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UNIT 430 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FALL 2009

September 15, 2009

After three years as STAC coordinator and Club Liaison, I have taken on the task of chairing your Board. While some may think this a daunting task to undertake after only three years on the Board, it is turning out to be an enjoyable experience that I hope more of you will look to in the future. The key to successful tenure is to have industrious, cheerful, well organized people to work with. This year, the level of cooperation that exists between your Board members is excellent and I want this address to be a tribute to them.

First, let's look at the "old" Board members. I don't refer to age here but to tenure on the Board. These are Peter Morse, Jennifer Ballantyne and Angela Fenton. These three know more about the workings of the Board over time than I ever will. They are what the doctors would call "stalwart". That is, they don't seem to feel as much pain when things go wrong as most of us less seasoned members do. Their knowledge is invaluable to an inexperienced President like me.

Second are the "middle aged" Board members like Vicki Moffatt and Anne Smith. These two carry very heavy loads with ease. Vicki the ever exact financial whiz, and Anne the woman of new ideas for increasing participation in our game and making it more fun for all.

Third, the "youngsters" Kathy Bye, John Demeulemeester, Rita Dodge, David Hu, Allan Karro, Greg Morse, and Richmond Williams. John, Greg and Kathy organize many of the details of our tournaments, Richmond coordinates getting supplies to these events, and Allan attends to fundraising functions. Rita, besides keeping in touch with club owners, will be busy in the New Year organizing our Annual STAC. David attends to trophies. While each of these people has individual responsibilities, they all pitch in when one or the other is not available or requires assistance.

And this piece would not be complete without mentioning the work done by Ben Takamori and Bruce McIntyre of Matchpointer fame. Without them, information to keep your abreast of events would not take place.

While I have devoted the bulk of this address to introducing your Board members to you, I want to mention briefly the feelings conveyed to me at the recent Sectional when members were asked to make a small donation to replace the lost (or what we thought was lost) wages of one of our caddies. The response to help out this youngster was overwhelming! You will read in the Matchpointer more details from Kathy Bye about this incident, but from my perspective, the generosity of the Bridge community can never be placed in doubt after witnessing the response to this request for help.

Monica Angus, Unit 430 President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all contributors to this edition of the Matchpointer, especially new authors. I would still like to encourage participation from the membership so if there is anything you would like to contribute - experiences, questions, hands or funny anecdotes please do. This is your opportunity to be published!

It is a pleasure to have Monica Angus as our new Unit 430 President. A special thank you to Peter Morse for all his hard work over the past 7 years as President. This issue contains some Unit information including the Treasurer's Report from Vicki Moffatt and information on the Mentorship Program from Anne Smith.

The next two tournaments are fast approaching; please participate in as many events as you can. The Sectional October 23-25 is a good warm-up for the November 9-15 Regional. Please note that for those that qualified for the North American Open Pairs (NAOP) the Saturday November 14, 2009 Game at the Regional is an NAOP District 19 Final with subsidies to the Spring Reno North American Championships on the line.

Any contributions and additions or corrections to published information are always welcome. Please send them to battak@shaw.ca.

And finally, thanks to Adrienne for her assistance.

Ben Takemori, Matchpointer Editor



TREASURER'S REPORT

ACBL UNIT 430 VANCOUVER TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

The Unit had a net profit of \$5,330 for the year. Of this amount \$1,994 is fund raising revenue that goes directly into the subsidy fund. A further \$2,500 was donated to the subsidy fund, leaving a profit from Unit activities of \$836. This includes a foreign exchange gain of \$1,137 that could be lost in a subsequent year, depending on the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar.

Tournaments are the major activities of the Unit. Revenue is down slightly from 2008 due to 115 fewer tables at 2009 tournaments. This is a 10% decline and was due mainly to the November 2008 sectional which conflicted with some other events and was poorly attended. Therefore we are not concerned but will be monitoring attendance in the future. On a very positive note, the Spring Future Stars tournament had 47 tables, up 11 tables from the prior year.

The balance sheet remains healthy. Cash is about \$2,300 less than the prior fiscal year. This is mainly due to accounts receivable of \$2,457 due from clubs for STAC week. All of this amount was received subsequent to the year end.

Capital assets have increased by \$1,001 due to the purchase of storage cabinets and new boards.

We have made a significant change to the format of the financial statements this year. Previously the Subsidy Fund was shown as a liability. This year we have decided that it is really a designation of Unit resources for the purpose of providing subsidies. Therefore the income statement shows income designated to the Subsidy Fund as "Other Income". The Statement of Equity allocates the net income for the year to General and to the Subsidy Fund, and also shows the "donation" to the Subsidy Fund as a transfer.

Vicki Moffatt, Unit 430 Treasurer



ACBL UNIT 430 VANCOUVER		
BALANCE SHEET		
JUNE 30, 2009		
(Prepared by management)		
	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank	\$ 7,979	\$ 10,274
Term deposits	16,000	16,000
Accounts receivable	2,457	45
Rent deposits	1,030	400
	27,466	26,719
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Cost	15,579	14,578
Accumulated amortization	10,884	10,363
	4,695	4,215
	\$ 32,161	\$ 30,934
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 378	\$ 267
GST payable	713	-
	1,091	267
EQUITY		
General	29,339	28,503
Subsidy Fund	1,731	2,164
	31,070	30,667
	\$ 32,161	\$ 30,934

NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR



ACBL UNIT 430 VANCOUVER						
STATEMENT OF EQUITY						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009						
(Prepared by management)						
	2009			2008		
	General	Subsidy	Total	General	Subsidy	Total
		Fund			Fund	
Beginning of year	\$28,503	\$ 2,164	\$30,667	\$28,025	\$ 3,626	\$31,651
Net income for the year	3,336	1,994	5,330	3,246	1,526	4,772
	31,839	4,158	35,997	31,271	5,152	36,423
Transfer to Subsidy Fund	(2,500)	2,500	-	(2,768)	2,768	-
Subsidies paid	-	(4,927)	(4,927)	-	(5,756)	(5,756)
End of year	\$29,339	\$ 1,731	\$31,070	\$28,503	\$ 2,164	\$30,667

ACBL UNIT 430 VANCOUVER		
STATEMENT OF INCOME		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009		
(Prepared by management)		
	2009	2008
REVENUE		
Tournaments (Schedule)	\$ 38,307	\$ 40,391
Unit games (Schedule)	5,554	5,455
ACBL membership	3,810	3,313
STAC	1,825	2,009
Foreign exchange gain	1,137	41
Interest income	575	493
Sundry	25	-
	51,233	51,702
EXPENSES		
Tournaments (Schedule)	35,957	36,858
Unit games (Schedule)	4,783	4,625
Matchpointer	3,686	3,759
Unit Board free plays	1,634	1,024
Administration	815	1,222
Amortization	522	468
Donations	500	500
	47,897	48,456
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	3,336	3,246
OTHER INCOME		
Fundraising games	828	567
50/50 draws	641	447
IMP league	304	212
Entertainment book profit	221	300
	1,994	1,526
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$ 5,330	\$ 4,772



The Hierarchy of Bridge Governance

By Peter Morse

Most readers of this article are members of the ACBL – the American Contract Bridge League - which many bridge players join after starting to play duplicate bridge with some regularity. According to the ACBL website, the ACBL "determines internationally recognized rules of bridge, sanctions clubs and tournament games, and encourages participation at all levels of proficiency and experience". Amongst other things, rules established by the ACBL govern the issuance of masterpoints at club games and sectional, regional and national tournaments. For many Canadians, the ACBL is the only organization in bridge of which they are aware.

The ACBL is broken down into 25 Districts, the smallest (geographically) of which (District 23) covers Los Angeles County and the largest of which (District 18) covers all of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, as well as Northern Manitoba. Only four of the 25 Districts touch Canada, District 1 (Quebec and the Maritime provinces), District 2 (Ontario and Southern Manitoba), District 18 (described above) and District 19 (which covers British Columbia, Alaska and most of Washington state).

Each of these Districts is further subdivided into Units, a total of 299 of them, which provide the 'local' association link with the ACBL. In British Columbia, there are six ACBL Units, by far the largest of which is Unit 430, which covers Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Howe Sound and the Sunshine Coast. Other British Columbia Units cover Southern Vancouver Island (Unit 431), Northern Vancouver Island and Powell River (Unit 429), the Okanagan (Unit 571), Quesnel and Northern B.C. (Unit 456) and the Kootenays (Unit 574).

But the ACBL is only part of the Governance structure of bridge on a worldwide basis, and certainly not the only important bridge organization of relevance to Canadian players.

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) promotes the game of bridge on a worldwide basis, and conducts the various world championships, such as the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (which were competed for recently in Sao Paulo, Brazil). The WBF consists of eight zonal organizations. Each zonal organization administers bridge in its own geographic area. Of course, in North America, that organization is the ACBL.

The eight geographic regions are Europe, North America, South

ACBL UNIT 430 VANCOUVER		
SCHEDULES		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009		
(Prepared by management)		
SCHEDULE 1 - TOURNAMENTS		
	2009	2008
REVENUE	\$ 38,307	\$ 40,391
EXPENSES		
ACBL fees	4,078	3,856
Caddies	1,972	2,004
Directors	12,156	13,287
Hospitality	5,012	5,255
Miscellaneous	916	239
Rent	9,335	9,772
Supplies	2,488	2,445
	35,957	36,858
NET INCOME A56	\$ 2,350	\$ 3,533
SCHEDULE 2 - UNIT GAMES		
	2009	2008
REVENUE	\$ 5,554	\$ 5,455
EXPENSES		
ACBL fees	245	231
Caddies	55	50
Directors	1,312	1,318
Hospitality	641	516
Prizes	117	152
Rent	2,357	2,291
Supplies	56	67
	4,783	4,625
NET INCOME	\$ 771	\$ 830



America, Asia, Central America, Pacific Asia, South Pacific and Africa. There are 123 WBF member countries included in the eight zonal organizations and almost 700,000 individual members collectively. The ACBL comprises three of those countries and roughly 160,000 members.

The national bridge organization in Canada is the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) which:

- promotes bridge within Canada, including junior bridge
- conducts Canadian national championships, as well as a Canada-wide STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs), and two Canada-wide Rookie-Master games
- selects and supports Canadian bridge teams and players for international competitions,
- manages the Canadian Charitable Foundation, which has in recent years distributed more than \$15,000 each year to Canadian Charitable Institutions in all zones across Canada. The funds are raised through Charity games conducted both nationally and at individual clubs.
- maintains its own website (www.cbf.ca) which contains a wealth of information concerning both current and upcoming events, as well as important historical information,
- and produces Bridge Canada, a twice a year bilingual publication containing information on developments in Canadian bridge and articles of interest to Canadian players.

The CBF is divided into six Zones, which run from East to West, Zone 1 covering the Maritime Provinces, and Zone 6 comprising all of British Columbia

The CBF is well known to tournament players in Canada, particularly those who compete in qualifying games to enable their participation in the various national championship events held at The Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC), also known as Bridge Week. The 2009 CBC, held in Penticton, B.C., was a great success, and the winning teams were eligible for subsidized travel to Sao Paulo, Brazil for both the Bermuda Bowl (Open World Team Championship) and the Venice Cup (Women's World Championship).

However, many Canadian players overlook the opportunity to maintain their membership in the CBF when they renew their ACBL membership. Whether you renew by mail or online, please take the time to check off the appropriate CBF membership box on the renewal form and, for only \$12 a year, help support the promotion and advancement of bridge in Canada, and Canadian participation in top-level world bridge events.

If you failed to do so the last time you renewed your ACBL membership, you can still become a paid-up member of the CBF by completing the form on page 5 of the Summer 2009 edition of Bridge Canada (which the CBF has recently sent to you by mail) and returning it to the indicated address. Renewing through this route will cost \$15 per year. In the near future, you will be able to renew your CBF membership directly online, as well as having the option of renewing at the same time as you renew your ACBL membership.

The Mentorship Program

By Anne Smith

Last year under the education chair, Janet Parker, the unit initiated a program for new players transitioning into duplicate bridge. Thirty-five players took up the offer and with the assistance of volunteers it has been very successful. Volunteers gave generously of their time, committing to play four games. They strived not to become teachers but to offer support and encouragement. Something interesting happened along the way. Other players started taking notice. They thought they'd like a mentor too. So, phase two of the program has now begun. A program for B players who would like to play with A players is now endorsed by the unit 430 board. So, what does this mean to you? Do you want to be a mentor or a mentee? Will you be receptive to volunteering when I approach you? You can't wait to do either one or both? Please e-mail me at annesmith0718@shaw.ca or call me at 604 298-7879 or talk to me when you see me at the club.

Lost Caddy's Wages

To all bridge players who attended the Evergreen Sectional at the Queensborough Community Centre on September 12th.

In regards to the caddy who lost her wages, we are happy to say that she found them. Thank you very much for your generous donations to cover her loss. To those who contributed, please contact Kathy Bye at (604) 320 7390 for a refund. Any unclaimed money will go towards the Ev Hodge Charity fund. Kathy Bye

From the caddy herself--Thank you very much for donating to my lost wages that I found the next day. I really appreciate your kindness and am sorry for any inconvenience I might have caused. Aundrea



My Road to Grand Life Master

By Aidan Ballantyne

I've been asked by the Matchpointer to write about becoming a Grand Life Master. This is the medium-short version of my adventure, the highlights of which are:

- 1968 – Learned the mechanics of bridge; began playing in high school
- 1973 – Began playing serious bridge at SFU
- 1975 – Joined the ACBL
- Circa 1976 – Won my first sectional (Open Pairs in Lynnwood) with Laurence Betts
- Circa 1977 – Began serving on Unit 430 BOD
- Circa 1977 – Became a ACBL Life Master
- Circa 1978 – Won my first Regional Pairs (Men's Pairs in Vancouver) with Andy Nagy
- Circa 1979 – Won my First Regional Teams (Sunday Swiss in Penticton) with Bob Connop, Dennis Dohl and Doug Andrews
- 1979 – First time written up in a syndicated newspaper column
- 1980 – Letter exchange with Eddie Kantar on an obscure analysis
- 1985 – Began serving as Zone VI (British Columbia) Director of CBF
- 1988 – 7th in Blue Ribbon Pairs with Rob Crawford
- Circa 1989 – 1st in Alberta Calcutta with Cam Doner
- Circa 1990 – 1st in ACBL-wide charity game (with an almost 80% game)
- 1991 – NPC of Canadian Team in Bermuda Bowl in Yokohama, Japan
- Circa 1992 – Won a session at the topflight Toronto Calcutta with Doug Heron
- 1997 – 1st in NAP (with Gord McOrmond) in Dallas, TX
- 1999 – Co-Chairman of Vancouver NABC
- 1999 – 7th Cavendish Open Pairs with Joe Jabon
- 2005 – Bronze medal, CNTC
- 2007 – Bronze medal, CNTC
- 2009 – Grand Life Master

Starting Out

I was a Canadian born abroad. My birth place was Geneva, Switzerland where my father worked for a UN agency. I grew up in Geneva as the oldest of four children (I have a brother and two sisters). My father had a good job that provided subsidy for our enrollment in an English speaking private school, the International School of Geneva, where I did grades 1 to 13. In my teens, I was put in charge of my siblings on evenings when my parents went to visit

another couple's home to play an evening of rubber bridge or, once a week, to the local duplicate club. We always had advance warning of their return as we could hear them argue loudly all the way from the car (parked in the courtyard of our apartment building) to our front door. Often the argument carried into our home. That was my introduction to bridge.

