

AUTUMN 2012 ACBL UNIT 430

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THE UNIT 430 GOVERNING BOARD 2012-13

Standing: Robin Hart, Clay Connolly, Rhoda Tafler, John Teschke, Kathryn Shannon, Yue Su, Howard Rubin;

Seated: Chris Moore, Eurydice Nours, Greg Morse, Gray McMullin, Kai Zhou, Kathy Bye

Vancouver Unit 430 Evergreen Sectional

September 28 - 30, 2012

Engineer's Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave. Burnaby, BC

REVISED EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon

Sept. 28 13:30

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
- ♣ 0 - 750 (0-50/50-300/300-750)

Mini lecture by Rhonda Foster

18:45 - 19:15

Friday Evening

Sept. 28 19:30

- ♣ Jean Turnbull Trophy - Mixed Pairs (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
- ♣ Open Pairs (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
- ♣ Future Masters Pairs (0-100/100-200/200-300)
- ♣ FREE for paid ACBL members with under 50 masterpoints

Saturday Afternoon

Sept. 29 12:30

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (1 of 2) (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
- ♣ Single session entries will be accepted for either session.
- ♣ 0 - 750 Pairs (0-50/50-300/300-750)

Saturday Evening

Sept. 29 18:30

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (2 of 2) (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
- ♣ Single session entries will be accepted for either session.
- ♣ 0 - 750 Pairs (0-50/50-300/300-750)

Sunday Morning & Afternoon

Sept. 30 10:00 & TBA

- ♣ Flight A/X Swiss Teams (0-2500/ 2500+)
- ♣ Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams (0-200/200-500/500-1500)
- ♣ A short lunch break ♣ A box lunch is available for \$5.00

Partnerships:

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Tournament Chairs:

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Clay Connolly 778-839-8354 clayconnolly@shaw.ca

Fees: ♣ \$11.00 per session (\$1 discount for paid ACBL members)

♣ Friday evening Future Masters - FREE for paid ACBL members with under 50 masterpoints

Stratification:

All events are stratified by the average of a pair or team.

All players must be below the limit for the stratification.

Coffee/Tea: FREE if you bring your own cup. Cups available for \$1.00 each.

Message from the President

Dear Unit 430 Member

A new Unit Board was formed on May 12, 2012 Annual General Meeting. The board members, including those newly elected and the holdovers, bring different talents and experiences to the board. With their enthusiasm and energy, we have an active Unit Board to serve all the members for the coming year.

Our main focus is to increase the attendance of all unit sponsored events, and to promote new memberships. In order to reach these goals, we are planning the following initiatives:

1. Redesigning a new website:

- The Matchpointer.com is no longer functioning. We have transferred all the data to another host. Please log on at <http://www.D19.org/vancouver> for the latest news, tournament schedules, results and other information. In this way you can keep abreast of the current events happening in the Unit. One of the board members has volunteered to develop a brand new website for our exclusive use. We will inform everyone if and when the new website is up and running.

2. Promoting new membership:

- Kathryn Shannon is the directors delegated to look after the Membership list. In this role, her main function is to keep the list up-to-date from the ACBL reports and to follow up with those whose memberships have been lapsed. A welcome package will be sent to new member.

3. Education Day for the Intermediate/Newcomer players

- On October 13-14, an education day will be held in South Surrey for novice and intermediate players, in conjunction with the Future Star tournament. The Board will engage two local bridge teachers to conduct the lessons. The Future Star tournament will be played following the lessons.

4. Community Service:

- The BC Senior Bridge Game will be held in Burnaby from August 23-25. We are supporting the Game by loaning them tournament supplies, as well as providing the ACBL sanction. We will be putting out the Sectional tournament flyers, ACBL bulletins, local bridge clubs information etc. Our board members who are participating in the Game will be our ambassadors.

The Unit Board is inviting all certified Club Directors to express any interest they may have in running unit sponsored games. Please contact me or any board member by October 15.

Cameron Doner and David Schmid are our Unit representatives to District 19. David Schmidt's term will expire in December 2012. He is willing to stand for nomination for another three year term. However, if anyone else is interested in running for this position, please contact me or another board member by November 1.

Last but not least, we cannot achieve our mission without input from the unit members. We want to hear from you and we will listen. Your comments, and suggestions as well as complaints are most welcome. Please do not hesitate to talk to me or any board member in person or by email.

