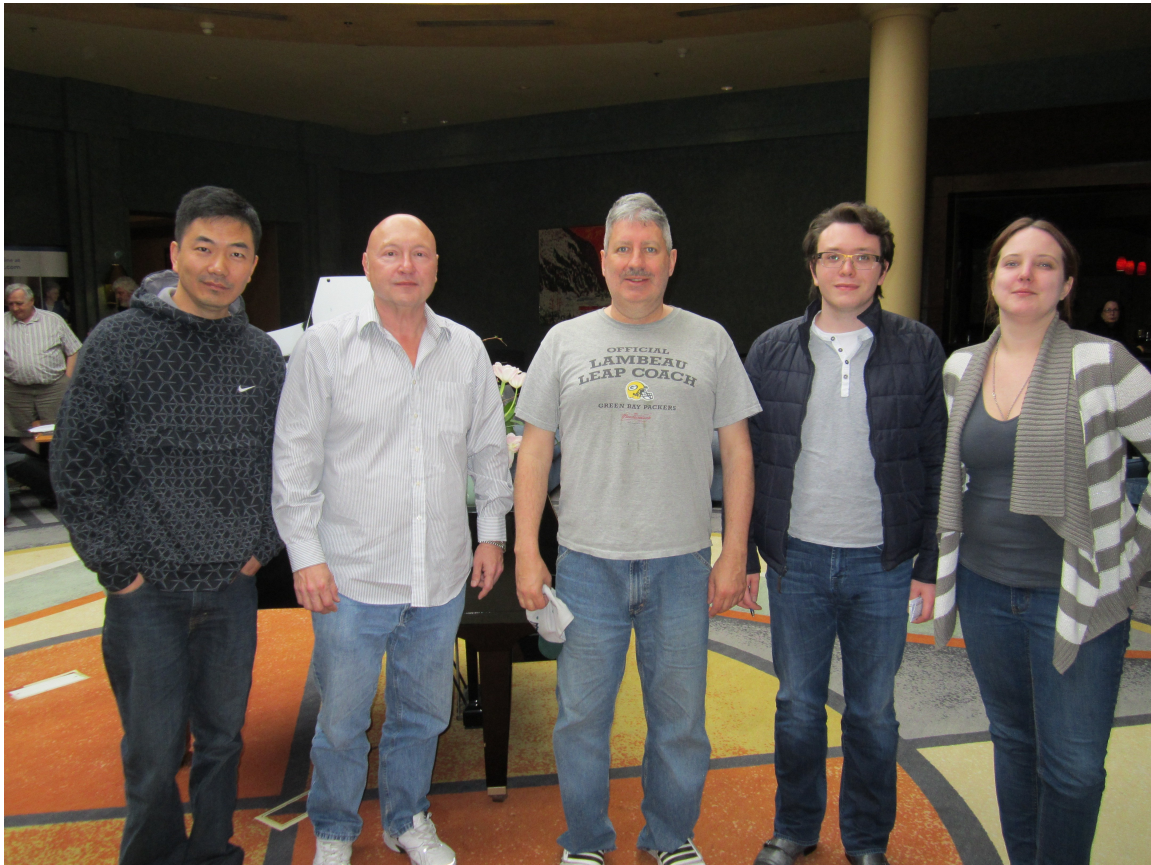


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**BRIDGE TEAM CANADA,
COMMONWEALTH GAMES, GLASGOW:
ROCK SHI YAN, BRYAN MAKSYMETZ,
GRAY MC MULLIN, TOM WALSH,
SAMANTHA NYSTROM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

DISTRICT 19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION

ACBL Unit 430 appoints two members of the District 19 Board of Directors, each for three-year terms. The current incumbents are David Schmidt, whose term ends on December 31, 2015, and Cameron Doner, whose term ends December 31, 2014. The next term commences January 1, 2015 and runs through to December 31, 2017. Before finalizing the appointment, the Unit Board is seeking expressions of interest from any bridge players who may be interested in serving on the District 19 Board. Please confirm your interest by e-mail to Peter Morse, President of ACBL Unit 430, prior to September 30, 2014 (pamorse@shaw.ca). The Unit 430 Board will be confirming the appointment at its meeting in early October.

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION (CBF) BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION:

The CBF Board of Directors has six members, one from each Zone in Canada (British Columbia is Zone 6). The Zone 6 representative on the CBF Board is elected for a three-year term, and the term of the current Director (Peter Morse) will end December 31, 2014. The CBF Bylaws provide that in the calendar year in which each term expires, nominations must be received by the CBF Executive Secretary no later than September 30 of the year prior to that which the new term begins. Units within each Zone will vote for the nominees. Based on Unit membership on May 1 of the voting year, each Unit in the applicable Zone will receive 0.01 votes for each Member in that Unit. The elected Director will assume the duties on January 1, 2015.

If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Ina Demme, Executive Secretary of the CBF either by telephone (416-706-8550) or by e-mail (ina@cbf.ca) prior to September 30.

IMP LEAGUE PLAY STARTING SOON

The 2014-15 IMP League will be starting play in October with two separate leagues. The A/X League will begin play in early October with a similar structure to that in previous years, an interlocking schedule involving both A and X teams, and separate A and X playoffs. All teams entered will be able to qualify for the A playoffs, but only those teams with an average of less than 2500 mastepoints per player will be eligible for the X playoffs.

A team's eligibility for Flights is based on the team average of masterpoints on the September 1 cycle for initial players, and current holdings for later additions. A team with an average of more than 2500 masterpoints per player must play in Flight A. Any team signing up for Flight A with an average of less than 2500

masterpoints per player will be placed in Flight X but as mentioned above will also be eligible for the A League playoffs.

The B/C League will not commence play until late October, as there will be a considerable effort to attract teams at the Future Stars Sectional which takes place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on October 11-12. No team with an average of more than 1000 masterpoints per player, or a single player above 1500 masterpoints, may play in Flight B. Flight C teams will consist of non-Life Masters only. Teams in these limited Flights must be careful not to add players to their teams which will make them ineligible for the Flight they are in.

IMP LEAGUE PRIMER FOR LESS EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

For newer and less experienced players, the IMP league may be a foreign concept, so the following paragraphs will attempt to describe what is involved.

