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President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430

We are really hoping that this Labour Day Sectional does better financially, than the last, Victoria Day Sectional, where we lost about \$900 (and that's with the \$1 fee increase). The main culprit is the high cost of bringing in outside Directors. Travel and Hotel expenses are very high for Directors' arriving from the U.S. or Vancouver Island.

The solution is for local (club) Directors to take the ACBL tournament assistant's exam that lets us use them at our Sectionals. Even part time help would ease the suffering! Right now we are running on 1 (large) cylinder: Bruce.

As we do every year, we recently transferred \$4000 from the general account to the subsidy account for payouts to those attending the Canadian Nationals, the GNT National Final, the NAOP National Final and some International Tournaments. Along with certain revenues already allocated, this boosts the overall pay out to around \$7000. The philosophy behind the subsidies is to encourage attendance at the Canadian Championships and to encourage and reward those who have qualified for the right to attend National and International Finals.

We will be suspending the Canadian portion of these subsidies for those attending the Nationals, here in Burnaby, next Spring, as all funds (and more) will go towards Event Hospitality.

It's sad to be losing the Vancouver Bridge Centre location after so many years. I sure hope Ken can finalize things at his new site.

Two (of 3) candidates for the job of District 19 (that's us) National Board Member, recently made their pitch to your local Unit Board. It's a vote restricted to Unit Board members only, for some reason.

Marv Norden, incumbent, indicated that the ACBL was about to reduce the number of members on the Board by creating larger "zones" or amalgamating some smaller Districts in with others. Interesting.

Julie Smith wants to focus on doing a better job fostering bridge, including inviting rubber bridge players into the fold and teaching bridge at schools.

Well I'm already starting to think about the Hawaii Nationals. Wonder how many of us will be there?

Larry Pocock

Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

Two Snapshots from Penticton

A couple of good boards!

Board 10 on Tuesday afternoon – this was the last board for us and partner, thinking we needed a good score, put me into 6♠. How do you play on the lead of the ♡J?

♠ 7 5 3
♡ A Q 7 5
◇ A Q 8 4
♣ A 8

♠ A K J 6 2
♡ 6 2
◇ K 10 6 2
♣ Q 3

You must go up with the Ace, then play three rounds of trumps, finessing the Jack and then a small heart from both hands. On a club or diamond return, you win the Ace in dummy, ruff the third round of hearts and see the King come tumbling down. *[Ed note: this is probably better than playing for the ♡K onside as many defenders are afraid to lead away from kings.]* Now you can pitch a club loser from your hand on the good ♡Q.

The whole hand:

	♠ 7 5 3	
	♡ A Q 7 5	
	◇ A Q 8 4	
	♣ A 8	
♠ 10 9 8		♠ Q 4
♡ J 10 4 3		♡ K 9 8
◇ J 7 5		◇ 9 3
♣ K 6 5		♣ J 10 9 7 4 2
	♠ A K J 6 2	
	♡ 6 2	
	◇ K 10 6 2	
	♣ Q 3	

On Board 3, Wednesday Evening, with EW Vul you are the dealer and pick up your usual inspiring collection:

♠ 9 5 4 3 2
 ♥ K Q 8 5
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ 10 5

And hear the bidding:

S	W	N	E
P	3♦	4♦	5♦
?			

You have a double fit so a sacrifice cannot be too expensive. So you bid 5♠ and surprisingly everyone passes! The ♦Q is lead and dummy turns up with more than a few useful cards:

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

As you can see, you now make 6 as you can pitch a club loser on the fifth heart and, better yet, they are cold for 6 diamonds. If they had played 6 clubs instead from the West hand, your partner would have had to underlead his heart Ace (Sure!) in order to get a diamond ruff.

Decked

by Gary Harper

(Based on what could easily have been a true story)

Little did I realize that an attempt to make a new friend could have such dire consequences. I recently found out the brother of one of my bridge partners belongs to the same golf club as I do. Always seeking to build relationships, I approached him the other day to let him know about my connection with his sister.

Me: "Hi. I know your sister."

Him (somewhat leerily): "Okay. Which one?"

Me: "Mary. I played a round with her last night."

Him: "Pardon me!?"

Me: "No big deal. Just the usual Wednesday night quickie."

Him: "Watch your mouth."

