a view"

South Surrey Bridge Club

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

Director: Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300

Partnerships: Dot Carnegie 535-8286

Mondays at 7:15 pm

First Monday of each month Stratified
Computer Scoring Partners Guaranteed

May 29, Aug 14: Club Championship Games

June 5: STaC Game

July 10: NAOP Club Qualifying Game

Recent Winners:

Charity Game: Gilbert Lambert & Sheila Sache

Teams: Wilf May, Kathy Adachi, Ina

Andersen, Grace Jeklin

Club Championship: Wilf May & Don Sache: 64.26%

Rookie-Master Game: Daisy Neilson & Paul Pieron

More Team Winners: Ric Sumner, Pat

Jones, John Horne, Debbie Williams

Polski Klub Brydzowy

Polish Combatant Centre

1134 Kingsway, Vancouver

Waldemar Jez 527-8854

Alternate Fridays at 7:30pm

By invitation only



North Shore Winter Club Bridge

1325 E. Keith Road, North Vancouver

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm (pairs)

Louis Landau 984-8309

Hastings Bridge Club

1950 Windermere St. (at 4th Ave), Vancouver
cookies, tea, coffee

Marianne Scott 298-3932

Wednesdays at 10:30 am sharp

June 7 STaC Game

June 21, August 2 Club Championship Games

Aug 30 Charity Game

Sept 20 Don Fraser Trophy Game

SUBURBIA CLUBS Gilbert Lambert 535-8286

New Westminster Bridge Club

Century House

620 8th Street

New Westminster

Thursdays 7:15 pm

June 8: STaC Game

June 15: Closed for Pentiction

June 29: Swiss Teams

July 13: NAOP Club

Qualifying Game

August 10: Swiss Teams Club

Championship Game

Sur-Del Bridge Club

St Cuthbert Anglican Church

11601 82nd Ave.

North Delta

Fridays 7:30 pm

June 9: STaC Game

June 16: Closed for Pentiction

July 7: Swiss Teams

August 25: Swiss Teams Club

Championship Game

Central Richmond Bridge Club

7891 Cambie Road, Richmond

(Richmond Rod & Gun Club)

coffee & goodies computer scoring

Albert Yallouz 321-1891

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm sharp

June 7: STaC Game

June 28: Stratified Club Championship

August 9: Stratified Charity Game

September 13: Stratified Club Championship

April 12 STaC Winners:

(N-S) Les Fouks & Ashley Krisman

(E-W) Don Keith & Andrew Lee

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Unit 430 Weekly Duplicate Game List

Most recent update: May 13, 2000. Not including invitation-only clubs.

| Day | Time | Club | Director | Game Details | Next CC | Last Reported Club Champions |
|-----|-------|------|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Mon | 10:00 | VCR | L. Landau | Open stratified | 17 Jul | Geraldine Lacroix/Amir Alibhai |
| | 10:45 | BBY | H. Dressler | Open stratified | 12 Aug | Gary Phelan/Harold Hansen |
| | 7:15 | SRY | A. Browning | Open (1st Mon: stratified) | 29 May, 14 Aug | Wilf May/Don Sache |
| | 7:15 | TSW | F. Schultz | Open | 5 Jun | unknown |
| | 7:30 | CWK | B. Percher | Open (last Mon: stratified) | 14 Aug | Doug & Donna Steinson |
| | 7:30 | SQU | W. Jonat | Open (1st Mon: Handicap, 3rd Mon: Trophy race game) | Closed July 3–Sept 4 | |
| | 7:30 | HBN | L. Landau | Open stratified | TBA | unknown |
| | 7:30 | VBC | B. Bart | 0-200 MP, stratified | 15 May, 17 Jul | Held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline |
| Tue | 10:45 | VBC | B. Russell | Open stratified | 22 Aug | Al French/Dave House |
| | 11:00 | S-W | F. Schultz | Open | 6 Jun | unknown |
| | 7:30 | NSW | L. Landau | Open stratified | TBA | unknown |
| | 7:30 | BBY | H. Dressler | Open stratified | 16 May, 15 Aug | Held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline |
| | 7:30 | VBC | A. Ballantyne | Open stratified | 1 Aug | Thomas Wong/Aidan Ballantyne |
| Wed | 10:00 | VCR | L. Landau | Open stratified | 24 May | Ancient history; records destroyed! |
| | 10:30 | HAS | M. Scott | Open stratified | 21 Jun | Eleanor Kaufman/Myra Morgan |
| | 10:45 | VBC | B. Russell | 0-100 MP, stratified | TBA | Anita Soldari/Ken Hanson, Elsie MacKinnon/Ivy Pye |
| | 7:15 | WRK | A. Browning | Open (last Wed: stratified) | 31 May, 9 Aug | Joni Johnston/Greg Morse |
| | 7:15 | VCR | L. Landau | Open stratified | 21 Jun | Rose & Keith Miller |
| | 7:30 | C.R | A. Yallouz | Open stratified | 28 Jun | Susan McBride/Insa Fricker |
| | 7:30 | M-R | B. Percher | Open stratified | 27 Sep | Held after <i>Matchpointer</i> deadline |
| | 7:30 | VBC | R. Dunn | Stratified by # of LMs | 31 May, 5 Jul | Duane Tilden/Ken Lochang |
| Thu | 11:00 | JCC | C. Delisle | Open stratified | 13 Jul | Bonnie Anderson/Antoinette Sheffield |
| | 7:15 | NWR | G. Lambert | Open stratified | 10 Aug: teams | Harry Friedman, Ernie Dietrich, Wilf May, Kathy Adachi |
| | 7:30 | MIS | B. Percher | Open stratified | 25 May | Brian Lee/Ken Cowherd |
| | 7:30 | VBC | E. Chan | 0-20 MP | 25 May | Susan Mitchell/Judy Christensen |
| | 7:30 | VBC | G. Davis | Open stratified | 25 May | Aidan Ballantyne/Ben Takemori |
| Fri | 10:45 | VBC | B. Russell | Open stratified | 23 Jun | Dave House/John DeMeulemeester |
| | 7:30 | ABB | B. Percher | Open stratified | 2 Jun, 18 Aug | Roselle McRae/Ken Cowherd |
| | 7:30 | PKB | W. Jez | Alternate Fridays: see club ad for dates: Closed July-August. Not ACBL-affiliated. | | |
| | 7:30 | S-D | G. Lambert | Open stratified | 25 Aug: teams | Garry Skoropada, Ernie Dietrich, Albert & Nadia Yallouz |
| | 7:30 | VBC | E. Chan | Open (last Fri: TGIF Party) | 30 Jun | Ram Hira/Garry Skoropada |
| Sat | 7:30 | VBC | L. Landau | Monthly Unit Game, open stratified, first Sat. each month (with some exceptions) | | |
| Sun | 1:00 | RMD | E. Dietrich | Open stratified | 4 Jun, 3 Sep | Debbie Williams/John Horne |
| | 1:00 | VBC | E. Chan | Open stratified | 24 Sep | Alex Jack/Eugene Chan |

Please check the listings on the next page for special events and club closures before attending club games.