Teams of 4, 5, or 6 players are formed by players at the start of the season (November 1 for the B/C League). Each team appoints a Captain responsible for arranging matches and reporting results. Schedules are prepared by the IMP League Commissioner (Bruce McIntyre) and transmitted to each Team Captain.

This year we are planning to have matches scheduled for fixed dates, likely Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, with a match every two or three weeks. But it is planned to introduce some flexibility to permit the opposing captains to agree on an alternative playing date or playing site in advance of the Scheduled Date, if the Scheduled Date or site creates an inability to field a team for one of the captains. This will generally be due to absence of players on holiday, illness, or other important conflicting events. A team with more than 4 players can generally accommodate absences without needing to defer matches.

IMP LEAGUE RULES

The rules will permit use of an Alternate Date or site, provided that one week's notice is given to the opposing captain and the Commissioner.

Matches that are not played on the Scheduled Date may be played at most bridge clubs alongside that club's regularly scheduled game. For matches where most players on both teams live far from the VBC, the use of another club site is possible. However, since some clubs are limited in their table capacity, one or both team captains should contact the Club Owner/Director, to determine whether playing a match alongside the regular club game is possible and whether the Club has an extra set of boards which may be used for the IMP League match. These matches may be played either in the daytime or in the evening.

Each player (four per team) will be required to pay the standard card fees at the VBC or the club selected. The Club Director will be available to settle any situations which result in a Director call.

Alternatively, matches could even be played at one player's home, provided that a set of boards and sufficient bidding boxes and space are available. In this case, there will be no card fees payable, but the match should be played at a time when there is a regularly scheduled club game somewhere and a Club Director is willing to handle on the telephone any situations in which a Director would normally be called. This should be cleared with the Club Director and Commissioner in advance of the match. Contact information for Clubs and Directors may be found on the Unit 430 Website under "Club List."

A team with more than 4 players may elect to use only four players for a match, or can arrange to use 5 or 6, with substitute(s) coming in to play the second half of the match.

Matches are normally 24 boards long, split into two halves of 12 boards each. Matches which are not played on the Scheduled Date may be played in either the daytime or the evening.

Following the first half of the match, the teams each get together and compare scores and resolve any differences. Scoring is by International Match Points (IMPs), based on the difference between the scores on each board at the two tables. This is identical to the form of scoring used in Swiss Teams events at Sectional and Regional tournaments. It should be very familiar to you after your first match.

When the second half of the match is completed, the scores for the second half are again compared and the final result (in IMPs) is determined. The net IMP difference is then converted to Victory Points using the League Table, and the league standings (and playoff eligibility) are based on the Victory Points accumulated by each team throughout the season.

After the final result of the match is determined, it should be communicated to the IMP League Commissioner by e-mail. For those matches played at the VBC, there are reporting forms available at the front desk, which removes the need to send an e-mail message to the Commissioner.

If you have any additional questions regarding the IMP league, please contact either Unit President Peter Morse (604-988-3927 or pamorse@shaw.ca) or IMP League Commissioner Bruce McIntyre (ooga@shaw.ca).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - AUGUST 2014

The Spring Sectional, held in late May, was remarkable for a number of reasons. First of all, we had a table count of 287.5, considerably more than recent three-day Sectionals. (more on this later).

Secondly, it was necessary to move the Friday play at the Sectional to the Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC), as a result of construction issues related to the office building at the Engineers' Hall site. Simply put, there would have been no parking available within five blocks of the site on Friday due to a construction push which resulted in most of the available parking being taken by the cars of the workers who were pushing to meet an imminent deadline. Equally important was the construction noise that would have been experienced with all the heavy work which was being done.

While we only learned of the parking issue nine days prior to the Sectional, we were able to make the necessary arrangements with the cooperation of Ken Lochang at the VBC. After Friday's play at the VBC, it was then necessary to move all of our bridge supplies, including tables, to the Engineers' Hall early on Saturday morning, to be set up ready for play at 12:30 pm. Gray McMullin and Clay Connolly did a great job getting everything moved over, and several players kindly helped out with the setup. It also had been necessary to move many chairs on Friday morning from the EH to the VBC.

Friday's play challenged the capacity of the VBC, but we managed to get 47 full tables into the available space on Friday afternoon. Fortunately, the number of tables fell off to 41 in the evening, giving a little more space to move around.

The other challenge we had was in getting the news of the dual site situation out to the bridge community with only one week of lead time, but this was managed with website announcements and e-mail messages, particularly to the bridge clubs in Unit 430 and nearby ACBL Units. We also researched the parking situation at the VBC (where there is quite limited parking after 3 pm) and managed to avoid anyone getting a parking ticket. Also, we remembered to have someone at the Engineers' Hall until game time on Friday to direct those players who had missed the news of the site switch to the VBC. I would also like to thank the bridge players who took all this movement and inconvenience in stride, and came out to play without focusing on the distractions.

The really good news out of the weekend was our table count at 287.5, which is the largest in recent years for a three-day Sectional, and close to the numbers we get for some four-day Sectionals. The table count has us wondering whether the space at the Engineers' Hall will be able to accommodate future Sectionals, should the table count continue to rise. (see picture below) We are looking into possible expansion areas on site at the Engineers' Hall, and starting to consider

other locations, although the cost and location at the EH are both very favourable for Unit 430.

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Upcoming Unit 430 events include the following:

- the Evergreen Sectional from Aug. 29-Sept 1 at the Engineers' Hall;
- the Fall Future Stars Sectional, Oct. 11-12 at the Vancouver Bridge Ctr.
- the Roundup Sectional, Nov. 7-9 at the Engineers' Hall; and
- the Fall Mentor-Mentee Game on Sat. Nov 15 at noon at the VBC.

There are also the Monthly Unit Games, held at the VBC, on the first Saturday of each month, commencing at 7:00 pm. The September, November and December games are pairs games while the October game is a Swiss Teams format.

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Finally, a hand from the recent Mentor-Mentee Game. My partner, Cindy Oishi, picked up ♠A ♥AQ85 ♦AKQ9653 ♣7, and after her LHO bid 3♠ which was passed around to her, Cindy doubled, and heard her partner bid 4♥. After a keycard ask disclosed that partner held two key cards (presumably the heart king and the club ace), Cindy took her time, counted the tricks and bid 7♥. While we would all no doubt make that bid today, Cindy was the only one of 26 players holding this hand to bid 7♥. In fact, only five others got to 6♥, perhaps due to more strenuous opposition interference. Well done, Cindy!