Thank you

Eurydice Nours, President, Unit 430

INTRODUCING THE 2012-2013 UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Purpose of the Board: The members of the governing board of Unit 430 of the ACBL are your local representatives to that federation. Their duties include running area sectional tournaments, the monthly unit games, and the IMP league. The board is also involved with coordinating STAC (sectional tournament at clubs) games in the unit area. It also runs other games geared for less experienced duplicate players including the sectionally rated Future Stars tournaments and the mentor-mentee games. At the Future Stars games, the unit also sponsors the educational programs. It also plays a role in rookie-masters games and acts as its own club with the ability to run additional games, such as the Evelyn Hodge charity event, as needed.

Board Members: The president of the board, **Eurydice Nours**, born in Hong Kong, with adult children, and long a familiar face in Vancouver bridge circles, continues, in addition to her new role as president, to be involved with furthering education of new players, and has pulled her weight doing various duties for the board in recent months.

The vice president, **Kai Zhou**, has a business degree and is involved in management. He has been playing competitive bridge since high school and spearheaded efforts to increase bridge playing in his university years. Still focused on the development of new bridge talent, he is the board member responsible for the IMP league and club liaison.

The treasurer, **Robin Hart**, a chartered accountant, has also had success as a business proprietor, and acts as chief financial officer of the unit. His job as treasurer puts him in charge of the various assets, monetary and otherwise, controlled by the unit. His duties include making reports to the board and membership concerning such assets.

The board member in charge of sectional tournaments, generally considered the most important board duty other than the managerial officers, is **Chris Moore**. A registered nurse, she has been involved in major administration in various health care capacities. She has adult children and has been happily married for many years to her husband, Joe, who is also often her bridge partner.

The recording secretary, **Rhoda Tafler**, originally from Montreal, and fully bilingual, has had a successful career as an educator, culminating in a position as a university instructor giving courses in bilingual education. She has been a successful bridge player for many years and has also been involved in other management roles.

Greg Morse, the recent past president who remains on the board, has an engineering background and worked in management for the telephone company. An effective, personable player, he has long been a fixture at various clubs in the unit area.

Clay Connolly, known for his pleasant manner at the bridge table, has recently been in charge of sectional tournaments and is continuing to assist in that role. He spent time in Britain during his military career, and has provided the unit with yeoman help in managing unit sectionals.

John Teschke, in charge of publicity, played bridge in Britain, Germany, Australia and Austria during his years abroad. He got a history Ph. D. degree and got his book published; he also has a legal background.

Kathy Bye, a retired primary teacher, has long been recognized as one of the better players in the area. In recent years, she has been responsible for arranging partnerships at sectional tournaments and has been the manager of the Future Stars sectional tournaments and programs for the unit.

Yue Su, who is in information technology management, is frequently seen in local clubs, often playing with expert Larry Pocock. She is in charge of catering for sectional tournaments.

Gray McMullin's background as a courier along with his long experience as a bridge player make him effective in obtaining the supplies required by the unit and managing their use, running the logistics involved in deploying them to various areas, including at tournament sites.

Kathryn Shannon, originally from New Zealand, is a familiar player at local clubs and is the board member responsible for membership issues. She has a young daughter.

Howard Rubin, who recently ended a long career as a prominent, effective criminal attorney, has been a duplicate bridge player for over 50 years, and a life master since 1964, has been prominent in helping out with the IMP league, and brings a legal perspective to the board.



Ken LoChang and 21 years of success

By Kathy Griffiths

You could be a regular player at the Vancouver Bridge Centre and not realize you are meeting Ken LoChang, the owner, who is quietly there most days and evenings.

Ken owns the business. But if you ask "Are you rich?" he will almost double up with laughter. He describes himself as a glorified janitor. "I do all the little things."

It all started when Ken bought the Haida Bridge Club at Broadway and Cambie back in 1991

"in a moment of foolishness, insanity."

What led him to this moment? Ken was born in Hong Kong, raised in Zimbabwe, and came alone to Canada in 1967 to attend Simon Fraser University. He is now divorced and has three grown children with whom he is very close.

Ken started playing bridge in the early 80s when he was in his mid 30s and hanging around the old Soft Rock Café on West Fourth Ave. Later he had his first experience playing duplicate at the University of B.C. Faculty Club.

He worked on tugboats and, for awhile, owned his own fish boat. In his off hours he played duplicate at the Haida Bridge Club, one of only two full-time duplicate bridge clubs in the Greater Vancouver area, the other being The Pemberton Bridge Club which no longer exists. The Haida was in a building Ken describes as dark and dingy and having no parking for players in daytime games.

But hooked on the game and being "young and foolish" he bought the business in 1991 from Ann Nagy. Nagy now directs a weekly game at the Arbutus Centre.