Me: "What? It was not a big deal - an individual- we changed partners every 15 minutes."

Him (anger inexplicably growing): "That's my sister you're talking about."

Me: "I know. She's quite the player. With one hand, she caught me in a double squeeze. Slapped me with a bottom."

Him: "That's it. You're going down."

Me: "I did. And then on the next hand she pulled off the strip and endplay. Painful to be on the receiving end, but pretty to watch, nonetheless."

I vaguely recall something about "you sicko" before awakening in Emergency. The police report indicated that the imprint on my forehead was produced by an Odyssey two-ball putter. They refused to press charges, however, deeming it a "justified assault".

Heart Murmurs

By Nicholas Stock

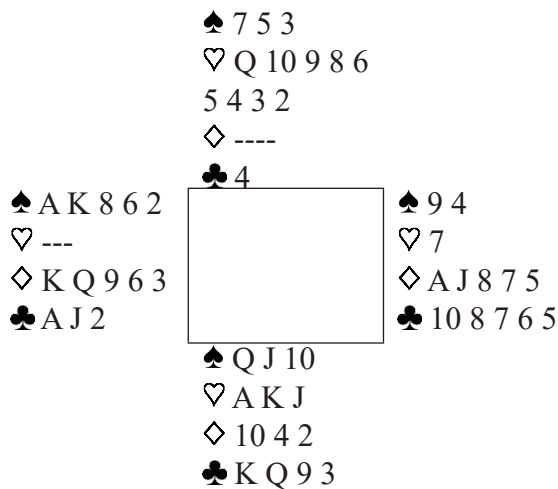
You are playing in the semi-final of a regional knock-out at the Nationals and despite having 30,000 combined masterpoints, you are playing in bracket 3. Still, there are some very good players in your bracket, including the national Indonesian team. Not vulnerable versus vulnerable your partner opens with 4♥, the next player passes and you look at:

♠ Q J 10
 ♥ A K J
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ K Q 9 3

You have nothing to say (nice heart suit partner!) and your LHO puts the double card on the table. Partner

passes and RHO bids 4NT. Do you bid? Partner is known to be sometimes “out there” but surely he can’t be hurt too badly and, besides, it’s best not to let them find their fit, So you bid 5♥. LHO considers briefly and bids 6♦. Partner, who usually respects the rule governing rebidding pre-empts, surprises you by bidding 6♥ (Hey wait a minute, weren’t you going to beat 6♦?)

RHO doubles and leads the ♠9. LHO wins the ♠K, cashes the ♠A and gives his partner a ruff with a third spade as partner follows to all three rounds. RHO tries to cash a high diamond but partner ruffs and announces that he’s drawing trumps, says “all done” and gives the opponents their club trick. The whole deal:



You tell your partner you forgive him for bidding hearts a second time and look forward to a favourable comparison with teammates (you are only – 500, they could be +1370). When you compare at the half, your partners are plus 650 in 4♠, win 4.

In the second half you pick up this hand, vul vs vul, in first seat:

♠ 2
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ K Q J 10 5
 ♣ A 6 3

You bid 1♦, LHO overcalls 1♠ and partner makes a negative double. RHO bids 4♠ and it’s your turn again. You consider whether you should double or bid. It seems that doubling is just taking your sure plus whereas bidding risks a minus score. Still, 5♥ might be easy and the opponents could yet bid 5♠. So you try 5♥. LHO considers for some time before bidding 5♠. Your partner takes no time at all to bid 6♥. RHO passes, you pass but LHO doubles. The auction has been:

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
1♦	1♠	Dbl	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	P
P	Dbl	All Pass	

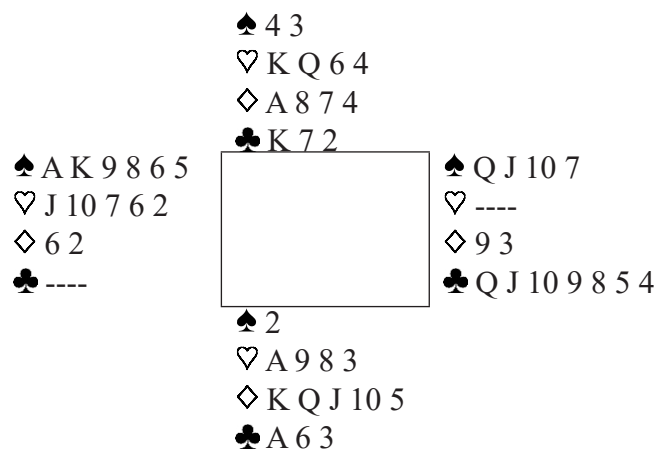
LHO leads a high spade and dummy appears:

♠ 4 3
 ♥ K Q 6 4
 ♦ A 8 7 4
 ♣ K 7 2

♠ 2
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ K Q J 10 5
 ♣ A 6 3

LHO continues with a second spade which you ruff in hand.