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Special Events at Clubs

May 23—August 31, 2000

| Date | Time | Club | What's Happening |
|--------|-------|------|--------------------------------|
| 24 May | 10:00 | VCR | Club Championship Game |
| 25 May | 7:30 | MIS | Club Championship Game |
| 25 May | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game (0-20) |
| 25 May | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game (open) |
| 26 May | 7:30 | PKB | Bi-weekly game (non-ACBL) |
| 26 May | 7:30 | VBC | TGIF Party Game |
| 28 May | 1:00 | VBC | Swiss Teams (one session) |
| 29 May | 7:15 | SRY | Club Championship Game |
| 31 May | 7:15 | WRK | Club Championship (Stratified) |
| 31 May | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game |

Club Abbreviations and Contacts

| Abbr | Club Name | Club Contact | Phone No. | Page |
|------|---|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| ABB | Abbotsford DBC | Bob Percher | 792-4389 | 15 |
| ARB | Arbutus Village BC (invitation only) | Anne Nagy | 271-0720 | 11 |
| BBY | Burnaby DBC | Hazel Dressler | 524-4445 | 21 |
| C.R | Central Richmond BC | Albert Yallouz | 321-1891 | 11 |
| CWK | Chilliwack DBC | Bob Percher | 792-4389 | 15 |
| HAS | Hastings BC | Marianne Scott | 298-3932 | 11 |
| HBN | Hollyburn BC | Louis Landau | 984-8309 | 11 |
| JCC | Jewish Comm. Ctr. DBC | Connie Delisle | 263-9196 | 21 |
| MIS | Mission DBC | Bob Percher | 792-4389 | 15 |
| M-R | Maple Ridge DBC | Bob Percher | 792-4389 | 15 |
| N-W | New-West BC | Gilbert Lambert | 535-8286 | 11 |
| NSW | North Shore Winter Club | Louis Landau | 984-8309 | 11 |
| PKB | Polish Bridge Club (non-ACBL) | Waldemar Jez | 527-8854 | 11 |
| RMD | East Richmond BC | Ernie Dietrich | 936-2298 | 15 |
| S-D | Sur-Del BC | Gilbert Lambert | 535-8286 | 11 |
| S-W | South-West DBC | Finn Schultz | 534-5025 | 5 |
| SRY | South Surrey BC | Arlene Browning | 870-9300 | 11 |
| SQU | Squamish DBC | Lorraine Hurren | 898-2702 | 11 |
| TSW | Tswassen BC | Finn Schultz | 534-5025 | 5 |
| VBC | Vancouver Bridge Centre | Club telephone: 255-2564 | | 16 |
| VCR | Vancouver Bridge Club | Louis Landau | 984-8309 | 14 |
| WRK | White Rock BC | Arlene Browning | 870-9300 | 20 |

| Date | Time | Club | What's Happening |
|----------|-------|------|--|
| 31 May | 7:30 | CWK | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 2 Jun | 7:30 | ABB | Club Championship Game |
| 2 Jun | 7:30 | VBC | WBF World-Wide Pairs. |
| 3 Jun | 1:00 | VBC | WBF World-Wide Pairs |
| 3 Jun | 7:30 | VBC | Monthly Unit Game |
| 4 Jun | 1:00 | RMD | Club Championship (stratified) |
| 4 Jun | 1:00 | VBC | Junior Championship |
| 5 Jun | 7:30 | SQU | Monthly Handicap Game |
| 5-11 Jun | | | Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Win silver points at your local club game! District-wide scoring leaders will win large sectionally-rated overalls in silver points. All Unit 430 clubs will be participating in the STaC. |
| 9 Jun | 7:30 | PKB | Bi-weekly game (non-ACBL) |
| 14 Jun | 7:15 | VCR | No Wednesday evening game this week (the morning game is still on as usual). |
| 15 Jun | 7:30 | NWR | No game this week. |
| 16 Jun | 7:30 | S-D | No game this week. |
| 19 Jun | 7:15 | TSW | Club Championship Game |
| 19 Jun | 7:30 | SQU | Monthly Trophy Race Game |
| 20 Jun | 11:00 | S-W | Club Championship Game |
| 20 Jun | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 21 Jun | 10:30 | HAS | Club Championship Game |
| 21 Jun | 7:15 | WRK | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 21 Jun | 7:15 | VCR | Club Championship Game |
| 21 Jun | 7:30 | C.R | Club Championship Game |
| 23 Jun | 10:45 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 23 Jun | 7:30 | PKB | Bi-weekly game (last until club re-opens in September) |
| 26 Jun | 7:30 | CWK | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 26 Jun | 7:30 | SQU | Final game before summer closure—club reopens Sept. 11 |
| 26 Jun | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying (Flight C only) |
| 28 Jun | 7:15 | WRK | Club Closed |
| 28 Jun | 7:30 | C.R | Club Championship Game |
| 29 Jun | 7:15 | NWR | Swiss Teams |
| 30 Jun | 7:30 | VBC | TGIF/"Happy Birthday Eugene" Club Championship Game |
| 1 Jul | 10:00 | VCR | Annual 2-session St. David's Swiss Teams—note special day and starting time |
| 2 Jul | 1:00 | RMD | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 2 Jul | 1:00 | VBC | June Winners Free Play Game |
| 3 Jul | 10:00 | VCR | Canada Day Holiday Pairs |
| 3 Jul | 7:15 | SRY | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 5 Jul | 10:00 | VCR | Handicap Game |
| 5 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 7 Jul | 7:30 | S-D | Swiss Teams |

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| Date | Time | Club | What's Happening |
|--------|-------|------|--|
| 8 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | Monthly Unit Game |
| 9 Jul | 1:00 | VBC | 8th Anniversary Bash. An afternoon team game, a BBQ, and an evening pairs game. Details TBA. |
| 10 Jul | 7:30 | SRY | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 11 Jul | 10:45 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 13 Jul | 11:00 | JCC | Club Championship Game |
| 13 Jul | 7:30 | NWR | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 13 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 17 Jul | 10:00 | VCR | Club Championship Game |
| 17 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game (0-300) |
| 19 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 25 Jul | 7:30 | BBY | Game for Canadian Charities |
| 26 Jul | 7:15 | WRK | NAOP Qualifying (stratified) |
| 26 Jul | 7:30 | M-R | CBF Charity Game |
| 28 Jul | 7:30 | ABB | CBF Charity Game |
| 28 Jul | 6:00 | VBC | Hands Across The Border dinner |
| 28 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | Hands Across The Border Swiss Teams (see ad, page 16) |
| 30 Jul | 1:00 | VBC | Monthly Swiss Teams |
| 31 Jul | 7:30 | CWK | CBF Charity Stratified Game |
| 31 Jul | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying (Flight C only) |
| 1 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 3 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game (0-20) |
| 3 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 5 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | Monthly Unit Game |
| 6 Aug | 1:00 | RMD | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 6 Aug | 1:00 | VBC | July Winners Free Play Game |
| 7 Aug | 10:00 | VCR | BC Day Ambleside Open Pairs |
| 7 Aug | 10:45 | BBY | Site closed—annual maintenance |
| 7 Aug | 7:15 | SRY | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 8 Aug | 7:30 | BBY | Site closed—annual maintenance |
| 9 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Club Qualifying Game |

| Date | Time | Club | What's Happening |
|--------|-------|------|---------------------------------|
| 9 Aug | 10:00 | VCR | ACBL International Fund Game |
| 9 Aug | 7:15 | VCR | ACBL International Fund Game |
| 9 Aug | 7:15 | WRK | Club Championship Game |
| 9 Aug | 7:30 | C.R | Charity Game |
| 10 Aug | 7:15 | NWR | Swiss Teams Club Championship |
| 11 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | International Fund Game |
| 14 Aug | 7:15 | SRY | Club Championship Game |
| 14 Aug | 7:30 | CWK | Club Championship Game |
| 15 Aug | 7:30 | BBY | Club Championship Game |
| 16 Aug | 10:00 | VCR | Handicap Club Championship |
| 18 Aug | 7:30 | ABB | Club Championship Game |
| 21 Aug | 7:30 | CWK | Monthly Stratified Game |
| 21 Aug | 7:30 | BBY | Club Championship Game |
| 22 Aug | 10:45 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 23 Aug | 7:15 | WRK | WBF Charity Game (hand records) |
| 23 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |
| 25 Aug | 10:45 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 25 Aug | 7:30 | S-D | Swiss Teams Club Championship |
| 25 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | TGIF Party Game |
| 27 Aug | 1:00 | VBC | Monthly Swiss Teams |
| 31 Aug | 7:30 | MIS | CBF Charity Game |
| 31 Aug | 7:30 | VBC | NAOP Qualifying Game |