Ken partnered with Gordie Davis, a long time player who was involved with the Haida Club, and with Eugene Chan, his bridge partner. Their intent was to find larger premises with parking, and a more central location to serve players from all over the Lower Mainland.

"At that time we weren't seeing many new faces" says Ken, "and there were no programs for new players and very little teaching bridge." Their vision was to make duplicate welcoming to new and inexperienced people and grow the business, rather than simply depend upon a small minority of expert players. They wanted to offer bridge classes.

Seven months after buying the business, Ken and his partners found the current location at 2776 East Broadway which he has rented since June 1992 on five and four-year leases.

"For the first few years it was a constant struggle to pay the rent," says Ken. "There was a lot of trial and error and we had no blueprint for success."

They began a Wednesday daytime beginner's group in 1997 which was the start of a more solid program. Soon after, the Friday morning game was started.

When Gordie died in 2003 and Eugene left the business, Ken carried on. (Eugene now runs the EC Bridge Club which operates Thursday evenings at the VBC.)

By the mid 2000s the Centre was operating on firmer ground as the base of bridge players was growing.

Ken feels the key to success is to create a steady stream of new players by holding games in

which they feel comfortable, providing lessons, and in general having a welcoming environment. "For a lot of people bridge was a scary experience and they'd never come back. The important thing is for us to steer players to the right game with similar levels of competence. That initial experience is important."

The VBC runs and hosts games on Monday evenings, as well as Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and evenings, and Sunday afternoons. There are no Saturday games except for special events and the Monthly Unit Games (MUG). (The Tuesday evening game is run by the Burnaby Duplicate Bridge Club.) The club is available for rent for Unit functions and special events. Ken has also donated the premises for various charitable functions.

Now 65, Ken says he hasn't thought much about retiring. He enjoys operating a bridge club. "Over the years there were many people who gave me lots of moral and material support. I would like to thank all these people as well as past and present directors. I couldn't have done it by myself."

Give Me a Hand.

by Jörg Schneider

Nine Never?

At the last regional (board 33 on Wednesday afternoon) you, South, pick up this exciting collection:

♠JT42 ♥73 ♦9873 ♣J96

While you are contemplating why you got out of bed and paid your entry fee, you find yourself at the helm in 6 diamonds, after this auction:

N	E	S	W
1C(1)	2S	P	P
DBL	P	3D	P
3S(2)	P	3NT	P
6D	P	P	P

(1) Precision. 16/up HCP any shape.

(2) Western Cue, asking for a spade stopper.

North comes down with a dummy that is not too shabby:

Dummy: ♠9 ♥AKQ ♦AKJ62 ♣AKQ3

You: ♠JT42 ♥73 ♦9873 ♣J96

How do you play after the lead of the King of spades, and a second spade which you ruff?

The problem is to find the Queen of trumps. Well you have all heard of the nursery rhyme, "8 Ever, 9 Never". It should be noted that *a priori* the odds favour a 3-1 split (49.7%) over a 2-2 split (40.7%) but after you play the Ace and all follow, and the Queen does not drop, the 4-0 split is eliminated as are the 3-1 splits with the stiff Queen. When you next lead low towards the KJ and West follows low, the odds now favour the drop something like 52% to 48%. Not much but the law of large numbers tells you that if you always play for the drop you will be right more often than not, while if you take the hook in one case, and play for the drop the next time, you could be wrong all the time! So... You play the Ace and all follow and then ??

There is also the theory of empty spaces. From the bidding we know at least 7 of East's cards (six spades, and one diamond) and only 3 of West's cards (2 spades and 1 diamond) so West with 10

empty spaces to East's 6 is a 5:3 favourite to hold the $\diamond Q$. So you come to hand with the $\clubsuit J$ and lead towards the KJ. When West follows low, you take the diamond finesse -- which wins.

The full deal being:

North:

$\spadesuit 9$ $\heartsuit AKQ$ $\diamond AKJ62$ $\clubsuit AKQ3$

West: $\spadesuit KQ$ $\heartsuit JT96$ $\diamond QT4$ $\clubsuit 8542$

East: $\spadesuit A98763$ $\heartsuit 8654$ $\diamond 5$ $\clubsuit T7$

South:

$\spadesuit JT42$ $\heartsuit 73$ $\diamond 9873$ $\clubsuit J96$

This deal confirms the cynic's view that the pairs game is a crap shoot, and that it is better to be lucky than good! Think about it.