On normal trump breaks this is 12 easy tricks. With LHO doubling though, it seems that it is unlikely. In an effort to pick up Jxxx opposite 10 or 10xxx opposite J in trumps, you try a low club towards dummy, intending to lead a heart to hand. LHO thinks for a long time before finally pitching a spade. When you lead a heart off dummy, RHO pitches a club. With nothing better to do you play diamonds until LHO ruffs in with one of his trump tricks then play diamonds and pitch a club from dummy when LHO returns a spade. So he gets his two trump tricks and you chalk up another -500 from 6♥ doubled. Here you’ve freely bid to a vulnerable 6♥, been doubled and gone down two. Ugly you say? Not at all. -500 is a good sacrifice against 5♠ making. Sure enough, at the other table, your partners played 4♠ doubled as the person in your seat chose the “safe” double of 4♠ on the same auction. Win 10. The whole hand:



Visualization - NOT

by Greg Morse

In a previous issue of the Matchpointer, Mike Wilson wrote an excellent article on “Visualization”. But sometimes even spot on visualization can’t help you. You are playing in an A/X Swiss at the Penticton Regional with a new partner. You have several sessions under your belt, but one of the things you have not discussed is Cue-Bidding. Your bidding styles are also slightly different; as a result you have missed several games that made based on shape and fit.

The thing about 6 board Swiss matches is that ONE game (or slam) swing usually decides the match.

You hold:

♠ ---
♥ Q J x x
♦ A J 10 x x
♣ K 10 9 x

Partner opens 1♥ in first chair. At partner’s insistence you have agreed to play “mini splinters” over major suit openings. So after 1♥, 2♠, 3♣, and 3♦ show 10-13 HCP, shortness and a heart fit. Accordingly you bid 2♠. Partner huddles for a bit, then bids 3♥. There has been no alert, so you have some UI; exactly what this UI tells you though is hard to determine.

Let’s assume (as we should) that partner has properly understood our 2♠ bid, and has decided not to cue bid. First where are the spades? Partner did not bid NT so the opps surely have 9 or 10 of them. VISUALIZE.

Give partner a minimum hand, such as xxx AKxxxx xx QJx and you have a good shot at slam if they don’t find the diamond lead. A slightly better hand for partner such as xx AKxxxx Kx QJx (which is also a hand that would not cue bid) makes slam a heavy favourite. Applying the well known maxim that, “if a perfect minimum would make the slam odds on you should bid it”, you jump to 6♥.

Before the opening lead is made you carefully inform the opps about the failure to alert. They lead a trump and partner easily makes 7♥. His hand is almost exactly what you had VISUALIZED.

♠ xx ♥ AKxxxx ♦ x ♣ AJxx

The opps are not happy and after the scores have been agreed and the results reported they consult a “Director”. The “Director” conducts a poll of 7 other A/X players as to what they would bid with your hand ab-

sent the UI, and ALL SEVEN say they would bid 4♥ over 3♥. (Not even 4♦!) The result is that the “Director” takes 15 IMPS away from your score.

Apparently there is a huge market at the Penticton Regional for a series of articles on VISUALIZATION. Perhaps next year they can invite Mike Wilson up as a guest speaker.

(Ed. note: in fairness to those who didn’t leap to slam, when your partner doesn’t cue bid in response to a splinter, it usually means they have substantial wasted values, e.g. ♠AQx ♥K10xxx ♦Qx ♣QJx, where 5♥ is in jeopardy or

♠K10x ♥AK10xx ♦Qx ♣Jxx)

Gilbert Lambert

from the editor:

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of a fantastic friend to bridge. For many years Gilbert ran club games and did his utmost to promote our game, helping new players with weekly lesson handouts. He had success also as a player, winning the Flight B Grand National teams in 2000 with Mike Moffatt, Insa Fricker and Tai Eng. I remember Gilbert mostly for his warmth. He was always asking me “How is the little girl?” (referring to Diana) and then trying to steal a kiss from her. I will miss his effervescent bonhomie.

from Sheila Sache:

Gilbert was my bridge partner for over twenty years. I told him he was my favourite and he would ask me occasionally over the years if he was **still** my favourite and without hesitation I would say “Yes”.

