

UN ♠ T ♥ 430 ♣ Matchpointer

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Below: Stephen Beaton, Tai Eng, Sandy White



To the right:
1976 photo of
some bridge play-
ers at their other
home, the golf
course. Can you
identify them?
What were their
handicaps?



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Front Page Pictures

The top two pictures show the owners of the North Shore bridge club: Stephen Beaton, Tai Eng, and Sandy White. Sadly, this picture was taken on July 31, the last day the club could operate in North Vancouver as the Jaycee House is no longer available for sufficient hours to run a duplicate game. The plans are for the club to move to the Vancouver Bridge Centre where its Monday game will continue. At the end of December Stephen, Tai and Sandy will retire from ownership of the club. In his description of what happened with the club, Stephen said that they were being squeezed out by other organizations wanting to use the Jaycee House. He said he felt sad when he handed the keys back to the owners after running the club for 13 years. It is hoped that in the future some others on the North shore (Shelley Burns, Pattisons) will expand their bridge programs to include a full duplicate game.

The Monday morning game was much appreciated by all the players who visited the club, not just for the venue, which was good for 18 and occasionally more tables but more for the calm and gentle direction provided by Stephen, for the unpaid but ever helpful parking attendant, Tai, and mostly for the food, prepared and organized so magnificently by Sandy, a professional caterer by trade. We will miss all of it.

President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430

Well here I am back again. Not sure how this happened! Didn't I retire? Apparently not. Anyway, I think I can still remember how to say...motion... second...all in favor...sold! ...no wait...carried! See, like it was yesterday.

The unit board organizes 4 Sectionals (14 days), 2 Future Stars Sectionals (4 days), a 0-99 Sectional, 2 Mentor- Mentee games, 12 Unit games and the Imp League. This is a lot. We are spread thin. Maybe this is too much. We are trying to grow the game so we have increased our efforts towards newer players. However the amount of organization required has also grown. As well, we have a Web site to maintain, the Matchpointer to get out, supplies to be maintained and transported, Trophies and Trophy Races to update and all of the accounting that goes with it.

In addition, here are some issues that we are working on:

- Starting times for Sectionals, especially Saturdays. A somewhat contentious issue which we hope to clarify with an online survey before the next Sectional.
- Losing Friday at the Engineer's Hall. Unless we shorten the schedule, we may have lost this site.
- How to improve Hospitality. Do we want to spend the money? What are the priorities? Can we get volunteers to bring in goodies?
- The rising cost of bringing in outside Directors. Bringing in Directors from Seattle or Victoria is expensive. We need more local Directors.

We also administer a subsidy fund of around \$5500 annually. Now anyone who decides to attend any

CNTC event automatically qualifies for some subsidy. Maybe this needs to be reworked. See, lots to do. If no one mentions any of these issues to me before the next issue of the Matchpointer, I'll know that no one actually reads the President's message!
Larry Pocock

Do As I Say

by Greg Morse

You will recall in a previous Matchpointer, in my 'Arguing with Eddie Kantar' article, I stressed that the purpose of signalling is to guide the defense, not to show the location of high cards. With that as a clue, can you spot the correct defense?

Matchpoints, Both Vul.
South deals

♠ Q 4	
♥ Q 8 7 5 4 3 2	
♦ 9	
♣ A 9 2	
	♠ K 5 3 2
	♥ A 10
	♦ J 7 6 2
	♣ Q 8 7

South deals and opens 1NT. You decide to risk an overcall of 2♥. The auction proceeds:

S	W	N	E
1NT	2♥	Db1	P
2♠	P	4♠	All pass

Your opening lead is the ♦ 9. It goes deuce, Queen, Ace.

Declarer now plays the ♠ 6, you play the 4, dummy plays the 2, and partner wins the 7!
Partner now cashes the diamond King (declarer playing the 3) and you encourage in clubs.
Partner dutifully shifts to the ♣ J. You win the Ace, and lead the heart 8 for partner to ruff.
Partner now exits with a spade, and declarer escapes for down 1.
What went wrong?

Here is the full deal.
Matchpoints, Both Vul.
South deals

	♠ K 5 3 2	
	♥ A 10	
	♦ J 7 6 2	
	♣ Q 8 7	
♠ Q 4		♠ J 9 8 7
♥ Q 8 7 5 4 3 2		♥ ---
♦ 9		♦ K Q 8 5 4
♣ A 9 2		♣ J 10 5 3
	♠ A 10 6	
	♥ K J 9 6	
	♦ A 10 3	
	♣ K 6 4	

On the auction partner, was certain the spades were 4-4-4-1 around the table and could not believe that you had a trump left to ruff a diamond with. Still the fault is yours, for encouraging in clubs when partner cashed her diamond King. You are in no hurry for a club shift, and want partner to continue diamonds. You suspect partner is void in hearts, else she would have led her (presumed) stiff rather than cashing the diamond King, so the way to get her to play diamonds is to DISCOURAGE clubs. Partner with nothing better to do will play a diamond and will be astonished when you ruff, give her a heart ruff with the DEUCE, get in again with the club Ace, and give her another heart ruff for down 3.