ADVANCE NOTICE

| Date | Time | Club | What's Happening |
|--------|-------|------|--------------------------------|
| 2 Sep | 7:30 | VBC | Monthly Unit Game |
| 3 Sep | 1:00 | RMD | Club Championship (stratified) |
| 4 Sep | 10:00 | VCR | Labour Day Holiday Pairs |
| 13 Sep | 7:15 | VCR | Club Championship Game |
| 13 Sep | 7:30 | C.R | Club Championship Game |
| 14 Sep | 7:30 | MIS | Club Championship Game |
| 20 Sep | 10:00 | VCR | Handicap Game |
| 24 Sep | 1:00 | VBC | Club Championship Game |
| 27 Sep | 7:30 | MIS | Club Championship Game |

Vancouver Bridge Club

St. David's Church, NW corner of Taylor Way and Highway 1, West Vancouver

Louis Landau 984-8309

All games non-smoking.
Computer scoring.

Monday 10:00 am stratified
Wednesday 10:00 am stratified
Wednesday 7:15 pm stratified

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

Club Championship Games:

Wednesday, May 24 (am)
Wednesday, June 21 (pm)
Monday, July 17
Wednesday, August 16 (am)

Handicap Games:

Monday, May 15
Wednesday, July 5 (am)
Wednesday, August 16 (am)

Holiday Monday Party Games:

May 22: Victoria Day Holiday Pairs
July 3: Canada Day Holiday Pairs
Aug. 7: BC Day Ambleside Open Pairs

Other Special Dates:

June 5, 7: STaC (all three games)

Wed., June 14: Day game is on, but no evening game (going to Penticton)

Sat., July 1: Annual St. David's Swiss Teams, 2 sessions starting at 10 am (note special weekday and time)

Wed., Aug 9: ACBL-wide International Fund Game (am and pm)

Winners: ACBL-wide Seniors game: Barbara Mason/Bea Sadgrove Handicap Games: Ed Marchuk/Bonnie Anderson (Feb.); Peter Morse/Claire Burns (Apr.) High Scores: Bob Butler/Suzette Behar (70.83%, Apr 19); Pat Landau/Maria Dabrowski (75.97%, Apr 26, the highest score in club records!!)

New Life Masters

and new shades of LMs...

Congratulations to Unit 430s new

Life Masters (since January)

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Margaret Eyre</i> | <i>Ferdinando Pieralli</i> |
| <i>Win Trerise</i> | <i>Beverly Cullen</i> |
| <i>Harry Friedman</i> | <i>Alex Jack</i> |
| <i>Bernice Mulock</i> | <i>Breda Prestage</i> |

New Bronze Life Masters(500 MP)

Bill Osten
Judy Strebinger
Dan Webster
Marion Crowhurst
Harry Friedman

New Silver Life Masters(1000 MP)

Clair Burns
Trudy Hurdle

New Diamond Life Master (5,000 MP)

Marylou Bert

East Richmond Bridge Club

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

Ernie Dietrich 936-2298

\$5.00 entry includes lunch

Sundays at 1:00 pm

First Sunday of each month is stratified

June 4, Sept 3: Club Championships (stratified)

June 11: STaC Game

Recent Winners

Club Championship: Debbie Williams & John Horne

Charity Game: Delphine Tablotney & Rhoda Tafler

STaC: Bev Kanee & Toyo Nunoda

(2nd overall in DINO!)

Betty Mintzberg & Gerti Stanford (4th overall)

Trophy Races

| Phil Wood Trophy Race | | Edie Bonnell Trophy Race | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Leaders after Winter Sectional | | Leaders after Winter Sectional | |
| 1. 28.38 | Michael Hargreaves | 1. 15.38 | Gay Parrish |
| 2. 25.88 | Gordon McOrmond | 2. 14.76 | Trudy Hurdle |
| 3. 17.50 | Dan Jacob | 3. 11.25 | Katrin Litwin |
| 4. 15.38 | Gay Parrish | 4. 9.09 | Rhonda Foster |
| 4. 15.38 | Jay Brandt | 5. 9.02 | Claire Burns |
| 6. 15.00 | Larry Hicks | 6. 8.91 | Pat Wotherspoon |
| 7. 14.76 | John Hurdle | 7. 8.91 | Elaine Levins |
| 7. 14.76 | Trudy Hurdle | 7. 8.91 | Julia Barsel |
| 9. 11.63 | Richard Christie | 9. 8.26 | Dianne Isfeld |
| 10. 11.51 | Leszek Baldys | 10. 7.08 | Anne Scott |
| 11. 11.25 | Aidan Ballantyne | | |
| 11. 11.25 | Katrin Litwin | | |
| 13. 10.28 | Tai Eng | | |
| 14. 9.96 | Ernie Dietrich | | |
| 15. 9.36 | Dennis Groden | | |
| 15. 9.36 | Alex Kiper | | |
| 15. 9.36 | Haiderali Nazak | | |
| 18. 9.09 | Rhonda Foster | | |
| 19. 9.02 | Peter Morse | | |
| 19. 9.02 | Claire Burns | | |
| 21. 9.00 | Nurdin Kassam | | |
| 22. 8.91 | Pat Wotherspoon | | |
| 22. 8.91 | Ronald Groome | | |
| 22. 8.91 | Elaine Levins | | |
| 22. 8.91 | Julia Barsel | | |

| Future Stars Sectional | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Top Ten Masterpoint Winners | |
| 1. 5.48 | Carol-Ann Halliday |
| 2. 4.63 | Eda Kadar |
| 2. 4.63 | Brian Cross |
| 4. 3.36 | Alice Thomas |
| 4. 3.36 | Gary Thomas |
| 6. 3.28 | David Hooley |
| 7. 2.66 | Marjorie Armstrong |
| 7. 2.66 | Lena Kwak |
| 9. 2.20 | Theresa Kong |
| 10. 2.06 | John Emmerson |

945.29 masterpoints were won by 325 players at the Winter Sectional (a further 55 played but didn't win any.) No time to determine who is eligible for the Leo Steil or Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy Races. Check the August issue for updates.

The Valley Clubs **Bob Percher 792-4389** Partners always guaranteed!

| Chilliwack | Maple Ridge | Mission | Abbotsford |
|--|---|---|---|
| Senior Recreation Centre 9400 College Street <i>Mondays, 7:30pm</i> Stratified game last Monday of each month June 5: STaC Game July 31: CBF Charity Game Aug 14: Club Championship | Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Centre 12148 224th Street <i>Wednesdays, 7:30pm</i> June 7: STaC Game July 26: CBF Charity Game Sept 27: Club Championship | Memorial Centre 33070-5th Avenue <i>Thursdays, 7:30pm</i> May 25: Club Championship June 8: STaC Game Aug 31: CBF Charity Game Oct 8: Club Championship | McCallum Activity Centre 2478 McCallum Road <i>Fridays, 7:30pm</i> June 2: Club Championship June 9: STaC Game July 28: CBF Charity Game Aug 18: Club Championship Oct 27: Club Championship |

Movers and Shakers

by Mark Eddy

Finally, the final word on who won the Ace of Clubs (most points at club games only) and Mini-McKenney (most points won anywhere you can win 'em) for the year 1999.