SUSAN PETERS, TRUDY HURDLE, ET AL PLAYING UNDER MAKESHIFT CONDITIONS AT THE SPRING SECTIONAL, SATURDAY, MAY 31

LOCAL PLAYERS TO REPRESENT CANADA IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The team representing Canada in the upcoming British Commonwealth Games in Scotland and in the World Bridge Championships in Sanya, China, will be made up primarily of local players. The Glasgow event occurred beginning September 8; the team reached the quarter-finals. The world event is to take place in mid-October. The players (pictured on the cover) have a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Bryan Maksymetz, the dean of the team, also coached the Canadian team which participated in the youth championships at Istanbul in August. A four time Canadian champion, he is one of the most competent experts in this area, and is highly respected as a teacher and coach and now as the director of the Beth Tikvah game in Richmond. He has the ability to put those he is teaching and directing at ease and his interpersonal skills enable him to get the best out of his partners.

A member of the Canadian youth team, which placed ninth in the recent championships, Tom Walsh, age 22, has been going from strength to strength as a player. Walsh is from Saskatchewan. Samantha Nystrom now 30, is well-known in Vancouver as having been around as a player since she was a kid as the daughter of well regarded local director Cathy Miller. Having a creative view of the game which she began playing at a very young age, Samantha has had brilliant success as a player, and, more recently, as a director and teacher, particularly during her time based in Toronto, where she had relocated last year.

Having met Tom Walsh, she now plans to remain based in Saskatchewan. Before winning the national championship which enabled her to represent Canada in the world events, she had been considering a hiatus from competitive bridge to do a stint at university. Her success has put these plans on hold for a few months.

Rock Shi Yan is another highly regarded local expert player. Originally from the Beijing area of North China, he also began playing before he was an adult. He played as a junior for the Beijing team and represented China at the Asia-Pacific Bridge Championships in Macao, playing on first place teams in 1996 and 1997. He participated in the Chinese team finishing sixth at the World Junior Bridge Championships in Hamilton, Ontario in 1997. He emigrated to Canada around the year 2000 and finished first in the Canadian National Team Championships (flight B) in 2003. He coached the Canadian women's team at the 2011 Huayuan Cup Women's Elite Bridge Tournament at Beijing in 2011.

Rock Shi Yan, like Maksymetz, has the type of personality which makes him an effective bridge teacher. He handles players well. He is a Certified General Accountant and has two daughters, one of whom, Jane, has been a Canadian

champion at table tennis, and the other, Phoebe, is one of the top BC figure skaters in her age category.

The other local team member, Gray McMullin, now a member of the Unit 430 Board, has long been a prominent local player. He also began playing at a young age and was the head of the bridge club at age 19 at UBC where he was a student. Though he eventually dropped out of university, he never dropped out of bridge, becoming a steady, top ranked player at the various clubs he played at over the next 30 years or so. Many of those he played with, such as Kamloops player Robert Pratt, recognized his considerable talent when discussing him decades later.

It was only six years ago that he decided to enter national competitions and he discovered that he was equal to the top players. The main advantage such players had was that they continually played with the same partners over long periods of time. We expect great things from the Canadian team in the upcoming championship events.

Since the national championships held in Alberta this spring, the team has added Daniel Korbel, 31, of Toronto. He has won two Canadian championships during the last three years and should add useful depth to a strong team.

In Memoriam: Ram Hira, 1933-2014.

Ram Hira was long a fixture in local clubs, particularly the Vancouver Bridge Centre and the North Vancouver Lillooet Rd. club where he continued playing as long as he could despite increasing disability. A decent player, he attained Gold Life Master status and did the tournament circuit in the years after he retired. He had a keen, dry sense of humour and a pleasant gentlemanly attitude.

He was part of the Indian diaspora to East Africa, having been born in Mombasa, Kenya in 1933. He got his law degree in India in 1953 and, by 1957, had returned with his wife, Nirmala Mirchandala, one of the first women to get an Indian law degree, to Mombasa. Convinced that their future might not be as bright in Kenya as elsewhere, his wife, after a 1967 visit to British Columbia, convinced Ram to move with his family to the Vancouver area.

The BC Law Society, as often happens, was less than accommodating to a lawyer with a foreign license and experience, and, despite assuring Ram that normal difficulties would be waived for such an accomplished individual, required Ram to Article again when he arrived in BC before he could practice. Obtaining his BC license in 1971, he became one of the first Indo-Canadian lawyers in the province.

He became an eminent and successful barrister and solicitor and his son Ravi followed him into the profession, where he has also become a major figure.

In the 1970s he was involved in Progressive Conservative political campaigns. He was also instrumental in the creation of the North Vancouver Arts Council and sat on various college and community boards over the ensuing decades. He was extremely helpful to the East African Indian diaspora of which he was a key member, from its arrival in BC in the 1970s to the present day.



Marguerite Chiarenza is seen holding Kenyan twins as the babies' very young mother looks on.

A Calcutta Event to Benefit Kenyan Children- by Kathy Griffiths

Yes, Marguerite Chiarenza (pictured above) loves being a mother and a grandmother. Yes, she loved being a University of B. C. professor.

And, yes, as many at the Vancouver Bridge Centre know, she loves playing duplicate bridge.

But there was always something else she wanted to do-- help children in the third world.

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Here's how you can help fund Kenyan girls' education and **have fun too!**

The event, called Calcutta, will be held **Sunday, October 18**, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

You pay \$20 each to play bridge the whole day, playing as a single with different partners and making your own score. And, before the game, you may also make \$5 bets on the winner.

The event starts at 11:30 a.m. with a reception and pre-game betting. The game begins at 12:30.

It is important to sign up early, so email to kenfaceinfo@gmail.com.

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Chiarenza says, "When I was little I loved Tarzan movies and I always wanted to go to Africa.

Then growing up she realized "the absurd difference in how some people in poor countries have to live."

"It's so unfair. I wanted to do anything to get them food and medicine."