We won our first regional in Penticton in the flight A pairs but something funny happened when they announced at half time that we (Lambert and Sache) were leading the event. Don was playing against Bernie Lambert and Bernie said “Hey, that’s my name” and Don said “Hey that’s my name”. We used to laugh about that.

Gilbert was not only a good partner but also a very good friend. He would call me at least once a week to talk bridge hands. Gilbert was always reading books to improve and to improve me also. He once made me a binder of bridge hands to bid and ways to defend.

At the table he was a fine gentleman who was always

pleasant to the opponents. He would make up things like announcing 1NT as “15-17 or a bad 27”. Occasionally he would double me as his partner and one time the opponents scored it up as doubled.

When Gilbert first told us he only had 3 years to live he was upbeat and never negative about his fate. He had a strength that made it easier for the rest of us to cope with it. He was a class act.

As I said at his service he is up there bidding and making a grand slam,
Rest in peace my friend.
Sheila Sache

Notable Results

Vancouver Spring

Sectional May 18-21

Winners of each flight

Friday Aft Open Pairs	A	Larry Pocock, Yue Su
	B	Cindy Oishi, Nicholas Stock
	C	Tanwar Saqalan, Shaviv Ben Neriah
Fri Aft 0-200 Pairs	D E F	Khosrow Shad, Mojgan Shad
Fri Eve Open Pairs	A B	Zoran Peca, Andrew Krywaniuk
	C	Valerie Haslam, Jane Skinner
Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs	7	Eve Jansen, Colin Johnson
	B C	Gilbert Zhang, Jennifer Hong
Fri-Sat KO Teams		Michael Yuen, Joel Martineau, Steve Vincent, David Waterman
Saturday IMP Pairs	A	Brad Bart, Cristal Nell
	B	Andrew Krywaniuk, Kenneth Ramsay
	C	Cindy Oishi, Zoran Peca
Saturday 0-750 Pairs	D E F	Michael Desaulniers, Dariusz Matus
Sunday A/X Pairs	A	Mike Wilson, John Lai

	X	Sid Segal, William Osten
Sunday B/C/D Pairs		Michael Desaulniers, Dariusz Matus
Monday Open Swiss Teams	A	Laurence Betts, John Bryden, Steve Vincent, David Waterman
	X	Tao Feng, Long Xie, Baixiang Liu, Amy Gao
Monday B/C/D Swiss Teams	B	Gale Gropp, Marjorie Sinel, Tom Cotton, Marlene Sumi
	C	Geoffrey Trafford, Brian Yager, Peter Durant, Stephen Ottridge
	D	Lauren Cockroftm Ann Clemmons, Carroll Guichon, Don Guichon

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
39.15	David Waterman
35.48	Steve Vincent
31.03	Michael Yuen
30.26	Brad Bart
29.17	Ben Takemori
28.88	Yue Su
28.88	Larry Pocock
25.92	Nicholas Stock
25.68	Cristal Nell
25.61	Kai Zhou

Penticton Regional

Winners from Unit 430

Monday Eve Charity Pairs	A	Martin Henneberger, Dianne Isfeld
	C	John Maunsell, Ramon Russ Kidd
Monday Eve 199er Pairs	D E	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison
	F	Bud Bishop, Mary Frances Bishop
Tuesday Aft 199er Pairs	C 1/2	Brad Toms, Heather Morgan
Mon-Tues Merlot KOs	Bkt 4	Chic Callas, William Curtis, Bruce Macdonald, Carol-Ann Halliday
Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Trudy Hurdle, John Hurdle, Julie Smith, Judy Harris
Tuesday Okanagan Gold Pairs	7 5 3	Anna Crouch, Valerie Breen

