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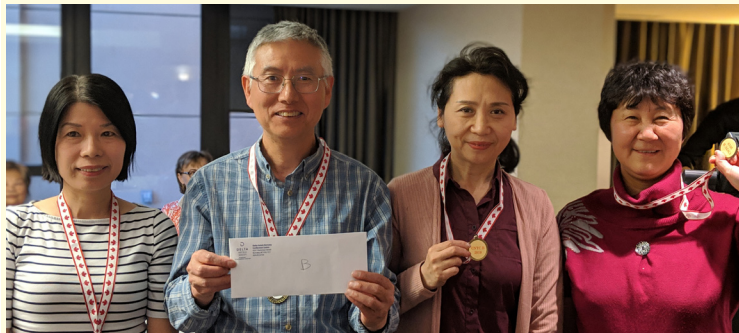
## Matchpointer

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### CBC Winners



CNTC (B) Amy Gao, David Huang, Diana Jing, Yue Su, (missing: David Hu, Barry Yamanouchi)



CNTC (Open) Zygmunt Marcinski, Frédéric Pollack, Nicolas L'Écuyer, Marc-André Fourcaudot, Kamel Fergani



CNTC (C) Morris Chen, Jack Qi Zhen, Lucy Zhong, Vincent Yung, Cyril Tsou, Qiang Hua



CIPC - IMP Pairs and COPC - Open Pairs  
David Caplan, Mark Caplan



CMTC (Mixed) Jim McAvoy, Connie McAvoy, Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser, Rhonda Foster, Gerry McCully

The reason we had such a great Canadian Bridge Championships CBF Board Member:  
Angela Fenton



CWTC (Women)  
Sondra Blank, Hazel Wolpert, Brenda Bryant, Pamela Nisbet

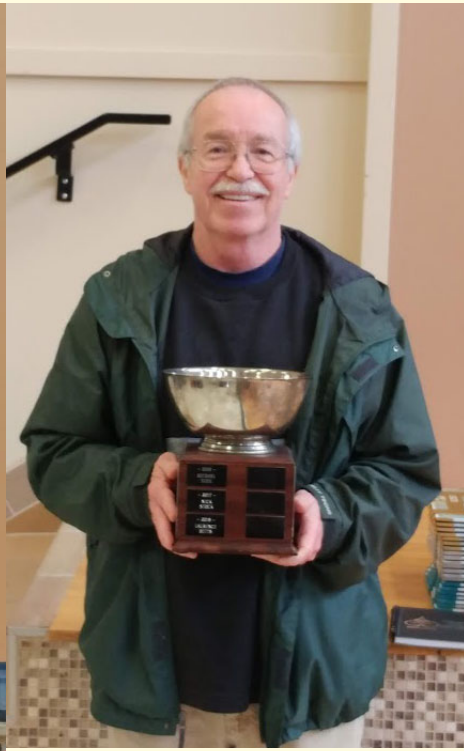
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# Trophy Winners

*pictures from the Editor's cell phone*



*Phil Wood Trophy:  
David Waterman*



*Leo Steil Memorial Trophy:  
Laurence Betts*



*Rocket Rookie Race Award:  
Qiang Hua*



*Eddie Bonnell Trophy:  
Yue Su*



*Phil Wood under 200 Trophy:  
John Lai*



*Unit 430 Trophy Monthly Unit Games:  
Kai Zhou*



*Gordie Davis Memorial  
IMP League Open:  
Larry Pocock  
Kai Zhou  
Yue Su  
Tao Feng  
Jack Lee  
Eric Pan*



*IMP League X:  
David Yu  
Monica Angus  
Lu Gan  
missing:  
Amy Gao  
Brian Liu  
Alex Hong*

*Adrian & June Budd Hicks Trophy:  
John Bryden, David Waterman*



*IMP League B&C:  
James Harris  
Ian Affleck  
Glenda Affleck  
Keith Lee  
missing:  
Judy Chang  
John Lai*



*Ben Lapidus  
Memorial Teams:  
Michael Yuen  
Joel Martineau  
Steve Vincent  
David Waterman*

*Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs:  
Monica Angus, Jack Lee*



*Willie Weinstein  
Flight A/X Teams:  
Dan Webster  
Garry Skoropada  
David Schmidt  
James Marshall*

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## President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430

Our present fiscal year ends on June 30th. All in all, I would classify it as another successful year for the Unit. In review:

- We have greatly expanded our Web site and email-out notifications.
- Attendance at all tournaments has been excellent, even causing us to worry slightly about future space needs.
- We have added 2 badly needed local Directors who are totally excellent.
- The \$1 fee increase seems to be about right at this point. Costs are continuing to rise, but I believe we should be OK for the next couple of years.
- The Unit donated \$7000 towards hospitality at the recently held Canadian Nationals in Burnaby. Many of your board members worked long hours helping to make that tournament a huge success.
- We are booked out to the end of 2020 on our 8

annual tournaments and 2 mentor/mentee games.