In 2001 she took early retirement from UBC and found a volunteer job as field agent with an organization that sponsored girls' education in Kenya, Africa.

"Children die. Babies, from measles, malaria, diphtheria. That's not okay."

From that job she became aware of even worse poverty in one particular area, Homa Bay, which is one of the poorest districts in Kenya and one of the worst hit by AIDS in the world.

So she started her own project there in 2010. "The children I deal with --- about one-third are orphans because their parents died of AIDS. They don't have enough to eat. A lot don't have shoes."

"I think I was born for this. I feel better when I am close to them. It's humanizing. That girl is a real little girl. And education is the best way to help."

While the Kenyan government provides money for primary education there is only minimum support for secondary education, says Chiarenza, leaving the poorest children to fend for themselves, often with no parents, and sometimes caring for younger siblings.

Chiarenza says the country has lots of resources but there is a lot of corruption in Kenya. "People don't have electricity or running water. They live in huts on a small piece of property where they might grow corn and raise chickens. They don't have jobs."

Yet with a secondary school education, graduates can hope to get jobs and take leadership roles in their community.

Each year Chiarenza spends the four weeks of January in Kenya to make sure the money she raises is actually being spent on her students' fees. (She has a Kenyan assistant to supervise the rest of the year.) Then when she gets back to Vancouver she does what she can to raise more money through her Kenya foundation to Aid Children through Education (KFACE) which has been granted government charitable status here. She pays for her trip to Kenya herself but the society pays her hotel for the four weeks.

Currently KFACE has 38 students --- 36 girls and 2 boys. They live and board at their school. Chiarenza says four of these students will graduate from secondary school this year, 19 in 2015, and 15 the following year.

"Education is the best way to help," she says. "What we do is pay for their schooling every year. If they were not in school, the girls would be very much in danger of forced early marriage, pregnancy, AIDS, rape by relatives, or even prostitution to survive." Chiarenza says a girl who is in school rarely become pregnant.

The fees to put a girl through boarding school, where she will be fed, protected and educated, are about \$800-900 per year, including food and other basic needs. The program goes for four years, from age 14 to 18.

Chiarenza's event this year will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on October 18. See the **box within this article** for details. Vancouver Bridge Centre owner Ken LoChang has offered the club facility for free and directors Cathy Miller and Bruce McIntyre plan to donate their time as directors.



Another Double Single- By Greg Morse

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At the April Vancouver Regional, you pick up these cards in a team game:

♠AKT ♥Jx ♦Qxx ♣AJTxx.

You open 1NT and, after a Stayman inquiry, partner puts you in 6NT. The opening lead is the ♥T and you see:

♠Q9xx ♥AKQx ♦AKTx ♣x

♠AKT ♥Jx ♦Qxx ♣AJTxx

It looks like you have 11 top tricks with lots of chances for a 12th. You can finesse in either pointy suit, and if one of the two finesses wins (76%) you have your 12th trick. Both club honours might be onside (12%). The Jack of either pointy suit could drop doubleton or tripleton (79%) and there may be various squeezes as well.

But the first thing you can try is an end-play. (How often is an end-play your first option?) So you win the lead with the Jack and play three more rounds of hearts. LHO discards a club on the third round. You cash one of dummy's high diamonds, and then lead dummy's club and put in the Jack. This has two benefits: first it might end-play LHO, and, secondly, if the club honours are divided (as they rate to be), it isolates the menace for a future squeeze. The Jack loses to the King as you expected.

If Left Hand Opponent leads either a club or a spade, you have the 12th trick immediately, but of course he leads a diamond. Now you have your first decision to make. If the diamonds are 3-3 it does not matter what you do; if Right Hand Opponent started with Jx the winning play is to play low, but if he started with xx the winning play is the ten.

There is an element of restricted choice here. LHO's opening lead was from T9x or hearts. If he also had a worthless diamond suit, he might have led a diamond. The inference is that perhaps he has something in diamonds worth protecting. So you put in the ten, but alas RHO produces the Jack. You win the Queen and lead your third diamond hoping for a 3-3 break, but RHO discards a club. Rats! Playing a low diamond would have succeeded.

You are running out of options now, and must turn your attention to the spades. So you play the Ace and King of Spades, both following. The situation is now:

	♠Q9 ♥- ♦-x ♣-	
♠? (?) ♥- ♦9 ♣Q		♠?(?) ♥- ♦- ♣(Q?)
	♠T ♥- ♦- ♣AT	

Now you know the contract will succeed. Either the spades were 3-3 or you have a sure-fire squeeze against someone, you just don't know who. (*This means it is a single squeeze played as a double*).

Either: (a) the spades were 3-3 all along
(b) LHO had 4 spades and so now is down to 2 spades and a diamond, or
(c) RHO had 4 spades and is now down to 2 spades and a stiff Q of clubs.

In case (c) RHO has already been squeezed on the run of the diamonds. To squeeze LHO (case b) you cash the Club Ace. If LHO pitches his diamond, you pitch a spade from dummy, cross to the spade Q and enjoy the long diamond. If LHO pitches a spade (he does) then you know your spade 9 will be good, so you pitch dummy's small diamond, cross to the spade Q, and make your 12th trick with dummy's spade 9.

Credit LHO with good defense. His original hand was:
♠Jxxx ♥T9x ♦98xx ♣Kx.

Not only did he make a nice passive opening lead that gave nothing away (the recommended strategy against 6NT), but looking at the two four card suits in dummy, he knew he was the only one who could guard these suits, so he coolly bared his club K when forced to discard on the fourth round of hearts. He knew declarer could not see his hand; something to remember for next time.

GIVE ME A HAND - By Jörg Schneider

To Bid or Not to Bid: Here are two hands of some interest from Penticton.

(1) Tuesday afternoon in the fourth seat, South: you hold ♠T9732 ♥JT6 ♦Q
♣AKT5;
three passes to you. Do you open?

Those who swear by the rule of 15 or "two quick tricks" ideas will open. No doubt if the Queen of Diamonds were the Queen of Spades, you would open.

I decided that there were too many minuses: a motheaten suit, and three points were a singleton queen and a jack third, so I passed. On this day it was the wrong thing to do.