We had a bit of a delay this year because of the fallout from the break-in at the VBC over Christmas. The ACBL didn't get the VBC points in time because of the difficulty in recovering from a lost computer, so when they did, they asked me to work out from the VBC numbers and the lists produced without the VBC numbers who won. So we don't have the usual list of three in each category, because this type of algebra is too tough for me—once I had determined the winners I went on.

All the categories are based on what people had at the start of 1999.

Rookie of The Year (0-5 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Carol-Ann Halliday
Mini McKenney: Carol-Ann Halliday

Junior Master of The Year (5-20 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Betty Reynolds
Mini McKenney: Betty Reynolds

Club Master of The Year (20-50 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Richard Smillie
Mini McKenney: Kenny Chan

Sectional Master of The Year (50-100 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Andrew Lee
Mini McKenney: Marti Oppenheimer

Regional Master of The Year (100-200 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Robert Butler
Mini McKenney: Vicki Croome

NABC Master of The Year (200-300 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Mark Eddy
Mini McKenney: Mark Eddy

Life Master of The Year (300-500 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Martin Henneberger
Mini McKenney: Martin Henneberger

Bronze Life Master of The Year (500-1000 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Yuko Fujieda
Mini McKenney: Claire Burns

Silver Life Master of The Year (1000-2500 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Bonnie Anderson
Mini McKenney: Don Sache

Gold Life Master of The Year (2500-5000 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Mary Fines
Mini McKenney: Brian Maksymetz

Diamond Life Master of The Year (2500-5000 MP)

Ace of Clubs: Laurence Betts
Mini McKenney: Dan Jacob

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lessons, books, seminars

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| | | |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday | 7:30pm | Intermediate, 0-300 MP Stratified |
| Tuesday | 10:45am | Stratified Open—Inexpensive Lunch |
| | 7:30pm | Tuesday Night Stratified Open |
| Wednesday | 10:45 am | Newplicate, 0-200 MP Stratified |
| | 7:30 pm | Stratified: both LMs A, one B, none C |
| Thursday | 7:30 pm | Rookie Game 0-20 MP Stratified |
| | 7:30 pm | Thursday Night Jackpot Stratified |
| Friday | 10:45 am | Stratified Open—Inexpensive Lunch |
| | 7:30 pm | Lucky Number Jackpot Open |
| Saturday | 7:30 pm | Unit Game (first Sat. each month) |
| Sunday | 1:00 pm | Sunday Open Stratified |

Last Friday of each month: TGIF Party Night

Starting in July: Monthly Winners Free Play Sunday—all first overall winners the preceding month play free in the first Sunday game of the month.

Also starting in July: Monthly Sunday Swiss Teams. One session Swiss Teams on the last Sunday of each month. (Try it out on May 28.)

Bridge Centre Special Events

WBF World Wide Pairs—two separate sessions, Friday June 2 (7:30pm), and Saturday June 3 (1:00 pm). Play one or both. This year, the event (formerly known as Epsom) will be scored normally (no instant matchpoints), but all scores from all games worldwide will be sent to a computer in England. Top scores will net over one million matchpoints!

Hands Across The Border (Friday, July 28)—Greet a group of touring American bridge players at the end of their cross-Canada tour by rail, with a catered dinner and a one-session Swiss Teams. Dinner at 6pm, Bridge at 7:30. Space is limited, so sign up early. \$20.00 entry includes dinner, \$18.00 pre-paid by July 14.

NAOP Qualifying—Nine games at the Bridge Centre from June thru August, including the popular, "last chance" game Aug 31, and two Flight C only games June 26 and July 31.

STaC—Win Silver Points at the Bridge Centre June 5-11!

VBCs 8th Anniversary Bash (Sunday, July 9) Flighted teams at 1:00, a BBQ dinner, then a special pairs game Sunday evening. Watch for details.

Summer IMP League 2000—This popular summer teams event is still in the planning stages, watch for details.

Special TGIF (June 30): E.C.'s birthday party. Don't miss it!
VBC air conditioning works well—dress warmly!

Monthly Unit Games

Where are the non-Life Masters?

If you haven't got your gold card yet, but want to play in a fun, competitive, monthly game for experience, the Monthly Unit Game is for you! We need more pairs of non-Life Masters playing in the games to make the C strat large enough for overall awards. So far in 2000 we have not attracted the required five pairs to make a valid C strat.

Monthly Unit Games are held on the first Saturday of each month (with a few exceptions) at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, starting at 7:30pm. Games are

| A | B | January 8, 2000 | (12 tables) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | | Julia Barsel/Evelyn Hodge | |
| 2 | | David House/Gregory Arbour | |
| 3 | 1 | Danny Lee/John Whittlesey | |
| 4 | 2 | Clare Way/Leszek Baldys | |
| 5 | | Judy Strebinger/Don Brazeau | |
| 6 | 3 | Carol-Ann Halliday/David Hooley | |
| | 4 | Sandra Robson/Patti Adams | |

| A | B | February 5, 2000 | (12 more tables) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Mike Moffatt/Vicki Croome | |
| 2 | | Chester Michno/Gordon Davis | |
| 3 | | Michael Takemori/Pauline McClafferty | |
| 4 | 2 | David Hooley/Carol-Ann Halliday | |
| 5 | | George Bell/Ram Hira | |
| 6 | | Pearl Minkoff/Anne Nagy | |
| | 3 | Diane Ayukawa/Richard Dunn | |
| | 4 | John Whittlesey/Danny Lee | |

| A | B | March 4, 2000 | (again 12 tables) |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | | Doug Cowan/Patricia Landau | |
| 2 | | Joerg Schneider/Bonnie Anderson | |
| 3 | | June Pocock/Brad Bart | |
| 4 | | Sherman Kwan/Kathy Adachi | |
| 5 | | Martin Henneberger/Larry Pocock | |
| 6 | | Michael Takemori/Ben Takemori | |
| | 1 | Mark Eddy/Samantha Nystrom | |
| | 2 | Gary Gilraine/Faye Gilraine | |
| | 3 | Phillip Awram/Leszek Baldys | |
| | 4 | Ken Lochang/Pauline McClafferty | |

| A | B | April 8, 2000 | (yet again 12 tables!) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Grzegorz Barszcz/Waldemar Jez | |
| 2 | | David House/Laurence Betts | |
| 3 | | Tony Remedios/Tove Chen | |
| 4 | | Garry Skoropada/Eugene Chan | |
| 5 | 2 | Nick Parker/Janis Parker | |
| 6 | | Wilf May/Kathy Adachi | |
| | 3 | Phillip Awram/Leszek Baldys | |
| | 4 | Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz | |

stratified with 300 the C limit and 1000 the B limit. Despite getting exactly twelve tables on each occasion thus far in 2000, there's room for more!

No partner? We'll find you one if you come early enough. There is a rotating list of stand-by players who agree to play (for free) if there is an extra player left over at game time. If you'd like to be on this list, let us know at the next game.