The need to constantly book forward requires a lot of detail work. We need to keep well ahead, not just to ensure that we don't lose the sites, but also to ensure that the required dates don't get allocated to a 'nearby' tournament; and we need to avoid any possible conflicting dates as we do so. Also, starting times and events scheduled need to be reviewed, far enough ahead, to allow for any changes to flyers or to the ACBL published schedules.

On a less positive note, our 10 year old dealing machine has broken down again and may need replacing. YOUR UNIT NEEDS YOU. We need at least one new board member. Please feel free to step up at our Saturday AGM which I know you are all going to attend! That's it.

Larry Pocock

## Canadian Bridge

### Championships

On the front page are pictured just the winners of the different events held at the annual Canadian Bridge Championships. For silver and bronze medal winners, check out the Canadian Bridge Federation website: [cbf.ca](http://cbf.ca)

The tournament doesn't often come out West so Unit 430 was pleased to be chosen to host the events at the Delta Burnaby Hotel. Fund raising and hospitality were ably organized and executed by CBF and Unit 430 Board member, Angela Fenton.

## Give Me A Hand

by Jörg Schneider

From Victoria, Thursday evening pairs with everyone vulnerable, you, North, pick up:

♠ A Q 8 6 4 3

♥ K

♦ 9 8 7 3

♣ J 8

and after South and West pass, you open 1♠. Lefty bids a Michaels 2♠ and after some vigorous bidding, they land in 4♥. Partner takes the push to 4♠ but the opponents don't double. The opening lead is the ♥A.

♠ J 10 9 5 2  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ A Q J 5  
 ♣ 6 2

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

When your King drops LHO collects two club tricks and switches to the ♦ 10. You stick in the Jack and it holds. Now you lead a spade from dummy and RHO follows with the 7. Do you finesse? or play for the drop? That's 48% versus 52%, slightly favouring the drop. But that is not the issue. You can see that against their 4♥ contract, you have 3 certain tricks: 2 diamonds and a trump. If spades are 1-1, they cannot make 4♥ so you must make 4♠ to get a good score (otherwise your 4♠ "save" is a phantom). So you play the Ace. East shows out and you are -100 but since they can make their game, you will beat all pairs that let them play 4♥. The full deal:

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

*(Editor's note: Good reasoning except you can expect that almost all pairs your way will bid 4♠)*

## Two Jacks

by Greg Morse

Partnership trust is a wonderful thing.

Some time ago Augie Boehm in the ACBL Bulletin had a series on hand evaluation. A key component of advanced hand evaluation is how to adjust the value of your hand as the auction progresses.

♠ 10 5 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 6  
 ♦ Q 10 6  
 ♣ J 8 6

You are VUL versus Not.

You pass as dealer and your LHO opens 1♦. Partner

jumps to 2NT, showing Clubs and Hearts. RHO bids 3♦. Do you have anything to say?

You have no shape, and half the values in your hand (♦Q) rate to be worthless. But the expert advice is to look for a reason to bid, not an excuse to pass.

So on the plus side partner is known to be a sound bidder especially at these colours. And you do have a fit for both of his suits. If you pass partner will probably not bid again so it's now or never. You decide that bidding 3♥ should be safe; pard heard you pass as dealer and will not be expecting much. So you bid 3♥, and LHO bids 4♦. Pard bids 4♥. Uh-oh, looks like you may have overdone it. But RHO rescues you with a bid of 5♦. You pass gratefully, as does LHO. Pard is still there however and bids 5♥. Yikes! What have you gotten yourself into?

Not unexpectedly, LHO doubles which ends the auction. So here you are:

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

LHO leads the diamond Ace, and switches to a low club.