Wednesday Morn Side Pairs	A B	Valerie Breen, Brian Busby
	C	Brian Sims, D Glassford
Wednesday Morn 199er	D E	Frances Kammermayer, Sheila Van De Velde
Wednesday Aft 49er pairs	D E F	Barbara Laurillard, Anita Morgan
Tue-Wed Chardonnay KOs	Brkt 2	Monica Angus, Alex Hong, Jack Lee, William Ge, Kai Zhou
	Brkt 8	Bill Spires, Janet Spires, Mary Frances Bishop, Bud Bishop, Susan M Breiddal, Joanna Daam
Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Angela Fenton, Patti Ad- ams, Martin Henneberger, Dianne Isfeld
	C	Ralph Lipe, Lynda Lipe, Brian Sims, D Glassford
Wednesday Eve 199er Pairs	C	Brad Toms, Heather Morgan
Wednesday Eve Side Pairs	C	Margaret Gibson, Ron Chong
Wednesday ABY Open Pairs	A X	Zoran Peca, Andrew Krywaniuk
Thursday Morn 199er Pairs	D	Barbara MacDougall, Nancy Ruegg
	E	Bill Walter, Christine Walter
Thursday Aft 199er Pairs	B	Barbara MacDougall, Betsy Woods
Thursday Eve Side Pairs	A B	Bruce Macdonald, Carol-Ann Halliday
Thursday Eve 199er Pairs	C	Janice Porter, Vern Porter
	C	Ron Chong, Lori Chong
Thursday ABY Open Pairs	A	Gordon McOrmond, Dan Jacob
	B C	Thomas Anderson, Shelley Burns
Pinot Morning KOs	Brkt 4	Howard Haugom, Rob Fought, Janice Avis, Pam Robertson
Friday Aft Side Game	B	Margaret Gibson, Judy Chang
Friday Aft 49er Pairs	C	Carol Wightman, Dru Adams
Thur-Fri Shiraz KOs	Brkt 5	Ralph Lipe, Lynda Lipe, D Glassford, Brian Sims

Fri Okanagan Gold Pairs	7 5 3	Valerie Breen, Anna Crouch
Fri Eve Swiss Teams	C	Eve Jensen, Colin John- son, Gisele Maher, Lois Mazuren
Fri-Sat AM Swiss Teams	B C	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison, Carroll Guichon, Don Guichon
Saturday Aft 199er Pairs	D E F	Ron Chong, Lori Chong
Saturday Aft Side Pairs	C	Merilyn Hicks, Pat Hodgson
Fri-Sat Reisling KOs	Brkt 6	Barbara Hillman, Wayne Stann, Tom Cotton, Marlene Sumi
Sat Zinfandel Compact KOs	Brkt 5	Ryley Breiddal, Thomas Anderson, Maryellen Gallo, Joack Johnson
	Brkt 6	Russell Page, Ian Kim- merly, Karen Wood, Marie Lamontagne
Saturday ABY Open Pairs	A	Yue Su, Larry Pocock
	Y	Bruce Busby, Brian Busby
Sat Eve Side Pairs	A B	Ellen Kuiper, Malcolm McDonald
	C	Marshall McKenzie, Geoffrey Trafford
Saturday Eve 199er Pairs	D E F	Mary Bishop, Bud Bishop
Sunday Morn 199er Swiss	D E	Robert Clugston, Lori Nelson, Nigel Williamson, Betsy Woods
	F	Monty Tolley, Sophie Laurent, Jeff Mear, Wade Carpenter
Sunday Fast Open Pairs	B	Kelvin Raywood, Shelley Burns
	C	Frances Adam, Glenda Affleck
Sunday Aft 199er Swiss	F	Monty Tolley, Sophie Laurent, Jeff Mear,
Sunday A/X Swiss	A X	Eric Pan, Baixiang Liu, David Hu, Amy Gao
Sunday B/C/D Swiss	D	Don Campbell Deborah Davy Susanne Sherburne, Sharon Carpenter

Sunday Senior Swiss	C	Brad Barton, Alden Edwards, Barbara Hillman, Richard Syrnyk

Top 10	Unit Masterpoint Winners
96.87	Eric Pan
96.87	David Hu
87.74	Kai Zhou
86.99	Jack Lee
85.52	William Ge
74.91	Alex Hong
68.28	Monica Angus
66.41	Yue Su
66.41	Larry Pocock
60.36	Zoran Peca

Atlanta Nationals

At the summer nationals, our unit had players in the Grand National Team event at the flight C and flight A levels. The flight A team did not make it past the second day, but the flight C team was in the final of the event and made it close. Congratulations should go to the team of Jordan Tessarolo, Marc Furnemont and Janice Soutar from Victoria and Ryley Breiddal from Vancouver.