Eight players have perfect attendance so far in 2000: Bonnie Anderson, Les Baldys, Vicki Croome, Ev Hodge, Pat Landau, Mike Moffatt, Donna Morrison, and Joerg Schneider. Ten others have played four of the first five. Louis Landau, of course, has perfect attendance as our Director!

| A | B | May 6, 2000 | (you guessed it: 12 tables) |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Kathy Bye/Greg Lam | |
| 2 | 2 | Toyo Nunoda/Ruby Jackson | |
| 3 | | Don Brazeau/Judy Strebinger | |
| 4 | | Pearl Minkoff/Anne Nagy | |
| 5 | 3 | Tony Remedios/Tove Chen | |
| 6 | 4 | David Hooley/Frank Cheng | |

| A | B | MP | MUG Standings after the May game |
|----|----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | 4.99 | David House |
| 2 | 1 | 4.12 | Mike Moffatt |
| 2 | 1 | 4.12 | Vicki Croome |
| 4 | 3 | 3.72 | Kathy Bye |
| 5 | 4 | 3.26 | David Hooley |
| 6 | | 3.12 | Evelyn Hodge |
| 6 | | 3.12 | Patricia Landau |
| 6 | 5 | 3.12 | Waldemar Jez |
| 6 | | 3.12 | Doug Cowan |
| 6 | 5 | 3.12 | Julia Barsel |
| 6 | 5 | 3.12 | Grzegorz Barszcz |
| 6 | 5 | 3.12 | Greg Lam |
| 13 | 9 | 3.04 | Leszek Baldys |
| 14 | | 2.77 | Bonnie Anderson |
| 14 | | 2.77 | Joerg Schneider |
| 16 | 10 | 2.75 | Tove Chen |
| 16 | | 2.75 | Tony Remedios |
| 16 | | 2.75 | Don Brazeau |
| 16 | | 2.75 | Judy Strebinger |
| 20 | | 2.65 | Gregory Arbour |
| 21 | | 2.52 | Carol-Ann Halliday |
| 22 | | 2.50 | Michael Takemori |
| 23 | | 2.48 | John Whittlesey |
| 23 | | 2.48 | Pauline McClafferty |
| 23 | | 2.48 | Danny Lee |

135.06 masterpoints have been won by 73 people (a further 44 people have played but have not won any) in Monthly Unit Games so far in 2000. The incredible number of ties is because we keep getting exactly 12 tables and thus are giving out the same awards over and over. The Flight C race is on even without any Flight C awards, but I didn't have time to scour the records to find out who was eligible. In fact, I'm guessing with the Flight B listings above. My guess is that David Hooley leads Flight C so far. More facts than guesses in the August issue.

Winners

Matchpointer

March-April 2000

Winter Sectional Burnaby, March 31-April 2

| A | B | C | Fri. Aft. Stratified Pairs (36 tables) |
|---|---|-----|--|
| 1 | | | Rhonda Foster/Richard Christie |
| 2 | 1 | | Ted Lai/Chester Michno |
| 3 | 2 | | Amirali Alibhai/Robert Butler |
| 4 | 3 | | Terry Stokes/Santokh Sian |
| 5 | 4 | | Rangie Sylvestre/Adi Wadia |
| 6 | 5 | | Claire Burns/Peter Morse |
| | 6 | | Beverly Kanee/Anne Smith |
| | | 1 | Bachan Buttar/Rae Fee |
| | | 2 | Gypsy Sturrock/Shirley Laidlaw |
| | | 3 | Gordon Burns/Judith Wilson |
| | | 4 | Yvonne Drane/Sophie Cymbalista |
| | | 5 | Veronica Peacock/Maureen Crompton |
| | | 6/7 | Ghods Ahmad/Zohreh Bassiri |
| | | 6/7 | Carol-Ann Halliday/Brian Cross |

| A | B | Friday Evening Henry Smilie Mixed B-A-M Teams (16 teams) |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | | Leslie Gold, Kathy Adachi, Michael Dimich, Wilf May |
| 2/3 | | Marcia & Richard Christie, Grace Jeklin, Doug Hansford |
| 2/3 | | Dan & Christina Jacob, Michael & Debbie Hargreaves |
| 4/6 | | Dianne Isfeld, Ben Takemori, Chris & Gina Diamond |
| 4/6 | | Terry & Frances Gould, Bob & Aban Gerrie |
| 4/6 | 1 | Eda Kadar, Brian Cross, Carol-Ann Halliday, David Hooy |
| | 2 | Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Andrew Ross, Anne Scott |
| | 3 | Kenny Chan, Ruby Jackson, Sandra Hawk, Hing Kong Ho |

| A | B | C | Friday Eve. Side Pairs (25 tables) |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Donna Morrison/George Bell |
| 2 | 1 | | Gay Parrish/Jay Brandt |
| 3 | 2 | | Barry Kirkham/James Lenobel |
| 4 | 3 | | Dianne Kerr/Sky Williamson |
| 5 | 4 | | Tai Eng/Insa Fricker |
| 6 | | | Garry Skoropada/Delphine Tablotney |
| | 5 | | John Whittlesey/Danny Lee |
| | 6 | 1 | Sid Robinson/Charlotte Alekson |

| A | B | C | Friday Eve. Side Pairs (continued) |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | | 2 | Noorali Dhahani/Harry Greenhut |
| | | 3 | Norma McNamara/Ida Kok |
| | | 4 | Bachan Buttar/Rae Fee |
| | | 5 | Ghods Ahmad/Zohreh Bassiri |

| D | E | F | Friday Eve. 99ers Pairs (10½ tables) |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Lynn Erickson/Ture Erickson |
| 2 | | | Joyce Goddard/Nell Smitheringale |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Alice Thomas/Gary Thomas |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | Freda Cryer/Julie Wooden |
| 5 | | | Kristina & Matt Bohdanowicz |
| 6 | 4 | 3 | Terry Eastwood/Anna Eastwood |
| | | 4 | Charles Postle/Lorna Brewer |

| D | E | F | Saturday two-session 99ers Pairs (10, 10 tables) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | Charlotte Alekson/Morrison Smeltzer |
| 2 | | | Eda Kadar/Brian Cross |
| 3 | 1 | | Beverly Hall/Edite Phillipotts |
| 4 | 2 | | Janice Barr/Chloe Clark |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | Charles Postle/Lorna Brewer |
| | 4 | | Lynn Erickson/Ture Erickson |
| | | 2 | Alice Thomas/Gary Thomas |

| Saturday two-session Adrian & June Budd Hicks Open Pairs (39,20 tables) | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. | | | Trudy Hurdle/John Hurdle |
| 2. | | | Gordon McOrmond/Michael Hargreaves |
| 3. | | | Haiderali Nazak/Nurdin Kassam |
| 4. | | | Dan Watson/Harold Hansen |
| 5. | | | Linda Mamula/Don Mamula |
| 6. | | | Phillip Awram/Lenora Awram |
| 7. | | | Ben Takemori/Michael Takemori |

| Consolation Pairs (22 tables) | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. | | | Fred Sontag/Tom Hammond |
| 2. | | | Michael Moffatt/Vicki Croome |
| 3. | | | Terry Stokes/Santokh Sian |
| 4/5. | | | Don Brazeau/Gordon Davis |
| 4/5. | | | Doug Cowan/Stephen Beaton |
| 6. | | | Michael Dimich/David House |