You run this to your Jack, (9 from RHO) and run the heart Jack, which wins. You then play the Ten covered by the King and Ace, and draw the last trump with the Queen. You cash your winners and give up a spade at the end, making 5♥ doubled. Your two Jacks were exactly what partner needed to justify his bidding. Partnership trust is a wonderful thing! :)

## Why Do You Play Bridge?

by Aidan Ballantyne

I've been asked this question many times and I've always had trouble giving a good answer. There are just so many reasons to play bridge. First there's the competitive aspect. Winning is part of it, insofar as

winning is an indicator of performance. To me, consistently excellent performance is what is rewarding and what I strive for. Like any sport, to do well you need to focus on the process rather than the outcome. And there are the tactical and psychological sides of the game. It's satisfying to be a difficult opponent. And there's the partnership aspect. It can be very rewarding (but sometimes frustrating) to play what is essentially a team sport. Also, there is the problem-solving challenge. It's a great game if you love logic and puzzles, which I do. And there is an ethical aspect that you always need to be mindful of. Bridge has a creative side that appeals to me. And there is the somewhat mystical question of luck. Finally, there's the sociability factor. You meet lots of interesting people at bridge and my best friends are all bridge players. You can be in a foreign city and you show up at the local bridge club and make new friends. While you ponder your own reasons for playing the game, consider this deal which came up on BBO the other day.

	♠ A K Q 9 7		
	♥ A J 5		
	♦ A Q 6 3		
	♣ K		
♠ J 6		♠ 10 8 3	
♥ K Q 10 3		♥ 9 4 2	
♦ 10 8 7		♦ 5 4	
♣ A Q J 3		♣ 9 7 6 5 4	
	♠ 5 4 2		
	♥ 8 7 6		
	♦ K J 9 2		
	♣ 10 8 2		
N	E	S	W
2♣	P	2♦	P
2♠	P	3♦	P
4♦	P	4♠	P
6♦	all pass		

Lead: ♥K

My 2♦ was artificial and game forcing. Over Katrin's 2♠, I had choices. The sensible bid was probably 4♠ fast arrival showing some sort of spade support and minimum for my previous bidding. However, because I was so balanced, I bid 3♦ fishing for 3NT (9 tricks are easier than 10!). Katrin surprised me by raising diamonds. I corrected to 4♠ hoping that was the end of it but no, she jumped to 6♦. I thought long and hard about correcting to 6♠ but playing a 4-4 diamond fit (if we had one) could be advantageous. In addition, if she had only 3 card diamond support, my diamonds

were probably good enough to survive a Moysian fit and taking a ruff in dummy could create an extra trick. So I eventually passed 6♦. After the ♥K lead, my chances looked slim and none. There was little to do but win the first trick, draw trumps and run the spades. Luckily both pointed suits broke. This was the position before I played dummy's last spade:

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

On the last spade, RHO pitched a green card (immaterial), I pitched my last heart, and LHO was squeezed. If he threw a heart, I would ruff a heart and set up dummy's ♥J. So he pitched the ♣J. I exited the ♣K and LHO had to win his Ace (if he ducks, I have twelve tricks). But now LHO was endplayed. He could not play a heart without giving me the slam-going trick, so he led his ♣Q. I ruffed in dummy and claimed the last two tricks in my hand (good diamond and good ♣10). The thrill of bidding and making a pretty hand like that is perhaps the best reason I play bridge. It can be such a beautiful game.

The funny thing was, LHO had been carping about the bad cards he'd been getting. On this hand he held too much!

## Big Time Beer Me

by Greg Morse

### The Beer Card

There is a well established tradition, especially among younger players, of the "Beer Card". If a player wins the last trick, trick 13, with the diamond 7, and goes plus, then he has played the Beer Card, and his partner must buy him a beer (*ed note: you can't be declaring a diamond contract either - too easy*). Of course the usual case is that **Declarer** makes the Beer Card, but the Beer Card can also be scored on

**Defence.** The key is that the player winning trick 13 must go plus; you can't make the Beer as Declarer, if you are going down, or on Defence, if Declarer is succeeding.

### Once in a Lifetime

Playing in a recent IMP match, RHO, LHO and even CHO are all bidding and declaring every hand, while I try to maintain enough concentration not to revoke. At board 25 in a 28 board match I pick up a typical hand for this session:

♠ J 6  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ 9 8 4 3

RHO opens (1♠ of course), LHO bids 2♦ and a short time later they are in 7♦.

Partner thinks for a bit and leads the ♦ Jack!

Dummy puts down:

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

I see at once that 7♦ is going down; now is the time to concentrate on the real problem of the hand, how to score the Beer Card. A lot depends on how the play goes, which is totally out of my control; that is why it is so hard to score the Beer on defence.

Declarer wins in hand, with the Ace and plays the ♦King. I play the ♦8 under this; it would be terrible to blow my big chance at trick 2! Declarer plays 3 rounds of clubs, ruffing the third, to which all follow. He then tries 3 rounds of hearts, and then plays a fourth heart which he ruffs in dummy. Once again I am up to the intellectual challenge! I discard on this trick, refusing to over-ruff.