Unit 430 Race Leaders

as of July

Phil Wood	David Waterman
Eddie Bonnell	Yue Su
Phil Wood under 200	John Lai
Rocket Rookie	Dariusz Matus / Michael Desaulniers
MUG A	Laurence Betts
MUG B	Karin Phillips
MUG C	David Yu

as of August 6, 2018

Mini-McKenney

0-5	53.77	Matt Loewen
5-20	36.83	John Lai
20-50	82.80	Lu Gan
50-100	79.55	Morris Chen
100-200	97.21	Tom Satanove
200-300	67.70	Shael Smith
300-500	142.33	Sidney Yang
500-1000	216.61	Thomas Anderson

1000-1500	185.44	Shelley Burns
1500-2500	242.97	Alex Hong
2500-3500	251.49	Kai Zhou
3500-5000	259.22	Brad Bart
5000-7500	305.54	Jack Lee
7500-10000	157.79	Michael Yuen
10000+	274.77	Dan Jacob

Ace of Clubs

0-5	29.30	Matt Loewen
5-20	15.55	Michael Desaulniers / Dariusz Matus
20-50	18.65	Betty Manning
50-100	26.65	Lou Rene Legge
100-200	43.00	Tom Satanove
200-300	57.28	Denise Wiggins
300-500	39.31	Stephanie Williams
500-1000	80.81	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	55.22	Suzette Bahar
1500-2500	72.85	Sid Segal
2500-3500	107.43	Shirley Fitterman
3500-5000	106.83	Tai Eng
5000-7500	110.25	Ben Takemori
7500-10000	63.07	Kathy Adachi
10000+	26.55	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 coladas--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!

Unit 430 Board of Directors

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>
President	Larry Pocock
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Co-Treasurer	Cia Van Horne
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Mentor - Mentee	Lauren Cockroft
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Angela Fenton	angelagf@telus.net

Full contact information on the Unit 430 website: vancouverbridge.com/unit430_members.php

Visit the Unit 430 website for more information: vancouverbridge.com

Mentor - Mentee Swiss Teams

A single mentor will play with each of three mentee teammates in a swiss team event.

Sept. 23, 2018

1:00 pm

East Delta Hall

10379 Ladner Trunk Rd,

Delta,

Registration & Info

www.vancouverbridge.com

Bridge Clubs	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
Chilliwack			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 1pm	604-858-7838	
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* Wednesday 7:00 pm* (Supervised Bridge) Reservations req'd	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	Colin Ransom 604-898-1533	40194 Glenalder Pl, Squamish, BC.
South Surrey / White Rock			
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Monday 10:00AM	Jane Youngberg 604-542-6116	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7pm	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116	Seniors Come Share Centre 15008 26th Avenue
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11am	John Lien 604-603-5436	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Peace Arch Bridge Club (White Rock)	Wednesday 7pm	John Lien 604-603-5436	Cranley Place 2141 Cranley Drive
Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Ed L'Heureux Jane Youngberg surreydcb@gmail.com 604-542-6116	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Thursday 9:45am*	John Demeulemeester Jane Youngberg 604-298-2765	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk 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_ boustani@shaw.ca Partner? 604-922-8577	St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way
Whistler			
Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club	Thursday 1:00PM	Gillian I Schramm	Whistler Racquet Club 4500 Northlands Blvd.

Dare To Dream

AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN WOMEN BRIDGE PLAYERS

I joined the ACBL when I was 27 years old and living in a small town in Eastern British Columbia. There was a duplicate game in Castlegar on Monday nights, and one in Trail on Thursday nights.

I made a host of new and individualistic friends, and we all played and played and played. In between the weekly duplicate games, there were sectionals and regionals to attend, and there was always a home game in progress somewhere. It was a wonderful time for me.