When it was our turn to host a "social" bridge evening, another couple would visit and we four kids would amuse ourselves quietly while the adult evening ritual completed itself. I was charged with making and serving coffee. Listening to the various exchanges, I came to realize that my father (who died more than a decade ago) was a brilliant player who combined cold logic, shrewd psychology and a killer instinct. The opponents feared him. My mother played by the seat of her pants. Everybody loved her. My parents' opposite personalities and approach caused constant friction at the bridge table. Eventually they quit playing entirely, to preserve their marriage and save the children. However, some time before that, my father had shown me the mechanics of the game and sent me on my way with a book that was to change my life. The book was "Why you lose at Bridge" by S.J. Simon.

When I was in grade 11, Mr. Anthony, my chemistry teacher, formed a duplicate club. I played there when I was not otherwise consumed by my athletic endeavours (soccer, ski racing). I also played lunch-hour bridge in the local tea room with a small group of high school regulars. By the time I left high school, I knew basic bidding system and thought I had mastered most of the secrets of card play. Little did I know.

After grade 13 in Geneva, I came to Vancouver and entered Simon Fraser University on Burnaby Mountain. This happened because, after showing promise as a ski racer in Switzerland, I had been invited to try out for the Canadian Ski Team at a summer camp at Whistler in the summer of '69 (as a Canadian born abroad, the only country I was eligible to race for was Canada). SFU was one of two Canadian universities that had a semester system (that format would allow me to take winter off to ski race and study in the summer). The other was University of Guelph. It was the sixties and I had heard that Vancouver was Haight Ashbury north. I chose Vancouver. I soon discovered that competing as a member of Canada's National Ski Team was a full time occupation so I suspended my studies. For the next four years I ski-raced the World Cup and never gave a thought to bridge. I was making reasonable progress in the international ski scene and on my way to the Sapporo Olympics when I suffered a career ending injury. Back to SFU I went. Two days later, I



discovered the cafeteria bridge scene. This time I was hooked for good.

Looking back, there were a lot of good players in that SFU game, but all of them have gone from the game except for one: Mike Dimich. He and I are fellow travelers. The gang at SFU used to put a team together for the IMP League which already was going strong in those days. We won our share of matches against Vancouver's best, including the vaunted "Borg Machine". Although I played almost full-time bridge, I managed to keep my grades up and continue the stream of scholarships that enabled me to go to school. For you bridge playing parents out there who are afraid of exposing your children to bridge, I'm living proof that you can successfully mix bridge with academic pursuits!

Club Bridge

At the SFU cafeteria game I found Doug Thomas, a kindred spirit who was also interested in learning serious bridge. We decided to form a partnership. Doug was the son of the late Donna Morrison, an avid and successful duplicate player who played at the north shore club then located on lower Lonsdale. Doug had huge natural talent and I felt he was much better than I was. We were soon terrorizing the north shore game at which point a woman from that game (Rose Wrean) sold me an ACBL membership. Once comfortable with duplicate, Doug and I screwed up our courage and one night ventured down to the Vancouver Bridge Club on Howe Street, reportedly the "tough game". The club was managed by Adrian Hicks and his wife June Budd. We entered a rather dingy building, rode up the rickety elevator and disembarked into a sea of faded green felt. The first person we saw was June Budd, striding up and down the main aisle in a long flowing black skirt, carrying a miniature poodle. She kept barking the poodle's name – "Happy!" – all the while shouting orders to get the game going. She had exaggerated lipstick and orangey colored hair tied back into a tight bun. It was a scene right out of Sunset Boulevard. Adrian was a grounded, stocky contrast. He was famous for being Western Canada's first Life Master. Adrian and I became good friends over the years and I played regularly with him until his death.

By then, Doug was playing less frequently and I had begun experimenting with many different partners, learning everything I could. That approach stayed with me for many years. It was hard to find team-mates sometimes. The knock against me was that I didn't have a "regular partnership". I found that ironic. I was playing so much that I felt I had many "regular partnerships" that were at least as strong as the vaunted pairs. A lot of my learning took place in the

old Devonshire Pub (the "Dev" located downstreet from the Howe Street club) where the after-game group rehashed the evening's deals.

Being a student type, I read bridge voraciously. One of my favorite reads was a series of puzzle books by Alfred Sheinwold. It was in pocket book form so it was handy to carry around and read on the bus (I was a poor student and had no car). I also played "Autobridge" (this was before the days when computers were mainstream). Through reading and Autobridge, I began to learn and recognize bridge's recurring patterns. The trick was to apply this new found knowledge at the table, choosing the particular play or combination of plays that would apply best in a particular situation. Eventually, I began to apply the creative touches necessary to overcome unique challenges.

After a few years the Howe Street club folded and the "good players" began crashing the Haida Bridge Club at 12th and Arbutus. The Haida was run by an elderly couple, Norm and Jean Turnbull (the Mixed Pairs trophy at the sectional is named after them). We were now into the late seventies. Seeking shelter, I was rooming temporarily with Peter Cooper, in his basement suite located not far from the Haida. Peter and I had a well rehearsed routine. We would each come home from our job and sit down to eat. Approaching game time, we'd give each other "the look", jump up and then race for the club. We had a solid partnership and scored very well at the Haida. One day during dinner Peter said he had noticed that, when a defender held the lead in a suit where they had quick tricks, he had often induced them to shift by beginning a "high-low" in dummy. The conversation went from there and the "Cooper Echo" was born. This is a convention whereby, during the play of the hand, the declarer can signal to the dummy. If declarer calls for an unnecessarily high spot card rather than the lowest available spot, this is an indication that the declarer play is going well. I wrote the "convention" up for the Matchpointer, giving a made up example. The article was reprinted in the Canadian Bridge Federation's Bridge Digest and Peter's "convention" became known all around the world.

The Turnbells soon sold their club to Ann and Andy Nagy. Perhaps they felt it was time to retire, perhaps it had something to do with the change in clientele. The Nagys were wonderfully generous club owners. Among other things, they honored Adrian Hicks with permanent free plays. I recall Andy was some sort of a computer systems manager at BCAA. He was one of the first to write a bridge scoring program and he used his invention at the club. The two Nagys were a highly effective pair in their own right. I played quite a bit with Andy, whenever I could pry him away from Ann.



I won my first regional event with him (Men's Pairs in Vancouver) in the seventies. During the Nagy's tenure, the Haida moved into a bigger venue at Cambie and Broadway. Sadly, not long after, Andy died suddenly. After Andy died, Ann had the help of Gordie Davis who had started to hang around the Haida when it was still at 12th and Arbutus. Gordie and I both began directing the game for Ann. Eventually the Haida was sold to a triumvirate that included Ken Lochang. The club went eastward to Broadway and Kaslo where it was reincarnated as the present day Vancouver Bridge Centre. Gordie and I moved with the club and I continued directing there until Gordie's death a few years ago. The point of this historical diversion is that I have always loved club bridge. I am taken by the sociability of the club game and it's a great opportunity to play Matchpoints, which I love (unfortunately, Matchpoint play is a dying art). Through club bridge, I learned to adjust my tactics to the flesh and blood opponents as well as to the field. Playing at the clubs reinforced my belief that there is something to be learned in every game, no matter how strong the field. Also, no matter what the level of the game, there is a new script to be written, a new canvas to be painted. To me, that's the magic of bridge.

The Rubber Bridge Game

Sometime during the eighties, Rob Crawford began hosting a permanent rubber bridge game at his house on Grandview Highway (not far from the VBC). The stakes were more than I could afford and the game was pretty tough. Some of the mainstays: Rob, Gerry McCully, Joel Martineau, Roger Batch, the late Don Brander, the late John Findlay, Vic Hetman and myself. Dan Jacob would sometimes visit. Rob was the game's undisputed King. We each experimented with various tactics, but I learned a lot from watching Rob's maneuvers. I sometimes paid a steep price, but I improved my strategy and my partnership skills. Also, I began to truly appreciate just how much an advantage it was to hold that spade suit! Rob and I developed a pretty good partnership. In 1988 we were 7th in the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Nashville. We won about 10 masterpoints for our efforts. Nowadays the award would be over 70 points. Talk about inflation!

My Biggest Game

One day in 1990 (or thereabouts) I hooked up with a very strong player, Derek Ward, to play in an ACBL-wide charity game at the Pemberton Club in North Vancouver. The table count mandated a 24-board game. As there was a half table we had a 3-board skip and played only 21 boards. It was a real sprint. We got a good jump and ran hard for the wire, finishing a hair under 80%. Our game was

declared valid and we won continent-wide. That game was special as I rarely score monsters. Thanks, Derek!

Dear Eddie

In developing my game, I have prioritized card play and devoured every good book I could find on declarer play and defense. I have also been a keen follower of The ACBL Bulletin's "Test Your Play" rubric which led to this gratifying letter exchange with Eddie Kantar (this was not long after I had managed to fight my way through most of the now classic "Adventures in Card Play" by Ottlik and Kelsey).

"Test Your Play", The Bulletin, circa 1980

AQ3
943
A542
A104

K4	108765
Void	J1087
J976	Q8
KQJ8763	92

J92
AKQ652
K103
5

Dear Mr. Kantar,

I am a big fan of "Test Your Play" and have long enjoyed your treatment of some of the most absurdly optimistic contracts ever reached! For once, however, I believe I have something to add to your analysis. I'm referring to #1 in the September Bulletin.

The usually over-aggressive South this time finds himself (herself?) in 6H after a 4C pre-empt by West. You state that, since trumps break 4-1, "to make this hand you must find West with the singleton or doubleton spade K plus diamond length." Then, after making three spade tricks (low to the Q) and clearing trumps, it is possible to squeeze West in the minors. I believe, however, that the contract can also be made if West holds, Kx, void, xxx, KQJxxxxx and East has, xxxxx, J1087, QJx, x. On the auction, this is perhaps a more likely layout than you envisioned. South begins by playing off



three top trumps, then leads a spade to the Q, and ruffs a club. East is squeezed into discarding a spade: he must guard diamonds and cannot ruff since South will discard a diamond (loser on loser). South reenters dummy with another spade and leads another club from dummy. Again, East discards a spade. Declarer now eliminates spades and throws East in with the last trump. East must break diamonds from QJx.

It seems that, overall, South's best play is to ruff a club early. If East follows twice, then South should attempt the minor suit squeeze against West as you suggest. However, if East discards a spade on the second round of clubs, then South might well execute the "backwash squeeze" on East.

Dear Aidan,
Thanks for the letter. You and another sharpie caught me! I'll try to be more careful in the future. Good work. Sincerely,
Eddie Kantar.

The Best Hand I Ever Held

Sometime in the eighties I was playing in the Zone final with Cam Doner. It was the last match of the event and we had already claimed victory. Playing against Ron Smith and Mike Roberts from Victoria, I picked up: AKQ10xx, A, Void, AKQJxx. A no loser hand!

The auction went "Pass" on my left, "Pass" by Cam, "3D" on my right. Cam had been a difficult partner that day and I saw the opportunity for revenge. "4D," I said (after which the opponents were silent throughout). "4H" was Cam's predictable and forthright response. "5D," I said. Again, Cam had little choice. "5H," he said with no apparent problem. "6D," I said. This time there was a long pause across the table. Cam shifted uncomfortably in his chair. Finally, the predictable "6H". "7D," I called. This bought a prolonged stoppage while Cam tried to make sense of the auction. I stole a glance his way and thought I detected few beads of sweat on his brow. I thought to myself, rather smugly, that I had bid this hand rather well as it should be obvious I wanted him to choose between the black suits. "7H," said Cam. I had no choice but to convert to 7S. I presumed the auction was over but Cam went into another brown study. Suddenly, it was I who was sweating. I had just realized there was one bid left: 7NT! Cam was probably thinking that I had to have first round diamond control and that in the absence of understanding, NT might be the spot. The opponents would take all their diamonds. I would never live this down. Finally, after much agony on my part,

Cam passed. Thanks, Cam! The lead was made and I quickly claimed by contract.

Bridge Administration

Soon after I became an ACBL member I was approached to run for the Vancouver Unit Board and become the Tournament Chairman for sectionals. Thus began a rather long career as a bridge administrator. After several years on the Unit Board I inherited the position of British Columbia Director for the Canadian Bridge Federation in 1985. I ended up serving for 15 years on the CBF, including a 3-year stint as President (1987-89).

In the late nineties I was honoured to be named co-chairman (with the late Doug Cowan) of the 1999 Vancouver NABC. Working with Phil Wood, Doug and I and our able committee did a terrific job. Since then, in my bridge travels, I have heard nothing but good things about the Vancouver NABC. Frequently I am asked, "When are we going to have another one?" I sure don't know but when we finally get one, I won't be leading it. I feel I have done my share in bridge administration and I am too busy in my career now.

Today, I serve as Western Chairman on Aileen Osofsky's National Goodwill Committee. I work behind the scenes to help pick the Goodwill Member of the Year. That's the sum total of my involvement in bridge administration these days.

Beating the Best

I have not had many opportunities to play against the best in the world but when I have, I feel that I have mostly held my own. The really good players consistently bring to the table an arsenal of logic, experience, and an uncanny ability to read the opponents. You need to anticipate and play smoothly, or they will eat you up. The top players are so finely attuned to the slightest tempo changes and other behavioural cues that, because such information is unauthorized when emanating from partner, the game at the top is essentially self-policing.

