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President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430

2019 is going to be a very busy year for this Unit. We have on tap, 4 Sectionals, 2 Future stars Sectionals, 2 - 199er Sectionals, 3 Mentor Mentee games, 2 STAC games, 11 monthly Unit games and, oh ya, a Canadian Nationals to host.

Planning these events requires endlessly sweating the details. Do we have the right sites? Dates? Equipment? Costs? Directors? Sanctions? Hospitality? Cad-dies? Types of events? Starting times? Fees? Are we far enough out?

Your Unit Board members are really outstanding at this. It's largely thankless work and yet it gets done at a very high level of excellence. Feel free to give all your volunteers a hug!

Our 'ACBL Unit 430 Home Page' web site continues to expand information and services available to all players and, as a result, more and more of you are now using the site. We know this from counting 'hits'. But did you know that we now have an 'on-line' partnership desk for our Sectionals? Lots and lots of info now on our site.

You will notice our 2 newest local Directors, Jack Johnson and Barry Yamanouchi, hard at work at our Trophy Sectional. No matter WHAT they rule at your table, make sure to thank them profusely, and encourage them in every way possible. We NEED these guys. For those of you intending to form a team to enter into the upcoming Canadian Nationals, make sure to buy your entry before the deadline of Feb 22. They are sticky on this one.

Congratulations to all players whose name goes on one of our Trophies being presented on Sunday; and especially to Dave Waterman for winning overall Unit player of the Year. Note that this Trophy comes with free plays for a year at our Sectionals!

We continue to monitor growing costs. At this point we are holding our own. The Ukrainian Centre site is our most expensive, by a wide margin, but remains very popular. It holds the most tables which is still, almost, not enough on Saturdays. Our 4 regular Sectionals are booked into 3 sites going forward well into 2020. Having enough space and parking versus cost is the balancing act we must maintain.

Bridge seems to be holding its own in the Vancouver area. From the North Shore, to South Surrey, I'm hearing and seeing good attendance at the clubs. Our 7 Unit tournaments that are targeted for the newer and

intermediate players, are very popular and well attended.

Your Unit has agreed to 'host' an ACBL Spring National in 2024 or 2025. A proposal by the District is being made. That's it.

In Memoriam Three Great Ladies

by the editor

The front page shows pictures of three great ladies of Unit 430 who recently passed. *Excerpted from the Vancouver Sun/Province, January 5 2019:*

Takako Jane Shimokura

With profound sadness we announce the sudden passing of Takako Jane Shimokura on December 29 2018 age 80 in Vancouver B.C. Jane will be forever remembered by Howard her life partner of 56 years ...

...

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 24 at 2 pm at NNMCC 6688 Southoaks Crescent Burnaby BC. Donations may be made in Jane's memory to the NNMCC (<http://centre.nikkeiplace.org/>) or to a charity of your choice. You are invited to leave a Fond Memory of Jane or Message of Condolence for the Family at www.blissbc.com.

Excerpted from the Dignity Memorial Website: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/north-vancouver-bc/mary-fines-8096264

Mary Fines, the last of her generation's family, passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 19, 2018 in North Vancouver, B.C. at the age of 95... [At an early age she] learned to play duplicate bridge, a game that would become Mary's life-long passion. ... she continued playing bridge and travelled to many parts of the world such as Monaco, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Singapore and Malaysia with her bridge buddies - what fun they had.

From the editor: Nick Stock

I first played against Margie Neate in 1975 in Vancouver at the downtown Vancouver Bridge club in the Georgia Hotel. I remember being impressed by her use of an unusual convention against me. Sitting in third chair with a typical preempt, something like xxx, xx, x, QJ9xxxx the auction went Pass, Pass to me. With nobody vulnerable I bid 3♣. Margie was sitting

on my left and she said Double. The next two players passed and, of course, so did I. When Margie lead an Ace, a 10 count appeared in dummy. I asked my RHO what Double was. They said "Fishbein" and on further inquiry explained that it was penalty so I was probably not going to make 3♣. Sure enough, I was down 3, -500 for a very bad score. The opponents could easily make 4NT, -430, and that was the score at many other tables. Margie had 19 HCP including ♣AK10. Her partner had 8, so most other tables, playing take-out doubles of preempts, had no chance to punish the preempter and were forced to bid 3NT with Margie's hand. Margie was a fierce competitor and was always sure to try for the maximum number of tricks. Like Jane and Mary, she will be missed.

Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

Some snapshots from heavenly Honolulu. In the Blue Ribbon, first qualifier, in 4th seat you hold:

♠ Q J 9 7 6 5 2
 ♥ A K Q J
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 8

and are contemplating how many spades to bid when it comes around to you. Unexpectedly, the person to your left opens 1♠! Pass - pass to you. You pass, of course, and collect +300 for a decent score. The full deal:

	♠ 3		
	♥ 8 7 5 3		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ A J 9 5 4 2		
♠ A K 10 8 4 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ A K J 5 ♣ 7		♠ -- ♥ 6 4 ♦ 10 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 19 6 3	
	♠ Q J 9 7 6 5 2		
	♥ A K Q J		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 8		

Should East bid a forcing NoTrump? They can make 4♦, but the danger is that partner will rebid 2♥ or 2♠ and where do you go from there?

On board 23 you hold:

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A K J 9 8 7 6
 ♣ A

You open a precision 1♣, partner bids 1♦ showing 0-7 or 8-10 balanced. You ?

I chose 3NT and got the lead of the ♣ 3. The full deal:

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

I played low from dummy and RHO played the ♣ 9. If the diamonds are 2-2 (or the Queen is singleton) I have 10 tricks. Of course that wasn't the case. It looks like 5♦ is also down 1 (on a heart lead only) so down 1 in 3NT should be close to average. So I played three rounds of diamonds and West was in. He continued with the ♣ 3, blocking the suit so we collected +600.

For the third deal, you pick up:

♠ J 10 9 8 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ 8 6 3

Partner opens a precision club, P, 1♠, P, 2♦, P, 2♠ (which I considered forcing), but partner didn't see it that way and passed). The full deal:

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

As you can see, the lead of the singleton club holds us to 3 while 3NT has 9 top tricks. But with that spade holding in partner's hand and the singleton ♥ A opposite Q 10 it's an unlikely contract. Indeed, we scored over average for our cautious (???) approach.

A Litmus Test

of a Signaling System

by Dick Yuen

Consider this example, you are West

♠ 3 2	
♥ 4 3 2	
♦ A K 10 9 8 7	
♣ A 3	

♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 6 5
♣ Q J 2

W	N	E	S
1♦	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	4♥

Your ♦ A opening lead draws the Queen from partner. You think your ♦ K is good, but where is the setting trick?

- (1) if East has any trump honor (and can overruff dummy on the 3rd round of diamonds)
- (2) if East has ♣ K (provided South has 2 clubs)
- (3) if East has ♠ K (provided South has 2 spades)

At T2, you can cash ♦ K with confidence.... if East has stiff-♦ Q, does your signaling system cover ALL three cases with clarity?

East has only 2 suits to discard from, but needs to convey three different messages.

If yes, you have a winner, congratulations!

If no, you can consider adding this signaling system (Bicycle) to your toolbox. *[Editor's note: this system is usually known as "Revolving Discards"]*

In case 1, East can discard a high(est) club or a low(est) spade to pinpoint his/her ability to overruff dummy. Then all you need to do is to cash ♣ A (to avoid any accident) before giving partner a diamond ruff.

In case 2, East can discard a high(est) spade, asking for a club switch. You just follow East's signal to set the contract.

In case 3, East can discard a low(est) club to ask for a spade switch. Now at T3, you need to honour part-

ner's signal before releasing your club control.

How about if East does not have any of the above three?

East simply plays a mid-spade/mid-club and then you know to cash your ♣ A to prevent a possible overtrick.

Another example can demonstrate the effectiveness of this signaling system.

With silent opponents, N/S arrives at a 4♠ contract, declared by South:

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

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

Partner (West) cashes ♦ AK and you signal to show a doubleton. At T3 partner leads the ♦ Q and you? Using the signaling system above, you can discard a low heart or a high club to ask for a diamond continuation. Both of ♥ 2 and ♣ J ask for a diamond. This will let you score your ♠ K with an uppercut, defeating 4♠.

Conduct, Ethics and Committees

by Patti Adams

The ACBL is a society. As such they may hold disciplinary proceedings. They involve just the privileges of membership in the ACBL and continued participation in ACBL events. They are internal proceedings of a membership organization. Under the Code of Disciplinary Regulations the guilt of a Charged player only affects the ACBL's judgement of their fitness for the privilege of membership or continued participation in ACBL sanctioned events. It is not a Court of Law.

