

UNIT 430 Matchpointer

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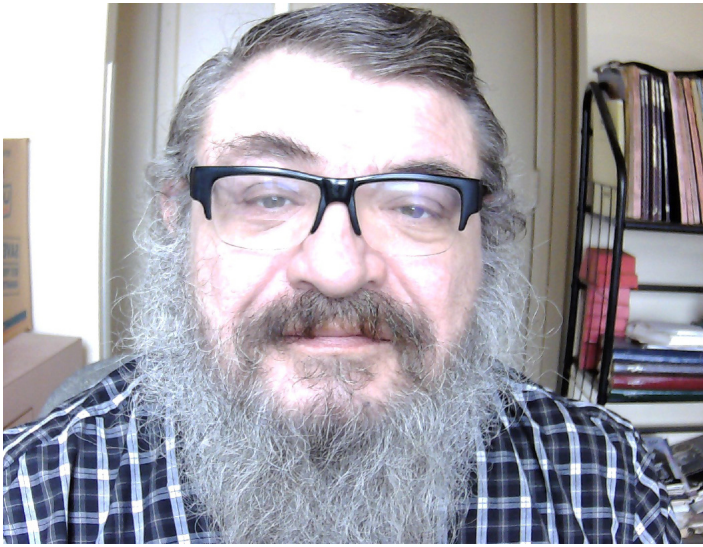
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Recent ACBL Rank

Achievements

by the Editor

The pictures on the first four pages are of those people recently achieving new ACBL ranks by winning masterpoints at ACBL events (clubs, online tournaments, special games).

We want to celebrate all who demonstrate skill improvement in this most difficult game.

This will be a regular feature in the Matchpointer and requires only that you send us your picture when your rank improves; naturally, you are not obliged to do so. Some of you who have recently improved your rank are not included in this edition. Rest assured that you will get your opportunity for “fame and glory” in future editions of the Matchpointer.

Below is the list for this Matchpointer. Those with an asterisk next to their name did not send us their picture (but still could if they like).

*Kathy Adachi	Grand Life Master
Glenda Affleck	Bronze Life Master
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You will notice this list includes two people who recently achieved the rank of Grand Life Master (the highest official rank for ACBL members, achieved only for winners of national events who have accumulated 10,000 masterpoints or more).

Kathy Adachi, who won the Canadian National Womens Teams in 1989 and 1997, modestly declined to send us a picture for publication. Nonetheless, if you wish to see a picture of her, you can look in the January 2021 ACBL Bulletin.

Bryan Maksymetz has finished second in numerous ACBL National Events and has won the Canadian National Team Championships five times starting in 1985.

President's Message

from Larry Pocock, President, ACBL Unit 430
January 2021

In my last message I said that finding a vaccine was the single most important thing affecting the entire world. Well now that's changed. Now it is getting enough people vaccinated so that “herd immunity” can kick in. With this in mind, I could see clubs opening for face to face (FTF) play by June and Sectionals starting in the Fall.

I still worry whether the vaccine will be effective

against the newer strains of covid. It also bothers me that, at this point, only the 10 richest nations are getting the vaccine. Apparently, Africa has not yet received a single dose.

So we need to stay the course for the next 4 or so months. It is important to keep supporting our local clubs' online games. We need to keep these guys alive. Your Unit Board continues to "zoom" meet and we continue to plan ahead. We have dates tentatively booked ahead for Sectionals starting in the Fall.

It is so clear that social interaction is one of the main attractions of Bridge. Yes it keeps the mind sharp and it is fun to compete, but it's the activity part that is the key, and we SO need to get back to that. BBO has its place but it is not the same.

For now we need to keep our spirits up. Stay safe. wear your mask but also go for a daily walk. Don't let the dreariness of winter defeat you because YOU are a Bridge Player and we expect better!

Larry Pocock

Test Your Play Timing is Everything

by Greg Morse

Playing in an online team game you bid well to reach 7 ♣ on these cards:

♠ A 6 3 2
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ 7 6 5
♣ Q 9

♠ K Q
♥ 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ A K J 7 5 4

The Opening lead is a small diamond.