Too bad I didn't follow my own advice about signalling to guide the defence rather than show high cards, isn't it?

Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

The last sectional offered a number of interesting bidding decisions to make:

Saturday afternoon Board 18 – IMPs. NS are vulnerable. East deals. You, as North, hold

♠ ---
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A K J 5 3 2
♣ J 9 7

East passes, your partner opens 1♥, West overcalls

1♠, 3♠ by you, 4♠ by East, 6♥ by your partner, 6♠ by West, your turn.

E	S	W	N
P	1♥	1♠	3♠
4♠	6♥	6♠	?

I now ventured 7♥ and everyone passed.
The result was +2210.

With the West hand:

♠ A K J 10 7
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 8 7 6 4
♣ 4

Should you bid 6♠ over 6♥ to maybe push them into a possible 7♥? Then, if they do bid it, should you then bid 7♠, hoping for a good sacrifice against 6♥ (down 6 is 1400)?

Looking at all four hands below it's easy to decide but how about at the table?

♠ A K J 10 7		♠ Q 8 6 4 3
♥ 8 5		♥ 10 3
♦ Q 8 7 6 4		♦ 10 9
♣ 4		♣ 10 8 6 5
	♠ 9 5 2	
	♥ A Q 7 6 2	
	♦ ---	
	♣ A K Q 3 2	

In the same event, vulnerable vs not, you hold:

♠ ---
♥ A x x
♦ A K x x x
♣ A K Q x x

and hear partner open 4♠. Do you act? The whole question is: How good are your partner's spades? I would assume that since he doesn't have anything else worthwhile, he ought to have 8 spades, probably missing one of the top honours, so I would bid 6♠ and blame partner if he loses 2 spade tricks. (*Editor's note: you could bid 5♠ to ask him about his spades...*) On the actual hand, he was just missing the ♠K so 6♠ made.

In a third hand, you hold:

♠ Q 7
♥ K J 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 10 8
♣ Q J

You are first to speak. One party (name withheld to protect...) opened 2♥ and was told by their partner that that was too good for a weak two bid and they should have opened 1♥. Do you agree with that? I may be getting (very) old, but to me, that is not a 1♥ opener. In any case, partner had:

♠ A K 10 9 8 4
♥ 2
♦ A K 6 2
♣ A 2

and can make 6♠ but of course did not get there.

Old Time Bridge

Photos

by Nick Stock

First, the answers to the OLD TIMER'S QUIZ

NICKNAME	PERSON
Balloon	Doug Baldwin
Creaky	Bob Connop
Doctor Death	Jim Donaldson
Harpo	Gary Harper
Lucky	Martin O'Reilly
Milhouse	Peter Nixon
Reggie	Lauren Miller
Square John	John Anthony
Superstar	Bruce Ferguson
The Brute	Dennis Dohl
The Crow	Joe Kerger
The Foot	Mike Wilson
The Rabbit	Jim Andrews
The Turtle	John Hurdle

The picture at the bottom of the front page was taken in the summer of 1976 at some golf course near here: Squamish? Lake Padden? Peace Portal? Perhaps you can identify where.

But the people shown are, left to right: Brian May, The Brute, Balloon, Creaky, Mike

Strebinger, Ron Fox and The Borg. These were pretty fair golfers - Brian, The Borg and Creaky shot in the 80s, Baldoon, a former scratch golfer, was a plus 2 or 3 and the Brute shot in the low 80s but could hit the ball a mile. This picture was taken by Gary Harper who, at that time, shot in the low 80s. Now his handicap is 2! Like some cheeses and wines, some things get better with age.

These guys were a very inclusive group so encouraged by the Brute (maybe so he could have someone to make fun of!) I went golfing a few times with some of them and managed to break 100 a couple of times. Despite generous help and encouragement from Doug Balwin, I was always, like Dr. Death, in the Duffer category. Eventually I gave my clubs away in frustration. Some others that also played in those days were: Sandra Borg, Sheila Dickie (a frequent organizer), Cam Lindsay, Vic Hetman, Jim McCully, Bob Gerrie.

Here are some pictures from the early 90s, distributed in a District 19 bulletin.

Left to Right, Top to bottom:

Flight A Swiss -

David Waterman, Mike Takemori,
Michael Dimich, Don Brazeau

Flight B Swiss - John Mullen, Alan
Harrop, Sheila Birotto, Keith Miller

Sr. Swiss Teams - Hank
Mullaney, Ethel Birnbach,
Dee Berry, Leo Steil

Flight A KO - Aidan
Ballantyne, Cam Doner, Rob
Crawford, Larry Hicks

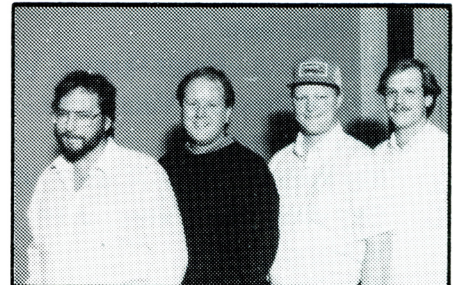
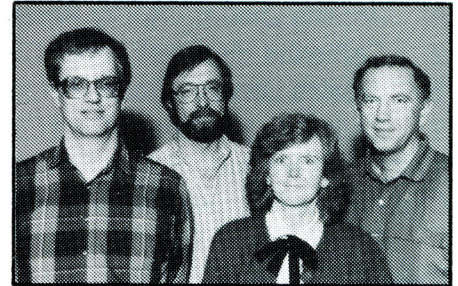
Flight B KO - Gary & Faye
Gilraine, Jim Kerr, Jim Walker,
Mike Hurley