When I first encountered the top players I admit I felt intimidated, but I eventually got control of my nerves. One of the turning points came in a hand against Bobby Goldman in a regional pairs game, early on in my bridge development. Bobby was playing with a lady client. I was playing with Hendrik Sharples from Portland. It was a partscore battle and Bobby bid three over our three. They were vulnerable. I doubled in tempo, feeling pretty certain that we could make our contract. As usual, the client put down a wonderful

dummy (behind me) including a juicy 5-card side suit headed by the AKJ. To make the hand, Bobby had to guess whether I had started with Qxx of the side suit and hook for my queen, or play me for xxx and drop my partner's queen-doubleton. After drawing trumps and playing the A of his side suit and seeing nothing but small cards, Bobby lead towards KJ and I played low. He paused before making the critical play. Hook or drop? He was in the tank for a long time, trying to get a read. Hendrik and I didn't move a muscle and waited him out. It was a very long wait. Eventually, the round was called and he had to decide. He finessed and lost to my partner's now stiff queen. We scored +200 and a cold top. It was an acid test to survive five minutes of scrutiny from one of the top players in the world. I now had the confidence to go up against the best. Thanks Hendrik!

Some favorite highlights against the top players:

Circa 1980 – Dan Jacob and I went head to head with Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell in a local regional Swiss. We beat them something like 60-2 in seven boards. Our stuff was working, they got behind and tried to catch up. They had no chance. It did not help their cause that they had a client at the other table. It's tough making a living as a pro!

1988 Blue Ribbon Pairs – 7th. Playing with Rob Crawford, we encountered Ron Smith and Bobby Levin in the last round of the event. It turned out they were leading with one round to go. I had something like Ax, xxx, Ax, xxxxxx. At favorable vulnerable, Rob opened 3D in first seat and Bobby doubled. I figured they could make a vulnerable major suit game (at least 620) and we likely had at least 8 tricks (-500 at most). So with two aces and only 2-card support sacked in 5D. They could not recover. They pushed on the next board and we got another good result. They lost their victory.

Circa 1992 – Toronto hosted a big money prize game that attracted the best players in the world. I played with Doug Heron and we won a session thereby recouping our investment (we ended up making a little money). It was satisfying to see who was behind us: 2nd Jeff Meckstroth and partner; 3rd Eric Rodwell and partner!

1997 Vanderbilt – In the round of 64 our team (Doug Heron, Dave Kent, Gord Mcormond and I) drew Zia's team (No. 1 seed). Score after first quarter: we had 60, they had 1. There was a buzz around the tournament. Unfortunately, they had the last laugh but it was still a day to remember.

1999 Spingold – Our team (Henry Lortz, Wayne Olrich, Joe Jabon and myself) knocked off the Jimmy Cayne's Team in the round of 32 to take over the No. 2 seed. We should have done better with it (we lost to the eventual winners the next day).

1999 Cavendish Pairs – 7th. Having gone for the \$10,000 minimum price, Joe Jabon and I made a lot of the top players in the world look pretty silly. Perhaps my best result.

Biggest Disappointment

I have played in the CNTC at least 25 times and have so far have not made the play-off Final of that event, let alone win the darn thing. Somehow, through the eighties and nineties, I was never able to play my best at the National Final (though I felt I always played good bridge at the Zonal Final). Frustrated at my own lack of performance and also weary of the politics and behind-the-back manipulations that go into forming a team, I took an extended break from the CNTC in the nineties. I returned to play in the new millennium with a more positive attitude and better results. However, still no final. Perhaps next year!

Turning Pro

When I started playing seriously at SFU it was with the idea of becoming a professional. In the late seventies I was the overall masterpoint leader at a Vancouver Regional and was starting to make a name for myself. I had a potential client lined up. I almost turned pro. But it didn't happen. I decided I did not want to jeopardize my relationship with my then S.O., Jenny (who eventually became my first wife), and I did not wish to live out of a suitcase again, having already done that during my ski racing days. I decided to keep at my "real" job and pursue other rewards. I have never regretted that decision. Nevertheless, over the years I have played a little pro here and there and have done my share of teaching and directing.

Some Favorite Deals

There have been many great hands over the years. I just wished I'd written more of them down. Here are some favorite deals from recent memory:

Victoria Queen

Not long ago I was playing in a Victoria sectional Sunday Swiss. Early on, against a team that figured to be in contention at the end and playing with my Mexican sidekick (that would be my wife Katrin Litwin), I found myself declaring an aggressive 6NT (opponents silent) on the following layout:



S. KJ3
H. K3
D. AJ103
C. K954

S. A8
H. J72
D. KQ5
C. AJ1076

Lead: 8 diamonds

To make this hand you need to find the queen of clubs and then make three tricks in the majors. So how do you tackle the clubs? I played off the diamonds to try to get more information about the hand. On the run of diamonds LHO followed twice and on the third round had an apparent problem finding a discard. Finally, she threw a low heart. The rule of thumb for playing the clubs is, "eight ever, nine never" but LHO's shortness in diamonds increased her chances of having longish clubs. Also, if the clubs were indeed 2-2, then LHO would have 2-2 in the minors leaving nine cards in the majors and at least one 5-card suit. Surely LHO would not have a problem discarding if she had a long suit. I was now pretty certain that LHO had more than two clubs. So I played the club Ace and when both followed low I hooked LHO for the Q. Success! On the run of the clubs, the subsequent discards reinforced my belief that LHO had started with 4-4-2-3 and it was easy to read the end game to produce three major suit tricks. The game seems to be a lot about putting oneself in the opponents' shoes.

Watch Those Spots!

In the recent Canadian IMP Pairs Championship in Penticton, Katrin and I were having a lacklustre game. However, I try not to let a bad game affect my performance. Late in the event, I was faced with a suit combination problem (hand is reconstructed from memory and is approximate, to show the theme):

Axx
10xx
AQxx
10xx

Kxx
AQ87xx
xx
xx

W	N	E	S
1C	P	1NT	2H
P	4H	all pass	

We were overbid as usual. LHO started with AKJ of clubs, RHO following throughout with low cards. I ruffed and took stock. It looked like we had a sure spade loser so I needed the King of diamonds onside and also had to pick up the heart suit with no loser. The K of hearts was likely onside given the diamond K had to be well placed, but how should hearts be played? Where was the Jack? There seemed to be various indications from the bidding that RHO did not have short hearts (RHO did not bid 1D, 1S or raise clubs) and it looked like LHO had a 4-card spade suit along with her club suit (increasing her chances of having short hearts). As playing for the stiff heart K offside was no longer an option and stiff Jack in LHO's hand would not help, I could play RHO for KJ, Kx, or KJx of hearts (in the latter case LHO had to have the stiff 9). Regardless, it could not hurt to begin with the 10 hearts. I crossed to dummy by taking a successful diamond hook and led that card. RHO played low. By then I was fairly sure that RHO also had the heart Jack (with Kx of hearts I felt RHO would maybe have covered as he would not have known for sure whether I had a 6-card heart suit), so I let the 10 ride and was gratified to see the stiff 9! There was no defense. Unfortunately this was against friends and it cost them a place in the overalls.

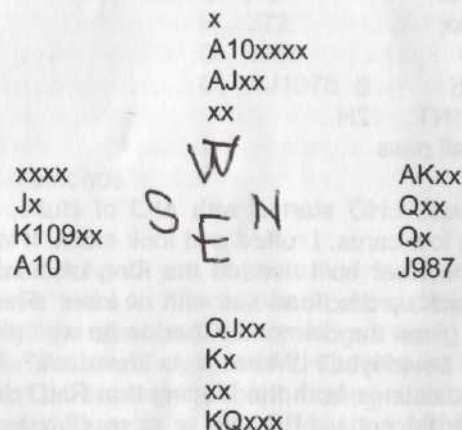
Entry Killing

In the last round of the most recent COPC final in Penticton, I held something like, xxxx, Jx, K109xx, A10. I was south (directions rearranged) and the auction proceeded (opponents vulnerable):

E	S	W	N
P	P	1H	P
1S	P	2D	P
2NT	all pass		



On lead against 2NT, I felt the winning defense might be to knock out dummy's diamond entry before the hearts could be set up and cashed. To be sure to immediately knock out dummy's presumed diamond Ace I led the diamond King! This was the layout (approximate):



I'm sure declarer was not happy with the lead. She ducked. The normal play at this stage was for me to continue with the entry removal plan and lead another diamond, but I thought declarer might think I was leading from Kx and go up with the Ace, dropping my partner's now stiff queen. A little greedily, I decided to try to look like a man leading from KQxxx of diamonds and I shifted passively to the heart J. Declarer cleared hearts, partner winning the queen on the third round (I pitched a diamond to show length in that suit). Back came low club, K, A and back the 10, declarer winning the queen. It turned out that the pair we were playing against was in contention going into the last round. I guess things had been going well for them, and this may have played into declarer's decision to go for the contract rather than settle for down 1 (also, if 2H makes then you probably need 120). She led a low diamond to the Jack and the roof fell in! They fell from 2nd to 7th and we overtook them for 6th.

The Milestone

I went over by winning a Bracket 1 KO in the recent Victoria Regional. I was playing with my wife and constant bridge partner over the last 10 years (I won a lot of those masterpoints with her) and the Frasers. Katrin and I have a very strong partnership and we

enjoy our connections and friendship with many top players around North America including Mexico. Before Katrin, I had a wonderful partnership with the late Joe Jabon. Joe and I certainly made our mark against some of the best in the world. I would like to thank other past partners who have perhaps had the biggest influence on my development as a bridge player: Gord McOrmond, Dan Jacob, Rob Crawford, Laurence Betts (my first real teacher), Doug Thomas (my first regular partner) and the late Leo Steil.

I'm sure that the ACBL will soon set another milestone to reach given the large number of points that can be easily accumulated these days. Regardless, I plan to continue my path in the game and continue to learn and improve (eyesight and health willing!).

Editor's Note: Aidan became a Grand Life Master at the Spring 2009 Victoria Regional. To achieve Grand Life Master one must win an NABC event and have 10 000 Masterpoints. He is the first player who spent most of his bridge career in Vancouver to achieve the prestigious rank of Grand Life Master.

On Becoming an Expert

By Jude Goodwin



Planning Starts at Trick 1

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Usually it is obvious that you must make your plan at trick one **without playing a card from dummy**. Consider these:

Example 1

In a knockout match against enterprising opponents, you reach five clubs after a spirited auction:

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
1♣	Pass	1♦	Dbl
2♣	2♠	3♠	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	All pass

North – Partner

♠ A
♥ AQxx
♦ K98xx
♣ Qxx

DLR = S
Vulnerability
None

You can see why partner liked their hand. If the club finesse is on, you can make six. As it is though, you have to make five. What are the dangers?

Lead ♥10

South – You

♠ 10x
♥ Jxx
♦ AJ
♣ AJ10xxx

On the auction it's a dead certainty that RHO has the heart King. Obviously, if RHO has five hearts and you duck this trick, they will give their partner a ruff and you might still lose a trick if the club finesse is wrong.

What happens if you win this trick and play Ace and another club? Then, if LHO has the club King they won't have another heart to play back to their partner to get a ruff assuming they started with a singleton heart.

On the other hand, if LHO started with a doubleton heart and three clubs, winning the heart Ace would allow them to win their club King and return a heart to their partner's King. A further heart from RHO will let LHO ruff.

It looks like you have to guess the opponents' distribution right now. RHO doubled and then bid four spades. Seeing as they bid a lot, RHO must have a shapely hand. 5-5? 6-5? 5-4? It isn't too clear what they have – just that they thought four spades would not be too expensive.

What about LHO? They freely bid two spades on not much high-card strength. Assuming they have King and two small clubs, a singleton heart and four or five spades, would they have bid just two spades?

The inference isn't very strong, but it is almost all there is to go on. With something like:

Jxxxx 10 10xxx Kxx or Jxxx 10 10xxxx Kxx, LHO might have bid more than two spades. You should therefore duck the opening lead, win the presumed heart return in dummy and take the club finesse. If instead RHO returns a diamond, perhaps threatening a diamond ruff, you should win the diamond King and play Ace and another club to guarantee the contract.



In a pairs event you and your partner bid to an aggressive 3NT:

North – Partner

♠ K
♥ Axxx
♦ A98xx
♣ Axx

DLR = S

Vulnerability
None

Lead ♣3

South – You

♠ QJ108x
♥ Kx
♦ xx
♣ QJxx

Partner has put down a dummy that should allow you to make 3NT. Counting tricks, you have four spades (assuming they break), two hearts, a diamond and two clubs for nine. Before playing to trick one, though, you should form a plan. Let's see: duck a club to your hand, knockout the spade ace, on the return win it, play a heart to your king in hand, run the spades and cash your other winners. Sounds like a good plan. Before you read further, check to see if that is your best plan.

Do you see the problem? The defenders may not cooperate when you lead a spade to the singleton King in dummy; they may duck their Ace. In that case you will have to find an entry to your hand to play more spades. Then you will need a further entry to cash them, once the Ace is knocked out. If the ♠K is in the West hand, your second high club honour won't be that entry. So what to do? Obviously you need to preserve both the Queen and Jack of clubs as a later entry to your hand. This will create an immediate trick for the defense but you can hope that they will not be able to negotiate more than two red suit tricks.



Here is the revised plan:

Win the ♠A, play the ♠K. Play a second round of clubs towards the QJ. West will probably win with the King and will have to guess which red suit to switch to. A diamond will give you a problem – are they 3-3? (you win the Ace), are they blocked? (4-2 with two diamond honours in each hand – you win the Ace), are they 4-2 with the short diamond having the ♠A? (Duck one round). Looks like this will be a guess if the defenders do the right thing.

Here is the second revised plan:

Win the ♠A, play the ♠K. Now a heart to the King in hand and spades until the Ace is played. Whoever wins the ♠A can switch to a diamond. Now if you duck once they can switch back to hearts to establish two more heart tricks (if West has 3 hearts) and beat you. On the other hand, they may continue clubs.

Without further evidence, there is not much to choose between these two. Either revised plan will be relatively difficult for the opponents to defend against, with the first revised plan probably the best – looking at dummy West may think it easier to establish heart tricks than diamond tricks.

That was a lot of planning to come up with the best line of play with the most important thing being to win the first trick in dummy to preserve a hand entry. The key was to a) not play too quickly to trick one b) to think ahead to how the play will actually go c) look for problems.

Did you find the best play?



Boston Slam Party

By Peter Morse

While in Boston in November for the NABCs, I had the opportunity to watch partner play two interesting slam hands, in each of which my optimistic bidding contributed to his play problems.

HAND #1 - Matchpoints

As North, red vs. red, playing with a competent partner, I held ♠AK7 ♥843 ♦J42 ♣KT97 and heard West open 3S on my right. After two passes, partner bid 4S, so I rolled out my only four card suit at the five level. Partner then flew to 6H. Ever aware that we were playing matchpoints, I bid 6NT, thinking my spade honours and



general hand strength would complement partner's hand pretty well. I sensed that I had 'stepped in it' when partner immediately took this out to 7D. I corrected to 7H, and there he played.