- 1) You needed the $\clubsuit J$ as an entry to take the finesse.
- 2) You needed that 2S bid by East. A less intrepid(?) player like myself would pass with that suit, and you would have no reason not to play for the drop.
- 3) Empty spaces or not, East could still have held the doubleton $\diamond Q$. However Declarer's play was a heavy (60%) favourite and the correct play.

Unit 430 Leaders:

Spring Sectional (May 10-13, 2012): Joel Martineau, Brad Bart, Aidan Ballantyne, Laurence Betts, Richard D'Litzenberger, Eric Pan.

Top Unit 430 Players in District 19 Regionals (Held in BC and WA): 2012: Jack Lee, Eric Pan, Kai Zhou, Yuandong Ren, Cam Doner, Laurence Betts.

Monthly Unit Games (Jan-August, 2012): Peter Cooper, BaiXiang Liu, Eric Pan, Andrew Krywaniuk, Ronald Kuiper, Larry Pocock, Nicholas Stock, Diana Jing..

IMP League Leaders: Team Litwin, Katrin Litwin, Aidan Ballantyne, Dan Jacob, Larry Hicks, Dan Brazeau; **Team Vincent:** Stephen Vincent, David Waterman, Ben Takemori, Mike Dimich, Nick Stock, Mike Takemori. **Second Bracket: Team Stark:** Colin Stark, Eric Greenwood, Pearl Franco, George Franco, John Coats, Miranda Levant; **Team Ottridge:** Stephen Ottridge, Bob Sewell, Linda Seifred, Madelaine Bourgwain, Elaine Duvall; **Flight C:** Sharon Main, Leatha Dudra, Terie Grad, Debbie Martignago, Barbara Forfellow, Scott Shi.

note: sign-ups for the coming year's IMP league close at the end of September. Contact Kai Zhou to enter.

McKenney Leaders, 2012 (January through August):

Overall leaders: Cameron Doner; Dan Jacob, Kai Zhou, Jack Lee; Eric Pan, Samantha Nystrom

0-50 Master Points: Bill Matheson; Rich Schmid, Victor Goharian; Kathleen Peacock, James Glanville, Susan Glanville, Grethe Larsen

50-200 Master Points: James Wu, Eve Jensen, Jim Garnier, Jan Bromley, Dennis Peacock, Ted Dagan.

200-300 Master Points: Andrew Krywaniuk, Frances Corney, L. Ralph Buckley, David Gabel, Leatha Dudra, Robin Hart.

300-500 Master Points: Ronald Kuiper, Yinsheng Tu, Siavosh Siassi, Diane Griffiths, Xiangdong Meng.

500-1000 Master Points: Yuandong Ren, Yue Su, Diana Jing, Sally Craig, Jane Youngberg, Amy Gao.

1000-2500 Master Points: Kai Zhou, Eric Pan, Baixang Liu; Gray McMullin; Julie Smith, Vickie Moffatt.

2500-5000 Master Points: Jack Lee; Samantha Nystrom; Joel Martineau, Peter Morse, William Ge, Doug Hansford

5000 to 10000 Master Points: Laurence Betts, Larry Pocock, Michael Yuen, Kathy Adachi, Donald Sache, Bryan Maksymetz

10000 or more Master Points: Cameron Doner, Dan Jacob, Aidan Ballantyne

Ace of Clubs Leaders, January-July, 2012:

Overall leaders: Kathy Adachi; Shirley Fitterman, Tai Eng, Gray McMullin; Samantha Nystrom, Nicholas Stock, John Demeulemeester, James Wu.

0-5 Master Points: Ruisheng Shi, Raymond Perell, Ralph Bigio, Susan Zacks, Dana Schwartz, Robert Spevakow.

5-50 Master Points: Victor Goharian, Alan Kemp-Gee; Barbara Tanner, Susan Glanville, Timothy Hubbard, James Glanville, Richard Schmid.

50-200 Master Points: James Wu, Dennis Peacock, Nita Dalal, Thomas Davis, Kathryn Shannon, Eve Jensen.

200-300 Master Points: L Ralph Buckley, David Gabel, Leatha Dudra, Jack Johnson, Pamela Rattenbury, Win Bromley.

300-500 Master Points: Diane Griffiths, Siavosh Siassi, Andra Mary Thomson, Edee Rumley, Ashley Krisman, Marta Zahorecz, Robert Colavecchia.

500-1000 Master Points: Jim Walker, Diana Jing, Jane Youngberg, Yue Su, Clarence Dodd, Rowena Huberman.