Open Swiss - Aidan Ballantyne,
Peter Herold, Mike Wilson,
Ken Scholes

Bracket I KO - Mark Itabashi, Fred
Hamilton, Ken Scholes, Dick
Yarington, Ken Rosengren

Bracket II KO - Axie Millar,
Bob Currie, Craig Millar

Bracket III KO - Ram Hira, Pat
Wotherspoon, Corinne Stapley,
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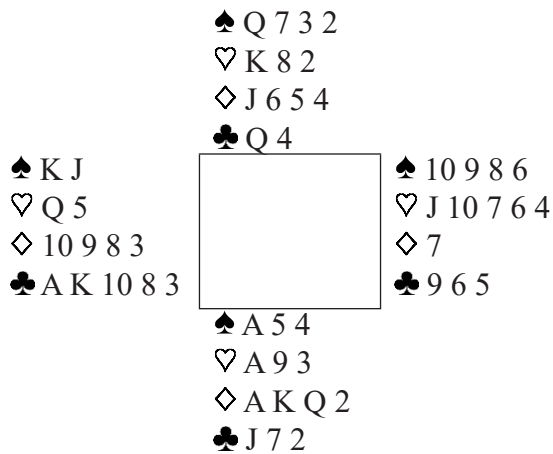


You can probably recognize them (don't you like all the hair?) as most still play (some are gone) and you will have played against them.

An Unusual Circumstance

by Nick Stock

In this story you will see one deal's results at four different tables. Before reading on, see if you can defeat 3NT by South on the lead of a club by West.

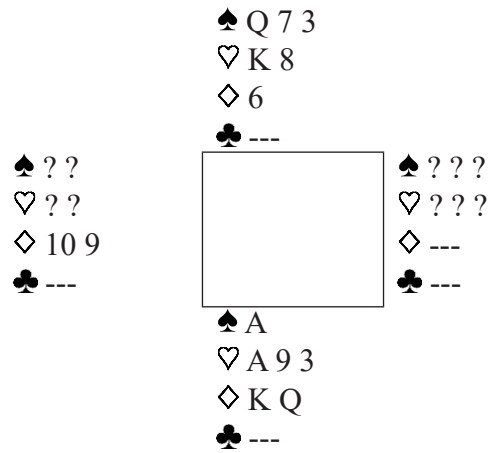


The keen young kibitzer watched with interest the visiting European star, sitting South, in the last round of the sectional Swiss. For this tournament, there were duplicated boards for the top four matches, so these boards would be played by multiple teams. On the last board, the European star had a routine auction to 3NT.

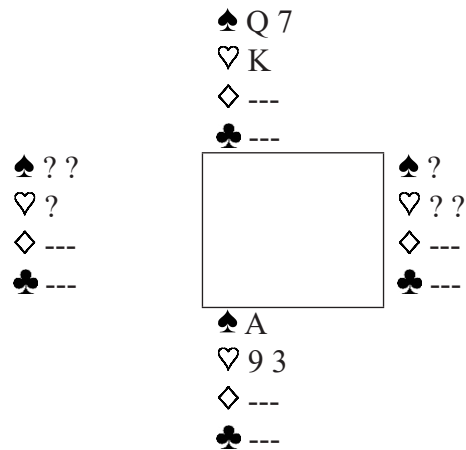
S	W	N	E
1♦	P	1♠	P
2NT	P	3NT	

West lead the ♣8 and the European star looked carefully at this before deciding on his line of play. He won the ♣J in hand, East playing ♣6, and played ♦A and ♦2 to the Jack in dummy. When East pitched the ♣5 he called for the ♣Q from dummy. West had no option but to cash his club winners. From the kibitzer's perspective (who was following the rule for kibitzers – watch only one hand) here is what remained with West to play:

(see top of next column)



East and West's major suit lengths were unknown but East had pitched two hearts and a spade on West's clubs. West exited with ♥Q won by the Ace in hand. Declarer played his last two diamond winners throwing a spade from dummy as East pitched two spades. This left:



When the European star cashed his ♠A he was disappointed to not see the ♠K come down on his right. "Oh well", he commented, "perhaps they will defend correctly at the other table." As the opponents left the table, the young kibitzer couldn't resist asking "why did you play the Queen of clubs?"

The European star was happy to explain: "Ah, it's a bit of an unusual circumstance. If the ♣8 is a true 4th best and ♣6 then ♣5 a true (upside down) count then West is known to hold 9 minor suit cards, which means his partner can be squeezed in the majors as long as West doesn't hold more than 2 hearts. Because East is sure to have more spades than West, I played him for the ♠K. Let's see what our partners did."