The opening lead was the ♠Q and partner went 'into the tank' for about three minutes as he studied his options, and then called for the ♠A, on which he pitched the ♠A! He then led the ♦J, covered by the king and won by the ace. After pulling two rounds of trump (which fortunately split 2-2), he returned to dummy with the ♥8, cashed the black kings to help with the count, and then repeated the diamond finesse (for the 10) and claimed.

The complete deal: **BOTH VULNERABLE, Dealer: WEST**

		NORTH	
		♠AK7	
		♥843	
		♦J42	
		♣KT97	
		EAST	
		♠96	
		♥96	
		♦KT7	
		♣J86532	
		SOUTH	
		♠ -	
		♥AKQT52	
		♦AQ9863	
		♣A	

Bidding and making 7H was worth all the matchpoints. As the cards lie, 7H cannot make without a spade or diamond lead, since then there is only one entry to dummy and the lie of the diamond suit requires two finesses. 6N will make from the North hand, with six heart tricks, two in each black suit, and two diamonds via the necessary finesse.

Hand #2 – Matchpoints

As West, red vs. white, playing with the same partner in another session, I held ♠A ♥AKT6 ♦QT98743 ♣A and opened 1D. Partner responded 1S, and I was left with a choice (or so it seemed at the time) between reversing into 2H or jumping to 3D. I chose the latter, having regard for the disparate length of my two suits, and realizing

that partner would now bid hearts if he had four of them. As it turned out, he bid 3H, and we were off to the races. He showed no key cards (not a surprise) so we settled in 6H, as I prayed for heart honours and diamond shortness in his hand. Well, one out of two prayers came home as he held ♠KQ432 ♥8743 ♦void ♣KQ97.

The defence started with a small club and partner won in dummy and immediately ruffed a diamond, then cashed the king and queen of clubs, pitching diamonds. The ace of spades was cashed and then declarer cashed a high heart, noting the fall of the ♥9 on his right. Another diamond was ruffed in hand with both opponents following. Now declarer cashed the ♠K, pitching a diamond while both opponents followed. Then came the ♠Q, and South (LHO) showed out pitching the ♦A, so declarer pitched another diamond from dummy. Dummy now held ♥KT6♦Q, while declarer held ♠32♥8♣7 and the defenders held the QJ5 of hearts between them. Declarer now led his fourth club, ruffing in dummy while both opponents followed. The lead of dummy's last diamond was covered by North with the king, ruffed with declarer's last trump, and overruffed by South with the ♥Q. At trick twelve, South led the ♥5. Declarer thought for a while and then put in the king, only to have South claim the last trick with the trump jack.

The complete deal (hands rotated): **EAST-WEST VULNERABLE, Dealer: WEST**

		WEST	
		♠A	
		♥AKT6	
		♦QT98743	
		♣A	
		SOUTH	
		♠76	
		♥QJ52	
		♦AJ2	
		♣6542	
		EAST	
		♠KQ432	
		♥8743	
		♦ -	
		♣KQ97	
		NORTH	
		♠JT983	
		♥9	
		♦K65	
		♣JT83	



Should the hand have been made, given the play to the first eleven tricks? Yes, declarer has seen enough to enable him to 'see' South's last two cards, without taking a visual peek at his hand. Let's see, South followed to four club tricks, two spade tricks, two diamond tricks and he pitched another diamond on a third spade. Since all the diamonds and clubs are accounted for, he must have started with four hearts, and his last two cards had to be the ♥J5, indicating the correct play from dummy to be the ♥T at trick twelve. It was one of the few mistakes partner made that session as we coasted in with a 62% game.

But, if instead of discarding his diamond ace on the ♠Q, South had ruffed the ninth trick with a heart honour, declarer must come up a trick short. If he ducks this trick, South leads another trump to strand him with a diamond loser. Alternatively, he can overruff with dummy's remaining high heart honour, and then ruff another diamond with his last trump at trick ten. But declarer is now in his hand holding ♠32 ♠7, South has ♥J5 ♠6, dummy has ♥T6 ♠Q and North has the master cards in both clubs and spades. South simply discards his remaining club at trick eleven and wins the last two tricks since declarer must ruff trick 11 in dummy in order to win it.



CNTC

By Chris Diamond

I played in the CNTC at Penticton this summer. I hadn't really planned on participating and hadn't practiced at all. In fact, I probably hadn't played more than 1 session of bridge in the preceding 6 months. No matter, it was like riding a bike, right? I soon discovered, I was still fully capable of riding my bike headlong into a truck.

For instance, how does declarer make 2 tricks with JXX opposite a stiff ace. Easy, play against me! Witness one of the worst plays ever made in bridge.

I had doubled the opponents in 3H after I had bid spades twice. Partner led the 10 of clubs through dummy's JXX. I held KQX and correctly surmised that pard didn't have a spade to lead. Unfortunately drawing this conclusion exhausted all my unused, flabby, bridge playing brain cells. I was apparently incapable of devising a complete defence to this deal. All I could come up with was a plan for this trick. So, when declarer ducked the lead in

dummy, I thought it prudent to put up the club queen ensuring an entry to my spades and preventing declarer from ducking. Declarer won the ace and after leading a trump to dummy led a low club through me. OOOPS!!!! Now what Diamond? I could duck it, but what if pard didn't have the 9 and had led the 10 to get me to switch to spades (yes I need this kind of prodding). Well you already know which way this one went. Up went the king allowing to declarer to simultaneously establish the jack for a pitch and shorten his trumps for a trump coup against partner later. 3 hearts doubled and making.

Luckily, I was playing with Mr Serenity (Larry Pocock) who said nothing but simply put his cards back in the slot (although when the screens came down I thought I heard him mumbling something about drinking too much but I wasn't sure whether that was what he thought I did or if that's what he intended to do).

But we did manage to do some things well. Whenever we played the leaders of the event we seemed to beat them including the eventual winners Unfortunately there was only 1 leader and 22 non-leaders so the odds were heavily stacked against us.

I also developed a strategy that I'd like to share with you. When you are playing a team that agonizes over every bid and play and you feel you have had the best of them on the boards you have managed to grind out, DO NOT call the director and attempt to speed them up (are you reading this LP).

But overall the CNTC is still a fun event to play in. Maybe next year I'll practice, but then what could I use as an excuse.



Stuart's World

By Barry Yamanouchi

This article is inspired by the George's World column in the Bridge Bulletin where George Jacobs often writes about his misadventures with Claude Vogel. I thought it might be humorous to write about my misadventures with Stuart Carr. As many of you may remember, Stuart and I were regular partners at one time. People may have thought we stopped playing together due to an argument or me having an emotional breakdown from the trauma of Stuart's many crazy bids. This is not true. Stuart's work schedule changed so we could not play together any more.



Before I continue with this article, I must say that Stuart is one of the nicest partners I have had the pleasure to play with. He also has an imagination like no one else I have ever played with. This imagination can lead him to be very brilliant at times. Unfortunately, it can also get him into a lot of trouble. I remember the first time I was to play with Stuart, people were warning me that he was very wild in his bidding. We played that first game and came first with a 70% game! I thought he was brilliant. He kept doubling people and was never wrong! I soon found out that many of those doubles were just lucky for we came in last the next game. After that we came first again and then last in the game after that. That is the way it can be with Stuart: one big rollercoaster ride.

The following story will demonstrate how Stuart's mind works though to be fair to him, this happened a long time ago when we were not very experienced. Neither of us bid this hand very well. Stuart's hand was something like this:

AKQJxxxx Ax x xx

This is a textbook Namyats hand where one opens 4D to show a running spade suit and one outside trick. Unfortunately, we didn't play Namyats at the time so Stuart, seeing he had 9 tricks in his hand, decided to open 2C. My right-hand opponent then bid 2H. I had:

xx xx Kxx AQxxxx

Of course, as soon as Stuart opened 2C, I started thinking slam. I bid 3C over the opponents 2H. My left-hand opponent bid 3H and then Stuart started doing a scary thing: he began to think. Whenever Stuart takes time to think, I get very nervous because you never know what that brain will come up with. He looked at his hand and thought that on a heart lead, he could make 9 tricks in his own hand in notrump. He therefore bid 3NT not realizing what this would convey to me. I thought he had a 22+ point hand with notrump distribution. Now this is where I showed my inexperience. I should have been thinking 6NT or maybe even 7NT but for some reason on that day I bid 6C. My left-hand opponent doubled and then after considerable thought, Stuart passed!!! This is the full auction:

Stuart		Me	
2C	2H	3C	3H
3N	P	6C	Dbl
P!!!	P	P	

Stuart had three bids in this auction and not once did he show his 8 card spade suit! I can't remember the result but needless to say, it was much worse than everybody else in the room where it was easily played in 4S.

I originally thought I had enough stories to do a regular column. I found I have forgotten most of them, probably out of necessity to keep my sanity. Unfortunately, I haven't quite forgotten a recent Swiss team game we played where we lost 21 imps on one board and lost the 6 board match by 60 imps!

Never a dull moment playing with Stuart!

A Couple of Hands. . . .

By Peter Morse

The first hand comes from the Washington NABC and a game with a partner who, when we met at the Partnership Desk, mentioned that he didn't play a lot of conventions. Only later, I discovered this meant he played Stayman, transfers, straight Blackwood and DONT and nothing else.

This produced some interesting sequences during the day including the following:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3N	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

The 10 of spades was led and partner (North) put down ♠ J753 ♥A7532 ♦872 ♣A. I thanked partner and, staring at my hand of ♠AK64 ♥94 ♦AQ ♣KJT65, wondered where I was going to find 12 tricks. Heart loser, potential diamond and trump losers – maybe I can trade them all in for a club loser. But first, to the trump suit, and the lack of good intermediates in spades left no choice but to assume the trump lead was from 10-9-8 (i.e. RHO has the doubleton queen), which is the assumption I would have had to make if a trump had not been led. So 'cover an honour with an honour' did not seem to be a good idea. The scowl on East's visage appeared when I played small from dummy and won the K in my hand, and it deepened when I next cashed the trump ace, dropping his queen.



Next, it became apparent that I would need a successful diamond finesse to get near 12 tricks. So, after crossing to the club ace and pulling the last trump, I took a deep breath before playing to the diamond Q. When this held, all that remained was a needed 4-3 club split, as I played clubs from the top pitching hearts on each one. East, holding four clubs, won the third club and switched to hearts, but dummy's ace won and the diamond entry to my hand enabled me to mop up the clubs, pitching the remaining hearts. A simple crossruff remained.

The complete deal: **BOTH VULNERABLE, Dealer: SOUTH**

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J753		♠ Q2	
♥ A7532		♥ QT8	
♦ 872		♦ KT63	
♣ A		♣ Q832	
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ AK64		♠ T98	
♥ 94		♥ KJ6	
♦ AQ		♦ J954	
♣ KJT65		♣ 974	

I politely complimented partner on finding the potential slam, cringed at the thought of what would have happened with a heart lead, and went on to several other guessing games later that day that didn't work out quite as well.

The second hand comes from a local club game. The auction proceeded:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3D ¹	Double ²	Redouble ³
Pass	3S ⁴	Pass	4H
Pass	5C ⁵	Pass	6H
All Pass			

¹ Transfer to hearts

² Lead directing, seeking a possible sacrifice

³ 'Diamonds is the best feature of my hand'

⁴ 'Sorry, partner, I can't leave it here. But I have spade values too.'

⁵ Cue bid

The complete deal: **BOTH VULNERABLE, Dealer: SOUTH**

NORTH		EAST	
♠ T953		♠ Q8	
♥ 2		♥ AQ	
♦ K5432		♦ AQT976	
♣ QT2		♣ AJ7	
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ AJ2		♠ K764	
♥ J765		♥ KT9843	
♦ J8		♦ -	
♣ 9653		♣ K84	

South led the spade Ace, and continued with a second spade, won by declarer in his hand with the queen.

The lead of the ace of spades appears to have given Declarer (East) a legitimate play for a difficult contract. But, due to the 4 - 1 heart split, the contract unfortunately foundered because of that split. Try as he might, after Declarer cashes two hearts in his hand early in an attempt to draw the enemy trumps, he is not able to both cash his non-trump winners in dummy and end in his hand at trick 12 for the necessary trump coup since he only has two later entries to his hand (the J and A of clubs). Since he needs to twice



shorten the trump holding in dummy, and then return to his hand on the 11th trick, he winds up one entry short. Try it!

But, there was one significant omission in the bidding summary – South actually decided his trump holding (J765), his spade Ace and his partner's early foray into the bidding justified a **double**.

Given the paucity of assets available to the defense, Declarer is now able to deduce that there may be a trump stack, either 4-1 or 5-0, facing him. If North has the long trump holding, the contract will surely fail. So East sets about playing for South to be long in hearts, and does not cash his heart honours when in his hand after trick two.

Rather he cashes the diamond A, pitching a club, and then ruffs a diamond with a small trump. Now, since he need four entries to his hand, including ruffs with the two heart honours, he must finesse the Jack of clubs. When this wins, he ruffs another diamond, as South pitches a club, and returns to his hand with the A of clubs. One more diamond ruff leaves the lead in dummy (West) with the following position:

		NORTH	
		♠ T9	
		♥ 2	
		♦ K	
		♣ Q	
WEST	EAST		
♠ K7	♠ -		
♥ KT9	♥ AQ		
♦ -	♦ QT		
♣ -	♣ 7		
		SOUTH	
		♠ J	
		♥ J765	
		♦ -	
		♣ -	

But now East ruffs a spade in hand with the heart Q, ruffs a club in dummy with the heart 9, while South is forced to undertruff, and a third ruff with the trump ace leaves him in his hand in position to finesse the heart J *en passant*. Bad heart split? No problem!

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Give Me A Hand

By Joerg Schneider

Long after I wrote the article about freak deals this one cropped up at the last section – Friday Evening, Board 11.

The complete deal: **VULNERABLE None, Dealer: SOUTH**

		NORTH	
		♠ T	
		♥ AK93	
		♦	
		♣ AKJT9865	
WEST	EAST		
♠ A8765432	♠ J9		
♥ 82	♥ 6		
♦ A9	♦ KQJ7542		
♣ 4	♣ Q73		
		SOUTH	
		♠ KQ	
		♥ QJT754	
		♦ T863	
		♣ 2	

At our table, where we play "disciplined" weak two-bids it went Pass – 4 Spades – ?? I bid 5 Clubs (a double surely will get you a 5 Diamond response?) played there and scored 400.

At some tables west opened 3 Spades, now you can double, correct to 4 Diamonds to 5 Clubs and over a surprising 4 Heart bid 6 Hearts, and East will sacrifice in 6 Spades down only 300.