1000-2500 Master Points: Shirley Fitterman, Gray McMullin, Nicholas Stock, John Demeulemeester, Kai Zhou, Rhoda Tafler.

2500-5000 Master Points: Tai Eng, Samantha Nystrom; John Lien, Ken Lochang, Al French, Les Fouks, Liz Stoneman.

5000 or More Master Points: Kathy Adachi; Larry Pocock, Aidan Ballantyne, June Pocock;
Laurence Betts, Katrin Litwin.

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS NEWS CORNER

BY EURYDICE NOURS, IN CO-ORDINATOR, UNIT 430, EURYDICE_NOURS@HOTMAIL.COM

2011-12 FLIGHT C IMP LEAGUE

The Flight C IMP League had a very successful year. There were a total of 7 teams; each team had 6 members. Players came from Surrey, White Rock, Maple Ridge and Vancouver. Some of the players never participated in a team game before and others had little experience. McBruce adopted the players' suggestions and modified the team format. A total of 6 teams played in a round-robin on a given Sunday, with a bye team sitting out. There were special speakers who gave a mini-lesson prior to the match. Also, each team had a coach who volunteered their time to support their assigned team throughout the season. A big hand went to Kathy Bye, Vicki Moffatt, Kai Zhou, John DeMeulemeester, Samantha Nystrom, Garry Skoropada, and "moi"-Eurydice. The final play-off was held on May 27.

The Champion is Team 1- Sharon Main (Team Captain), Leatha Dudra, Terie Grad, Debbie Martignago, Barbara Forfellow and Scott Shi. Congratulation!



Future Stars-May 5-6, Co-ordinator/Kathy Bye

The 2 days Future Stars event drew 21 tables for the pair games and 5 teams for the 299 swiss team game. To view the winners, please go to www.D19org/Vancouver, click on tournament results.

Mentors/Mentees Game

The last Mentor/Mentees game was held on Saturday May 19. There were 12 teams participated.

MonthlyUnit Game

The Monthly Unit Game (MUD) is sponsored by your Unit, which is held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on the first Saturday of the month, at 7pm. We will be offering a separate IN section for the NLM to compete among your peers.

The Rookie Rocket Trophy Race

To encourage the Non-Life-Masters to participate in all the Unit sponsored games, eg Future Star, Sectional etc., we have initiated a new trophy. Players **must** play with a partner who has less than 300 MP. His/her score will be tabulated at the end of the year. The Rocket Rookie Trophy will be presented by the Unit Board to the highest score winner.

UPCOMING IN EVENTS

**Future Stars-Oct 27-28
at Elgin Hall, South Surrey,
concurrent with education
weekend.

**Evergreen Sectional at
the Engineer Hall, Burnaby-
Sept 28-30

**0-500 NLM Sectional in
Vancouver, WA- Oct 6-8

**Round-Up Sectional at
the Engineer Hall, Nov 9-11

**** A fun- filled 2 days
Educational Weekend is to
be held in conjunction
with the Future Stars
Tournament at Elgin Hall.

2012 Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game: Report by Eurydice Nours

The Helen Shields Rookie Master Game is a Canadian Bridge Federation event held each spring in clubs across Canada. It was first held in 1995, and is named in memory of Helen Shields, of Thunder Bay, who was a past President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. Helen was very active in teaching and introducing new players to duplicate bridge.

The Rookie-Master game is sanctioned by the Canadian Bridge Federation. With the endorsements from District 19 and Unit 430, the EC Bridge club owner/director, Eugene Chan, ran a successful Rookie-Master Game on April 23 at the River Rock Casino. The site of our 2012 Vancouver Regional, which started at the same place on the same day.

The rookies must have less than 50 masterpoints, and the masters have no masterpoint restriction. All that is required is a sunny and friendly disposition. The focus of this game is NOT to teach, but sharing a fun time between partners. Thus, we can encourage our novice players to return and play in various sanctioned bridge clubs.

With Masters coming from outside of the local area, such as Vancouver, WA and Seattle, we had quite a busy time arranging partners. There were 18 tables (4th most in Canada). We contributed 36 pairs out of a total of 89 pairs in BC. A delicious lunch was provided by the EC Bridge Club, with funds raised by its players. Door prizes were donated by Gus Axen. ACBL District 19 provided the venue and additional prizes. Kudos go out to the various local bridge clubs who encouraged their players to participate.

The winners were:

Joanne Modesto (master) and Scott Shi (rookie), pictured, ranked 4th nationally, with a score of 67.92%,

Kurt Moller and Ross Zaar, ranked 5th nationally, finished second scoring 66.92%



Congratulations to the Winners!!!!