Conduct and Ethics Committees would not be necessary if **ZERO TOLERANCE** and **FULL DISCLOSURE** were adhered to at all times.

The rules pertaining to Conduct and Ethics are found in the “**Code of Disciplinary Regulations**” on ACBL.org. It’s a quagmire of terms and regulations that I hope to unravel for you.

There are two members of the **Unit 430 Board of Directors** that are non-voting members but hold the auspicious titles of **Unit Recorder** and **Unit Conduct & Ethics Chairperson**.

At tournaments, particularly at the NABCs and Regionals, issues concerning conduct and ethics, infractions and cheating are dealt with at the time of the offence. There is a standing Disciplinary Committee at an NABC already selected and can convene immediately after a session, or the next day.

At Regionals, the **District Conduct & Ethics Chairperson** would be readily available to form a Disciplinary Committee when called upon. It’s always preferred that these committees are held on site as soon as possible, but sometimes there are cases when this cannot occur.

At the Sectional and Unit level, if the Director finds that there has been an ethics violation, they may not be able to convene a Disciplinary Committee at that time but will forward the complaint to the **Unit Board President**.

At the club and unit level, if you have felt that an opponent has violated the ACBL Code of Ethics, your first line of defence is the **Director**. If you feel like the Director didn’t address the issue to your satisfaction, you may speak to them and/or the club owner after the game. They may advise you to report it to the **Unit Recorder**. If you feel like your complaint was swept aside and not given the gravity that you expected, you can still report it to the Recorder.

Whenever you feel a player has violated the guidelines of Active Ethics, you should report the incident to the Recorder. You can phone or email your complaint. It is **encouraged** that you do this. If a player is repeatedly committing an offence, unless this departure from Active Ethics is reported and corrected, the player will continue to make other players uncomfortable and will continue to erode the good of the game. The more thorough you can be about the incident, the better for the Recorder to address the issue.

When any infringement of conduct and ethics is

reported to a Recorder, the Recorder will contact all parties involved to get a fair representation of what occurred. The Recorder will instruct each player on how they are going to proceed. The Recorder has a number of options. Sometimes it is just reminding both parties of the laws and that they must practice Active Ethics. The Recorder may give a warning to an offender, reminding them of the tenets of Zero Tolerance. This is why it is very important to report incidents to the Recorder. Without a preponderance of evidence, a player will be unchecked and may continue their bad behaviour. If there are several occurrences recorded on an offender, when reminders have not been enough to deter the offender, or when the incident is deemed severe, the Recorder may ask the Unit Board President to bring disciplinary charges against the player.

At local sectionals, or when there is a collection of inappropriate behaviour, it falls upon the **Unit Board President** to investigate and bring charges if warranted.

The Unit President will write to inform the player that they are being charged with a violation under the Code of Disciplinary Regulations and will send all relative material gathered by the Recorder to the **Conduct and Ethics Chairperson**. The Unit President will also contact the ACBL to check if there are any previously recorded violations against the player. Once the charges are made, the C&E Chair will start the process of calling a **Disciplinary Committee**. The Chair will select a committee, secure a venue and choose a time that all the participants can convene. The Chair is there only to oversee that the “**Code of Disciplinary Regulations of the ACBL**” are carried out and advise the committee of its limitations and what disciplinary actions are within the scope of the Disciplinary Committee.

We all have to adhere to and protect the **Ethics of Bridge** and practice **Zero Tolerance**. This is the game we love and want others to enjoy.

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Some Club Play!

by Nick Stock

This article isn't about play at the local club (although I could probably tell a few stories from there...) but about a particular hand played by my partner, Diana. We were in Honolulu at the Nationals in late November and we had decided to play in the Mini Blue Ribbon (0 – 6000). We played well for a couple of days but on the third day... In any case, there were a few memorable hands involving the club suit, but this one was outstanding.