Where it really hurt was at those table where North went to 7 Hearts doubled. You are on Lead with 2 Aces, which one do you lead? Those who claim they would lead the Ace of Spades just had their nose grow a couple of inches. Of course you lead the Ace of Diamonds. Disaster strikes and you record an embarrassing -1700 on your score sheet!

At those tables where South opens 2 Hearts, West will be 4 Spades, North 6 Hearts and East 6 Spades, leading to Double down 2 or 7 Hearts with the already described disaster.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣



A Simple Question

By Alice Thomas

One of my partners asked this question: "After I open 1C and you respond 1NT what does my **2NT or 3NT** bid mean?"

My first response was that 2NT by either partner tends to show invitational values but that I would do some research. And why not include a 1NT response over both a minor and a major opening?

As I play with both SAYC and 2/1 players, I anticipated both systems would be similar, except that playing 2/1:

- 1) 1NT over a major opening is forcing and
- 2) over a minor opening Inverted Minor was an option, so, if responder didn't use Inverted Minor, it gave information about responder's hand.

I used two recent, reliable resources:

Two Over One in a Nutshell by D. Berry c. 2003

A Manual For ..Yellow Card by T. Kong c. 2005

Opener bids a major

	SAYC	2/1	both
1H:1NT	6-10pts/denies 4S/3H	*F (5+)-12pts/ denies 4S may have 3H	
2NT	17-18 pts**	16-18pts**	invitational
3NT	19-21pts	19-21pts	***

**Hands not ideal to open NT and remember these are pts not HCP

***Partnership discussion re: stoppers

There are similar results with the 1S opening except the responder's 1NT doesn't deny 4 hearts in either system.

Opener bids a minor

	SAYC	2/1	both
1C:1NT	6-10pts	(7)8-10pts	no 4 card M/ not forcing
2NT	17-18pts**	17-18pts**	invitational
3NT	19-21pts	19-21pts	***

**Hands not ideal to open NT and remember these are pts not HCP

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There is similar understandings for a 1D opening except less points, 6-10, are required to respond 1NT. (i.e. 2/1)

My conclusion: Generally, 2NT rebid by opener shows invitational values. The "invitational point count" of 2NT varies slightly reflecting the fact that responder's 1NT bid also varies slightly.

If the above seem a bit complicated for very basic systems, consider what follows as players advance. Point count is still respected but other factors are considered. i.e. Losing Trick count and Hand Evaluation. Some learn new systems. Information spirals. Partners, magazines, books and lessons push new conventions or conventions changes, new ideas and "tricks of the trade". Soon players have a backpack of information so heavy, that it would cripple a player to carry it around the block. A basic system is an extinct concept.

Answering "The Simple Question" is a good introduction to the topic of Information Explosion and the impact it has on bridge and bridge players. A topic I hope to explore in future issues of the Matchpointer.

Meanwhile, I leave two items to ponder as they relate to the speed and problems of change.

When I shared my answer to "The Simple Question" with top level players, this was their response:

"The bids you describe are the way these bids used to be played. Now the 3NT bid generally shows the long suit with a lot of tricks. 1any-1NT-2NT shows 18-19 HCP and says bid 3NT with any excuse."

The September 2009 issue of Bridge Bulletin published a letter to the editor by Frank Stewart. His letter raised the concerns: .."the current preoccupation with system has spiralled out of control....too much time spent on system is detrimental to the development of a sound foundation and natural bidding skills." ["natural skills" are defined as hand evaluation, planning ahead in the auction, etc.]



Slamlet

Courtesy of Peter Morse

Ah, to bid the slam or not to bid, that is the question,
Whether 'tis nobler to bid the slam poorly and crash in flames
Or to sidle away lest we go minus when game is cold,
Or else to double the sacrificial offering of our foes
Which may deliver a mere pittance on our card.
And who could bear the whips and scorns of partner
When one has proceeded to level six with insufficient assets.
We collect our tools, our cues and minorwoods among them,
And conduct the search for the elusive trump queen
But then we shy away, rather than seek one more king.
Thus conscience does make cowards of us all
When imagination and courage would place us in the proper spot
And garner admiration from our friends and foes alike.

By BOTTOM BOARD

With Apologies to Will Shakespeare



Statistics and Standings

2009 Monthly Unit Game Race as of September

How the MUG race works: The top player in the standings gets his or her name on the MUG trophy, and free plays to all of the MUGs in the following calendar year. The top player in Flight B (under 2000), and Flight C (under 750) both receive six free plays for MUGs in the following calendar year. Nobody is allowed to win more than one prize; if a player wins in multiple flights (as Tao Feng did last year) the lower prize(s) go to the next highest eligible player (so Jack Lee and David Yu, second in Flight B and C, each won six free plays to 2009 Monthly Unit Games). Everyone competes in the race(s) that he or she was eligible for on January 1, even after accumulating enough masterpoints since to move up a strat.



Unit 430 Area Bridge Clubs

Abbr	Club Name and Location	Contact	Website
ARB	Arbutus Village BC 2B-4255 Arbutus Street, Van	Jean Terry 604-733-2807	None
BBY	Burnaby DBC 2776 East Broadway, Van	G. Lambert 604-524-6617	www.newwestbridge.ca
C.R	Cent. Richmond BC 7891 Cambie Road, Richmond	Albert Yallouz 604-321-1891	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
CWK	Chilliwack DBC 7194 Veddar Road, Chilliwack	Jim Groves 604-847-0107	www.members.shaw.ca/j_groves
E.C.	E.C. Bridge Club 2776 East Broadway, Van	Eugene Chan 604-255-2564	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
GEBC	Maple Ridge BC Ridge Meadows Senior Activity Centre, 12150 224th St.	G. Skoropada	None
HBN	Hollyburn BC 950 Cross Creek Road, West Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
JCC	Jewish Comm. Ctr. DBC 950 West 41st Avenue, Van	Cathy Miller	None
MIS	Mission DBC 33345 2nd Avenue, Mission	M. Clements 604-826-3557	www.members.shaw.ca/missionduplicatebridgeclub/
NWR	New Westminster BC 620 8th Street, New West	G. Lambert 604-524-6617	www.newwestbridge.ca
N-S	North Shore BC 1521 Lillooet Road, North Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
NSW	N S Winter Club 1325 East Keith Road, North Van	Steve Beaton 604-984-0453	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
PADB	Peace Arch Duplicate Bridge Club First United Church 15385 Semiahmoo White Rock	John Lien peacearchbridge@shaw.ca	www.peacearchbridge.ca/
PKB	Polish BC (Non-ACBL) 1134 Kingsway, Van	Waldemar Jez 604-527-8854	www.polishbridge.org
RMD	East Richmond BC 7891 Cambie Road, Richmond	Ernie Dietrich 604-936-2298	www.bridgeclubnews.ca
SRV	South Surrey BC 14831 28th Avenue, Surrey	A. Browning 604-870-9300	None
SQU	Squamish DBC 1471 Pemberton, Squamish	Kay Roberts 604-898-3896	None
TSW	Tsawwassen BC 1720 56th Street, Tsawwassen	Richard Dunn 604-940-9809	www.user.dccnet.com/rmdunn/
VBC	Vancouver Bridge Centre 2776 East Broadway, Van	Club Phone 604-255-2564	www.cs.sfu.ca/~bbart/personal/van-bc/stats/
VCR	Vancouver BC (West Van) Taylor Way and Hwy 1, West Van	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577	www.vancouverbridgeclub.ca
WIL	Willingdon BC 1491 Carleton Avenue, Burnaby	Dianne Wilson 604-521-0458	None
WRK	White Rock BC 1854 154th Street, White Rock	A. Browning 604-870-9300	None

Schedule of Regular Weekly Games

Day	Time	Club	Director	Details
Sun	1:00	RMD	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
	1:00	VBC	M. Eddy	Open Stratified
Mon	10:00	N-S	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified
	10:45	WIL	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
	7:00	SQU	E. Tenta	Closed Jul/Aug
	7:00	CWK	J. Groves	Open*
	7:15	TSW	R. Dunn	Open Stratified#
	7:15	SRV	A. Browning	Open*
	7:00	VBC	J. Pocock	0-49 MP
	7:00	VBC	M. Eddy	Stratified 0-1,000 MP**
	7:30	HBN	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
Tue	10:00	VBC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	11:00	PADB	Kathy Adachi	Open Stratified
	7:00	BBY	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
	7:30	NSW	S. Beaton	Open Stratified
	7:30	WIL	E. Dietrich	Open Stratified
Wed	10:00	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified
	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Stratified 0-750 MP
	12:45	GEBC	G. Skoropada	Open Stratified
	7:00	VBC	B. McIntyre	IMP Pairs
	7:15	WRK	A. Browning	Open*
	7:15	VCR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
Thu	7:30	C.R	A. Yallouz	Open Stratified
	11:00	JCC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	7:00	MIS	M. Clements	Open
	7:15	NWR	G. Lambert	Open Stratified#
	7:30	ARB	A. Nagy	Open to All
Fri	7:30	E.C.	E. Chan	Open Stratified
	10:30	VBC	C. Miller	Open Stratified
	7:30	PKB	W. Jez	Alt Fridays, Call
Sat	7:30	VBC	C. Miller	Open, Optional Jackpot
	1:00	VBC	C. Miller	Occasional Special Game

* Some games stratified ** Lesson each week # Occasional team game

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Updated – September 2009 (if you discover any inaccuracies please report these to the Editor Ben Takemori via email at battak@shaw.ca.)

Flight over MP	A 2000	Flight 750-2000 MP	B Flight under MP	C 750	Player	MPts
1					Michael Dimich	18.49
2		1	1		Brian Liu	17.49
3					Joel Martineau	16.99
4		2	2		Kai Zhou	11.80
5		3	3		Jeffrey Ren	10.41
6					Aidan Ballantyne	9.63
7		4	4		John Chen	8.35
8		5	5		David Hu	8.35
9					Larry Pocock	8.26
10		6			Gordon Estrada	8.26
11					Katrin Litwin	7.90
12		7			Ronald Dixon	7.57
13					Rock Shi Yan	7.27
14		8	6		David Yu	7.27
15		9			Julie Smith	7.17
16		10			Tao Feng	6.80
17		11	7		Long Xie	6.67
18		12			Nicholas Stock	6.26
19					June Pocock	6.01
20		13	8		Roy Li	5.56
21		14			John Demeulemeester	5.38
22		15			Jack Lee	5.30
23					Peter Cooper	5.05
24					Harold Hansen	4.70
25					Trevor Epp	4.70



		9	Eric Pan	3.92
		10	Amy Gao	2.97
		11	Yue Su	2.70
		12	Eric Gu	2.12
		13	Diana Jing	1.93
		14	Alex Roman	1.79
		15	Beverley Hall	1.59

356.92 masterpoints have won by 136 different players so far (81 more have played without winning any) at the first nine Monthly Unit Games of 2009. Note that the Ev Hodge game, while run under a Unit Championship sanction, is an extra game and NOT part of the masterpoint race.

Monthly Unit Game Results

May 09 – September 09

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session May 2, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds	Average: 156.0	Section A			MPs
		%	Score	Overall Rank	
				A B C	
Edward Hui - Brian Liu	62.18	194.00	1	1	3.40(OA)
Marge Neate - Marina Page	58.17	181.50	2		2.55(OA)
Michael Dimich - Joel Martineau	57.69	180.00	3		1.91(OA)
Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin	57.53	179.50	4		1.43(OA)
Jeffrey Ren - Kai Zhou	56.89	177.50	5	2	1.43(OB)
Gilbert Lambert - Peter Morse	56.73	177.00	6		0.81(OA)
Julie Smith - Peter Cooper	55.45	173.00		3	1.07(OB)
Jadwiga Polujan - Zoran Peca	55.29	172.50		4	0.81(OB)

Monthly Unit Team Game Saturday Eve Session June 6, 2009

Team Game 4 Rounds

Team	Wins	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Tao Feng, Rock Shi Yan						
David Yu, Jeffrey Ren	4.00	113.00	1	1		2.83(OA)
Michael Dimich, Nicholas Stock						
Eric Gu, Ronald Dixon	2.00	76.00	2	3		2.12(OA)
Glenn Ponto, Melinda Ponto						
Tai Eng, Beverley Hall	2.00	69.00	3	3		1.59(OA)
Eric Pan, Brian Liu						
Roy Li, Yue Su	2.00	68.00	4		1	1.40(OC)

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session July 4, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds	Average: 156.0	Section A			MPs
		%	Score	Overall Rank	
				A B C	
Joel Martineau - Michael Dimich	66.03	206.00	1		3.68(OA)
John Demeulemeester - Ronald Dixon	59.94	187.00	2	1	2.76(OA)
Peter Morse - Gilbert Lambert	59.62	186.00	3		2.07(OA)
Greg Lam - June Pocock	58.81	183.50	4		1.55(OA)
Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt	58.33	182.00	5		1.16(OA)
Kathy Bye - Marina Page	56.73	177.00	6		0.87(OA)
David Hu - John Chen	56.25	175.50		2	1.43(OB)
Kai Zhou - Brian Liu	53.99	168.46		3	1.07(OB)
Anne Smith - Geraldine May	52.56	164.00			0.81(OB)

2009 Richmond Trophy Unit 430 Leaders

As of September 7, 2009

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session August 8, 2009

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 Section A

	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Kai Zhou - Brian Liu	64.42	201.00	1	1		3.83(OA)
Anita Morse - Sheila Sache	62.18	194.00	2			2.87(OA)
Joel Martineau - Michael Dimich	59.78	186.50	3			2.15(OA)
Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin	58.49	182.50	4			1.62(OA)
Marge Neate - John Demeulemeester	58.17	181.50	5			1.21(OA)
Harold Hansen - Trevor Epp	57.37	179.00	6	2		1.61(OB)
Jack Lee - Jeffrey Ren	55.13	172.00		3		1.21(OB)
Pauline McClafferty - Nigel Fullbrook	54.97	171.50		4		0.91(OB)
Susan Peters - Nicholas Stock	52.40	163.50		5		0.68(OB)
John Chen - David Hu	48.08	150.00		1/2		1.14(OC)
Diana Jing - Amy Gao	48.08	150.00		1/2		1.14(OC)