Declarer now plays ♠A, ♠K, and then the ♦Q. I pass the test for the third time, by unblocking the ♦10.

Finally Declarer leads the ♦5, and I triumphantly cry, "Beer Me" as I play the ♦7.

Notice that at several junctures Declarer could have forced me to win my trump trick well before trick 13.

He could have even claimed down 1 after trick 2.

Winning the Beer against a Grand Slam, is a once in a lifetime opportunity – I don't ever expect to do it again. So a HUGE, "Thank You" to Tom for giving me the chance!

The full hand: (as if it matters)

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

♠ J 6
♥ J 6 3
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ 9 8 4 3

## Solve this Problem on Defence

by Brad Bart

With tough opponents in a tournament pairs game, your partner saws off their 4♠.

On the ♣ K lead, it goes six, seven, eight. Over to you.

Both Vul:

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

♠ A 9	
♥ 9 8 5 4	
♦ K 7	
♣ K Q 10 9 4	

♠ K Q 10 4
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ A J 5 3
♣ 6

*Solution on page 10*

## Notable Results Trophy Sectional

Jan 25 - 27

Winners of each flight

Friday Aft Open Pairs	A	Garry Skoropada, James Marshall
	B C	Dave Lake, James Harris

Fri Aft 0-200 Pairs	D E	Larraine Smith, Irene Dundon
	F	Junkai Peng, Flora Yan
Fri Eve Open Pairs	A	Eric Pan, David Huang
	B	Paul Harding, Jim McKenzie
	C	Michael Desaulniers, Dariusz Matus
	C	Tanweer Saqalan, Shaviv Ben Neriah
Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs	7	Glenda Affleck, Ian Affleck
	3	Jane Gray, Paul Gray
	1	Bryan Brooking, Jeannie Coleman
Fri Eve H. Smilie Mixed BAM	A B	Rhoda Tafler, Cindy Oishi, James Lenobel, Michael Dimich
	C	Jennifer Hong, Tadeusz Smaruj, Margaret Gibson, Kenny Ying
Saturday Morn 0-750 Pairs	7 B	Cedric Miller, Adelaine Miller
	C	Flora Yan, Junkai Peng
Sat A&JB Hicks Open Pairs		Aidan Ballantyne, Katrin Litwin
Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs	7 B	Morris Chen, Qiang Hua
	C	Flora Yan, Junkai Peng
Sat Aft Consolation Pairs	A B C	Dean Altschuler, Ronald Pratt
Willie Weinstein AX Swiss	A	Cameron Doner, Dan Jacob, Michael Dimich, Lawrence Hicks
	X	David Yu, Yuandong Ren, Long Xie, Tao Feng
M. Clarke BCD Swiss	B C	Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Qiang Hua, Morris Chen
	D	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison, Janice Porter, Vern Porter

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners
37.18	Dan Jacob
36.24	Cameron Doner
33.90	Katrin Litwin
33.90	Aidan Ballantyne
28.41	Michael Dimich
23.61	Kelvin Raywood
19.89	David Waterman

18.71	John Bryden
18.70	Lawrence Hicks
18.48	Eric Pan

## Future Stars

March 23 - 24

Saturday NLM Pairs	A	Ian Affleck, Keith Lee
	B C	Irene Dundon, Lana Chow
Sunday NLM Pairs	A B C	Wendy Alex, Randy Erickson
Sunday NLM Swiss	A	Carroll Guichon, Don Guichon, Lauren Cockroft, Ann Clemmons
	B	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison, Janice Porter, Vern Porter
	C	Louis Fortin, Daphne Fortin, Janie Ochsendorf, Roy Livingstone

Top 6	Masterpoint Winners
6.26	Keith Lee
6.26	Ian Affleck
4.17	Lana Chow
4.17	Irene Dundon
3.90	Jerry Shapiro
3.90	Bernice Kling

## 0-200 Sectional

Saturday 199er Pairs	A B C	Henry Yao, Jennifer Hong MPs won: 4.09
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## Victoria Regional

April 8 - 14

Winners from Unit 430

Monday Eve Charity Open Pairs	A	Dan Jacob, Gordon McOrmond
	B	L Ralph Buckley, David Gabel
Tuesday Morn 199er Pairs	D	Ian Gilhooley, Karen Tomkins
	C	Gordon Cairns, Jeannette Zagwyn
Tuesday Eve 199er Pairs	E	Karen Jensen, Trudy Merritt
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs	3	Bill Walter, Christine Walter