When the partners came back to the table, they reported that they also had defeated 3NT but their auction had been different:

The West partner: “Unhappily, I bid on this hand, so declarer knew where all the cards were. I led the ♣ 8 and partner played the ♣ 6 as declarer won in hand with the Jack.

S	W	N	E
1♦	2♣	Db1	P
3♣	P	3♠	P
3NT			

Declarer now played four rounds of diamonds and I thought I was going to be endplayed after he cashed the Ace and King of hearts. Fortunately, partner recognized that this was an unusual circumstance and hung on to his ‘worthless’ clubs, pitching a heart and two spades. After declarer played Ace and King of hearts this was the position:

	♠ Q 7 3 2	
	♥ 8	
	♦ ---	
	♣ Q	
♠ K J		♠ 10 9
♥ ---		♥ J 10 7 6
♦ ---		♦ ---
♣ A K 10 3		♣ 9 5
	♠ A 5 4	
	♥ 9	
	♦ ---	
	♣ 7 2	

Declarer played a club from hand to try to end play me but I saw partner’s ♣ 5 and trusted that he had started with the ♣ 9. So I led the ♣ 3 to his ♣ 9 and he cashed hearts and led a spade through to beat it 1.”

“Wow” said the kibitzer, “that was some expert play at both tables.”

“Yes”, said the European star, “but we needed to win some IMPS on this board to win the event.”

Shortly thereafter, the kibitzer wandered over to the local drinking hole to see if there were any celebrants with good stories. Sure enough, a team of old guys were there whooping it up having won the event. They offered to buy him a drink. He said “I don’t drink but do you have any good hands?”

“How about that last hand?” said the grey-haired geezer. “Fred, he may be as old as dirt, but he can tell you how he made 3NT.”

Fred began in earnest: “It was a bit of an unusual circumstance, actually. We had this auction:

S	W	N	E
1♦	2♣	Db1	P
3♣	P	3♠	P
3NT			

So I knew where all the cards were. When West led the ♣ 8, I knew East had the ♣ 9 so I could see that if I played normally, they could keep that card to get in with and lead a spade through. Of course, West could have 6 clubs without both Ace and King, but then I was going down anyway. So I played ♣ Q from dummy, keeping the ♣ J in hand to prevent East from getting in. When it held I just cashed my red suit tricks ending in dummy and covered East’s club when I led ♣ 4 from dummy. Poor old West was endplayed. He had to lead a spade from his ♠K J when we were down to two cards.”

Having never seen such play before the kibitzer was speechless but the grey-haired geezer broke in with “Well, don’t you want to hear what happened at my table?” Without further encouragement, the grey-haired geezer told his story:

“I was West of course and we had the same auction to 3NT. There I was on lead with the opponents holding the rest of the deck and me having stupidly announced I had the missing high cards – ripe for an endplay. If there is one thing I hate its being endplayed when I’ve made it easy for them. It was an unusual circumstance but I defeated 3NT.”

“How so?” asked the kibitzer.

“Never mind 4th best, I played Ace King and another club.”

Story inspired by a deal from the 2017 Spingold and actual play by Irish star Tom Hanlon.

Notable Results

Vancouver Spring Sectional

Winners of each flight

Friday Aft OpenPairs	A	Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
	B	Robert Walters, Isabelle Anderson
	C	Thomas Davis, Stuart Carr

Fri Aft 0-200 Pairs	A	William Ophoff, Don Gurski
	B 1 C 1	Donna Brown, Leslie Hill
Fri Eve Open Pairs	A	Bryan Maksymetz, James Lenobel
	B	Xiangdong Meng, David Huang
	C	Shameine Ali, Alan Borden
Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs	A	Eve Jensen, Colin Johnson
	B	William Ophoff, Don Gurski
	C	Bobbi Moon, Lois Louden
Fri-Sat KO Teams	Brkt 1	Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
	Brkt 2	Ryley Breiddal, Kevin Contzen, Caroline Solonenko, Barney Kalos
Saturday IMP Pairs	A 1 B 1	Monte Ziola, Derek Ziola
	C	Stephen Pickett, Shelley Burns
Saturday 0-750 Pairs	A 1 B 1	Shameine Ali, Alan Borden
	C	Shaviv Ben Neriah, Ofer Livni
Sunday A/X Pairs	A	William Ge, Ben Takemori
	X	Shelley Burns, Thomas Anderson
Sunday B/C/D Pairs		Bill Matheson, Mike Foster
Monday Open Swiss	A	Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully, Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
	X	Long Xie, Tao Feng, Yuandong Ren, David Yu
Monday B/C/D Swiss	B 1 C 1	Don Guichon, Carroll Guichon, Raymond Clemmons, Ann Clemmons
	D	Raymond Perell, Valerie Wilson, Evelyn Sutherland, Bob Zoltok

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
47.16	William Ge
46.19	Katrin Litwin
46.19	Aidan Ballantyne
38.53	James Wu
36.52	Rhonda Foster
36.52	Gerry McCully
34.36	Ben Takemori
28.63	Bryan Maksymetz
28.58	Monte Ziola
28.58	Derek Ziola

Toronto Nationals 2017

The Toronto Nationals, held in the convention centre in downtown Toronto, were generally successful with a table count of 13,289, up marginally from the last time the nationals were held in Toronto.