Monthly Unit Game Saturday Eve Session September 5, 2009

Scores after 9 rounds Average: 229.5 Section A C

	%	Score	Overall Rank			MPs
			A	B	C	
Julie Smith - Peter Cooper	65.52	300.74	1	1		4.11(OA)
Joel Martineau - Michael Dimich	64.55	296.29	2			3.08(OA)
Andrew Ross - Ken Lochang	62.30	285.97	3			2.31(OA)
Don Brazeau - Aidan Ballantyne	61.64	282.91	4			1.73(OA)
Brian Liu - Kai Zhou	60.75	278.85	5	2		1.79(OB)
Eugene Chan - Laurence Betts	59.25	271.97	6			0.98(OA)
Harold Hansen - Trevor Epp	58.71	269.50		3		1.34(OB)
Nigel Fullbrook - Gina Diamond	56.88	261.06		4		1.01(OB)
Long Xie - Kai Hiraki	54.39	249.65		5	1	1.40(OC)
Jeffrey Ren - Jack Lee	53.71	246.53		6		0.57(OB)
Stephen Ottridge - Peter Durant	46.37	212.85			2	1.05(OC)
Diana Jing - Amy Gao	43.66	200.38			3	0.79(OC)

Richmond Trophy Leaders

Rank	Player	Location	Points
	Cameron Doner	Richmond BC	759.87
2	Gerry McCully	New Westminster BC	742.38
3	Rhonda Foster	New Westminster BC	716.52
4	Michael Yuen	Vancouver BC	393.34
17	Jack Lee	Richmond BC	322.50
30	Nicholas Stock	North Vancouver BC	311.60
34	Sandra Robson	New Westminster BC	304.15
38	Eric Pan	Burnaby BC	300.45
40	Samantha Nystrom	Port Moody BC	296.51
44	Joel Martineau	Vancouver BC	292.16
45	Kai Zhou	Burnaby BC	268.06
52	Bryan Maksymetz	Garibaldi Highl BC	246.86
67	Dan Jacob	Vancouver BC	232.68
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2009 Ace of Clubs Race

Top 10 As of September 7, 2009

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Diana Jing	Burnaby BC	24.67
2	Cheryl Hammond	Richmond BC	23.12
3	Andrew Krywaniuk	Vancouver BC	11.98
4	Paul Fournier	Vancouver BC	10.20
5	Diane Griffiths	Langley BC	9.78
6	Jack Johnson	Surrey BC	8.55
7	Kathleen Allard	West Vancouver BC	8.06
8	Robert Sewell	West Vancouver BC	7.98
9	Lynne Frost	Delta BC	7.75
10	Jeannette Bromley	Langley BC	7.50

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Zia Azizi	North Vancouver BC	21.54
2	Eve Jensen	Abbotsford BC	15.07
3	Leslie Churchland	Vancouver BC	11.43
4	Nita Dalal	Vancouver BC	10.88
5	Stephanie Green	West Vancouver BC	9.85
6	Alan Kemp-Gee	West Vancouver BC	8.75
7	Geoffrey Trafford	North Vancouver BC	8.51
8	Janet Fleming	North Vancouver BC	7.80
9	Rob Fought	West Vancouver BC	7.30

10 Denise Wiggins Vancouver BC 6.59

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	L Ralph Buckley	Vancouver BC	23.78
2	Stephen Ottridge	Vancouver BC	23.03
3	Robin Hart	North Vancouver BC	21.14
4	Gloria Chochinov	Vancouver BC	17.87
5	Roderic Gulston	North Vancouver BC	17.64
6	James Weir	Aldergrove BC	14.54
7	Marilyn Knipp	Delta BC	13.12
8	Ann Napper	Surrey BC	12.99
9	Craig Wilson	Burnaby BC	12.96
10	Gisele Maher	Aldergrove BC	12.43

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Yue Su	Vancouver BC	29.39
2	David Gabel	Vancouver BC	27.05
3	Pamela Rattenbury	West Vancouver BC	22.93
4	Vincent Chan	Vancouver BC	21.18
5	Donna-Faye Madhosingh	Vancouver BC	20.50
6	Xiangdong Meng	Vancouver BC	17.86
7	Bertram Schoner	Vancouver BC	16.35
8	Carol Smart	Vancouver BC	15.47
9	Vincent Yung	Vancouver BC	12.50



10 Henriette Pieron Surrey BC 12.41

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Ann Hung	Vancouver BC	58.93
2	Marta Zahorecz	Vancouver BC	40.18
3	Jane Youngberg	Surrey BC	35.54
4	Brian Stone	West Vancouver BC	31.77
5	Wenda Hopp	Delta BC	28.64
6	Amy Gao	Richmond BC	27.11
7	John Stevens	Surrey BC	26.09
8	Janneke Noort	Vancouver BC	24.62
9	Pearl Franko	Vancouver BC	23.32
10	Alfred Lau	North Vancouver BC	21.89

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Yuandong Ren	Burnaby BC	42.78
2	Roy Li	Burnaby BC	37.09
3	Lorna Hawes	Vancouver BC	31.44
4	Don Lecky	Squamish BC	29.45
5	John Koster	Maple Ridge BC	28.63
6	Richard Syrnyk	North Vancouver BC	21.76
7	Ted Henriksen	Langley BC	20.65
8	Norman Delaire	Surrey BC	18.95
9	Freda Cryer	West Vancouver BC	17.84
10	Fatemeh Pazand	West Vancouver BC	16.13

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Allan Karro	Burnaby BC	44.52
2	Geraldine May	Vancouver BC	42.68
3	Ronald J Gagnon	Surrey BC	39.07
4	Patricia Chen	Vancouver BC	36.46
5	David Dilkes	Vancouver BC	31.11
6	Neil McAllister	Vancouver BC	30.85
7	Peggy Winter	Ladner BC	27.47
8	Bill Butler	Surrey BC	26.65
9	Alice Butler	Surrey BC	26.65
10	Kun Shao	Surrey BC	24.63

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Hsiang Li	Burnaby BC	77.43
2	Eric Pan	Burnaby BC	77.20
3	Kazuko Koda	Vancouver BC	60.82
4	Suzette Behar	West Vancouver BC	56.61
5	Baixiang Liu	Vancouver BC	56.46
6	Antoinette Sheffield	Surrey BC	48.54
7	Gail Heuchert	Vancouver BC	48.48
8	Kai Zhou	Burnaby BC	46.32
9	Clarence Dodd	Vancouver BC	44.65
10	Ann Andres	West Vancouver BC	44.54



1000 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Jack Lee	Richmond BC	75.89
2	Marla Gropper	Vancouver BC	75.57
3	Rhoda Tafler	Richmond BC	67.76
4	John Teschke	Vancouver BC	67.13
5	Joel Martineau	Vancouver BC	64.56
6	Kenny T K Chan	Vancouver BC	61.29
7	Mark Eddy	Burnaby BC	57.00
8	Samantha Nystrom	Port Moody BC	56.97
9	Rosalee Hardin	Vancouver BC	55.77
10	Dee Steil	New Westminster BC	55.09

2500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Leyden Chao	Burnaby BC	81.20
2	Joerg Schneider	Vancouver BC	80.23
3	Sandra Robson	New Westminster BC	69.65
4	Ernie Dietrich	Coquitlam BC	68.61
5	John Lien	Surrey BC	67.04
6	Tai Eng	West Vancouver BC	59.56
7	Dianne Isfeld	Coquitlam BC	57.74
8	Liz Stoneman	Surrey BC	56.15
9	William Ge	Burnaby BC	55.55
10	Pearl Minkoff	Vancouver BC	54.14

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Kathy Adachi	Surrey BC	83.67
2	Evelyn Hodge	Burnaby BC	47.20
3	Mary Fines	North Vancouver BC	42.89
4	Laurence Betts	Burnaby BC	34.05
5	Wilf May	Coquitlam BC	28.43
6	Michael Yuen	Vancouver BC	8.60

7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Aidan Ballantyne	Burnaby BC	27.10
2	Dan Jacob	Vancouver BC	17.50
3	Gerry McCully	New Westminster BC	3.72
4	Rhonda Foster	New Westminster BC	1.35

Over 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Cameron Doner	Richmond BC	12.31

2009 Mini-McKenney Race

Top 10 As of September 7, 2009



0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Diana Jing	Burnaby BC	83.66
2	Cheryl Hammond	Richmond BC	35.43
3	Win Bromley	Langley BC	25.30
4	Jeannette Bromley	Langley BC	22.54
5	Andrew Krywaniuk	Vancouver BC	22.21
6	Robert Sewell	West Vancouver BC	14.45
7	Gulshirin Somji	North Vancouver BC	13.57
8	Fred Baldwin	South Delta BC	12.21
9	Paul Fournier	Vancouver BC	10.90
10	Diane Griffiths	Langley BC	10.30

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Eve Jensen	Abbotsford BC	26.19
2	Nita Dalal	Vancouver BC	24.79
3	Zia Azizi	North Vancouver BC	24.35
4	Amir Somji	North Vancouver BC	13.57
5	Leslie Churchland	Vancouver BC	13.49
6	Enid Ion	Vancouver BC	12.17
7	Fraser McKinnon	Surrey BC	12.07
8	Geoffrey Trafford	North Vancouver BC	10.19
9	Stephanie Green	West Vancouver BC	9.85
10	Alan Kemp-Gee	West Vancouver BC	8.75

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Robin Hart	North Vancouver BC	40.69
2	James Weir	Aldergrove BC	35.53
3	Stephen Ottridge	Vancouver BC	31.92
4	Gisele Maher	Aldergrove BC	31.37
5	L Ralph Buckley	Vancouver BC	25.69
6	Marilyn Knipp	Delta BC	24.03
7	Jeannette Carr	Mission BC	19.87
8	Gloria Chochinov	Vancouver BC	19.49
9	Sheila Ross	Vancouver BC	18.98
10	Roderic Gulston	North Vancouver BC	18.61

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Yue Su	Vancouver BC	66.79
2	Xiangdong Meng	Vancouver BC	46.94
3	Joe Moore	Delta BC	42.06
4	Vincent Chan	Vancouver BC	41.81

5 Donna-Faye Vancouver BC 38.92



6	Madhosingh	Vancouver BC	37.07
7	Pamela Rattenbury	West Vancouver BC	31.11
8	Vincent Yung	Vancouver BC	30.25
9	Bertram Schoner	Vancouver BC	29.75
10	Erwin Tenta	Squamish BC	23.22

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Ann Hung	Vancouver BC	144.66
2	Jane Youngberg	Surrey BC	128.34
3	Edgar L'Heureux	White Rock BC	117.42
4	Amy Gao	Richmond BC	105.25
5	Sally Craig	Port Moody BC	87.65
6	Marta Zahorecz	Vancouver BC	79.29
7	Chuck Irwin	Surrey BC	73.36
8	Brian Stone	West Vancouver BC	66.43
9	Ramzan Ackber	Abbotsford BC	61.96
10	Chris Moore	Delta BC	44.19

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Yuandong Ren	Burnaby BC	192.07
2	Roy Li	Burnaby BC	164.29
3	Lorna Hawes	Vancouver BC	49.82
4	Ken Beck	Chilliwack BC	43.54
5	Felice Clements	Mission BC	40.99
6	Don Lecky	Squamish BC	37.67
7	Denny Gibson	Maple Ridge BC	36.40
8	Richard Syrnuk	North Vancouver BC	34.74
9	John Koster	Maple Ridge BC	33.99
10	Mhairi Longridge	Vancouver BC	30.35

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	David Hu	Vancouver BC	137.39
2	David Dilkes	Vancouver BC	68.17
3	Brock Short	Abbotsford BC	63.74
4	Allan Karro	Burnaby BC	62.76
5	Patricia Chen	Vancouver BC	47.50
6	Geraldine May	Vancouver BC	46.27
7	Gordon Wright	Vancouver BC	45.16
8	Ronald J Gagnon	Surrey BC	43.45
9	Clayton Connolly	Richmond BC	41.76
10	Alex Cormode	White Rock BC	38.77

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Eric Pan	Burnaby BC	300.45



2	Kai Zhou	Burnaby BC	268.06
3	Baixiang Liu	Vancouver BC	188.59
4	John Chen	Vancouver BC	154.41
5	Tao Feng	Burnaby BC	147.38
6	Zoran Peca	Vancouver BC	129.29
7	Long Xie	Burnaby BC	128.09
8	Hsiang Li	Burnaby BC	99.91
9	Richard Kay	Mission BC	94.64
10	Greg Lam	Vancouver BC	94.01

1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Jack Lee	Richmond BC	322.50
2	Nicholas Stock	North Vancouver BC	311.60
3	Samantha Nystrom	Port Moody BC	296.51
4	Joel Martineau	Vancouver BC	292.16
5	Eurydice Nours	Richmond BC	202.39
6	Eugene Chan	Burnaby BC	198.01
7	Gordon Estrada	Surrey BC	154.79
8	Martin Henneberger	Coquitlam BC	154.36
9	Dee Steil	New Westminster BC	141.47
10	Garry Skoropada	Maple Ridge BC	137.02

2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Sandra Robson	New Westminster BC	304.15
2	Larry Pocock	New Westminster BC	197.16
3	Donald Sache	Delta BC	187.33
4	Lawrence Hicks	Coquitlam BC	178.81
5	Peter Morse	North Vancouver BC	175.22
6	Kathy Bye	Burnaby BC	173.75
7	Doug Hansford	Delta BC	172.31
8	Les Fouks	Vancouver BC	167.28
9	June Pocock	New Westminster BC	148.42
10	William Ge	Burnaby BC	146.13

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Michael Yuen	Vancouver BC	393.34
2	Bryan Maksymetz	Garibaldi Highl BC	246.86
3	Kathy Adachi	Surrey BC	161.56
4	Laurence Betts	Burnaby BC	147.18
5	Evelyn Hodge	Burnaby BC	68.46
6	Mary Fines	North Vancouver BC	55.01
7	Wilf May	Coquitlam BC	35.51

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
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1	Gerry McCully	New Westminster BC	742.38
2	Rhonda Foster	New Westminster BC	716.52
3	Dan Jacob	Vancouver BC	232.68
4	Aidan Ballantyne	Burnaby BC	148.95

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Cameron Doner	Richmond BC	759.87



Barry Crane Top 500 Unit 430 Members

As of September 7, 2009

Rank	Player	Points
53	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	759.87
60	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	742.38
69	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	716.52
322	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	393.34



Unit 430 Life Master Milestones

Congratulations to all Unit 430 Members on their achievements.