BC SENIORS GAMES -- Burnaby, 2012

by Rhoda Tafler

Kathy Bye and I spend the last three days playing in the bridge tournament section of the BC SENIORS GAMES in Burnaby. This was their 25th anniversary. It was my first experience being part of this event, and I was pleasantly surprised by the friendly and enthusiastic players who came from all parts of the province – Mission, Merritt, Revelstoke, Hudson's Hope, Nanaimo, Whistler and Invermere. Many of these players make attendance at these games an annual event. By the way, the Games will be held in Kamloops next year and Ladner in 2014. Vancouver Unit 430 supplied the materials for the tournament and paid the sanction fees. The Duplicate Lite Bridge Club in White Rock provided the refreshments which Jane Youngberg organized to the delight of all the players. Jane also assisted the director while ensuring that all felt at home and had everything needed to make the game enjoyable.

In our large room, there were two bridge events taking place, Social and Duplicate Bridge. There were seven tables in the Duplicate game. John Demeulemeester was the Director and I must say that he was **the star of the whole show!** We used bidding boxes and Bridge Mates and, needless to say, there were many who had never used Bridge Mates, some who had never used bidding boxes, and many who were unaccustomed to a Howell movement. In addition to all this, one pair didn't show up so John had to change the movement at the last minute. At our first table, we taught our opponents how to use the bidding boxes to bid, how to put the cards back in the box, and then how to verify the scores. When I met them later, they told me that they had learned how to key in the scores. Through all this, John moved the boards, explained the movement, corrected errors, encouraged players and smiled all the time. It was an incredible achievement and I'm sure that if we get new ACBL members from this event, it will certainly be due to John's good will.

Strangely enough, there were only four other players from the Vancouver area. Throughout the three days, I tried to discover why I had not heard of these games, and why the event was not advertised in the Vancouver and surrounding area bridge clubs. I am still working on this mystery and hope to change the situation so that by the time the event takes place in Ladner, Unit 430 will be strongly represented in both the Social and Duplicate Bridge tournaments. It was a delightful experience and, again, thanks to John and Jane for making the event run so smoothly.

Future Stars Event at Elgin Hall 0-500 Non-Life Masters

A weekend opportunity to attend lessons and play in a tournament with other non-life masters within and outside of the South Surrey area.

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Program

Lesson	10:30-1:00
Lunch	1:00-2:00
Pairs Game	2:00 – Sectional Sanction (Silver Points awarded)
Pairs Game	6:45 – Sectional Sanction (Silver Points awarded)

10:30—1:00: **Julie Smith** will focus on bidding, play of the hand, and defense. The lesson includes a presentation, an opportunity to play boards reflecting the lesson, and a question period. The lesson will be geared for players new to duplicate with 0-100 Masterpoints.

Cost for the day is \$45, including the lesson, two sanctioned sectional games, and the lunch.

Sunday, October 28, 2012

Program

Lesson	10:00-12:30
Lunch	12:30-1:30
Pairs Game	1:30—Sectional Sanction (Silver Points awarded)
Swiss Teams	6:30---Sectional Sanction (Silver Points awarded)

10:00-12:30: **Bryan Maksymetz** will focus on defense, bidding and play of the hand. The lesson includes a presentation, an opportunity to play boards reflecting the lesson, and a question period. The lesson will be geared for players with 0-500 Masterpoints.

Cost for the day is \$45, including the lesson, two sanctioned sectional games, and lunch.

If you would like to attend the events separately, the cost is as follows:

Games, \$10/Session; Single Lesson: \$25/day; Lunch \$5.

We wish to thank Jane Youngberg for this summary of the Future Stars October tournament program.

Make Me A Double.

by Greg Morse

At a club game you find yourself in 3NT on these cards:

Dummy ♠Ax ♥AJxx ♦KQx ♣KT9x

You ♠Jxx ♥K3 ♦Axxxxx ♣Ax

The opening lead is a low club, you put in the 9, Jack from RHO and you win the Ace. You next lead a low club and finesse the T which wins. Next you cash the ♦KQ and all follow. You are now up to 12 tricks, is there any hope for a 13th?

In a normal double squeeze, there is a short threat against each opponent and a long threat, called the pivot suit, which is guarded by both opponents. For example:

♠- ♥AJ ♦- ♣x

♠- ♥Kx ♦- ♣Q

♠K ♥Qx ♦- ♣-

♠Q ♥x ♦x ♣-

LHO guards clubs and hearts, while RHO guards spades and hearts. When you lead the last diamond, RHO must discard a small heart, so dummy pitches the club x, and RHO must also pitch a small heart so you take the last two tricks with hearts.