Some good things happened for some local players. Julie Smith formed a new partnership with Susan Humphries a member of the New Zealand women's team and they **won** the Women's Wagar Pairs. Congratulations to Julie on becoming a national champion.



Congratulations also to Brad Bart who had a good tournament. He finished second (and it was close) in the 0-6000 mini Spingold. This is a 6 day event, if you make it to the final, which runs concurrently with the Spingold. It is just as gruelling.

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430
103.61	Julie Smith
98.83	Brad Bart
79.83	Dan Jacob
62.78	Jack Lee
42.21	Bryan Maksymetz
41.33	Nicholas Stock
29.81	Nathan Moens
29.81	Ted Moens
23.79	David Gold
23.21	Cam Doner

Unit 430 Races as of Aug 6

Mini-McKenney Leaders

0-5	17.25	Wade Carpenter
5-20	24.75	Wendy Williams
20-50	32.61	Bruce Macdonald
50-100	53.26	Ted Parker
100-200	135.50	Shameine Ali
200-300	110.78	Caroline Solonenko
300-500	119.20	Marlene Sumi
500-1000	152.97	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	120.95	Shelley Burns
1500-2500	152.76	James Lenobel
2500-3500	113.65	Vicki Moffatt
3500-5000	373.56	Brad Bart
5000-7500	263.96	Doug Hansford
7500-10000	206.45	Bryan Maksymetz
10000+	532.44	Dan Jacob

Ace of Clubs Leaders

0-5	13.60	Jeremy Bowman
5-20	16.29	Karen Tomkins
20-50	20.63	Patricia Hartley
50-100	25.27	Tom Satanove
100-200	41.42	Harry Satanove
200-300	54.46	Yen Karro
300-500	41.19	Marlene Sumi
500-1000	72.49	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	45.42	Suzette Bahar
1500-2500	94.84	Jim Walker
2500-3500	70.54	Shirley Fitterman
3500-5000	103.85	Ben Takemori
5000-7500	71.41	Les Fouks
7500-10000	81.67	Kathy Adachi
10000+	28.25	Aidan Ballantyne

Use the On-line Partnership Desk

by Tom Anderson

Need a partner for any tournament events? Have you checked out the on-line Partnership Desk at the Unit 430 home page? If you aren't already using this, please take a look. It's the best way of getting in touch with others who are looking for a game, and finding a good partner.

Go to the home page (www.vancouverbridge.com). Near the top there will be a listing for upcoming tournaments. The Partnership Desk is opened up usually about 30 days before the event takes place.

When you click on the link, it will open up a new page. At the top you can click on the flyer to figure out what events you want to play. Then click on "Add my name to the partnership desk." You will be asked for your name and a password (the password is so you can revise your listing).

Then add a note listing the events you want to play, contact information (people usually include either or both an e-mail address and telephone number), and something about yourself (masterpoints and preferred system are often listed) and maybe the kind of partner you're looking for (someone patient with newbies, maybe, or who likes to experiment with new gadgets or who likes pina colodas--okay maybe not that last bit). There's lots of space that you can use.

This is important: once you find a partner, then please go back and revise your listing (you'll need to remember your password to do this--if you've forgotten your password, then use the contact info on the website to get the webmaster to make the changes). If you've found a partner for all of the games you wanted to play, delete the listing. Otherwise, revise it to target any events where you are still looking.

If you haven't done so yet, please give the Partnership Desk a try. Feedback is always welcome. We want these resources to work as well as they can for our members!

A Blissful Loss

by Gray McMullin

Returning from the CNTC's, held in Winnipeg April 28th through May 8th of this year, I am reminded about why, win or lose, we each of us play bridge. Playing against Jason Larrivee (West) and Pamela Keim (East) of Regina, my partner (Bryan Maksymetz) and I, played a round of 9 boards that I have dubbed "the best/worse round (and funniest)", that I can ever remember playing.

On Boards 1 and 9, my partner and I dropped 1100 points a board, over 30 IMPs in total. It was like we knew nothing about how to play the game, they were so bad. The other 7, we played very well, winning over 20 IMPs back.

1st Board, Vul vs. Vul

My screen-mate is Jason (West). The screen separates us from the other 2 players (N & E). This allows Jason and I the freedom to converse (not recommended), and otherwise carry-on.

	Bryan		
	♠ J 8 6		
	♥ A K 10 5		
	♦ J 4 3		
	♣ K 5 3		
Jason			
♠ K 4 2			♠ A Q 10 9 3
♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3 2			♥ 8
♦ 9			♦ A 10 8 7 2
♣ 7 4			♣ A 2
	♠ 7 5		
	♥ J		
	♦ K Q 6 5		
	♣ Q J 10 9 8 6		
	Me		

E	S	W	N
1♦	3♣	3♥	P
3♠	P	4♠	5♣
P	P	Dbf	P
P	P		

A note about the E/W bidding. They played a fairly unusual system called BLASTORSCAPE (BaLAnced STandard OR Shapely CAnape PrEcision). If you are curious, you can find system notes at www.buckysand-bridge.com.