| A | X | Sunday Willy Weinstein Flight A/X Swiss Teams (16 teams) |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | | Gordon McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks |
| 2 | | Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Jay Brandt, Gay Parrish |
| 3 | | Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Cam Doner, Ron Borg |
| 4 | 1 | Alex Kiper, Dennis Groden, Leszek Baldys, Ernie Dietrich |
| 5 | 2 | Patti Adams, Martin Henneberger, Garry Skoropada, Dianne Isfeld |
| 3 | | Eugene Chan, Mark Eddy, Andrew Ross, Sherman Kwan |

| | | Sunday Mary Clarke | |
|----------|----------|---|--|
| B | C | Flight B/C Swiss Teams (34 Teams) | |
| 1 | | Ronald Groome, Elaine Levins, Tai Eng, Patricia Wotherspoon | |
| 2 | | Waldemar Jez, Greg Barszcz, Bruce McIntyre, Julia Barsel, Andrew Zorawski | |
| 3 | | Claire Burns, Peter Morse, Stephen Beaton, Anne Scott | |
| 4/5 | | Judy Murphy, Adi Wadia, Marti Oppenheimer, Greg Lam | |
| 4/5 | | John Currie, Sandra Robson, John Horne, Eleanor Kaufmann | |
| 6/7 | | Mariann Hutton, Maureen Crompton, Joyce Rhodes, Rekha Shah | |
| 6/7 | | Michael Moffatt, Gladys Mackie, Priscilla Brown, Vicki Croome | |
| | 1 | Norman Dreger, Nils Johnson, Ryan Park, Ed Kim | |
| | 2 | Carol-Ann Halliday, David Hooey, Brian Cross, Eda Kadar | |
| | 3 | Bobby Wood, Anita Morse, Patricia Stickland, Brenda Cameron | |

**Future Stars Sectional
April 15-16, Vancouver Bridge Centre**

| A | B | C | Sat. Aft. Stratified Pairs (10 Tables) |
|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Lena Kwak/Marjorie Armstrong |
| 2/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | Patricia Chen/Elaine Quinn |
| 2/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | Bill Gibson/Ed Wild |
| 4/5 | | | Rosemary Cunningham/Eileen Sayers |
| 4/5 | 4 | 4 | Adam Moszczynski/Grzegorz Kaznowski |
| 6/7 | 5 | 5 | Stuart Carr/Barry Yamanouchi |
| 6/7 | | | Peggy L. Ross/Karin Dunlop |
| | 6 | 6 | John Emmerson/Yoko Okubo |

| A | B | C | Sat Eve Strat Pairs (14 tables) |
|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 1 | | | Carol-Ann Halliday/Theresa Kong |
| 2 | 1 | | Eda Kadar/Brian Cross |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Jean Boyd/Terry Dee |
| 4 | 3 | | Gaby Uranyi/Verna Vass |
| 5 | | | Karin Dunlop/Peggy L Ross |
| 6 | 4 | | Bonnie Purcell/Gerald Purcell |
| | 5 | 2 | Alice Thomas/Gary Thomas |
| | 6 | 3 | Doloris Weisensel/Alma Weisensel |
| | | 4 | Joan Steuart/Oz Hershfield |
| | | 5 | Terry Eastwood/Anna Eastwood |

| A | B | C | Sun Aft Strat Pairs (11 tables) |
|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Alice Thomas/Gary Thomas |
| 2 | | | David Hooey/Carol-Ann Halliday |
| 3 | 2 | | Bonnie Purcell/Gerald Purcell |
| 4 | 3 | | Pauline Kay/Jill Wilson |
| 5 | | | Rae Fee/Norma McNamara |
| 6 | 4 | | Eda Kadar/Brian Cross |
| | 5 | 2 | Dorothy Longmuir/Victor Finberg |
| | | 3 | John Emmerson/Yoko Okubo |
| | | 4 | Jeff Graham/Craig T Wilson |

| A | B | Sun Eve Swiss Teams (10 teams) |
|----------|----------|--|
| 1 | | Carol-Ann Halliday, David Hooey, Eda Kadar, Brian Cross |
| 2 | 1 | Lynn Erickson, Ture Erickson, Terry Eastwood, Anna Eastwood |
| 3 | 2 | Stuart Carr, Cathy Miller, Samantha Nystrom, Charles Major |
| 4 | | Rae Fee, Norma McNamara, Victor Finberg, John Emmerson |

**Canadian Women's Teams Championship
CWTC B.C. ZONE FINAL**

| April 29, Vancouver Bridge Centre | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1 | | Margie Neate, Stella Alliston, Sheila Sache, Doreen McOrmond |
| 2 | | Dianne Isfeld, Tove Chen, Diane Ayukawa, Pauline McClafferty |
| 3 | | Phyllis Gerber, Donna Morrison, Helen Montgomery, Delphine Tablotney |

**Canadian National Team Championships
CNTC Unit 430 Final**

| February 19, Vancouver Bridge Centre | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | | Mike Hargreaves, Gord McOrmond, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz |
| 2 | | Larry & June Pockock, Don Sache, Doug Hansford, Martin Henneberger, Wilf May |
| 3 | | Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Cam Doner, Nicci Charleson, Ron Borg |

**CNTC B.C. Zone Final
April 15, Victoria**

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | | Peter Herold, Allan Terplawy, Ken Scholes, Gerald McCully, Felipe Hernandez, Piotr Klimowicz |
| 2 | | Peter Maclean, Mike Wilson, Ron Borg, Cameron Doner |
| 3 | | James & Constance McAvoy, Glen Thornborough, James Galand, Richard Grant, Alan Chapelle |
| 4 | | Larry Pockock, Martin Henneberger, Donald Sache, Wilf May |

**GNT District 19 Final
March 24-26, Everett WA**

| | | |
|----------|--|---|
| Flight A | | |
| 1 | | Cam Doner, Ron Borg, Mike Wilson, Peter Herold |
| Flight B | | |
| 1 | | Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Gilbert Lambert, Mike Moffatt |
| 2 | | Kenny Chan, H.K. Ho, John Whittelsey, Danny Lee |

(The winners are eligible to compete in the National Final in Anaheim in August. Congratulations and good luck!)

Special Events

ENG Tais one on in Seattle!

The Grand National Teams, held in Seattle over the March 24-26 weekend, finished with local teams on top in two of the three flights. First in Flight A was the team of **Mike Wilson, Cam Doner, Peter Herold, and Ron Borg**. (Canadian teams are now free to compete in the top flight of the GNT now that the event is not used as a qualifier to the Bermuda Bowl for American teams.)

In Flight B, sixteen teams played an eleven match Swiss to qualify four teams for the semi-finals. Despite a tough start (14th after three matches) the team of **Tai Eng, Insa Fricker, Gilbert Lambert, and Mike Mofatt** rallied to take 130 of 160 VPs on Saturday, finishing first. They faced the Seattle team that had blitzed them on Friday night in the Sunday morning semi-final. One lucky hand decided the match, with Eng making a 2♥ step response to a strong 2♠ opener, and right-siding the eventual 6♥ contract for a big swing.

In the Sunday afternoon final, ENG faced another local team (**Kenny Chan, H.K. Ho, John Whittlesey, and Danny Lee**). Whittlesey and Lee had paid US\$25 each to skate around their forgetting to qualify at the club level, but the ENG team prevailed by 50. The Eng and Wilson squads will now represent District 19 in the National Final this August in Anaheim.

COPC—In the club qualifying for the Canadian Open Pairs Championships, **Brian Russell and Mark Eddy** posted the best score in Unit 430 in a game at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. They will receive a subsidy to attend Bridge Week in Halifax in June. All players who qualified in club qualifying games are eligible to participate, along with players eliminated from the national final of team events.