You are Diana, my partner. As dealer, non-vul vs vul you pick up:

♠ 9 2
♥ --
♦ K 3
♣ A K J 10 8 7 6 4 2

and decide to bid only 1 (could be short) ♣. LHO spoils the fun by doubling and your partner bids 1♥. RHO bids 1♠. Now you decide its time for pressure and bid 5♣. LHO looks at their hand for a moment and puts their second red card on the table. Your partner passes and RHO takes some time before finally passing. LHO leads the ♥K and dummy appears:

♠ 8 4
♥ A 9 7 3 2
♦ Q 10 8 5 2
♣ 9

♠ 9 2
♥ --
♦ K 3
♣ A K J 10 8 7 6 4 2

Naturally, you win the ♥A pitching a spade and play the ♣9, 3 and you play?

Diana took some time at this point, evaluating the 10 clubs between the two hands, deciding whether to play for the drop or not. If you are thinking about the hand at all it is clear the opponents can make at least 4♠, so down 1 in 5♣ will be an excellent score. If you are Diana, though, you will intuit the meaning of RHO's hesitation before passing the double, and play the ♣10 winning as LHO pitches a spade. +550. I just about jumped over the table to kiss her!

Two Atlanta Hands

by Brad Bart

Here are two hands from our recent foray into the Grand National Teams Flight A. My partner was Nick Stock. Teammates were captain Monica Angus playing with Alex Hong, as well as Jack Lee. Sadly, we were eliminated in the Round of 16. Though we lost in the early stages of the event, it was a narrow loss to a tough team.

On Board 2 of the match we drew first blood. Their side vul, I picked up

♠ A Q
♥ K 7
♦ A Q 8 3 2
♣ A J 5 2

A fair hand! More and more people tend to open these semi-balanced 20-counts 2NT, and then they miss their minors. Not me: My plan was to open 1♦ and jump shift into 3♣. There would be plenty of time to bid notrump later.

After 1♦, my LHO overcalled 1♠. And then Nick bid 2♠, showing a limit raise or better of diamonds. Two cuebids followed, then keycard, before settling into the diamond slam.

E/W vul

W	N	E	S	
			1♦	
1♠	2♠	P	3♣	* keycard
P	4♣	P	4♥*	** 1 or 4
P	4♠**	P	6♦	

All pass

Opening lead: 3 of hearts

♠ 8 4
♥ A J
♦ 10 9 7 5 4
♣ K Q 10 3

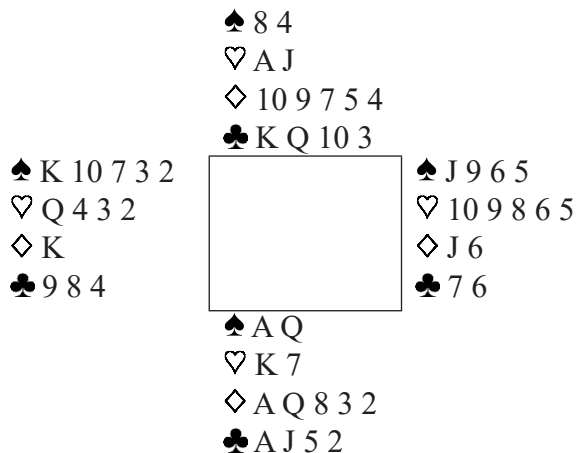
♠ A Q
♥ K 7
♦ A Q 8 3 2
♣ A J 5 2

A mirror match!

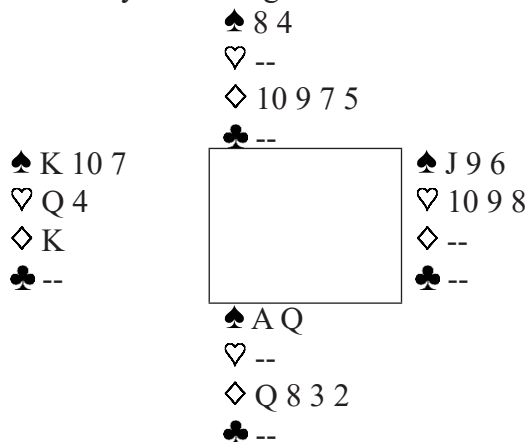
Partner's cards were all prime, but any little variation in distribution would have made 6♦ easy.

How would you play?

The play was over quickly at our table. After winning the heart jack in dummy at trick one, I called for the 10 of diamonds. When RHO followed low, I went up ace, catching the stiff king on my left. After drawing the last trump, I crossed to dummy to take a losing spade finesse. +920 and a gain of 10 IMPs versus their 2NT-3NT at the other table.