Tuesday Open Pairs	A	Nicholas Stock, Leo Glaser
Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster, Ingrid Anderson, Les Fouks
	C	Darlene Allen, Denise Holst, Giff Kassebaum, James Kassebaum
Wednesday Morn 199er Pairs	D E F	Jeannette Zagwyn, Gordon Cairns
Wednesday Aft 199er Pairs	A	Karen Tomkins, Ian Gilhooley
Wednesday Aft Side Pairs	B	Andrew Nalos, Eda Kadar
Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams	A	Daniel Lyder, Duncan Smith, Karen Turner, Karen Billett
Tues-Wed Tulip KOs	Brkt 5	Don Guichon, Carroll Guichon, Mary Frances Bishop, Bud Bishop
Thursday Morn Side Pairs	C	Linda Ellis, Les Ellis
Thursday Aft 199er Pairs	D	Ian Gilhooley, Karen Tomkins
Thursday Open Pairs	A	Gordon McOrmond, Dan Jacob
Thursday Eve Swiss Teams	B C	Ralph Lipe, Lynda Lipe, Dennis Glassford, Brian Sims
Wed-Thu Crocus KOs	Brkt 4	Janet Mori, Patricia Desbrisay, Patricia Hartley, Deborah Davey
Friday Gold Rush Pairs	1	Lorraine Smith, Irene Dundon
Friday Eve Side Pairs	A	David Hu, Eric Pan
	B C	Mary Francis Bishop, Bud Bishop
Thu-Fri Rose KOs	Brkt 2	Bruce Busby, Brian Busby, Ryley Breiddal, Thomas Anderson
	Brkt 4	Don Wallace, Wayne Stann, Leah Koffski, Sharon Horvath
Fri-Sat Morn Swiss Teams	A	Monica Angus, Jack Lee, Sidney Yang, William Ge
Saturday Open Pairs	B	Janis Parker, Nick Parker
Saturday Eve Side Pairs	A B	Vivian Thickett, Tony Thickett

Fri-Sat Magno-lia KOs	Brkt 3	Mike Amspacher, Heather Dolan, Eve Jensen, Gordon Sawyer
Sat Daffodil Compact KOs	Brkt 1	Eric Pan, William Ge, David Hu, Jack Lee
Saturday Eve Swiss	1	Keith Dowdall, Ross Amann, Michael Yuen, Dick Vission
Sunday AX Y Swiss Teams	A	Eric Pan, William Ge, Jack Lee, David Hu

Top 10	Unit 430 Masterpoint Winners
78.39	Dan Jacob
78.04	Nicholas Stock
77.89	Gordon McOrmond
49.87	Jack Lee
49.28	William Ge
47.02	Eric Pan
46.52	David Hu
43.82	Daniel Lyder
39.01	Les Fouks
38.43	Thomas Anderson / Ryley Breiddal

## CBC Regional

May 6-12

Winners from Unit 430

Monday Strati-fied Pairs	A	Mike Moffatt, Tom Cotton
	X	R Chan, Suzette Bahar
	Y	Paul Yip, Kenny T K Chan
Monday Gold Rush Pairs	7	Theodora Friedman, Lorraine Usher
	3 1	Joanne Emerman, Bakul Dalal
Monday 199er Pairs	D	Gary Kaiway, Patricia Hartley
	E	Robert Shewfelt, Nancy Shewfelt
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs	7 3 1	Jennifer Hong, Henry Yao
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs	1	Craig Wilson, Robin Adams
	3	Andrew Serafini, Peter Serafini
	2	Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad
Wednesday 199er Pairs	D	Adelaine Miller, Dorothy Grubb
	E F	Irene Dundon, Catherine Shields

Thursday Stratified Pairs	B C	Ted Dagan, Brock Short
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs	7 3 2	Allan Chernov, Philip Chernov
Thu Aft Swiss	A B	Tai Eng, Tom Satanove, Paul Harding, Jim McKenzie
Thu Morn Swiss	A B 1/2	Tai Eng, Tom Satanove, Paul Harding, Jim McKenzie
	C	Rebecca Brown, Linda Allen, Maxine Cordon, Debra Blacklock
Friday Morn 199er Pairs	D	Kathryn Templeton, Wendy Williams
Thu/Fri KO	Brkt 1	Gray McMullin, Bryan Maksymetz, James Wu, Ben Takemori
	Brkt 2	Andrew Serafini, Peter Serafini, Michael Serafini, Jacob Freeman, Pamela Nisbet
	Brkt 3	Ethan Wu, Edward Sun, Bill Wang, Kun Shao
Friday Stratified Pairs	A X	Ken Lochang, Elena Ransom
	Y	Ching Chung Lai, R Chan
CNTC Flight B		David Huang, Barry Yamanouchi, David Hu, Amy Gao, Diana Jing, Yue Su
CNTC Flight C		Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Morris Chen, Qiang Hua, Cyril Tsou, Vincent Yang
Saturday Stratified Pairs	B C	Raymond Clemmons, Ron Fox
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs	7	Bill Matheson, Tadeusz Smaruj
	3 2	Cedric Miller, Adelaine Miller
Sunday Open Swiss	B	Tao Feng, Kai Zhou, Long Xie, Yuandon Ren, David Yu
	C	Stuart Carr, Ryley Breiddal, Wade Carpenter, Thomas Anderson
Sunday Gold Rush Swiss	7	Bill Matheson, Tadeusz Smaruj, Bruce Adams, Jim Glanville