Lets see, 3 spade tricks, 3 diamond tricks, the heart Ace and 6 clubs adds up to 13. Well bid.

You win in hand and lead a club to dummy; LHO pitches a diamond! RHO has 5 clubs to the 10 8. You take the club Q, and play the club 9, covered by the Ten and won by your Jack.

How can you still make your grand slam? Be specific, as on this deal, the details are crucial.

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Justify Your Partner's View

by Greg Morse

Frankly I don't know what to make of this hand. See what you make of it.

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ K
♣ A 9 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding has been:

I ♦ DBL 3 ♦ P
P DBL P 3 ♥
All Pass

LHO starts with the ♦ Ace, then shifts to the ♥ 4. Over to you.

Hint: A good card reader should make 3 ♥. But 3 ♥ can go down 2 if you take the wrong view.

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Dimich for the Defense

A Simple Defense

by Michael Dimich

You are playing in the local Unit game and this hand comes up:

♠ A K 3 2
♥ A 8 7 5 2
♦ 3 2
♣ Q 3

Sitting West you open 1 ♥, North passes, partner bids 2 ♥ and south doubles. You pass and North bids 3 ♣ alerted as showing values. Partner passes and South bids 3 ♠ which you pass and which North raises to 4 ♠ – all pass.

You're on lead and all the bidding has told you quite a bit about the high card distribution. First, North has values, say 8 or 9 HCP. Second, Partner probably has a weakish hand (4-7) with just 3 hearts. Third,

South has somewhere between 13 and 15 HCP and is short in hearts. How can you beat this contract? With three tricks in your hand, you can expect to make another, probably only from the trump length. If South has only 5 spades (as seems likely because they didn't focus on spades in the first round of the bidding so must have support for the other two suits) then the Ace of hearts followed by two more rounds of hearts will shorten declarer's spade holding, leaving you with 2 small spades and declarer 1 high one. The question you should ask yourself is: "Will this defense always work?"

What if declarer started with 6 spades? A possible solution to this is to underlead your heart Ace at trick one, expecting that your partner has at least the king of hearts. Dummy probably doesn't have it since LHO didn't offer 3NT over 3S (*Editor's note: but declarer might have a singleton King! – ugh*). On winning the King of hearts, partner can return a small one, forcing declarer to ruff. After, ruffing and knocking out your spade King, you can "tap" declarer again. If partner's heart holding includes the Queen or Jack, his play of a low heart back at trick two will allow you to force declarer again by leading another heart. Finally, when declarer knocks out your Spade Ace, you will be able to make him ruff a third time and so establish another spade trick for yourself. See the full hand:

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

(Editor's note: A brilliant guess on opening lead by our author. But other possibilities existed. E.g. dummy's hand might have been xx J9xx Kxx AJ10x, and partner's hand 10 K10x Qxxx xxxxx in which case at trick one the East hand would surely have played the ♥ 10, expecting declarer to win a singleton Ace. Then, declarer could lead trumps twice and take two taps and claim the rest on the ♣ Q coming down.)

Looking for a Safe Exit

by Michael Dimich

I'm playing with some local people in an online team event. The hands have been pretty humdrum until this hand comes up. I am West and the bidding proceeds - pass by North, pass by East and then a bid from South that I never expected: 2♣!

Look at my hand

♠ J 8 7
♥ A 6 5
♦ A K J 4 2
♣ A 2

If I am at a live table I am sure I would give some sort of body tell to the opponents. As it is they can't see me but I need some time to decide whether I want to bid if South has a flat 22 to 23 HCP. No one is vulnerable. In one scenario, if I bid 2♦ and North doubles showing no Ace or King then South will pass; in the much worse other scenario, if I bid and North passes to show at least an Ace or King and South doubles for take-out then I could be going for a real number if North converts holding 4+ diamonds to the Queen.

I am going to bid 2 diamonds, mainly because it's not rubber bridge so I won't lose any money and the cards have been boring. North passes showing an Ace or a King and then my wonderful (is he crazy?) East partner bids 3 diamonds. This is actually a good bid if I had 6 or 7 diamonds and some sort of 2 suited distributional hand.