To drop a stiff king might seem spectacular, but to play LHO for the diamond king was normal, considering his overcall. On a different day, LHO would have the guarded king. Then I would cash the ace of hearts and run the clubs. LHO could postpone the inevitable by not ruffing to reach a 6-card ending like:



A diamond lead now endplays LHO.

And now a bidding problem from the fourth quarter.

Both vul, I held:



The auction started 1♠ on my left, 2♣ by partner, 3♣ on my right. It seemed everyone had an opening bid at this table! What would you do?

I had a lot to consider. With 5 good hearts, I might do best to introduce that suit. One possible bid would be 3♥ (forcing), but perhaps more effective would be 4♥ (fit showing)? But with a big club fit, maybe the best move was to drive toward slam?

Picture partner having something like:

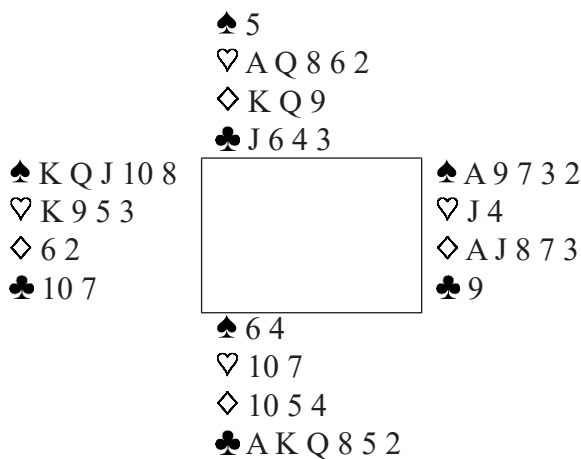
xx x Axx AKxxxxx.

Sure, it's a perfecto, but within the realm of possibility. One way to proceed would be 3♠, value showing. Another would be 4♠, splinter. A third would be 4♦, which we play as keycard.

Ultimately, I decided to bid 5♣, what I thought we could make all things being equal.

This was passed back around to RHO who doubled.

Both vul



Nick took a heart finesse, and ruffed out the hearts for a diamond discard. That was +750 and a gain of 13 IMPs. The jump to 5C with a non-preemptive hand had a curious side effect. Most players, myself included, play forcing passes when our side has opened and responder has shown a limit raise or better. Such was the case here: E/W were forced to double or bid on, a choice of bad scores.

Sheinwold's Advice

by Greg Morse

Over 55 years ago, Alfred Sheinwold gave this advice in one of his books: "When an opponent has made a weak play, do not assume he has committed a blunder. Work out the cards he may hold for his play to be normal."

Can you apply this advice to bring home your vulnerable game?

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 7 3
♦ 3
♣ K Q 10 7 5 3

♠ J 9 6
♥ A K 9
♦ A K 9 8 7
♣ 6 4

There are three passes to you, and the auction is quick and straightforward, 1NT-P-3NT-All pass. The opening lead is the ♠4. You let this come round to your Jack. At trick two you lead a low club to the King. RHO, the best player in the club, takes his Ace and returns a spade. LHO wins the Ace and clears the suit, RHO pitching a heart.

Any thoughts?

You have 7 sure tricks and need two more. If you try to set up a red suit, they can probably cash two spades plus whatever red suit winners you have given them. Clearly your best bet is to bring in the club suit. Accordingly you get to hand with a diamond and lead a low club up to dummy. LHO plays low.

Which card do you play from dummy and why?

Why did RHO grab his Ace at trick two? Holding Ax or AJx a duck would be automatic. Could he have a stiff Ace? Then he is 5-5 in the red suits and did not bid in third seat. Further 5422 hands are 3 times as likely as 5521 hands. Following Sheinwold's advice, you work out that he must hold the club Jack. In fact most likely he has AJ tight as with AJx he can still afford to duck at trick two (and in that case it does not matter what you play anyway).

If you go up with the Queen you are a hero, as sure enough the Jack falls from RHO.

The full hand is:

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

The problem Sheinwold posed in his book, is even harder to get right at the table. Here it is:

West ♥ Q 8 6 4 East ♥ K 10 3

The lead is in the West and you need 3 tricks from this combination with no side entries to the West hand.