	B C	Cedric Miller, Adelaine Miller, Ted Parker, Joanne Parker
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## Defence Solution

*continued from page 7*

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

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

On the ♣ K lead, it goes six, seven, eight.

Though a heart shift is safe enough, it won't build you any winners.

The best resource is to shift to the ♦ K. When partner holds the queen, declarer can pick their poison: either let you win the trick for two diamond losers, or win the ace to eventually concede a ruff.

Add those to your two black winners for down one!

The shift looks like it will lead to disaster if declarer turns up with the queen, but declarer was already in a position to finesse and drop your king in any event. The only alternative is to continue clubs. This is, in effect, playing partner for ♠ Jxx of spades, and no more than four clubs, something like:

♠ Jxx ♥ K10xx ♦ Qx ♣ Axxx.

That would leave South with:

♠ xxxx ♥ J ♦ xxxxx ♣ Jxx, not an inspiring collection on which to bid 4♠. Regardless, the diamond king still works on that layout.

## 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](http://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

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## District 19 Multi-level Events

*by Tim White (District 19 GNT/NAP Coordinator)*  
 The District strives to offer players a rewarding Grand National Teams and North American Pairs experience while balancing geographic factors, managing financial realities, and navigating a calendar packed with bridge events. Our goal is to enhance players' experience and grow participation in the District Finals and National Finals of these events. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

The purpose of this communication is to provide background and an update on developments with the District's approach and planning for the GNTs and NAPs and to address some deeply-felt concerns regarding two recent site selections.

District 19 encompasses a vast geographic expanse. We would like to enable participation in the GNT and NAP District Finals by players from all across the district – Alaska, British Columbia and Washington. We have explored the idea of conducting online district finals in these events. Lining up, vetting and ensuring suitable and secure locations and facilities for supervised online play across the district, and doing so in an affordable way, is difficult. Nevertheless, we are mindful of the potential of this approach for the future.

The greatest concentration of District players is along the Vancouver-Seattle corridor. We seek to site our District GNT and NAP Finals along this corridor for accessibility. We also make every effort to avoid holding Finals in conjunction with the District's regional tournaments, thus not restricting players' choices of regionally-rated events to play. However, circumstances can arise that prevent us from fulfilling these objectives.

#### Two Recent Siting Challenges

Much concern has been expressed regarding two recent Finals siting decisions. In 2017, the NAP Finals were scheduled for Mount Vernon, WA; the facility was reserved; and the other arrangements were in place. On short notice, this plan was uprooted because of late breaking plans to run a Whistler Regional that superseded the NAPs' dates. NAP Finals recovery planning addressed alternative date, site and resource constraints and availabilities. It was concluded that the best available alternative was to hold the event in conjunction with the Olympia Regional.

For years, the Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC) has been a great home for two of the District's four GNT Flight Finals. In 2018, VBC was in flux as the City of Vancouver (the landlord) required that it vacate its location at E. Broadway for planned renovations. For a period of time there was substantial uncertainty as to whether, where and when VBC would transition to operations at a new site. This period encompassed the window in which the 2019 GNT Open and Flight B Finals (planned for Vancouver) needed to be finalized and sanctioned. Several Vancouver Unit 430 folks generously contributed a great deal of time and effort helping to seek alternative site/date arrangements for these Flight Finals. Clubs and community centres in Vancouver, the North Shore, east end and lower mainland BC area were investigated. U430 was also open to scheduling the GNT Open and B Finals in conjunction with one of its planned tournaments. In the end, scheduling and logistical constraints, made more challenging by the Canadian Bridge Federation Championships running in Burnaby in May 2019, made siting the 2019 Open and B Flight Finals in mainland BC unworkable. This led to the decision to site the Finals in conjunction with the Victoria Regional.

Going forward, we have every hope there will not be a recurrence of extraordinary circumstances such as those that led to these alternative siting arrangements.