South now shuts everybody up with 4♠. I know a little bit about South, he's turned into a student of the game over the last few years, he will probably have 9 tricks for his 4♠ bid.

Nothing else to do but lead the ace of diamonds. The dummy comes down -

<p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ A K J 4 2 ♣ A 2</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 9 7 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ 10 9 5 3</p>	
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The Ace holds which gives me more time to ponder about what South's distribution is. If South holds 8 spades and the ♣ KQJ the hand is cold. If South has 7 spades and holds the ♥ Qx and the ♣ KQx then

4 ♠ is cold.

If South holds ♥ xx will he go wrong if I lead a heart? Not likely, as I would not lead a heart holding the Queen and I needed some tricks outside the diamond suit to justify my bid - ergo 2 Aces.

My only chance is if South holds 8 spades, stiff heart, stiff diamond and KQx of clubs so I cash the ♥ Ace South following with the ♥ Q. Now I consider what to play next, assuming South started with 2 red singletons. Lets see, I can safely exit with the ♦ K now, as declarer has no dummy entries. But then what will I do when he plays ♣ K. I have to win it and lead what? A red suit gives declarer a dummy entry to all those winners, a ♣ allows the play of the 10 from dummy, finessing my partners ♣ J. So my only hope is to exit a spade, saving the ♦ K for later. South draws 3 rounds of trump, my partner following twice. Declarer plays more trumps but eventually leads the ♣ K which I win and play the ♦ K.

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

If I had not been careful to preserve the ♦ K as an exit card, I would have been exposed to what is called a “stepping stone” and many guffaws would have been had.

Why This Game is Hard

by Nicholas Stock

In this story I invite you into my thinking process in the hope that it might illuminate rather than bore and confuse. (Perhaps a faint hope).

Playing in a Canada-wide IMP team league, with nobody vulnerable, I pick up the following hand:

♠ A K
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ Q J 9

After Pass on my left, my partner opens the bidding with 1 ♠, Pass on my right, so I bid a game-forcing, natural 2 ♦. Partner rebids 3 ♣ and I have my choice of bidding either 3 ♥, natural, which would probably elicit 3NT from partner or I could bid 3NT myself. With two extremely good spades, good club support and a protected heart king with no spots, I decide that I should bid 3NT myself, since it is quite likely that partner has mostly black suit honours... (but maybe with such antipositional cards I should bid hearts naturally, hoping partner can bid 3NT with some holding like Qx in the suit...)

After 3 Passes, LHO takes some time considering their lead. Eventually, the ♥ Q hits the table and dummy appears:

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

I consider lines of play: spades 3-3 or doubleton Q or 10 (that's a high percentage!) but that would mean winning the heart in hand immediately or ducking once, then knocking out the club Ace before playing on spades to discover a favourable position there. Another thought is that heart length with LHO means that I can play on clubs, then diamonds for enough tricks: two hearts, two spades, three clubs and two diamonds comes to 9 tricks – I don't need extra spade tricks. And by the time I make my diamond play, RHO will be out of hearts so I can finesse diamonds into them. I decide that I can choose to play on spades or not, depending on the defense. Accordingly, I duck the heart in dummy and in my hand as RHO plays an encouraging ♥ 3. LHO continues with the ♥ 5. I win in dummy perforce, and lead a club, playing the ♣ Q as RHO follows with the ♣ 4 and LHO the ♣ 7. Now I lead the ♣ 9 from my hand hoping to induce whoever holds the Ace to duck again because then I would play on diamonds, taking 2 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs. LHO follows with the ♣ 3, I overtake with the ♣ 10 and RHO wins the Ace. Now he continues with the ♥ 9. I win the ♥ K

as LHO now pitches the ♣ 6. The play of the heart suit has revealed that RHO has heart length (originally 5). The opponent's plays, if they are suit preference signals, make me think that the ♦ K is on my right and the ♠ Q in on my left. But nothing is certain. I can still play on spades (and I would have to do it now to preserve a club entry to get back) but I'd rather guess whether to take a diamond finesse or not later. I decide to play all the clubs now because I have two possible ways to get two diamond tricks plus still the chance of a doubleton spade queen.