You lead a low card from West and LHO plays the Ace. You win his exit and now need to run the suit. If the ♥ 10 is still in East you failed the test. RHO flew with his Ace when he could see the Queen in dummy (surely a weak play), why? You must not assume that he has blundered. STOP! and work out that he has AJ tight, and then unblock the ♥ 10. Now you can cash your King, dropping the Jack and finesse against RHO's nine.

The New Zealand Bridge Congress

by Gray McMullin

So in October, I attended the NZ Bridge Congress, held in Hamilton, NZ; which is about a two hour car ride south of Auckland. It was a wonderful tournament, where I was the only Canadian player attending.

The tournaments in both Australia (Gold Coast), and New Zealand are very nice affairs. Not only are the players very friendly, more so in my opinion than North American players, but I find the standard of play very high. The average NZ player plays a very good game. This may be because there is a higher

per capita of bridge players in NZ. The tournaments have 500 or more players, as large as any in Canada, and with NZ having a fraction of our population.

Their events are different, as well. They have events called “Swiss Pairs”; this can be either MPs, or IMPs. In each round a pair plays, lets say, 6 boards, against another pair. The boards are scored across the field (over a hundred tables), then converted to VPs. They are then matched, next round, against a pair that has the same number of VPs as them. And repeat. Maybe 8 matches a day, over two days. The pair with the most VPs, wins.

I played my entire time in NZ with a NZ/Canada dual citizen, Pamela Nisbet. You may remember her as a winner of 7 consecutive Canadian Women Team Championships. She is a very fine player, and a pleasure to play with. We ended up 10th, where the top 8 make it to the finals.

But what a fun tourney. The New Zealander’s are the nicest, friendliest people. There were barbecues, dinner invites, wine parties, galore. The tournament is around the same time every year (early October) in Hamilton. If you ever get the urge, I do recommend going.

Notable Results Vancouver Evergreen Sectional

Aug 31 - Sep 1

Winners of each flight

Friday Aft Open Pairs	A B	Long Xie, Kai Zhou
	C	Ron Fox, Brian Sims
Fri Aft 0-200 Pairs	D E F	Janice Porter, Vern Porter
Fri Eve Side Open Pairs	A	Angela Taylor, Sandra Robson
	B	Jack Johnson, Edgar L’Heureux
	C	David Huang, Jack Qi
Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs	7 3 1	Bobbi Moon, Lois Louden
Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs	A	Monica Angus, Jack Lee

	B	Thomas Anderson, Shelley Burns
	C	Max Heyde, Sabine Heyde
Saturday Open Pairs	A	Yue Su, Larry Pocock
	B	Andrew Krywaniuk, Zoran Peca
	C	Sidney Yang, Diana Jing
Saturday 0-750 Pairs	7 3	Max Heyde, Sabine Heyde
	1	Gilbert Zhang, Jennifer Hong
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams	A	Monica Angus, William Ge, John Bryden, Laurence Betts
	X	Shelley Burns, Kelvin Raywood, Samuel Krikler, Greg Morse
Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams	7 3 1	Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Morris Chen, Qiang Hua

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
28.69	Yue Su
28.69	Larry Pocock
22.91	William Ge
22.58	Shelley Burns
20.41	Monica Angus
19.00	Zoran Peca
18.50	John Bryden
18.13	Jack Lee
18.09	Les Fouks
17.31	Michael Dimich

Roundup Sectional

November 10-12

Saturday Eve Open Pairs	A B	Sidney Yang, James Wu
	C	Gustav Axen, Jack Hopwood
Saturday Eve 0-750 Pairs	7 3	Qiang Hua, Morris Chen
	1	Cory McCaig, Betty Brophy
Saturday Aft 0-199 Pairs	D E	Joel Wener, Linda Wener
	F	Andrea Howes, Debra Sneddon
Saturday Aft Ev Hodge Pairs	A B	Thomas Anderson, Ryley Breiddal

	C	David Squance, Michael Squance
Sunday Morn 0-1500 Pairs	B	Debbie Martignago, Jim Garnier
	D	Eric Promislow, Barry Promislow
Sunday A/X Pairs	A	Yue Su, Larry Pocock
	B	Andy Hellquist, Greg Morse
Sunday Aft 0-1500 Pairs	B	Debbie Martignago, Jim Garnier
	C	Adelina Wong-Chor, Virginia Forrester
	D	Ted Parker, Joanne Parker
Sunday Open Swiss Teams	A	John Bryden, David Waterman, Steve Vincent, Laurence Betts
	B	Gustav Axen, John Lai, Mike Wilson, Alfred Lam
	C	David Hu, David Huang, Morris Chen, Qiang Hua
Sunday NLM Swiss Teams		Henry Yao, Flora Yan, Junkai Peng, Jennifer Hong