New Life Masters

Ann Hung
Roy Li
Elsie Mackinnon
Veronica Peacock
Barry Yamanouchi



Grand Life Master (10 000 Masterpoints including a win in an NABC+ Event or other international level accomplishments)

Aidan Ballantyne

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)

Lawrence Hicks
June Pocock

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)

Brad Bart
Eugene Chan
Gilbert Lambert
Joel Martineau
Samantha Nystrom
Gary Skoropada

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Priscilla Brown
Mark Eddy
Tao Feng
Nomi Kaplan
Greg Lam
Tomie Yamanouchi

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Patricia Chen
Denise Goodkey
Veronica Peacock
Barry Yamanouchi



Sectional Results

Victoria Day Sectional

New Westminster May 15th-18th, 2009

Friday Afternoon Pairs - 29.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.50	1			Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC; John Hurdle, Richmond BC	64.23%
4.88	2			Robert Bjorge - Hal Gloff, Bellingham WA	64.08%
3.66	3			Sherman Kwan, Richmond BC; Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	63.08%
2.74	4			Gene Fomin, Glacier WA; Ron Beall, Bellingham WA	60.08%
2.06	5			Eric Pan, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	59.69%
1.35	6/7			Diana Jing - Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	58.54%
1.63	6/7			Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	58.54%
2.95	1	1		Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC; Robin Hart, North Vancouver BC	58.38%
2.21	2	2		Elsie Mackinnon, Delta BC; Ivy Pye, North Vancouver BC	56.92%
1.66	3			Susan Peters, Vancouver BC; Richard Syrnyk, North Vancouver BC	55.69%
1.24	4			Richard Kay, Mission BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	55.46%
0.82	5/6			Ataollah Amiri, West Vancouver BC; Solveig Karlgren, North Vancouver BC	52.15%



0.82	5/6	Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Libby Downs, New Westminster BC	52.15%
1.04	3	R Chan - Vincent Chan, Vancouver BC	51.46%
0.78	4	Michele Wood, Port Coquitlam BC; Adrienne Wurz, Vancouver BC	44.31%
0.58	5	Marke Antonsen - Andrew Krywaniuk, Vancouver BC	43.69%

Friday Evening IMP Pairs - 16.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
4.50	1			Robert Bjorge - Hal Gloff, Bellingham WA	77.73
3.38	2			Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC	72.02
2.53	3			Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC	54.08
2.28	4	1	1	Sally Craig - Clayton Connolly, Port Moody BC	33.53
1.42	5			Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	26.62
1.07	6			Anne Scott, North Vancouver BC; Andrew Lee, Richmond BC	23.89
1.71	2	2		Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	8.01
1.28	3			John Teschke - Marta Zahorecz, Vancouver BC	-1.07
0.96	4			Daphne Williams, Kihei HI; Barbara Van Blankenstein, North Vancouver BC	-4.20
0.72	5			Terence Ho, Burnaby BC; Bonny Lee, Vancouver BC	-6.25

Saturday Aft. 0-750 Pairs - 8.0 Tables

MPs	B	C	Names	Score
1.86	1/2		Elsie Mackinnon, Delta BC; Ivy Pye, North Vancouver BC	63.75%
1.86	1/2		Rae Fee, Delta BC; Alex Cormode, White Rock BC	63.75%
1.51	3	1	Chris Moore - Joe Moore, Delta BC	61.25%
0.89	4		Murray Clements - Felice Clements, Mission BC	54.58%
0.99	5/6	2/3	Marjorie Groberman - Myrna Koffman, Vancouver BC	50.00%
0.99	5/6	2/3	Cheryl Hammond - C Tsou, Richmond BC	50.00%
0.64		4	Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC; Lucia Van Horne, North Vancouver BC	49.58%

Saturday Evening Pairs - 17.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
4.50	1			Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC; June Pocock, New Westminster BC	67.15%
3.38	2			Clayton Connolly, Port Moody BC; Anne Scott, North Vancouver BC	62.34%
2.53	3			Larry Chow - William Sheryer, Abbotsford BC	61.86%



1.90	4	Elizabeth Michno, New Westminster BC; Rhoda Tafler, Richmond BC	61.38%
1.42	5	Robert Walters - Don Keith, New Westminster BC	60.10%
2.54	6 1 1	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC; Yizhong Wu, Richmond BC	59.13%
1.91	2	Barry Yamanouchi - Tomie Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC	54.49%
1.43	3 2	Malcolm Tindale, Vancouver BC; Homa Boustani, West Vancouver BC	52.24%
1.07	4	Richmond Williams, Abbotsford BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	51.92%
1.27	5 3	Jennifer Beymer - Neal Langley, Bellingham WA	51.12%
0.73	4	Gordon Wright - Bernard Hoeschen, Vancouver BC	44.07%

Saturday Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
9.00	1	Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	61.87%
6.75	2	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC; Tim Ayers, Victoria BC	61.20%
5.06	3	Ron Beall, Bellingham WA; James Dickie, Beuinkham WA	59.75%
3.80	4	Michael Haggerty, Burnaby BC; J Ash, Richmond BC	59.42%
3.00	5	Gay Parrish - Jay Brandt,	58.88%

Bellingham WA

2.57	6	David Huang - Alex Chuang, Burnaby BC	58.82%
2.25	7	Eugene Chan, Burnaby BC; David Schmidt, Chilliwack BC	57.86%
2.00	8	Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC	56.48%

Ben Lapidus KO Teams Bk-2 - 6 Tables

MPs Rank Names

8.00	1	Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; David Breton, Burnaby BC; Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC; Les Fouks, Vancouver BC
4.24	2	Stephen Beaton - Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC; Kathy Bye - John Demeulemeester, Burnaby BC

Ben Lapidus KO Teams Bk-3 - 8 Tables

MPs Rank Names

5.83	1	Eric Pan - Roy Li, Burnaby BC; Edward Hui, Richmond BC; Baixiang Liu - John Chen, Vancouver BC
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3.09 2 Kam Tang - Samuel Lai,
Richmond BC; Hing Kong Ho -
Hsiang Li, Burnaby BC

Ben Lapidus KO Teams Bk-1 - 6 Tables

MPs Rank Names

11.58 1 John Bryden - Joel Martineau,
Vancouver BC; Laurence
Betts - Michael Dimich,
Burnaby BC

6.14 2 Brad Bart - Ben Takemori,
Burnaby BC; Michael Takemori,
Coquitlam BC; Michael Yuen,
Vancouver BC

Sunday AX Pairs - 21.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

MPs A X Names Score

11.75 1 Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC;
Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC 62.36%

8.81 2 Michael Takemori, Coquitlam
BC; Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC 59.86%

6.61 3 Brad Bart - Laurence Betts,
Burnaby BC 57.95%

4.96 4 Les Fouks, Vancouver BC;
Michael Strebing, Port
Coquitlam BC 56.05%

3.92 5 William Ge - Kai Zhou, Burnaby
BC 54.74%

5.48 6 1 Jack Lee, Richmond BC; John
Chen, Vancouver BC 54.14%

4.11 7 2 Richard Kay, Mission BC;
Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC 53.92%

2.48 8/9 Mike Wilson, New Westminster
BC; Peter Morse, North
Vancouver BC 53.59%

3.08 8/9 3 Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC;
Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam
BC 53.59%

2.14 10 Lauren Miller - Linda Sims,
Surrey BC 52.94%

2.31 4 William Phelan, Port Coquitlam
BC; Harry Friedman, Richmond
BC 52.67%

1.83 5 Andrew Lee, Richmond BC;
Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC 52.18%

1.57 6 Kenneth Ramsay, West
Vancouver BC; Andrew Nalos,
Vancouver BC 51.80%

Sunday BCD Pairs - 11.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

MPs B C D Names Score

5.22 1 1 Alex Chuang - David Huang,
Burnaby BC 62.01%



3.92	2	Greg Morse, Richmond BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC	59.03%
2.94	3 2	Gordon Wright - Bernard Hoeschen, Vancouver BC	56.33%
2.20	4 3	Rae Fee, Delta BC; Alex Cormode, White Rock BC	55.22%
1.74	5	Charlotte Alekson, Richmond BC; Henry Lai, Burnaby BC	54.26%
1.74	6 4	Roy Li, Burnaby BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC	54.01%
1.30	5	Ataollah Amiri, West Vancouver BC; Solveig Karlgren, North Vancouver BC	52.72%
1.11	6	Clayton Connolly - Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	51.38%
2.42	1	Donna-Faye Madhosingh - David Gabel, Vancouver BC	48.15%
1.82	2	Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC	47.78%
1.36	3	Joe Moore - Chris Moore, Delta BC	44.96%
1.02	4	Marjorie Sinel - Jennifer Beymer, Bellingham WA	44.23%

Monday AX Swiss Teams - 19 Tables / Based on 33 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
10.75	1	1	Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC; Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC	138.00
8.06	2		Tim Ayers, Victoria BC; Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC; Rhonda Foster - Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	122.00

6.05	3	Brad Bart - Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC; Michael Takemori, Coquitlam BC; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	113.00
4.54	4	Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA; Gene Fomin, Glacier WA; Ron Beall, Bellingham WA	111.00
3.58	5	Don Brazeau - Michael Dimich - Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	106.00
3.80	6 2	Dan Goerzen - David Schmidt, Chilliwack BC; James Sache, Rosedale BC; Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	105.00
2.69	7	Julie Smith - Zoran Peca - Peter Cooper, Vancouver BC; Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC	100.00
2.85	3	John Chen - Baixiang Liu, Vancouver BC; Eric Pan - Long Xie - Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Edward Hui, Richmond BC	90.00
2.13	4	Barry Yamanouchi - Henry Lai - Dan Watson, Burnaby BC; Charlotte Alekson, Richmond BC	89.00

Monday BCD Swiss Teams - 14 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
4.82	1			Hing Kong Ho, Burnaby BC; Kenny T K Chan, Vancouver BC; Samuel Lai - Kam Tang, Richmond BC	161.00



3.62	2	1	Andrew Krywaniuk - Marke Antonsen, Vancouver BC; Sally Craig - Clayton Connolly, Port Moody BC	111.00
2.71	3	2	Richard Kay - Murray Clements - Felice Clements, Mission BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	108.00
1.82	4/5		Yvonne Drane - Myra Johnston - Gail Heuchert, Vancouver BC; Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC	105.00
1.82	4/5		Antoinette Sheffield - Marlene Barber, Surrey BC; Norma McNamara, Delta BC; Barbara Hopewell, Blaine WA	105.00
1.97	3	1	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC; Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Roy Li - Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	100.00
1.42	4		Bonny Lee, Vancouver BC; Terence Ho - Hsiang Li, Burnaby BC; Kun Shao, Surrey BC	84.00

Total masterpoints: 982.49 earned by 245 players.
Total attendance: 272 tables.

Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

- 27.77 Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC
- 21.00 Michael Takemori, Coquitlam BC
- 21.00 Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC
- 20.08 Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC
- 19.66 Brad Bart, Burnaby BC
- 17.98 Jack Lee, Richmond BC
- 16.93 Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC
- 16.05 Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC
- 15.79 Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC
- 15.76 Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC



Evergreen Sectional Queensborough BC Sept 11-13, 2009

Friday Afternoon Pairs - 30.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.67	1	1		Clayton Connolly, Richmond BC; Anne Scott, North Vancouver BC	63.46%
5.00	2			Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; Monica Angus, West Vancouver BC	61.93%
3.75	3	2	1	David Peppar - Ken Beck, Chilliwack BC	61.78%
2.81	4			Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Eric Pan, Burnaby BC	60.71%
2.11	5			Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC; Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	58.58%
1.58	6			Larry Chow, Abbotsford BC; Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	58.01%
2.11		3	2	R Chan - Vincent Chan, Vancouver BC	56.76%
1.58	4			Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	55.09%
1.87	5			Julie Smith - Susan Peters, Vancouver BC	54.60%
1.31	6			Don Keith, New Westminster BC; Barry Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC	54.27%
1.16		3		Alex Roman, Burnaby BC; North Johnson, Vancouver BC	53.83%



0.87	4	Joe Moore - Chris Moore, Delta BC	51.94%
0.65	5	Chuck Irwin, Surrey BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	51.12%

Saturday A/X Open Pairs - 22.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
11.50	1		Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	59.64%
8.63	2	1	Kai Zhou - Roy Li, Burnaby BC	57.57%
6.47	3		Laurence Betts - Brad Bart, Burnaby BC	57.24%
4.85	4		Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC; Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	56.97%
3.83	5		Nathan Divinsky - Les Fouks, Vancouver BC	56.05%
3.95	6	2	Robert Walters, New Westminster BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	55.01%
2.88	7		Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC; Sherman Kwan, Richmond BC	53.59%

2.96	8	3	John Chen, Vancouver BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	53.38%
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2.30	9		Michael Takemori, Coquitlam BC; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	53.27%
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2.09	10		Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC	52.83%
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2.84		4	Long Xie - Tao Feng, Burnaby BC	52.23%
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1.76		5	Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA	51.25%
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1.51		6	Richard Kay, Mission BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	51.20%
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Saturday B/C/D Open Pairs - 13.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
5.02	1			Lloyd Alterman - Linda Alterman, Livingston NJ	62.02%
3.89	2	1	1	Bertram Schoner, Vancouver BC; Homa Boustani, West Vancouver BC	60.48%
2.82	3			Antoinette Sheffield, Surrey BC; Rekha Shah, Langley BC	59.72%
2.92	4	2		Ann Hung - David Dilkes, Vancouver BC	55.58%

2.19	5	3	Mhairi Longridge - Lorna Hawes, Vancouver BC	54.31%
1.64	6	4	Chuck Irwin, Surrey BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	54.06%
1.70	5	2	Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC	54.01%
1.11	6		Bonny Lee, Vancouver BC; Terence Ho, Burnaby BC	53.12%
1.28	3		Chris Moore - Joe Moore, Delta BC	46.29%
0.96	4		Erwin Tenta, Squamish BC; Leatha Dudra, Surrey BC	44.91%

Jean Turnbull Open Pairs - 36.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
10.73	1			June Pocock, New Westminster BC; Peca, Vancouver BC	64.81%
8.05	2	1		Yuandong Ren - Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	60.40%
6.04	3	2		Stuart Carr, Burnaby BC; Cathy Miller, Vancouver BC	60.01%
4.53	4			Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC; Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC	59.83%
3.40	5	3	1	R Chan - Vincent Chan, Vancouver BC	58.23%
2.55	6			Marge Neate, West Vancouver BC; Stella Alliston, North Vancouver BC	57.48%
2.13	4			Richard Syrnyk, North Vancouver BC; Susan Peters, Vancouver BC	56.45%
1.83	5			Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC;	53.49%

			Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC	
1.20	6		Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Kai Hiraki, Tokyo Japan	51.75%
2.16	2		Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Clayton Connolly, Richmond BC	51.50%
1.62	3		Robin Hart, North Vancouver BC; Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC	51.35%
1.22	4		David Peppar - Ken Beck, Chilliwack BC	50.07%
1.01	5		Chuck Irwin, Surrey BC; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	49.50%

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - 23 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
12.50	1		Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; David Breton, Burnaby BC; Rhonda Foster - Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	134.00
9.38	2		Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA; Ron Beall, Bellingham WA; Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Gene Fomin, Glacier WA	131.00
7.03	3		Michael Dimich - Laurence Betts - Brad Bart, Burnaby BC; John Bryden, Vancouver BC	124.00