The full deal was as follows: Vulnerable: all; West Dealing

	♠AQJ9 ♥K943 ♦T83 ♣42	
♠4 ♥Q75 ♦KJ9642 ♣QJ6		♠K65 ♥A82 ♦A75 ♣9873
	♠T9732 ♥JT6 ♦Q ♣AKT5	

NS: 4♠ NS 2♥ EW I NT EW 2♦ NS 1♣; par: NS+620

We received 10 matchpoints out of 25 for our pass, so, assuming west does not open 2♦, and more people did open that hand than did not, based on me later asking a number of strong players about that hand, and the opinions were about 50-50 for and against, how anybody can claim that par is plus 620 is beyond me. If North bids a Drury 2♦ surely South would sign off in two spades.

(2) Same Tuesday evening: in 3rd seat (west) you hold ♠AK853 ♥T ♦J ♣AKJ972 - two passes to you.

I have always held that, with six cards in the minor and five cards in the major you should open the minor. One of my partners insists that I open the major, so being easy to get along with, I opened 1♠ and after some contorted bidding which is better buried I arrived in 4♠ doubled. Again it was the wrong thing to do. The full deal is as follows:

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♠AK853 ♥T ♦J ♣AKJ972		♠J7 ♥J954 ♦QT62 ♣Q54
	♠- ♥K872 ♦K9754 ♣T863	

NS 4♥, NS 4♦; EW 2NT;3♣ EW 1♠; par NS 420

As you can see, if I open one club, north will likely bid a spade, east might double gravely and, from there on, all kinds of strange things can happen: south will likely pass and west? Two clubs is the best and it is probably doubtful they will reach the best "par" contract of four hearts.

Beer Me! - by Greg Morse

In a tough pairs field at the Penticton Regional you reach 2♥ on this hand:

Dealer: North. ♠J9862 ♥A4 ♦Q5 ♣A853
♠KT74 ♥Q98 ♦K98 ♣K96 ♠A53 ♥JT5 ♦J432 ♣QJ4
 ♠Q ♥K7632 ♦AT76 ♣T72

The auction: 1♠- P -1NT* -P -2♥ -P - all pass.

The opening lead is the diamond 8.

Make a plan.

First, if you can make 2♥ you will probably get a good score. In a tough MP field, you rarely get to play 2 of a major. As George Jacobs said in his George's World column, the odds of getting struck by lightning are better than the odds of getting a good score if you let them play 2 of a major. On this hand, making 2♥ is worth 29.5 on a 38 top.

Here you also have a very important secondary objective. Do you see what it is?

The play proceeds: (1) ♦ 8, 5, J, A; (2) ♦6, K, Q, 4. That is a bit of a surprise. It looks like the Diamond 8 was not top of a doubleton, but low from an honour.

(3) ♠4, 2, A, Q. (4) ♠5, ♥2, ♠7, 6. (5) ♥3, 8, A, 5. (6) ♥4, T, K, 9. (7) ♥ 6, Q, ♠8, ♥J.

Things are looking up. (8) ♣6, 3, Q, 2. (9) ♣J, 7, 6, A; (10) ♣ 8, Q, T, K. (11) ♠K, 8, 9, ♥7 (12) ♦10 (13) ♦7, BEER!

Both objectives achieved! And we were not even in a diamond contract. My Right Hand Opponent remarked after this remarkable coup: , "I've never had the BEER card scored against me before."

Bols Tip (Greg Morse)

You are in 4♠ on these cards. (West deals; you: South.)

North: ♠Q72 ♥KT9 ♦KJ84 ♣A93 South (you): ♠KT963 ♥74 ♦AQT5 ♣J8;

The auction: (W)3♥ - P -P 3♠ -P 4♠ -P-P-P

Op. lead: A♥. Then a second heart. (the 3♥ opener had done so on a six card suit, so dummy's King held the trick)

Some time ago, I wrote about Andrew Robson's Bols tip: "If a player has pre-empted, and then led his own suit against your eventual suit contract, he will have a singleton trump two-thirds of the time." (A 3 level pre-empter usually has some singleton, and if he had a side-suit singleton, he would probably lead it.)

Applying that tip led me to the winning line of play on this hand.

In 4♠ you have one heart loser and one club loser. You need to hold the trump losers to one. Accordingly, you come to hand with a diamond, then play low to the spade queen (in case LHO has a stiff Ace or Jack) which loses to the ace. You then cross to dummy and finesse the ten on the second round. If you start with low to the King, you will go down. In fact, once the finesse of the ten wins, you have to return to dummy to finesse the 9 next. The complete hand:

♠Q72 ♥KT9 ♦KJ84 ♣A93

♠4 ♥AJ8532 ♦732 ♣KT4 ♠AJ85 ♥Q6 ♦96 ♣Q7652
 ♠KT963 ♥74 ♦AQ76 ♣J8

What a Mentee Needs- by Sharon Allen

On May 17, 2014, our unit held a Mentor-Mentee game. For those not familiar with the event, it is an opportunity for less experienced players (mentees) to partner with experienced players (mentors). It is meant to be an encouraging learning experience during which mentees can obtain feedback on their play.

As a mentee, I am very grateful to the mentors for giving up their time to help us develop our game and to the unit for arranging the event.

Mentees may have lots of experience in the open games, some experience, or none at all. For some, this event is their first time playing in the "big room" and they are terrified.

I have been lucky with the mentors that I have been given. They have played my convention card, given me constructive feedback, corrected my errors in a supportive way and never once said "you should have known" even if I should have.

Unfortunately, not all mentees have been so fortunate. I have heard horror stories of mentors dismissing the mentee's convention cards as unimportant and demanding that new methods be used, and of mentors being rude and impatient. All these things completely undermine the mentees' confidence and make it impossible for them to benefit from the experience.

So, to make the event fun and productive for all, I would like to share some things mentees need.

- (1) We need you to know that some of us are scared to death. Please be gentle.
- (2) We need you to play our convention card. We know this is difficult if you play in a more complicated way, but any changes you force on us may derail us from the first hand.
- (3) We need you to understand that our mistakes are not a plot to drive you crazy. They are the reason we showed up. Please hide your frustration and remember a time when you made the same mistakes or didn't use the best line of play. What is obvious to you may not be to us.