I leave it to you to figure out the defense. At the end, my comment to Jason was, that we had bid this way DELIBERATELY, you know, to give them a head-start, bolster their confidence. "Nice double, Jason".

And after hand 8, we had come back, were leading.

9th Board, N/S Vulnerable

	♠ 10 7 4		
	♥ 10 5 2		
	♦ 9 5 4		
	♣ A K 8 7		
♠ 3 2			♠ A K Q 8 6 5
♥ K 9 3			♥ A 6
♦ K 10 8 3			♦ J
♣ J 10 9 2			♣ Q 5 4 3
	♠ J 9		
	♥ Q J 8 7 4		
	♦ A Q 7 6 2		
	♣ 6		

E	S	W	N
1♣	1♥	P	2♥
3♦	4♦	Dbf	P
P	4♥	Dbf	P
P	P		

The inevitable 1100 made for a perfect good/bad round: 2 horrific hands, bookending 7 decent results. You can imagine the noises coming from my partner, on the other side of the screen. And I didn't make matters better, by laughing and giggling almost the entire round. Every hand had its moment, from me suggesting leads to my opponent, to me telling my opponent what my hand looked like while defending. As an example, I was playing 3NT, my partner having bid ♦'s, Jason's partner ♥'s. I encouraged my opponent on opening lead, "Make it a good one". He subsequently led the ♦10. The board held the QJxxx, while I held the AK. So I commented, "Well, that isn't going to do the trick. Why did you lead a ♦?". And Jason, leaning into the table so that his partner could hear him, said "I was trying to give my partner a ruff". When his partner showed out, I had a laughing/giggling fit that did not stop for the rest of the round. I was giddy. (In case you are wondering, a ♥ lead doesn't do the trick as I had 3 stoppers. A ♠ lead, was the only one that could give me a problem).

My team-mates were like-wise mystified by my absolute happiness at losing; but as far as I was concerned, I reached a state of bliss that day that was unforgettable. It made my year. And, I suppose, it is the reason that we play this silly game.

Know Your Customer

by Nick Stock

Sometimes you know where you want to go but don't really want to get there too fast...

In a recent regional you are playing against a very capable opponent who doesn't like to be outbid (as he plays the cards exceptionally well!), in an IMP Pairs event.

Vul vs. not you hold:

♠ 10
♥ A K Q 4 2
♦ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♣ ---

Your capable opponent on your right opens 1♣ and you have choices to make. 2NT will express the general nature of your hand, but not its playing strength and definitely not the extra length in diamonds. So you formulate a plan: bid 1♦ now then, assuming the opponents haven't bid too many clubs or spades, back in with 4♥ to let partner choose a red suit game, knowing you have longer diamonds than hearts. The opponents don't always cooperate but maybe you'll learn something useful.

The auction proceeds

RHO	You	LHO	Partner
1♣	1♦	Dbl	Rdbl*
4♠	?		

*Rdbl here identifies that partner has a high diamond honour (Ace or King). Since partner just told you he has the Ace, clearly, your only potential losers are a spade and your 4th and 5th hearts. There isn't any question about bidding, you can make 5 diamonds but can you make 6? And should you bid it? On reflection, you realize that RHO is probably relatively short

in both red suits to bid to the 4 level. Also his partner made a negative double over 1♦, so they have promised 4 hearts. That presents a problem for 6 diamonds as you can't be sure partner has any more than 1 diamond. It doesn't seem right to commit to 6♦ now, even if we can make it, because RHO may not let us play it and your defense against 6 spades may not be too profitable. Its time for a little "soft pedal". You bid 5♦. It goes Pass Pass and RHO thinks for at least 5 seconds (way slower than his usual pace) before bidding 5♠. You bid 6♦ Pass Pass and now RHO takes a sidelong glance at you and puts the double card on the table, all pass.

LHO, surprisingly, leads the ♠ A and dummy comes down:

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ K Q 8 6 5

♠ 10
♥ A K Q 4 2
♦ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♣ ---

Everyone follows and LHO switches to the ♥J. RHO follows small and when you cash the diamond King everyone follows, so you cross to dummy with a diamond to the Ace, lead the ♣K, covered, ruff it and claim 6, ruffing one low heart in dummy and pitching the other on the ♣Q.

+ 1540 turns out to win you 15 IMPs.

Knowing your customer can help you decide what to do. Unfortunately, next time you meet this customer, he will know a lot more about you.