One of my favourite partners at that time was my good friend, Jude Goodwin. I have always remembered that Jude told me that we could probably never hope to be among the top players in the world, but that we could certainly dare to dream big. The big dream she proposed was that one day we might possibly win the Canadian Women's Team Championships. I have carried that dream with me ever since. I have tried and failed to win this event on more than one occasion, and I am not finished trying yet.

I relate this small story to you in the hope that I can pass this dream along to some of the other wonderful women who play bridge in Canada. Next year, the Canadian Championships will be held in Vancouver, and one of the events will be the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC). I would like to encourage Canadian women and B.C. women in particular, to form teams and to enter this event. There are many reasons to do so. Of course, the first reason is that it is impossible to win if you do not enter, but winning is only one of many reasons to give yourself this experience. It is exciting to play in a national event against women from across Canada. You will meet and spend time with interesting and talented women with whom you will have much in common. You will gain confidence and experience, and will accordingly be a better bridge player in the future. And who knows? Someday, you may become a Canadian champion. Why not? Dream big!

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In order to generate interest and excitement for this Canadian championship event being held in our own city next May 4-12, a series of fun, women-only team games is being planned. Please join us on Saturday, September 15th, at 1:00 PM, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, for a friendly competition. Entries will be \$5.00 per person, with most of the revenues generated to go toward cash prizes for the day's top finishers. Ken Lo Chang has kindly donated the use of the VBC to us for that afternoon at no charge.

Please get together with your friends and form teams of four to six players. If you need partners, we will do our best to accommodate you. Let us know if you definitely plan to attend, or just show up at the last minute. We will have some extra players ready to fill in as necessary. For further information, please contact Angela Fenton (angelagf@telus.net), or Julie Smith (coopersmith50@gmail.com).

2019 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



MAY 4 – MAY 12, 2019
DELTA BURNABY HOTEL
4331 DOMINION ST., BURNABY, BC
NEW! MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (CNTC) (1)(2)

FLIGHT A

MAY 4 – MAY 10, 3-DAY ROUND ROBIN: \$540 PER TEAM

FLIGHT B (<2500 MPs)

MAY 4 – MAY 7, 2-DAY ROUND ROBIN: \$360 PER TEAM

FLIGHT C (<1000 MPs)

MAY 4 – MAY 7, 2-DAY ROUND ROBIN: \$360 PER TEAM

CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (CWTC) (1)

MAY 4 – MAY 7, 2-DAY ROUND ROBIN: \$360 PER TEAM

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (CSTC) (1)

(ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE BORN 1958 OR EARLIER)

MAY 7 – MAY 10, 2-DAY ROUND ROBIN: \$360 PER TEAM

CANADIAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (CMTC) (1)

MAY 9 – MAY 12, 2-DAY ROUND ROBIN – ENTRY \$360 PER TEAM

CANADIAN IMP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (CIPC) (1)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 – ENTRY \$80 PER PAIR

CASH PRIZES PER PAIR

1ST - \$400 / 2ND - \$250 / 3RD - \$150

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (COPC) (1) (2)

QUALIFYING: SATURDAY, MAY 11 – ENTRY \$80 PER PAIR

FINAL: SUNDAY, MAY 12 – ENTRY \$80 PER PAIR

CASH PRIZES PER PAIR

1ST - \$1,500 / 2ND - \$750

(1) PARTICIPANTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS MUST BE PAID UP CBF MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE NOT A CBF MEMBER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.CBF.CA

(2) PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE EARNED CLUB QUALIFICATION, OR QUALIFICATION CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$25 COPC, \$100 CNTC A, \$50 CNTC B OR \$30 CNTC C.

FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM EVENTS, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT CBF.CA



Canadian Bridge Championships
Regional Events open to ALL
Delta Burnaby Hotel
May 6th to 12th



Unit 430, Vancouver, BC

Monday, May 6

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

Stratified Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs*
199er Pairs*

Friday, May 10

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

Stratified Pairs
Knockouts Semi & Finals
199er Pairs*

Tuesday, May 7

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

A/X Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs*

Saturday, May 11

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

Stratified Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs*

**CBC Event: Canadian
Open Pair
Championships**
(2 session qualifying
round)**

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 & 3:00

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

Stratified Pairs

Gold Rush Pairs *
199er Pairs*

Sunday, May 12

10:00 & TBA

10:00 & TBA
10:00 & TBA

*International Fund Swiss
Stratified Swiss Teams
Gold Rush Swiss Teams*

**CBC Event: Canadian
Open Pairs
Championships Final**

10:00 & 3:00

**CBC Event: Canadian
IMP Pairs Championship**

Thursday, May 9

10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00
10:00 & 3:00

Thurs/Friday Knockouts
Single Session Swiss (2)
Gold Rush Pairs*

Regional Events Stratifications: A/X: 3000+ /0-3000, Gold Rush Events 750/300/200 (All members of the Gold Rush pair/team must have fewer than 750 points). Stratified Pairs: 2500+/1250-3000/0-1250.