#### GNT/NAP Landscape

We plan to continue to conduct adjacent flights of the District's GNT and NAP Finals on separate dates to allow players to play their usual flight and to "play up." We want to balance/ alternate Finals events between mainland BC and the Puget Sound area. While recently this has gener-

ally been the case for the GNTs, for several reasons the NAPs have more frequently been in Washington. For the Fall 2019 NAP Finals, through excellent work led by Don Guichon, we will be trying out a new site, the East Delta Hall in Delta, BC. We are hopeful East Delta Hall will be a good fit for alternating the NAP Finals between mainland BC and the Puget Sound area going forward. We are exploring prospective sites for Puget Sound area legs of the NAP Finals. Running separate flights of events on separate weekends can be challenging given the proliferation of events on the bridge calendar.

#### Coming Improvements

We strive to improve the experiences of players in the GNTs and NAPs and to harmonize plans with the clubs. At the ACBL Board of Directors meeting last fall, to encourage greater participation by Flight B and C teams in districts' GNT Finals, a new policy was approved. This policy allows a district to send second GNT Flight B and/or C teams to the GNT National Finals if at least eight teams enter the District GNT Finals in the flight(s). District 19 has adopted this change as our policy and has approved implementation of the award of US\$1,200 (Cdn\$ equivalent for BC players) subsidies to second Flight B and C teams representing the District at the GNT National Finals.

In an attempt to encourage clubs to run more GNT qualification games, and more players to play these games, the District has terminated the US\$4.00 per table surcharge on club GNT qualification games. (Funds generated through the surcharge had been applied toward the subsidies the District awards to teams representing it at the GNT National Finals.) Players who have qualified at a club GNT game avoid a buy-in fee at the District GNT Finals. To encourage players to play two flights of the District's GNT Finals, for those players who do not qualify at a club the buy-in fee is imposed only once in a given GNT cycle should players play in two flight finals.

To enhance players' experience in the District GNT finals, going forward pre-duplicated boards and hand records are planned for all flights of the event.

We hope players will consider playing these Multi-Level events – both the club qualification games and the District Finals. We extend a special invitation to Flight C players. Recently, District 19 Flight C players have had tremendous success in the GNT and NAP National Finals.

<b>Bridge Clubs</b>	Game time(s) * new players	Contact	Address
<b>Chilliwack</b>			
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 1pm	604-858-7838	
<b>Maple Ridge</b>			
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30pm*	Garry Skoropada 604-462-7320	12150 224th Street
<b>North Vancouver</b>			
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)	Shelley Burns sburns@rogers.com 604-988-0990	1695 Orkney Place
<b>Squamish</b>			
Squamish Bridge Club	Monday 6:00 pm Friday 10:30am	Colin Ransom 604-898-1533	40194 Glenalder Pl, Squamish, BC.
<b>South Surrey / White Rock</b>			
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
<b>Vancouver</b>			
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Tuesday/Thursday 11am*	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496	950 West 41st Ave
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	10:15am M/W/F 10:30am Tu/Thu 7:00pm Tu/W/Thu 1:00pm Sun	Ken Lochang 604-267-2202	2177 West 42nd Ave
<b>West Vancouver</b>			
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
<b>Whistler</b>			
Whistler Duplicate Bridge Club	Thursday 1:00pm	Gillian I Schramm	Whistler Racquet Club 4500 Northlands Blvd.

# Whistler BC Regional Oct 28 – Nov 3, 2019

Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Tournament Chairman: Bruce Busby buzz01@telus.net

Partnership Chairperson: Anna Crouch anna\_c47@hotmail.com

Director in Charge: Doug Rankin

## Monday, October 28, 2019

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (Eve side series 1 of 6)	7:30 pm
Monday Evening KO 1 of 3, continues 7:30 Tues & 7:30 Wed	7:30 pm
199er Pairs	7:30 pm

## Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Tues.-Wed. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Tues, 10 & 3:00 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 of 5	10:00 am		
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	Tues – Wed KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm	199er Pairs	3:00 pm
Afternoon Side Series 1 of 5	3:00 pm		
Evening KO 2 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 2 of 6	7:30 pm

## Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Wed. – Thurs. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Wed. 10 am & 3:00 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 of 5	10:00 am
Tues – Wed KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm	Wed - Thurs KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 2 of 5	3:00 pm
Evening KO 3 of 3	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 3 of 6	7:30 pm

## Thursday, October 31, 2019

Thurs. - Fri. KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Thurs., 10 & 3:00 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 of 5	10:00 am
Wed – Thurs KO 4 of 4	3:00pm	Thurs – Fri KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 3 of 5	3:00 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 1 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 4 of 6	7:30 pm