(4) We need suggestions that correspond to our level of play. If you don't know your mentee, ask them about their level of experience when you meet them. Is this their first open game? Have they been playing for years and just want to "tweak" certain parts of their game? How are they learning the game? A very new player will be overwhelmed by too many new ideas and an experienced mentee may want more detailed guidance on some aspects of their play. Know your mentee.

(5) We need you to be available for a short time after the game for questions and feedback.

Hopefully these suggestions will help everyone have a wonderful experience. And if you have additional ideas, please share them with the organizers. Maybe the mentors will have a wishlist of their own. See you at the next mentor-mentee game!



Future Stars Sectional

Vancouver BC – October 11-12 2014
Vancouver Bridge Centre 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC.

A weekend opportunity to attend lessons and play in a 0-500 masterpoint, non-life master tournament.

Lesson each morning 10:00am – 12:15pm (Pre-registration for lessons is required.)

Julie Smith – “Endplays for Fun and Profit”

Saturday, we will begin with an introduction to the technique and give you an opportunity to play boards reflecting the lesson.

Sunday, we will start with a review of key points from yesterday before continuing to expand on the concept. There will be an opportunity to play boards reflecting the lesson.

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Saturday pairs game: 1:15pm and 6:15pm

Sunday pairs game: 1:15pm Swiss teams: 6:15pm



Daily package; Lesson, lunch, 2 games \$35:00

One game package; Lesson, lunch, 1 game \$30:00

Single game; \$10 (\$3 surcharge for non ACBL members)

Lesson registration and more information is available at www.vancouverbridge.com

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Maryellen Gallo 778-438-2349 maryellengallo@yahoo.com

WE CAN DO BETTER- By Peter Morse

Over the years, it has been expressed to me by both Bridge Club managers and tournament organizers that "Bridge Players are Slobs".

At the time I didn't agree, but after 15 years of organizing tournaments and regularly playing in clubs, I have come around to the position that indeed "some bridge players are slobs".

The majority of players clean up after themselves, putting their trash in the receptacles provided, taking their used cups and dishes to the sink at the Club, or to the kitchen at our Sectional tournaments, and discarding their used scoresheets, hand records and outdated convention cards in the blue boxes or waste baskets provided. Those that don't probably assume that the "Trash Fairy" or the "Dish Fairy" will somehow spirit their residue to the proper place. Fortunately for our residential areas, most of them don't own dogs!

It is amazing how much of a trash magnet an unused table at a tournament or a bridge club becomes, when, in most cases, the proper place for players to leave their residue is only 20' -30' further away. The argument that "I am saving time by doing this" is in most cases a self-serving illusion, since the player will waste more time writing down the contract and declarer before the opening lead of the next hand than they will in discarding their trash where it should be. Yes, I recognize that some people have mobility issues, but there are also many players who would willingly take care of the needs of a mobility-challenged partner or other player if asked. It might also be said that the mobility issues in some cases do not impede the walk to the coffee machine, but only the walk back with a half-empty cup.

Some of my other favourites include the players who decide that the potted plants or other decorations at the playing site are a good place to leave their coffee mug or paper plates. No doubt they intend to pick them up after the round, but frequently that does not happen before the end of the game, and then there is the rush to see the game scores ...

There is also the helpful person who thinks the safest place for their half-filled cup of cold coffee is on the carpet/floor, against the wall, so it won't be in their way or the way of other players. For two minutes, until a round ends, you may get away without a mess, but if a player following you to that table is looking at his convention card as he approaches the table, there will likely soon be a brown spot on the carpet.

A good general rule is to do what you would do if you were playing in your living room. A second one is to leave a table, leaving no evidence that you were ever there. We do employ a few caddies at our Sectionals, and there is a Director at

your club games, but neither of their job descriptions should include cleaning up the players' trash. In fact, many times, it is volunteers (other players) helping out and Unit Board members (at Sectionals) who end up cleaning up these unnecessary messes.

And then there is the bid box that has accidentally fallen to the floor. Just sweep up the bid cards, and plant them on the nearest open table and grab an unused box. If you do it quickly, no one will notice or remember that it was you. As I have heard too often, "it's so hard to put them in order, someone else can do it". For some players with manual dexterity issues, it certainly may be difficult, but for the majority, it is not, and usually takes much less than a minute to put the complete box together. Unfortunately many players have discovered that it takes even less time when you leave someone else to clean up after you.

As the title of this article says, 'we can do better' by making it a habit not to leave our 'calling cards' around the site of a club or tournament game. Please try!

UNIT 430 LEADERS

Local Leaders: Lynnwood, Aug. 2014: Monica Angus, Tao Feng, Jack Lee, Rock Shi Yan, Yinsheng Tu, Nick Stock, Doug Hansford, Dennis Groden, Xiangdong Meng, Diana Jing, Alex Chuang

Penticton, June, 2014: Doug Hansford, Larry Pocock, Dennis Groden, Bryan Maksymetz, Rock Shi Yan, Jack Lee, Tao Feng, Yue Su, Zoran Peca, Donald Sache, Monica Angus, Amy Gao, Yinsheng Tu, Eric Pan, Andrew Lee

Spring Sectional, 2014: Jack Lee, Eric Pan, Kai Zhou, Zoran Peca, John Anthony, Karen Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Dan Jacob, Michael Yuen, June Pocock, Lawrence Hicks, Sheila Sache, Gilbert Lambert, Thomas Anderson

Monthly Unit Games Jan-Aug. 2014: Joel Martineau, Steve Vincent, Michael Dimich, Kai Zhou, Susan Peters, Yue Su, David Yu, Eric Pan, Michael Yuen, Mike Wilson, Larry Pocock.

McKenney (Overall Masterpoints: Jan 1-July 31)

0-20 Masterpoints: Stephanie Wilson, Keith Lee, Kevin Contzen, Min Wu, Jijun Liu, Kory Stevens, Midori Saito, Janice Avis, Francis Adam, Peter Wong, James Harris, Darien Cozart, Terrie Grad.

20-50 Masterpoints: Stanley Gray, Glenda Affleck, Cindy Oishi, Rosalynd Towgood, Lucian Popescu, Bruna Giacomuzzi, Sean Sutherland, Elaine Busch, David Yuen, Joanne Emerman.