Cost: \$15.00 per session. Gold and red points awarded. *Single session entries accepted.

Canadian Bridge Championship Events: Cost \$20/session Stratification 3000+/1500-3000/0-1500.

CBF membership required. ****Pre-qualification required for the Canadian Open Pairs Championships.**

Canadian IMP Pair Championship on Wednesday, May 8.

Prizes: 1 \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150

Canadian Open Pair Championship on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11.

Prizes: 1st \$1500, 2nd \$750

Tournament Chair: Angela Fenton: angelagf@telus.net 778 386 4343

For more information and Partnerships visit: cbf.ca and/or vancouverbridge.com

Vancouver 0-199 Sectional

Sept. 16, 2018

Location: East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Rd. Delta

Game times: Sunday 10:00 am and 3:00 pm Pairs, single session entries accepted.

Stratification: C 0-50, B 50-100, A 100-199
(no player may be above the 200 masterpoint limit)

Stratification may be adjusted on the day at the Director's discretion.

Card fees: \$10 per session (\$4 surcharge for unpaid or non ACBL members)

Partnerships: Please see the online partnership desk at
www.vancouverbridge.com

Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee

Note: Scent free and smoke free playing site. Please be considerate of others.

Tournament chairs: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net

Lauren Cockroft jlcockroft@shaw.ca

Don Guichon parklanedon@gmail.com

Future Stars Sectional

October 13-14, 2018

An opportunity to play in a 0-500, non-life master tournament
and earn Silver Points

Location: Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby, B.C.

Game times: Saturday 10:00 am and 3:00 pm Pairs, single session entries accepted.
Sunday 10:00 am Pairs and 3:00 pm Swiss Teams

Stratification: C 0-50, B 50-150, A 150-500 (no player may be above the 500
masterpoint limit or a Life Master)

Stratification may be adjusted on the day at the Director's discretion.

Card fees: \$10 per session (\$4 surcharge for unpaid or non ACBL members)

Partnerships: Please see the online partnership desk at
www.vancouverbridge.com

Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee with your own mug.

Note: Scent free and smoke free playing site. Please be considerate of others.

Tournament chairs: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net

Lauren Cockroft jlcockroft@shaw.ca

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Calendar of Events

September 08, 2018	MUG	VBC
September 16, 2018	0-200 Sectional	East Delta Hall, Delta *
September 23, 2018	Mentor-Mentee Swiss	East Delta Hall, Delta *
October 6, 2018	MUG	VBC
October 13-14, 2018	Future Stars Sectional	Engineer's Hall, Burnaby *
November 3, 2018	MUG	VBC ?
November 10-12, 2018	Roundup Sectional	Engineer's Hall, Burnaby
November 22-December 2, 2018	Fall NABC, Honolulu, Hawaii	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii
December 03-09, 2018	Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)	participating clubs
December 08, 2018	MUG	VBC ?
January 25-27, 2019	Trophy Sectional	Ukrainian Cultural Centre, Vancouver
February 02, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
March 04, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
?	Future Stars Sectional	?
April 16, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
May 4-14, 2019	Canadian National Team Championships	Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre *
?	0-200 Sectional	VBC ?
May 17-20, 2019	Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
June 01, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
?	STaC	participating clubs
July 06, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
August 03, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
August 31-September 02, 2019	Evergreen Sectional	Engineer's Hall, Burnaby
September 14, 2019	MUG	VBC ?
?	0-200 Sectional	VBC ?
October 05, 2019	MUG	VBC ?

* see flyer in this Matchpointer

? due to current uncertainty about the location of the VBC, these MUG games may be held elsewhere

Article submissions and ideas for the Matchpointer are most welcome, even those that are not well formatted or complete: please send items to the editor: Nick Stock - ngstock@telus.net