5.69 4 1 Kai Zhou - Eric Pan - Roy Li,
Burnaby BC; John Chen, 121.00
Vancouver BC

4.17 5 Larry Pocock, New
Westminster BC; Chris
Diamond, Winnipeg MB; Ben
Takemori, Burnaby BC; 120.00
Michael Takemori, Coquitlam
BC

3.57 6 Kai Hiraki, Tokyo Japan;
David Yu - William Ge - Gary
Ge, Burnaby BC; Danny Lee,
Vancouver BC 115.00

4.27 7 2 Christa Mead, New
Westminster BC; Corrine
Tapley, Vancouver BC; Olive
Macdonald, Delta BC; Daisy
Neilson, Langley BC 105.00

2.78 8 Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC;
June Pocock, New
Westminster BC; Dianne
Isfeld - Martin Henneberger,
Coquitlam BC 103.00

3.20 3 Monica Angus, West
Vancouver BC; Dee Steil -
Robert Walters, New 101.00
Westminster BC; Gordon
Estrada, Surrey BC

2.40 4 Tai Eng, West Vancouver BC;
John Demeulemeester,
Burnaby BC; Andrew Lee, 97.00
Richmond BC; Diane
Ayukawa, Delta BC

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams - 17 Tables / Based on
16 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
5.22	1	1		David Peppar - Ken Beck, Chilliwack BC; Richard Kay, Mission BC; Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	137.00
3.92	2	2		Larry Meyer, Richmond BC; Jim McKenzie, Vancouver BC; Rod Coote, North Vancouver BC; James Fan, Burnaby BC	131.00
2.94	3	3		Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Jane Youngberg - Christopher Maylin - Chris Robbins, Surrey BC	123.00
2.92	4	4	1	Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Diana Jing - Joan Tang - Alex Zhou, Burnaby BC	119.00
2.19	5	5	2	Peter Miller, West Vancouver BC; Gordon Wright - Bernard Hoeschen, Vancouver BC; John Stevens, Surrey BC	104.00
1.64			3	David Dilkes - Ann Hung, Vancouver BC; Pamela Rattenbury, West Vancouver BC; Julianne Wooden, North Vancouver BC	84.00



Total masterpoints: 790.75 earned by 229 players.

Total attendance: 216 tables.

Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

1. 26.05 Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC
2. 26.05 Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC
3. 24.48 Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC
4. 16.11 Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC
5. 14.40 June Pocock, New Westminster BC
6. 14.32 Roy Li, Burnaby BC
7. 14.03 David Breton, Burnaby BC
8. 13.50 Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC
9. 13.50 Brad Bart, Burnaby BC
10. 11.88 Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC



Sectional Trophy Races

Results after Three out of Four Sectionals

Unit 430 members compete for four trophies based on masterpoints won at open sectionals (Trophy, Victoria Day, Evergreen and Round-Up Sectionals) over the course of each calendar year.

Phil Wood Trophy

The Phil Wood Trophy has been awarded since 1968 to the player who wins the most masterpoints at Unit sectionals each calendar year. Top 20 2009 leaders with one Sectional to go:

Place	Player	MP
1	Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC	50.70
2	Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC	49.50
3	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	41.84
4	Michael Dimich, Burnaby BC	41.36
5	Jack Lee, Richmond BC	40.78
6	Roy Li, Burnaby BC	40.75
7	Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC	36.56
8	Les Fouks, Vancouver BC	36.52
9	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	35.88
10	Brad Bart, Burnaby BC	34.67

Place	Player	MP
11	John Bryden, Vancouver BC	33.89
12	Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC	33.73
13	Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	32.14
14	Robert Walters, New Westminster BC	29.85
15	Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	29.72
16	Michael Takemori, Coquitlam BC	28.75
17	Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC	28.40
18	Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC	28.24
19	Eric Pan, Burnaby BC	28.23
20	Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC	28.17

Edie Bonnell Trophy

The Edie Bonnell Trophy has been awarded since 1979 to the woman player who has won the most masterpoints at sectionals. The Top 20 2009 leaders with one Sectional to go:

Place	Player	MP
1	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	35.88
2	Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	32.14
3	Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC	28.40
4	Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC	28.17
5	Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	24.05
6	June Pocock, New Westminster BC	23.14
7	Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC	22.97
8	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	22.80
9	Cathy Miller, Burnaby BC	19.08
10	Susan Peters, Vancouver BC	18.53
11	Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC	18.34
12	Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC	18.04
13	Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	17.80
14	Patti Adams, Burnaby BC	15.70
15	Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC	15.34
16	Aban Gerrie, Richmond BC	15.26
17	Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC	13.59
18	Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	13.46
19	Anne Scott, North Vancouver BC	12.94
20	Dee Steil, New Westminster BC	12.61



Leo Steil Trophy

The Leo Steil Trophy has been awarded since 1997 to the senior player, 65 or older, who wins the most masterpoints at sectionals.

Since the age at which one is eligible has changed this year, please advise a member of the Unit 430 Board if you are eligible for this trophy.

Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy

The Phil Wood Under 200 Trophy has been awarded since 1974 to the highest player on the sectional masterpoint list who began the calendar year with 200 or fewer masterpoints. Top 20 2009 leaders with one Sectional to go:

Place	Player	MP
1	Ramzan Ackber, Abbotsford BC	18.14
2	Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	17.80
3	Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC	13.80
4	Ann Hung, Vancouver BC	9.99
5	Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC	9.76
6	Richard Syrnnyk, North Vancouver BC	9.71
7	Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC	9.10
8	D Goerzen, Chilliwack BC	8.21
9	Diana Jing, Vancouver BC	8.04
10	Amy Gao, Richmond BC	7.15
11	James Weir, Aldergrove BC	7.13
11	Gisele Maher, Aldergrove BC	7.13
13	Chris Moore, Delta BC	6.51
13	Joe Moore, Delta BC	6.51
15	Lorna Hawes, Vancouver BC	6.46
16	Adrianne Wurz, Vancouver BC	6.37
17	Mhairi Longridge, Vancouver BC	5.96
18	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC	5.87
19	Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC	5.12
20	David Gabel, Vancouver BC	4.02



Unit Game Upcoming Schedule

All games are at the VBC on Saturday nights, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Nov 7 (Pairs)	Dec 12 (Pairs): Pre-Game Christmas Party	January 2, 2010 (Pairs)	February 6 (Teams)
March 6 (Pairs)	April 3 (Pairs)	May 1 (Pairs)	June 5 (Teams)
July 3 (Pairs)	August 7 (Pairs)	September 4 (Pairs)	October 2 (Teams)
	November 6 (Pairs)	December 11 (Pairs): Pre- Game Christmas Party	



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Upcoming Tournaments

Vancouver ACBL Unit 430 invites bridge players to the

Round-Up Sectional

Engineers' Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby

October 23 - 25, 2009

When faced with clearly unacceptable behavior, do not tolerate. Call the Director and educate!

Tournament	John Demeulemeester, 604/298-2765, demail@shaw.ca	Partnerships: Kathy Bye, 604/320-7390, k.bye@shaw.ca
Co-Chairs:	Greg Morse, 604/241-8861, pgmer6809@yahoo.com	
2009 Entry Fees: \$11.00 (\$1 discount for paid ACBL members). \$6.00 for junior players (under 26) and/or full-time students (with student ID). ACBL Members with 0-50 MP play free in the Friday evening 0-200 game; others, \$4.00.		
Future Unit 430 Sectionals and Events: November 9-15, 2009: Vancouver Regional at the Sheraton Guildford in Surrey November 14, 2009: North American Pairs District Finals (all flights) at the Regional Jan. 22-24, 2010: Trophy Sectional at Engineers' Hall April 24-25, 2010: Future Stars under-300 Sectional at Vancouver Bridge Centre May 21-24, 2010: Victoria Day Sectional at Burnaby Engineers' Hall May 22, 2010: Unit 430 Annual General Meeting following the afternoon session at the Victoria Day Sectional June 7-13: Unit 430-sponsored District-wide STaC (silver points at your local club game!)		

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ROUND-UP SECTIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 — AFTERNOON (1:30 PM) Open Stratified Pairs - single session Senior Stratified Pairs - single session	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 — (6:30 PM) Flighted Open Pairs - second of two sessions Flight A: unlimited Flight B: under 1500 Flight C: under 500 All flights separate; single session entries accepted. Multiple strats within flights may be formed depending on attendance.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 — EVENING (7:30 PM) Bracketed Knockout Teams First of three sessions, continues Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon IMP Pairs Future Masters 0-200 Stratified Pairs ACBL members with 0-50 masterpoints free; others, \$4.00.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 — (10:30 AM & TBA) Stratified Open Swiss Teams - two sessions Stratified Non-Life Master Swiss Teams - two sessions Strat Limits: Open Stratified: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500 Non-LM Swiss: A: 100-non-LM, B: 50-100, C: 0-50 (Sunday Open Swiss Teams stratified on team average) Future Masters Pairs: D: 100-200, E: 50-100, F: 0-50
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 — (9:00 AM) Bracketed Knockout Teams semifinals, concludes Saturday afternoon Open Stratified Pairs - single session	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 — (1:00 PM) * Flighted Open Pairs first of two sessions Flight A: unlimited Flight B: under 1500 Flight C: under 500 All flights separate; single session entries accepted Bracketed Knockout Teams finals
* Unit 430 will contribute \$1.00 per player from tournament revenues (no extra cost to players) to the CBF International Fund for Saturday two-session pairs events, giving these events a Regional Silver Points rating. See other side for entry fees and future Unit 430 events. Check out the Unit Website at www.matchpointer.com for the latest news and information.	



SPECIAL EVENTS

Date/Time	Location	Event Details
2009: Saturday, October 17 12:00pm	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Fall FUNdraising Game to support Unit 430 players who get to the National Final of the GNT and NAP next year. Two session Stratified Teams (strats on team average). To earn a Unit Subsidy you must play in this event (or donate an entry fee to the subsidy fund in advance).
2009: Thursday, October 29 Evening	Participating Clubs	CBF Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game. Experienced players are matched up with players with under 50 masterpoints in this event, which includes an instructive set of hand records and deal analyses.
2010: Saturday, January 30 7:30pm	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Annual Ev Hodge Charity Classic and Unit Party Game (dinner precedes the game at 6pm)
2010: Tuesday, April 27 Evening	Participating Clubs	CBF Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. Contact the Canadian Bridge Federation to have your club participate in this event. Experienced players are matched up with players with under 50 masterpoints in this event, which includes an instructive set of hand records and deal analyses.
2010: Saturday, May 8 12:00pm	Vancouver Bridge Centre	Spring FUNdraising Game to support Unit 430 players who play in the Canadian Bridge Championships. Two session Stratified Teams (strats on team average). To earn a Unit Subsidy you must play in this event (or donate an entry fee to the subsidy fund in advance).

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VANCOUVER REGIONAL

NOVEMBER 9 - 15, 2009
Sheraton Vancouver-Guildford Hotel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Kickoff Knockout Teams	opening round	7:30 pm
Charity Pairs	single session	7:30 pm
Charity 199er Pairs	single session	7:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Kickoff Knockout Teams	second round	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series	session 1 of 5	9:00 am

Kickoff Knockout Teams	semifinals	1:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
(Teams must have exactly four members.)		

Open Pairs	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	1:00 pm
First Side Game Series	session 1 of 5	1:00 pm

Kickoff Knockout Teams	finals	7:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams	final session	7:00 pm
Open Pairs	final session	7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams	single session	7:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	7:00 pm
First Side Game Series	session 2 of 5	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Knockout Teams	opening round	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series	session 2 of 5	9:00 am

Prime Time Knockout Teams	opening round	1:00 pm
Open Pairs	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	1:00 pm
First Side Game Series	session 3 of 5	1:00 pm

Prime Time Knockout Teams	quarterfinals	7:00 pm
Open Pairs	final session	7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams	single session	7:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	7:00 pm
First Side Game Series	session 4 of 5	7:00 pm

Mid-chart methods will be allowed only in the top bracket of full-length knockout teams (not in compact knockouts) and also in Flight A-X of all Stratified Events.

Boldface indicates the first or only session of an event, or the first session of a side game series. All team knockout events are bracketed; all other events are stratified. See stratification masterpoint ranges below.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Knockout Teams	quarterfinals	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series	session 3 of 5	9:00 am

Prime Time Knockout Teams	semifinals	1:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
199er Swiss Teams	single session	1:00 pm
First Side Game Series	session 5 of 5	1:00 pm

Prime Time Knockout Teams	finals	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	final session	7:00 pm
199er Swiss Teams	single session	7:00 pm
First Side Game Series	final session of 5	7:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Knockout Teams	semifinals	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series	session 4 of 5	9:00 am

Weekend Knockout Teams	opening round	1:00 pm
Open Pairs	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	1:00 pm
Second Side Game Series	session 1 of 5	1:00 pm

Weekend Knockout Teams	quarterfinals	7:00 pm
Open Pairs	final session	7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams	single session	7:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	7:00 pm
0-5 FREE Pairs	single session	7:00 pm
Second Side Game Series	session 2 of 5	7:00 pm

MASTERPOINT RANGES:

All events are stratified, based on the player in a pair with the most masterpoints, or the average of all of the members of a Swiss Team:

A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500

All 199er events are stratified with these strats:

D: 100-200 E: 50-100 F: 0-50

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Knockout Teams	finals	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series	final session of 5	9:00 am

North American Pairs	(3 flights; prior club qualification required)	1:00 pm
District 19 Finals		7:00 pm

Weekend Knockout Teams	semifinals	1:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams	first of two sessions	1:00 pm
(Teams must have exactly four members.)		

199er Pairs	single session	1:00 pm
Second Side Game Series	session 3 of 5	1:00 pm

Weekend Knockout Teams	finals	7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	final session	7:00 pm
Compact Knockout Teams	final session	7:00 pm
199er Pairs	single session	7:00 pm
Second Side Game Series	session 4 of 5	7:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Stratified Swiss Teams	two sessions	10:00 am
Senior Swiss Teams	two sessions	10:00 am

(Both two session team events will be playthrough events with a 45-minute lunch break between sessions. Entries include a partially subsidized bag lunch for four players. Fifth and sixth members on a team pay \$2.00 each.)

199er Swiss Teams	single session	10:00 am
Second Side Game Series	final session of 5	10:00 am

Stratified Events are really two separate events, both stratified based on the highest member of the pair or team: A: 3000+ X: 0-3000

B: 1000-1500 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500

In Bracketed Knockout Events (both full-length and compact) the brackets will be based on the average masterpoint of all of the team members.

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