50-100 Masterpoints: Marlene Sumi, Peter Lockwood, Judy Chang, Susan McEvoy, Marilyn Miller, Robert Hornal, Doug Chaffee, Mike Stewart, Marlene Bawn, Raymond Perell

100-300 Masterpoints: Tom Jen Kwan, Thomas Anderson, Debbie Martignago, Jim Garnier, Maryellen Gallo, Marilyn Knipp, Paul Fournier, John Maunsell, Bill Matheson, Susan Jonvik, Guoxu Zhang, David Herbert, Nita Dalal, Jim Glanville

300-500 Masterpoints: Jack Johnson, Jacques Printz, Leatha Dudra, Win Bromley, Richard Syrnyk, L. Ralph Buckley, Ted Dagan, Pamela Rattenbury.

500-1000 Masterpoints: Yinsheng Tu, Diana Jing, Amy Gao, Diane Griffiths, Shelley Burns, Marta Zahorecz, Sally Craig, Richard Nelson, David Gabel

1000-2500 Masterpoints: Yue Su, John Teschke, Susan Peters, Tao Feng, Andrew Lee, Baixiang Liu, Chuck Irwin, Zoran Peca, Sid Segal, Thomas Cheng

2500-5000 Masterpoints: Jack Lee, Doug Hansford, Eric Pan, Dennis Groden, Kai Zhou, Ben Takemori, Julie Smith, Monica Angus, Shirley Fitterman, Kath Bye

5000+ Masterpoints: Dan Jacob, Cameron Doner, Rock Shi Yan, Larry Pocock, Bryan Maksymetz, Michael Yuen, Kathy Adachi, Sandra Robson, William Ge, Donald Sache, Peter Morse.

Overall Leaders: Dan Jacob, Cameron Doner, Jack Lee, Doug Hansford, Rock Shi Yang, Eric Pan, Dennis Groden, Kai Zhou, Ben Takemori, Larry Pocock, Bryan Maksymetz, Yue Su, Julie Smith.

Ace of Clubs (Black Points awarded in Club Games)

0-20 Masterpoints: Kevin Contzen, Janice Avis, Midori Sato, Stephanie Williams, Name Withheld, Doris Frost, Keith Lee, James Harris, Nancy Ruegg

20-50 Masterpoints: Stanley Gray, Bruna Giacomezzi, Cindy Oishi, David Yuen, Elaine Busch, Joanne Emerman, David Norton, Robt. Dillon, Elizabeth Tovey

50-100 Masterpoints: Mariene Sumi, Peter Lockwood, Judy Chang, Mike Stewart, Barbara Tanner, Marilyn Miller, Mike Foster, Lorraine Usher

100-300 Masterpoints: Tom Jen Kwan, David Butler, Jim Glanville, Bill Matheson, Daniel Allard, John Maunsell, Debbie Martignago, Jim Garnier, Sue Glanville, Susan Jonvik, Craig Wilson, Maryellen Gallo, Donna Cuson, D. Herbert

300-500 Masterpoints: Leatha Dudra, Jack Johnson, Richard Syrnyk, L Ralph Buckley, Ted Dagan, Andra Mary Thomson, Eve Jensen, Win Bromley, K. Moller

500-1000 Masterpoints: Diane Griffiths, Fred Baldwin, Siavosh Siassi, Edee Rumley, Marta Zahorecz, Richard Nelson, James Wu, Andrew Krywaniuk.

1000-2500 Masterpoints: John Teschke, Jim Walker, Chuck Irwin, Anne Smith, Barry Yamanouchi, Marla Gropper, Peggy Winter, Marion Crowhurst, Suz. Behar

2500-5000 Masterpoints: Shirley Fitterman, Amirali Alibhai, John Lien, Les Fouks, Rhoda Tafler, John DeMeulemeester, Ben Takemori, Liz Stoneman

5000 + Masterpoints: Kathy Adachi, Sandra Robson, Larry Pocock, Bryan Maksymetz, Ernie Dietrich, Peter Morse, Donald Sache.

Overall Leaders: John Teschke, Kathy Adachi, Shirley Fitterman, Amirali Alibhai, John Lien, Diane Griffiths, Jim Walker, Chuck Irwin, Rhoda Tafler, John DeMeulemeester, Ben Takemori, Liz Stoneman, Tai Eng, Anne Smith.

UNIT 430 CLUBS

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB, Stephen Beaton Director, manages it with co-owners Sandy Whites, and Tai Eng; 10AM Mondays, Jaycee Centre, 1251 Lillooet Rd. North Vancouver, BC Tel: 604 767 5974. We congratulate the club on its 10th anniversary. It now has predealt hands and records.

NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB, Stephen Beaton, Director, Bernice Mulock, Mgr. Tuesday, 7PM, 1325 E. Keith Rd. North Vancouver, BC Tel: 604 767 5974; Mulock Tel: 604 987 8289.

HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB, Stephen Beaton, Director, 7PM Mondays (Open) Thursday, 9:30AM (members only) 950 Cross Creek Rd. West Vancouver, BC. Tel: 604 767 5974.

CAPILANO COUNTRY CLUB, Tuesday, 9:15 AM (members only; not in summer months) Bruce McIntyre, Director, 420 Southborough, West Vancouver, BC; tel: 604 438 9735.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB, Monday, 10AM, Wednesday, 10AM. Homa Boustani, Director, St Davids United Church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604 922 8577; biggest combined North Shore weekly table count.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604-255 2564. Ken LoChang, proprietor; Directors: Bruce McIntyre, Sunday, 1PM; Wed. 7PM; (Wednesday Series) Friday, 7PM (Jackpot: reduced price for those who play day games during week; "beat the expert pair" designated by Bruce and you get a free play. Cathy Miller, Director, Wed. & Fri. 10:30 AM; Theresa Kong, Director, Thurs. 10:30AM. Other games: Mon. 7PM (\$5 special) Tues.

10AM: \$5 special. District 430 Monthly Unit (MUG) Games held at site, first Saturday of the month, 7PM; other special events sponsored by the unit and others held occasionally on Saturday.

BURNABY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Gilbert Lambert, Director, Tuesday, 7PM; team games, last Tuesday of every month. Tel: 604 817 6612.

NEW WESTMINSTER BRIDGE CLUB (New West) Gilbert Lambert, Director, Thursdays 7PM; Tel: 604 817 6612; Team games 2nd and last Thursdays each month; friendly game with good competition.