	B 1/2	Allan Karro, Tiffany Karro
Wednesday Eve Side Pairs	B 1/2	Shelley Burns, Martha Jenkins
Wednesday Aft 199ers	D E	Nigel Williamson, Betsy Woods
Tue - Wed KOs		Isabel Chernoff, Jane Youngberg, Richard D'Litzenberger, Brian Koblenz
Friday Morn Side Pairs	B	John Lai, George Tu
Friday Open Pairs	B	Gustav Axen, Shelley Burns
Friday Gold Rush Pairs	7	Colin Johnson, Brian Sims
Friday Eve BAM Teams	X	Hua Yang, Diana Jing, Nicholas Stock, Yan Song
Saturday Eve Side Pairs	C	David Huang, Jack Qi
Saturday A/X/Y Swiss Teams	A X	Monica Angus, Jack Lee, Alex Hong, Sidney Yang, William Ge
Sunday 0 - 2000 Swiss Teams	B	Edee Rumley, Diane Griffiths, Jack Johnson, Edgar L'Heureux

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
31.25	Yue Su
31.25	Larry Pocock
28.15	Thomas Anderson
28.15	Ryley Breiddal
26.08	Laurence Betts
25.52	Gray McMullin
25.32	William Ge
20.92	Brad Bart
20.48	Gustav Axen
20.20	James Wu

Top 10	Unit Masterpoint Winners
72.31	Jack Lee
65.05	Eric Pan
56.07	Sidney Yang
44.90	Yue Su
44.90	Larry Pocock
44.40	Gustav Axen
38.42	Nicholas Stock
36.43	William Ge
36.00	James Wu
32.95	Shelley Burns

Lynnwood Regional

August 20 - 26

Winners from Unit 430

Monday Open Swiss	A	Eric Pan, Yue Su, Larry Pocock, Jack Lee
Tuesday Morn Side Pairs	A	Jack Lee, Eric Pan
Tue Open Pairs	A B C	James Wu, Sidney Yang
Wednesday Morn Side Pairs	A	Jack Lee, Eric Pan

Unit 430 Race Winners 2018

Phil Wood	David Waterman
Edie Bonnell	Yue Su
Phil Wood under 200	John Lai
Rocket Rookie	Qiang Hua
MUG A	Kai Zhou
MUG B	Yue Su
MUG C	David Yu

Mini-McKenney

0-5	90.86	Wolf Fiedler
5-20	88.03	John Lai
20-50	95.80	Khosrow Shad
50-100	138.18	Morris Chen
100-200	135.71	Tom Satanove
200-300	120.52	Shael Smith
300-500	299.83	Sidney Yang
500-1000	377.33	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	363.18	Shelley Burns
1500-2500	343.49	Yue Su
2500-3500	339.68	Jane Youngberg
3500-5000	424.81	Nicholas Stock
5000-7500	509.60	Jack Lee
7500-10000	294.92	Michael Yuen
10000+	720.97	Dan Jacob

Ace of Clubs

0-5	66.53	Wolf Fiedler
5-20	25.73	John Lai
20-50	38.23	Khosrow Shad
50-100	43.94	Shaviv Ben Neriah
100-200	73.58	Tom Satanove
200-300	70.11	Denise Wiggins
300-500	68.93	Cindy Oishi
500-1000	139.16	Thomas Anderson
1000-1500	105.96	Brian Busby
1500-2500	116.40	Sid Segal
2500-3500	141.07	Shirley Fitterman
3500-5000	200.90	Tai Eng
5000-7500	232.50	Ben Takemori
7500-10000	124.07	Kathy Adachi
10000+	50.34	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!

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vancouverbridge.com/unit430_members.php

Visit the Unit 430 website for more information:
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
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 10:30am	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 10:15am*	Ed L'Heureux Jane Youngberg surreydcbb@gmail.com 604-542-6116	East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Road
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Thursday 10:15am*	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 10:30am Mon - Fri 7:00pm Tue - Thu 1:00pm Sun	Ken Lochang 604-267-2202	2177 West 42nd Ave
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.