Bridge Clubs	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
Chilliwack			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 7pm	604-702-9890	
Maple Ridge			
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Garry Skoropada 604-462-7320	12150 224th Street

New Westminster			
The Suburbia Bridge Club	Tuesday 7pm, at VBC	Ken Lochang 604-255-2564	Vancouver (VBC)
North Vancouver			
North Shore Bridge Club	Monday 10am	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	Moved to VBC
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7pm	Mrs B Mulock 604-987-8289	1325 East Keith Road
Shelley's Bridge Club	Tuesday 1:00 pm* (Oct-April) Wednesday 7:00 pm* (+ Supervised Bridge) Reservations required.	Shelley Burns sburns@rogers.com 604-988-0990	1695 Orkney Place
Richmond			
Beth Tikvah Duplicate Bridge Club	Monday 7:00pm	Larry Meyer 604-271-8692	Beth Tikvah Synagogue 9711 Geal Road
Squamish			
Squamish Bridge Club	Monday 6:00 pm Friday 1:00 pm <i>(but on hiatus until Sept)</i>	Colin Ransom 604-896-1522	Squamish Valley Golf Course 2453 Mamquam Road Squamish Curling Club - 2nd Level
South Surrey / White Rock			
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7pm	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116	14831 28th Avenue
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11am	John Lien 604-603-5436	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
Peace Arch Bridge Club (White Rock)	Wednesday 7pm	John Lien 604-603-5436	1845 154th St.
Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Ed L'Heureux Jane Youngberg surreydcbb@gmail.com 604-542-6116	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Thursday 9:45am*	John Demeulemeester Jane Youngberg 604-298-2765	Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road
Vancouver			
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Monday 7pm, Tuesday/Thursday 11am*	Cathy Miller 604-257-5111	950 West 41st Ave
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	Open daily except Saturday*	604-255-2564	2776 East Broadway
West Vancouver			
Hollyburn Country Club	Monday 7pm	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	950 Cross Creek Rd

Vancouver Bridge Club	Monday 10am Wednesday 10am	Homa Boustani homa_@shaw.ca Need a partner? Homa at 604-922-8577	St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way
Whistler			
Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 1:30PM (Nov-May only)	Gillian I Schramm	Maurice Young Millenium Place, 4335 Blackcomb Way

Notices

Canadian Bridge Championships

The Canadian Bridge Championships, sponsored and organized by the Canadian Bridge Federation, are held every year in a major (Canadian) city. Naturally, Toronto and the Ontario and Eastern cities get the bulk of the venues but last year the event was held in Winnipeg. Next year (2018) it is Montreal and two years from now (2019) it will be held here in Vancouver.

The Canadian Bridge Championships run for 9 days and comprise the Canadian National Team Championship, flights A, B and C, the Canadian Open Pairs Championship, the Canadian Imp Pairs Championship, the Canadian Women's Team Championship and the Canadian Senior Teams Championship. To register for any of these events you must be a member in good standing of the Canadian Bridge Federation. Registration must happen several months in advance of the Championships which are held at the beginning of May.

The 9 days also include an ACBL sanctioned Regional Tournament for which CBF membership is not required.

To support Canadian Bridge, please join the CBF now by visiting the website cbf.ca or when you renew your ACBL membership this year.

All CBF members are encouraged to play in our yearly championships.

Why would you want to play?

Because the winners of the team championship get a chance to represent Canada in the World Championships in 2019!

Only teams with cbf members as of the end of this year are eligible to represent Canada in the World Championships 2019 so join now!

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Vancouver Roundup Sectional

November 10, 11 and 12, 2017

At the St Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre
3150 Ash St, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 3C9

*Directions to the Playing Site: 1 block NW of 16th and Cambie.
Close to bus routes 15 and 33. About halfway between Broadway/City
Hall and King Edward stations on the Canada Line (and a short walk
from either).*

Friday Afternoon

Ev Hodge Charity Pairs
0-199 Pairs 40% more points

November 10, 1:00 pm

(2000+ / 750 - 2000 / 0 - 750)
(100 - 200 / 50 - 100 / 0 - 50)

Friday Evening

Stratified Open Pairs
0-750 Pairs

November 10, 7:00 pm

(2000+ / 750 - 2000 / 0 - 750)
(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)

Saturday Morning

Flight A/X Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)*
*Single session entries accepted
Flight B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (1 session event)

November 11, 10:30 am

(2000+ / 0 - 2000)
(500 - 1500 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Saturday Afternoon

Flight A/X Pairs (2nd of 2 sessions)*
*Single session entries accepted
Flight B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (1 session event)

November 11, 3:30 pm

(2000+ / 0 - 2000)
(500 - 1500 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Sunday Morning & Afternoon

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
Non Life Master Swiss Teams

November 12, 10 am & TBA

(2000+ / 750 - 2000 / 0 - 750)
(Stratified if attendance warrants)

Sandwich Lunch is included in the Sunday entrance fee

Online Partnership Desk:

www.vancouverbridge.com

Site manager:

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Tournament Chair:

Angela Fenton:

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778-386-4343

Fees: \$10.00 per player for Pairs session. \$100 per team for Sunday Swiss Teams.

\$3 additional per person/session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Stratification:

By average but each player must be below the event limit

Coffee / Tea:

FREE if you bring your own cup. Or cups are available for \$1
environmental levy.