Here only one opponent can guard hearts, but you don't know which one. Nevertheless if the opponent with the heart Queen, is also tasked with guarding one of the black suits, he will be squeezed when you run the diamonds. You just won't know until the end whether it is a heart-club squeeze, or a heart-spade squeeze. This is called playing a single squeeze as a double.

There is just one small problem, your spade threat is not quite good enough; since LHO is guarding clubs, for the squeeze to be legitimate you need RHO to hold both the ♠K and the ♠Q. But you never know. As the Rueful Rabbit says, if you run your long suit sometimes the opponents make a mistake.

Accordingly you cash the ♣K and ♠A (Vienna Coups), come to hand with a diamond, cash the ♥K, and run diamonds, leaving:

Dummy ♠- ♥AJ ♦- ♣x

You ♠J ♥3 ♦x ♣-

When you play the last diamond, LHO keeps their ♣Q so you throw dummy's low club, and sure enough RHO, who had earlier thrown the ♠Q throws the ♠K. So you take the last two tricks with the ♠J and ♥A.

If it had been LHO who had the ♥Q, either they would have unguarded it, or they would have thrown the ♣Q and dummy's club would have been good, with the ♥A as an entry. Making 7. Not quite a top, though. One pair bid 6 Diamonds, but only you took 13 tricks.

Club Reports

North Shore Bridge Club, Stephen Beaton, Director, 10AM Mondays, 1251 Lillooet Rd. North Vancouver, BC.

MP Leaders: Siavosh Siassi, Hobert Liang; Rhoda Tafler, Myra Johnston, Elizabeth Michno.

Hollyburn Country Club, Stephen Beaton, Director, 7 PM Mondays, Hollyburn Country Club, 950 Cross Creek Rd. West Vancouver, BC.

MP Leaders: Jim Lenobel; Jim Walker; Joyce Noel, Brenda Cameron, Alan Kemp-Gee, Shirley Warner; 9:30 AM(Invitation only); MP Leaders: Jim Walker, Joyce Noel, Brenda Cameron; Alan Kemp-Gee, Shirley Warner.

North Shore Winter Club, 1325 E. Keith Rd. North Vancouver, BC, Tuesdays, 7PM, Mrs. Bernice Mulock; MP Leaders, Amir Alibhai, Geraldine La Croix, John Beresford, Keith Miller, Rose Miller

Arbutus Village Recreation Centre, 4255 Arbutus St. Vancouver, BC; Thursdays, 7:15PM Director: Anne Nagy.

Vancouver Bridge Club, St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, BC; Homa Boustani, proprietor; morning games (Monday, 10AM; Wednesday 10AM) directed by Gilbert Lambert; Evening Game (Wednesday, 7:15 PM directed by Homa Boustani;

Monday Leaders: Farivar Sahihi, Doreen Ransom, Kay Tsurusaki, Al French, James Shaw

Wed. MP Leaders: Siavosh Siassi, Marge Neate, Amirali Alibhai, Farivar Sahihi, Joyce Peaks.

The Wednesday night games during the summer are limited to team games the last Wednesday of the month.

New Westminster Bridge Club (New West) Century House, 620 8th St. New Westminster, BC, Gilbert Lambert, Director-Proprietor, Thursdays, 7:00 PM.

MP Leaders: Nigel Fullbrook, Larry Pocock, Andrew Krywaniuk.

Burnaby Bridge Club, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Gilbert Lambert, Director.

MP Leaders: Gray McMullin, Laurence Betts, John Teschke, Allan Karro, Jo-anne Modesto, Jocelyn Krug.

Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Ken Lochang, proprietor; Mark Eddy, Bruce McIntyre, Cathy Miller, Directors.

Games: Sunday, 1PM; MP Leaders: Gray McMullin, Larry Chow, Les Fouks, Michael Strebinger, Ann Hung, Kenny T. K. Chan.

Monday, 7:00PM: MP Leaders: Stephen Ottridge; Diane Griffiths, Robert Sewell, Theresa Kong, Edee Rumley; Debbie Martignago.

Tuesday, 10:00AM: MP Leaders: Tommie Yamanouchi, Dianne Sterling, Kenny T. K. Chan, Nancy Yoshida, Patricia Dumoulin, Nigel Fullbrook.

Wednesday, 10:30AM: MP Leaders: Gray McMullin, Mark Eddy, Ian Hayter, Samantha Nystrom, Kathy Adachi, Ernie Dietrich.