EC BRIDGE CLUB, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver BC; Thursday 7:PM Eugene Chan, Director, Bryan Maksymetz does lectures; continuing special offers. Tel: 778 837 2228.

MARJORIE GROBERMAN DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Jewish Community Centre Duplicate) 850 W. 41st St. Vancouver, BC; Tues. & Thurs 11AM, Cathy Miller, Director; Tel 604 257 5111. Games rescheduled for Vancouver Bridge Centre on days JCC is closed. Now with predealt hands and hand records.

SHAUGHNESSY GOLD COUNTRY CLUB, Bruce McIntyre, Director; 9:15 AM Thurs. (Members only) 4300 SW Marine Dr. Vancouver, BC; Tel: 604 438 9735.

RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB, Monday, 1PM; Bryan Maksymetz, Director; Ramona Josephson, Mgr. (primarily members only) 9100 Steveston Hwy, Richmond, BC Tel: 604 277 3141.

BETH TIKVAH BRIDGE (Richmond) Bryan Maksymetz, Director, Larry Meyer, Mgr. Monday, 7PM. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 9711 Geal Rd. Richmond, BC; Tel: 604 271 8692; successor to Tsawwassen Bridge Club.

DUPLICATE LITE IN SURREY, John DeMeulemeester, Jane Youngberg, Directors. Thursday, 9:45 AM, Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey, BC; Tel: 604 298 2765. Check with club for Harrison teaching outing in September.

WHITE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, Arlene Browning, Director, Wednesday, 7PM, 1845 154 St, Surrey BC; Tel 604 870 9300. Well run, friendly, cooperatively owned; applies to all South Surrey and White Rock games.

PEACE ARCH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, John W. Lien, Director, Tuesday 11AM, First United Church, 15385 Semiahmoo Ave White Rock, BC; Tel: 604 603 5436

SOUTH SURREY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, Arlene Browning, Director, Mon. 7PM, 14831 28 Ave. Surrey, BC; Tel. 604 870 9300.

GOLDEN EARS BRIDGE CLUB, Garry Skoropada, Director, Wed. 12:30PM,
Ridge Meadows Senior Ctr. 12150 224th St. Maple Ridge, BC Tel: 604 462 7320

MISSION DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, Murray Clements, Director, Thurs. 7PM,
32700 7th Ave. Mission, BC Tel: 604 825 3557

CHILLIWACK BRIDGE CLUB, David Peppar, Director, Monday, 7PM, 9168
Corbould St. Chilliwack, BC Tel: 604 702 9890

SQUAMISH BRIDGE CLUB, Colin Ransom and Doreen Ransom, Directors,
Monday 6PM, Friday, 1PM, Howe Sound Golf and Curling, 2458 Mamquam Rd.
Squamish, BC; Tel: 604 896 1522

WHISTLER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, Gillian Schramm, Director, Wed.
1:30PM (long summer break) at Maurice Young Millenium Palace, 4336
Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC; Tel: 604 932 5791

UNIT 430 CALENDAR, SEPT 1 2014-AUG 31 2015

Note: Dates for some events, particularly Unit Games, subject to change

August 29-Sept. 1, 2014: Evergreen Sectional Engineers' Hall

September 5-7, 2014, Victoria Sectional; Bothell, WA Sectional

Sat. Sept 6: Monthly Unit Game, VBC

Sept. 22-28: Regional at Seaside, Oregon

Sept. 26-28: Kelowna Sectional

Oct 11-12: Future Stars Sectional, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Oct 13-19, Regional at Olympia, WA

Oct. 18: Ace of Spades (0-200) Sectional, Victoria, BC

Oct 18: Marguerite Chiarenza Kenya Calcutta, VBC

Oct 24-26: Sectionals at Kamloops, BC, Courtenay, BC

Oct. 31-Nov 2: Sectional at Bellevue, WA

Nov. 1: Monthly Unit Game, VBC

Nov. 7-9: Roundup Sectional, Engineers' Hall

Nov. 15: Mentor-Mentee Game at VBC; Board to set future dates

Nov. 15-16: Sectional at Vernon

Nov. 27-Dec. 7: National at Providence, RI

Dec. 6, 2014: Monthly Unit Game VBC

Dec. 8-14, STaC incl. District 19

Dec. 12-14 Sectional at Fircrest (Near Tacoma)
Dec.13-14: GNT/NAP District Finals: Fircrest (Near Tacoma)

Jan. 2-4, 2015: Trophy Sectional, Engineers' Hall
January 10, 2015: Monthly Unit Game VBC
Jan 9-11, 2015: Sectional, Port Townsend, WA
Jan 19-25, 2015: Regional, Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 6-8: Sectional, Bellingham, WA
Feb. 13-15: Sectional, Bellevue, WA
Feb. 14: Monthly Unit Game (tentatively scheduled)
Feb. 16-22: Canada Wide STaC

March 7: Monthly Unit Game VBC
March 6-8: Sectional, Duncan, BC
March 21-22: Future Stars
March 12-22, 2015: National at New Orleans, LA
March 27-29: Sectional, Victoria, BC

April 4: Monthly Unit Game VBC
April 13-19: Regional, Saanich, BC
April 24-26: Sectional, Vernon, BC

May 1-3: Sectional, Qualicum BC
May 2: Monthly Unit Game VBC
May 4-10, 2015: STaC incl. District 19
May 15-18, 2015: Spring Sectional, Engineers' Hall
May 22-24, Summerland, BC; 22-25: Bellevue, WA

June 6: Monthly Unit Game VBC
June 8-14, 2015: STaC Dist 19 (organized by Unit 43o)
June 15-21, Regional: Penticton, BC
June 26-28: Sectional, Sequim, WA

July 4: Monthly Unit Game VBC
July 10-12: Sectional, Anacortes, WA
July 24-26, Sectional, Nanaimo, BC; Sectional, Bellevue, WA
July 27-Aug. 2: Regional, Eugene, OR

Aug. 1: Monthly Unit Game VBC
Aug 6-16, National at Chicago, IL
Aug. 17-23, 2015: STaC incl. District 19;
Aug. 17-23, 2015: Regional, Lynnwood, WA