CNTC—The B.C. Zone Final of the Canadian Na-

tional Team Championships was held a few weeks ago in Victoria a few weeks after the Unit Final at the Bridge Centre. Winners in Victoria were the team of **Peter Herold, Allan Terplawy, Ken Scholes, Gerald McCully, Felipe Hernandez and Piotr Klimowicz**. Several other teams (see page 19) qualified to play in Halifax in June.

CWTC—The B.C. Zone Final of the Canadian Women's Team Championships was played at the Bridge Centre on April 29, with **Margie Neate, Stella Alliston, Sheila Sache, and Doreen McOrmond** coming out on top. A complete list of winners is on page 19.

NAOP—The club qualifying period for the 2001 North American Open Pairs begins in June and continues through August. No less than twelve master-point-rich club qualifying sessions have been scheduled as this *Matchpointer* goes to press. To qualify in a club game all you need to do is break average, or be in the top half of your strat. The strats are A(unlimited), B(0-1500), C(0-500 non-LM). Players who qualify in the club games can move on to play in the Unit Final in the Fall. About half of the players in the Unit Final will qualify for the District Final this winter, and the top three in each flight at the District Final will qualify to play at the National Final, at the Spring 2001 NABC in Kansas City.

Here are the 12 club games we've heard about:

| Day | Date | Club | Time | Flights |
|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------|
| Tue | 20 Jun | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Mon | 26 Jun | VBC | 7:30 | Flight C only |
| Mon | 10 Jul | SRY | 7:15 | All Flights |
| Tue | 11 Jul | VBC | 10:45 | All Flights |
| Thu | 15 Jul | NWR | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Thu | 15 Jul | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Wed | 19 Jul | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Wed | 26 Jul | WRK | 7:15 | All Flights |
| Mon | 31 Jul | VBC | 7:30 | Flight C only |
| Wed | 9 Aug | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Wed | 23 Aug | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |
| Thu | 31 Aug | VBC | 7:30 | All Flights |

Club managers: it is **not** too late to schedule an NAOP Club Qualifying game. Unit 430 has a rich tradition of representation at the National Finals in all three flights. To continue to do so, we need your help in scheduling a qualifying game for each club, so everyone has a chance to qualify.

White Rock Bridge Club

Sunnyside Community Centre
1854 154th St., White Rock

Arlene Browning 1-604-870-9300

Partnerships: Pat Wotherspoon 535-1964

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Stratified Game last Wednesday of each month

May 31: Club Championship

June 7: STaC Game

June 28: Club Closed (stratified June 21)

July 26: NAOP Qualifying Game

Aug 9: Club Championship

Aug 23: World Bridge Federation Charity
Game with hand records

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15 years ago in the Matchpointer
(May 1985, Sandy McIlwain, editor)

This was the first issue since the death of *Andy Nagy*, who had passed away suddenly at Easter. The Haida Club received many flowers, cards, fruit baskets, and donations to the Heart fund. *Anne Nagy* thanked everyone on the local scene for the overwhelming support in a short paragraph.

In the IMP League, play was just under way in the Flight A playoffs after a season in which the eighteen (yes, 18!) teams had to be split up into two divisions.

Dave House wrote an article on his cross-Canada trip. He had been to the NABC in Montreal, the Canadian National Regional in Toronto, and a Regional in Winnipeg. The hospitality in Montreal was impressive, but Dave found the Toronto tournament less pleasant than those in the West. Winnipeg's Regional was quite small and he wondered if the NABC to be held there soon would be a success. All in all, he concluded that B.C. Regionals are among the most fun and friendly in North America.

The May 1985 issue was the final issue produced by a scary sounding machine called a Gestetner, which still rests in somebody's basement waiting for the day when the ultimate virus knocks out all computers worldwide...

20 years ago in the Matchpointer
(Spring 1980, Doug Andrews, editor)

The Club News section reported 34 weekly open club sessions and 14 more invitation-only games, about the same as today. What caught my eye was that one of these invitational games was held at the Four Seasons Regional Psychiatric Centre. (Who was invited?)

The "1979 Unit 430 Academy Awards" included the following:

BEST ANIMATION BY A MALE ACTOR: Mike Dimich.

BEST USE OF ANOTHER MEDIUM: Henry Smilie, for

Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club

1491 Carleton Ave., Burnaby
Hazel Dressler 524-4445

Mondays 10:45 am Tuesdays 7:30 pm

June 5 STaC Game June 6
Aug 21 Club Championship Aug 15

Tues, July 25: Annual Charity
Game (Canadian charities)

The centre will be closed August 7th and
8th for its annual maintenance.

IMP League matches welcome (call first).

smoking *The Globe & Mail* at a Vancouver sectional.

BEST SCRIPT: John Hurdle for his hieroglyphic convention card.

FAST FORWARD CATEGORY: The contestants were asked to play 7NT (with 13-18 tricks available depending on the line of play) with *Bert Curry* turning the cards. First was *Bob Sauve* in 2.1 seconds. The best time was posted by *Willie Weinstein* in 1.9 seconds, but he was disqualified because he only took 12 tricks!

25 years ago in the Matchpointer
(March/April 1975, Anne Nagy, editor)

What today survives as the President's Message was called 'Bob's Bits' in 1975, after Unit President *Bob Brooks*:

"If you want to be a Life Master, join the Vancouver Unit Committee. Six of our present eight Life Masters on the Board and two Committee Chairmen have "gone over" whilst in office. The latest, announced in Hawaii, are *Jo McDonald*, *Eve Hoare*, and *Anne and Andy Nagy*. Jo, Anne and Andy are on the Unit Board, and Eve chaired this year's Regional Committee."

That still applies today: many members on the Unit Board enter without their Gold Cards and leave with them, including yours truly! Let that be food for thought for those of you who don't think you're experienced enough to serve!

If you enjoyed these travels through Matchpointer history: perhaps you can help us! If you have old copies of the *Matchpointer* that I don't, I'd like to hear from you. I have a complete set back to 1972 (actually, the set that I have is missing 1986 for some reason) that was heroically compiled by *Jude Goodwin-Hanson* in the late eighties. Through the generosity of *Stan Bodlak* I now have copies of issues from May and December of 1966, October 1968, and September, October and November of 1969. If you can fill in the gaps or extend the history further back, please get in touch with me (see below). Any donations will be sent to the printers with instructions to handle with extreme care and returned with gratitude. For those who are interested in reading more about our past, the Vancouver Public Library has bound a complete set of *Matchpointers* back to 1975, which you can read at the new branch downtown.

☆☆ Jewish Community Centre Bridge Club ☆☆

950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver

Thursdays at 11 am All players welcome!

Supervised play sessions:

Mondays 7-9pm (Beginners) starts again in September
Fridays 11am-2pm (Intermediate+) continues all summer!

Connie Delisle 263-9196, or 671-3884 (cell)

Partnerships: Marge Groberman 266-7222

Only Yesterday

by Bruce McIntyre

The *Matchpointer* has been Unit 430's journal of tournament bridge for over 30 years. Back issues exist in people's collections, Unit archives, and a collection at the Vancouver Public Library. It's about time we put that resource to good use.

Each issue, I'll take a look back into *Matchpointer* history: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and maybe more, years ago. To emphasize the looking-back nature of the feature, I'll begin on the antepenultimate page, and continue backwards into available white space through the magazine. We'll take a casual journey backwards in time, without the...dots...and [square brackets] that scholars use to keep things straight. It'll be skewed, as history usually is, by the opinions of today upon the way things used to be done. If the skew is too much for you, or more likely, I've missed something crucial, send comments so we can better understand our bridge past.