Wednesday, 7:00 PM: MP Leaders: Sandy Whites, Kathy Adachi, Al French, Diane Griffiths, Lauren Weiler, Marla Gropper.

Thursday, 10:30AM: MP Leaders: Huguette LaFlamme, June Krieger, Leah Nearmann, Robert Hornal, Joan Hornal, Kumari Wickremasinge, Karu Wickremasinge.

Friday, 10:30AM: MP Leaders: Barry Yamanouchi, Shirley Fitterman, Siavosh Siassi, Kathy Adachi, Jörg Schneider, Tai Eng.

Friday, 7:30PM MP Leaders: Eric Pan, Anne Scott, Patti Adams, Larry Pocock, Angela Fenton, Lawrence Betts, Nigel Fulbrook, Ken Lochang, Zoran Peca

EC Bridge Club, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC; Eugene Chan, Director - Proprietor. Thursdays, 7:00 PM:

MP Leaders: Colin Stark, Joann Modesto, Eurydice Nours, Stephen Ottridge, Reimar Hauschmidt.

Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, 950 W. 41st Ave. Vancouver, BC; Cathy Miller, Director; Tuesday, 11AM: MP Leaders: Ralph Buckley, Tai Eng, Dave Gabel, Marla Gropper.

Thursday, 11AM: MP Leaders: Ashley Krisman, Tai Eng, Connie Delisle, Paul Hagen, Kazuko Koda; Monday, 7PM.

Golden Ears Bridge Club, Ridge Meadows Senior Centre, 12150 224th St. Maple Ridge, BC; Garry Skoropada, Director; Wednesdays, 12:30PM:

MP Leaders: John Richoux, Flora Tereposky, Leszek Baldys, John Teschke; B Marta Zahorecz, James Marshall, George Wood.

Mission Duplicate Bridge Club, 32700 7th Ave. Mission, BC, Murray Clements, Director. MP Leaders: William Sheryer, Dan Webster, Richard Kay, Ramran Ackber, Dennis Glassford.

Chilliwack Bridge Club, 7194 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC; David Peppar, Director; Mondays, 7:00 PM: MP Leaders: Larry Chow, Brian Lee, Roselle McRae, Marv Luther.

Squamish Duplicate Bridge Club 38014 4th Ave. Squamish, BC; Erwin Tenta, Director; Mondays, 6:30PM; summer hiatus ends after Labour Day; MP Leaders: Colin Ransom, Donald Lecky; Lorraine Burren.

Howe Sound Bridge Club, 38014 4th Ave. Squamish, BC, Fridays, 1:00 PM; Donald Lecky, Lorraine Burren directors/proprietors.

Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club, Maurice Young Millenium Place, 4335 Blackcomb Way; Gillian I Schramm, Director, Wednesdays, 1:30 PM (Nov-May only.)

Duplicate Lite: South Surrey: Chateau Cargill, 3550 King George Highway, Surrey, BC; Thursdays, 9:30 AM John Demeulemeester and Jane Youngberg.

The duplicate lite games continue to successfully attract a wide variety of players in playing in full sections its two-flighted games every Thursday morning.

MP Leaders: Andra Mary Thompson, Win Bromley, Susan Glanville, James Glanville, Diane Griffiths, Antoinette Sheffield, Edee Rumley.

Tsawwassen Bridge Club, 1720 56 St. Delta (Tsawwassen) BC; Richard M. Dunn, Director; MP Leaders: Clay Connolly, Charlotte Alekson, James McKenzie, Larry Meyer, Wenda Hopp.

Peace Arch Duplicate Bridge Club: First United Church, 15385 Semiahmoo Ave. White Rock, BC; 11:00 AM Tuesdays; John W. Lien, Arlene Browning, Directors:

MP Leaders: Kathy Adachi, Gladys Mackie, Sherman Kwan, Dennis Groden, James Wu, Insa Fricker; note: the White Rock area clubs (this and the next two) are all cooperatively owned non-profits.

White Rock Duplicate Bridge Club, Sunnyside Community Centre, 1845 154 St, Surrey BC; Wednesdays, 7:15 PM; John John W. Lien, Arlene Browning, Directors:

MP Leaders: Ina Andersen, Jean Groome, John Lien, Liz Stoneman, Chris Maylin, Craig Dunning.

South Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club 14831 28th Ave. John W. Lien, Arlene Browning, Directors, 7:15PM Mondays; top players: Insa Fricker, Isabel Chernoff, Wilf May, Sherman Kwan, John Lien.