Women Only Bridge Day with Chocolate

Last September, the women of Vancouver Unit 430 (and friends) gathered together to participate in a Swiss Teams competition at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. This event was held as a warm-up for the Canadian Women's Team Championship competition, which will be held this year in Burnaby, May 4th through 7th, at the Canadian National Championships.

A wonderful time was had by all (or almost all!) of those who participated. We hope to invite women to join us for another similar event on February 16th, beginning at 1:00 PM, at the new Vancouver Bridge Centre, located at 2177 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, BC. The theme will be Bridge and Chocolate, in honour of Valentine's Day. The entry, as before, will be \$5.00 per person, with a money prize going to the top finishing team or teams. Everyone who feels so inclined is asked to bring something chocolate to share.

Please get together with your friends and partners, and form teams of four to six players. If you need partners, we will do our best to accommodate you. Please let us know if you definitely plan to attend, or be spontaneous and just show up at the last minute. We will have an extra player or two ready to fill in as necessary. In order to preregister, or 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



Canadian Championships May 4-12 2019

Register your team by February 22 at cbf.ca
OPEN, B, C, WOMEN'S, SENIOR and MIXED TEAMS

If you intend playing in more than one event you must register for both
before the deadline

There will also be REGIONAL Events from May 6-12
We are hosting these Championships for the first time in 10 years!
Let's make it a good one!

We need SPONSORS; any help is appreciated!

Volunteers Needed

VUGRAPH operators.

Contact Michael Yuen: mikeyuen1@hotmail.com

SET UP and TAKE DOWN on May 3 and 12.

Contact Gray McMullin: graystar50@shaw.ca

CADDIES and other help.

Contact Angela Fenton: angelagf@telus.net

Vancouver 0-199 Sectional

March 30, 2019

An opportunity to play with your peers in a restricted masterpoint tournament and earn Silver Points

Location: **East Delta Hall 10379 Ladner Trunk Rd. Delta**
Game times: **Saturday 10:00 am, 3:00 pm Pairs, single session entries accepted**
Stratification: C 0-50, B 50-100, A 100-199 (no player may be above the 199 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 <http://www.vancouverbridge.com>
Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee
Tournament chairs: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net
Lauren Cockroft jlcockroft@shaw.ca
Don Guichon parklanedon@gmail.com

Future Stars Sectional

March 23-24, 2019

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 <http://www.vancouverbridge.com>
Hospitality: Snacks, complimentary tea/coffee with your own mug.
Tournament chairs: Margaret Pattison ppatt@telus.net
Lauren Cockroft jlcockroft@shaw.ca
Don Guichon parklanedon@gmail.com

Notes: Scent free and smoke free playing sites. Please be considerate of others.

Calendar of Events

2019

January 25-27, 2019	Trophy Sectional	Ukrainian Cultural Centre, Vancouver
February 02, 2019	MUG (Teams)	VBC
February 08-10, 2019	Bellingham Sectional	Bellingham
February 09, 2019	0-200 Sectional	Victoria
February 22-24, 2019	Duncan Sectional	Duncan
March 04, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
March 08-10, 2019	Sidney Sectional	Sidney
March 23-24, 2019	Future Stars Sectional	Engineer's Hall *
March 30, 2019	0-200 Sectional	East Delta Hall *
April 06, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
April 08-14, 2019	Victoria Regional	Victoria
May 4-12, 2019	Canadian National Team Championships	Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre *
May 17-20, 2019	Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
May 25, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
June 01, 2019	MUG (Teams)	VBC
June 29, 2019	Mentor-Mentee	East Delta Hall
July 06, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
August 03, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
August 19-25, 2019	Lynnwood Regional	Lynnwood, WA
August 19-25, 2019	STAC	participating clubs
August 31-September 02, 2019	Evergreen Sectional	Engineer's Hall, Burnaby
September 14, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
September 21, 2019	0-200 Sectional	East Delta Hall
October 05, 2019	MUG (Teams)	VBC
October 19-20, 2019	Future Stars Sectional	East Delta Hall
November 02, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
November 09-11, 2019	Round Up Sectional	Engineer's Hall
November 16, 2019	Mentor-Mentee	VBC
December 07, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC

* see flyer(s) in this Matchpointer

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