## Friday, November 1, 2019

Fri – Sat KO 1 of 4, 3:00 Fri., 10 & 3:00 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 of 5	10:00 am
Thurs – Fri KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm	Wed – Thurs KO 2 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 4 of 5	3:00 pm
Thurs – Fri Swiss Teams 2 of 2	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 5 of 6	7:30 pm

## Saturday, November 2, 2019

Saturday Compact KO 1 of 2, continues 3:00 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 of 5	10:00 am
Saturday Compact 2 of 2	3:00 pm	Fri – Sat KO 4 of 4	3:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	3:00 pm	ABC & Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	3:00 pm
199er Pairs	3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Series 5 of 5	3:00 pm
Board-A-Match Teams	7:30 pm	Evening Side Series 6 of 6	7:30 pm

## Sunday, November 3, 2019

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

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

199er Pairs 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

Bracketed events with only one bracket will be handicapped.

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

ABC Pairs 0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+

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

Side game series offer gold point awards for individual leaders who play in two or more sessions in that series.

# Evergreen Sectional

## August 31 to September 2, 2019

### Engineers Hall

#### 4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3T3

**Saturday Afternoon** **\*\* 12pm August 31<sup>st</sup> \*\***  
**Stratified Open Pairs** ( 2500+ / 750-2500 / 0-750 )  
**0-200 Pairs** ( 100-200 / 50-100 / 0-50 )

**Saturday Evening** **\*\* 6pm August 31<sup>st</sup> \*\***  
The Jean Turnbull Mixed Pairs\* ( 2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250 )  
*\*Premier Trophy Event (+ 40% more silver points!)*  
**Side Open Pairs** ( 2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250 )  
**0-750 pairs** ( 300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100 )

**Sunday Morning** **10:30am September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Open Pairs** (1 of 2, single session accepted) ( 2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250 )  
**0-750 pairs** (1 of 2, single session accepted) ( 300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100 )

**Sunday Afternoon** **3:30pm September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Open Pairs** (2 of 2, single session accepted) ( 2500+ / 1250-2500 / 0-1250 )  
**0-750 pairs** (2 of 2, single session accepted) ( 300-750 / 100-300 / 0-100 )

**Monday Morning & Afternoon** **10:00am & TBA September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**A/X Swiss Teams** ( 2500+ / 0-2500 )  
**Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams** ( 500-1500 / 200-500 / 0-200 )

**Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams' entry fee**

**Online Partnership Desk:** [www.vancouverbridge.com](http://www.vancouverbridge.com)  
**Tournament Co-Chairs:** **Larry Pocock:** [yewood007@gmail.com](mailto:yewood007@gmail.com) 778-389-5966  
**Nick Stock:** [ngstock@telus.net](mailto:ngstock@telus.net) 604-809-9875  
**Fees:** \$11.00/player for Pairs session. \$108 for Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4)  
*\$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member?  
No problem. You can buy a temporary 1 mo. membership for \$9.95.*  
**Stratification:** By average, but each player must be below the event limit  
**Coffee/Tea:** FREE if you bring your own cup, or cups are \$1 (environment levy)  
**Tournament Results:** [www.vancouverbridge.com](http://www.vancouverbridge.com)

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

# Calendar of Events

## 2019/2020

May 17-20, 2019	Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
June 01, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
June 03-09, 2019	STAC	participating clubs
June 29, 2019	Mentor-Mentee (Swiss)	East Delta Hall
July 06, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
August 03, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
August 19-25, 2019	Lynnwood Regional	Lynnwood, WA
August 31-September 02, 2019	*Evergreen Sectional	Engineers Hall, Burnaby
September 07, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
September 07, 2019	0-200 Sectional	East Delta Hall
October 05, 2019	MUG (Teams)	VBC
October 19-20, 2019	Future Stars Sectional	East Delta Hall
October 28-November 03, 2019	*Whistler Regional	Fairmont Chateau Whistler
November 02, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
November 09-11, 2019	Round Up Sectional	Engineers Hall
November 16, 2019	Mentor-Mentee	VBC
December 02-08	STAC	participating clubs
December 07, 2019	MUG (Pairs)	VBC
January 24-26, 2020	Trophy Sectional	Ukrainian Cultural Centre
May 16-18, 2020	Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre
September 04-06, 2020	Evergreen Sectional	Engineers Hall
November 13-15, 2020	Roundup Sectional	Engineers Hall

\* see flyer(s) in this Matchpointer

STAC = Sectional Tournament at Clubs

MUG = Monthly Unit Game

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