Tournament Results:

www.vancouverbridge.com

*All events are non-smoking/non-vaping, with convenience breaks.
Also, please be considerate and avoid the use of scented products!*

Whistler BC Regional Oct. 30 – Nov. 5, 2017

Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Tournament Chairman: Cameron Doner camdoner@hotmail.com

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Director in Charge: Matt Smith

Monday, October 30, 2017

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (Eve side series 1st of five) 7:30 pm
Monday Evening KO 1 of 3, continues 7:30 Tues & 7:30 Wed 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Tues.-Wed. KO 1 of 4, 2:45 Tues, 10 & 2:45 Wed.	10:00 am	ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	199er Pairs	10:00 am
Morning Side Series 1 st of five	10:00 am		
Single Session Swiss	2:45 pm	Tues – Wed KO 2 of 4	2:45 pm
ABC & GR Pairs 2 of 2	2:45 pm	199er Pairs	2:45 pm
Afternoon series 1 st of five	2:45 pm		
Evening KO 2 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side 2 nd of five	7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Wed. – Thurs. KO 1 of 4, 2:45, Wed. 10 am & 2:45 Thurs.	10:00 am	Tues – Wed KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 2 nd of five	10:00 am
Tues – Wed KO 4 of 4	2:45 pm	Wed - Thurs KO 2 of 4	2:45 pm
Single Session Swiss	2:45 pm	ABC & GR Pairs 2 of 2	2:45 pm
199er Pairs	2:45 pm	Afternoon Side Series 2 nd of five	2:45 pm
Evening KO 3 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side 3 rd of five	7:30 pm

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Thurs. - Fri. KO 1 of 4, 2:45, Thurs. 10 & 2:45 Fri.	10:00 am	Wed – Thurs KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 3 rd of five	10:00 am
Wed – Thurs KO 4 of 4	2:45 pm	Thurs – Fri KO 2 of 4	2:45 pm
Single Session Swiss	2:45 pm	ABC & GR Pairs 2 of 2	2:45 pm
199er Pairs	2:45 pm	Afternoon Side Series 3 rd of five	2:45 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 1 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 4 th of five	7:30 pm

Friday, November 3, 2017

Fri – Sat KO 1 of 4, 2:45 Fri. 10 & 2:45 Sat.	10:00 am	Thurs – Fri KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 4 th of five	10:00 am
Thurs – Fri KO 4 of 4	2:45 pm	Wed – Thurs KO 2 of 4	2:45 pm
Single Session Swiss	2:45 pm	ABC & GR Pairs 2 of 2	2:45 pm
199er Pairs	2:45 pm	Afternoon Side Series 4 th of five	2:45 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 2 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 5 th of five	7:30 pm

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Saturday Compact KO 1 of 2, continues 2:45 Sat.	10:00 am	Fri – Sat KO 3 of 4	10:00 am
ABC Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am
199er Pairs 1 of 2	10:00 am	Morning Side Series 5 th of five	10:00 am
Saturday Compact 2 of 2	2:45 pm	Fri – Sat KO 4 of 4	2:45 pm
Single Session Swiss	2:45 pm	ABC & GR Pairs 2 of 2	2:45 pm
199er Pairs	2:45 pm	Afternoon Side Series 5 th of five	2:45 pm
Single Session Swiss (for benefit of GNT fund)	7:30 pm		

Sunday, November 5, 2017

AX Swiss (0-3000, 3000+)	10:00 am	BC Swiss (0-1250, 1250-2500)	10:00 am
Gold Rush Swiss (0-300, 300-750)	10:00 am		

Strata limits for events not listed above:

Side pairs, side Swiss and evening Swiss 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
Gold Rush Pairs 0-200, 200-300, 300-750

ABC Pairs 0-1250, 1250-2500, 2500+

199er Pairs 0-50, 50-100, 100-200 based on attendance

Bracketed events with only one bracket will be handicapped

Mid-chart conventions allowed in top bracket of KO's and Sunday flight AX Swiss

Calendar of Events 2017

September 1-3, 2017	Evergreen Sectional	Queensborough
September 9, 2017	MUG	VBC
October 2-8, 2017	Seaside Regional	Seaside, OR
October 7, 2017	MUG (teams)	VBC
October 9, 2017	Thanksgiving	
October 21-22, 2017	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall
October 16-22, 2017	Olympia, WA Regional	Olympia, WA
October 21, 2017	Mentor Mentee	VBC
October 30-Nov 5, 2017	Whistler Regional	Fairmont Hotel, Whistler*
November 4, 2017	MUG	VBC
November 10-12, 2017	Round Up Sectional	St Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre*
December 2, 2017	MUG	VBC
January 6, 2018	MUG	VBC
January 8-14, 2018	Honolulu Regional	Honolulu
January 26-28, 2018	Trophy Sectional	St Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre
February 3, 2018	MUG (teams)	VBC
February 9, 2018	Peace Arch Sectional	Bellingham, WA
March 3-4, 2018	Future Stars Sectional	Engineers Hall
March 8-17, 2018	Spring NABC Philadelphia	Philadelphia
March 30, 2018	Passover / Easter	
April 2-8, 2018	Burnaby Regional	Burnaby
April 14, 2018	MUG	VBC
April 14, 2018	0-200 Sectional	VBC
May 5, 2018	MUG	VBC
May 18-21	Spring Sectional	Queensborough
June 2, 2018	MUG (teams)	
June 11-17, 2018	Penticton Regional	Penticton
July 1, 2018	Canada Day	
July 7, 2018	MUG	VBC
July 26-August 4, 2018	Summer NABC Atlanta	Atlanta

* see flyer in this Matchpointer

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