Ready? Off we go on the magical history tour!

5 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

(May 1995, Bruce McIntyre, editor)

The big story five years ago was the debate over a 1985 Unit bylaw change, which restricted anyone with a financial interest in a bridge club from serving on the Unit Board. A petition received from the membership thought that the rule should go, but the wording was unspecific and possibly ambiguous. Unit President *David Schmidt* asked the Unit Board to pass a motion bringing the issue up for debate at the meeting, and the required seven votes were received. We'll tell you what happened at the AGM in the next installment of *Only Yesterday*.

The Spring 1999 NABC had been awarded to Vancouver only a few months before, and co-chair *Doug Cowan* took a car trip diagonally across the continent, from Vancouver to Florida and back through Memphis. "ACBL headquarters," wrote Doug, "is located in an attractive but fairly ordinary building, adjacent to the airport, which used to be the worldwide home office of Federal Express. The day of my visit was the first day of the switchover to their new computer system, and of course everyone was concerned that there would be no glitches. The computer really was located under a card table, as reported in a recent *Bulletin*!"

The District Finals of the GNT were held in Seattle. In Flight C the team captained by *Bruce McIntyre* lost to the eventual winners in the semis, but the real story was in the round-robin, where McBruce appealed against himself—and won! Holding this hand...

♠ AKx ♥ Kx ♦ A ♣ AKQ9xxx

...he heard partner *Kel Raywood* open 1♦ in second seat, to his great surprise. Agreements were that a jump to 4♦ was Roman Keycard here, but the call was alerted and explained as pre-emptive! Kel decided to bid 5♦ anyway and McBruce raised to 7NT, which was a claimer. But was the second bid influenced by the mistaken explanation? Maybe, said the Director, changing the result to 6NT making seven, but suggesting that it was a close decision and an appeal should be launched. The Appeal Committee decided 7NT was reasonable. (These days I like to think I know better and I'd just bid 7NT directly.)

10 years ago in the *Matchpointer*

(May 1990, Jude Goodwin-Hanson, editor)

Ev Hodge volunteered to be Unit 430's first Recorder. The Recorder's job is to collect information submitted by players about possible breaches of ethics, and take action if necessary. As an alternative to taking a complaint to a Unit Committee, it is a way to register concerns without bringing confrontations to the fore. (These days it's *Mike Wilson*.)

Cam Doner submitted a short piece on psychic bids. He urged players to not take them personally. His first example led to "a satisfactory result"—Cam opened a "weak" INT in third seat, the next player bid 2♠, his partner corrected to 2NT, and partner reopened with a double. Cam, who actually held eight diamonds to the AKQT, passed this and collected 1700. The second example was a psychic bid by an opponent, which caused him to go wrong in the play for a poor score which lost the match. "Congratulate your opponent for a great bid and go on to the next board," was Cam's advice.

Bid-boxes, rarely seen in 1990, were needed when *Nancy Hurrell* developed a throat infection just before the Vancouver Regional. Also needed was a conductor's baton to call cards from dummy, which I happened to have laying around...

In the 1990 Final of the Flight B IMP League, *Lois Mazuren's* Valley squad defeated the *Tai Eng* team. An Eng correspondent explained the loss as follows: "A post-mortem on the drive home revealed that the superior ENG squad had lost because of deficiencies in the bidding boxes they had borrowed for the event. The OOPS card was missing so that most Alerts helped the enemy more than the partner, and the TD (Take Back Your Double) card wasn't working properly, causing some local official to hover distractingly over the table asking questions every time it was used."

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Tournaments & Dates

May 23—August 31, 2000

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|-------|---|-------|--|--|--|
| | MAY | | | | JUNE (continued) |
| 26-29 | Renton Sectional | 30-2 | | | Mt. Vernon Sectional |
| 29-4 | Sacramento Regional | | | | JULY |
| | JUNE | | | | Spokane 0-200 Sectional |
| 1-4 | Spokane Sectional | 6-9 | | | Rosland Sectional |
| 2, 3 | WBF World Wide Pairs (VBC, two sessions, play in one or both: 7:30 Friday, 1:00 Saturday.) | 8 | | | Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC) |
| | Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC) | 21-23 | | | Powell River Sectional |
| 3 | | 24-30 | | | Calgary Regional |
| | Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC) | | | | AUGUST |
| 5-11 | Vancouver Unit 430- sponsored STaC. All open clubs (and some of the invitational ones) in Unit 430 will participate. | 3-6 | | | Fairbanks Sectional |
| | | 5 | | | Monthly Unit Game (7:30, VBC) |
| 12-18 | Penticton Regional | 10-20 | | | SUMMER 2000 NABC IN ANAHEIM CA |
| 23-29 | CBF Bridge Week in Halifax: CNTC, COPC, CWTC National Cham- pionships | 11 | | | Matchpointer deadline (August issue covers events from August 18- October 20) |
| 19-25 | Las Vegas Regional | 18 | | | August Matchpointer hits the streets |
| | | 25-27 | | | Kent Sectional |
| | | 25-27 | | | Nanaimo Sectional |

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Unit 430 Main Events

A One Year Planner

2000 Unit 430

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 20, at the Spring
Sectional, following the first ses-
sion (approximately 3:45pm).

2000 Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

Silver points at your local club!
June 5-11, 2000.

2000 Evergreen Sectional
(or maybe Black Tie Sectional)
Sept 8-10, 2000, at the
Richmond Curling Club

2000 Round-Up Sectional
(or maybe Year-End Sectional)
November 3-5, 2000, at the
Day's Inn Hotel, Surrey

2000 Unit Christmas Party
Saturday, December 2
at the Bonsor Community
Centre, Burnaby

2001 Winter Sectional
(or maybe Trophy Sectional)
January 19-21, 2000 at the
Engineers Hall, Burnaby
(unconfirmed)

2001 Future Stars Sectional
April 27-28, 2001 at the
Vancouver Bridge Centre
(unconfirmed)

2001 Spring Sectional
(or maybe Knockout Sectional)
May 18-21, 2001 at the Bonsor
Community Centre, Burnaby
(unconfirmed)

MATERIAL (SEND SOME!)

All suggestions and contributions are
welcomed. Articles, letters, informa-
tion, club news, and tournament results
may be mailed, or given to any Unit
Board Member or dropped off at a Unit
430 club. Most Board members have
fax numbers or e-mail addresses. We
encourage **all** members, from beginner
to expert, to send bridge-related origi-
nal material for publication.

MATCHPOINTER SCHEDULE

Mid-August
Mid-October
Mid-December
Mid-March
Mid-May

NEXT ISSUE: August 2000
Deadline: Friday, August 11
Dates Covered:
August 18-October 20

**4th Unit 430-sponsored
District-wide Sectional
Tournament at Clubs!**

**STaCs of silver points!
District—wide overalls!
Win silver points at
Your local club!
A week-long Sectional!
June 5-11, 2000.**

Profits from the Unit 430 District-wide STaC are distributed to most participating Units in proportion to the number of tables contributed.

Reading this at the Spring Sectional?
Don't forget to attend the Annual General Meeting
of Unit 430 after the first session on Saturday, and
pick up a ballot for the Unit Board Elections.

Advance Notice: Evergreen (or Black Tie) Sectional
September 8-10 at the Richmond Curling Club