♠ J 9 7 6
♥ ----
♦ A 4
♣ K 8

♠ A K
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ J

If LHO has the diamond King I can take a simple diamond finesse. If RHO has the guarded diamond King, I can lead my fourth heart to him and he will have to lead away from it. So, ♣ J overtaken with the King in dummy as LHO follows with the ♣ 2 and RHO pitches the ♠ 5. I cash the ♣ 8 in dummy as RHO pitches the ♦ 8. Finally I lead a spade to my hand and cash the other spade. LHO plays the ♠ 4 and ♠ 8, RHO the ♠ 2 and ♠ 10. I've come to my last decision point:

♠ J 9
♥ ----
♦ A 4
♣ ----

♠ ----
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10
♣ ----

As is usual with me, I take more time to confirm play possibilities. RHO first pitched a spade, then a diamond. If his remaining 4 cards are ♠ Q ♥ J 10 ♦ x, I can play on diamonds: small to the Ace and diamond back to my hand, caters to any singleton diamond in his hand, including a now singleton King. If his remaining 4 cards are ♥ J 10 ♦ K x, I can play

a heart to him and he will have to play away from his diamond King at trick 12. I reflect on the opponents' play. They may or may not be signalling correctly. The opening lead, although in the unbid suit, was made from ♥ Q x. Even if you thought it was the best suit to score tricks in, it's not clear you would put all your eggs in the ♥ Q lead basket. Trying to find your partner's suit suggests you don't expect to have entries to your own hand. Also, for RHO, with ♠ Q 10 x x of spades to start with, they might not have thrown a spade on the third club, their first opportunity. On the fourth club they would have realized they needed to pitch a diamond, regardless of their holding. So, it's still a guess 😊

I am sorely tempted to make the play that wins against a remaining singleton diamond in RHO's hand, low to the Ace and another diamond. I can't stew any longer, as we have to finish before midnight, but I remember another rule when facing a guess: "Don't compliment your opponent by assuming they have made a good play. Rather, assume they have made normal plays." Perhaps RHO has just made normal plays.

With that in mind, I place the ♥ 8 on the table, pitching a spade from dummy. RHO wins and cashes his last heart as I leave ♦ A x opposite ♦ Q J in my hand. Finally, RHO has to lead a diamond from his king – 3NT just in.

Whew! That was a hard work.

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

I am congratulating myself and thinking that we are likely to win IMPs on this board if they find a heart lead at the other table. When the results pop up in BBO after we finish our last board, I see us losing 1 IMP on this board.

At the other table, North was declarer in 3NT after a similar auction:

1S – 2♦ – 2NT – 3NT.

So the East hand was on lead and with $\heartsuit K 9 8$ didn't anticipate that they had two likely entries ($\heartsuit K$ and $\clubsuit A$). So they led a normal $\heartsuit J$. Declarer won the Ace in hand and knocked out the club Ace. East continued with a low heart, ducked to West's now singleton $\heartsuit Q$. Since West could not continue hearts, declarer was able to play on diamonds to take 10 tricks. Notice that West could not unblock the $\heartsuit Q$ at trick one after the $\heartsuit J$ lead, because then the $\heartsuit 8$ would be a third stopper in the suit. Also declarer's play was "easy" as the position of the $\heartsuit Q$ was marked. Only a lead of a low heart from J109xx would have presented declarer with problems like I had.

This is why Bridge is hard.

Solution to Timing is Everything

Contract 7 \clubsuit .

\spadesuit A 6 3 2
 \heartsuit A Q 5 4
 \diamondsuit 7 6 5
 \clubsuit Q 9

\spadesuit K Q
 \heartsuit 3 2
 \diamondsuit A K Q
 \clubsuit A K J 7 5 4

T 1: Diamond lead, won in hand;

T 2: $\clubsuit 4$, diamond, $\clubsuit Q$, $\clubsuit 2$.

T 3: $\clubsuit 9$, $\clubsuit 10$, $\clubsuit J$, diamond.

In order to avoid a club loser you must play for a trump coup; the end position you visualize is:

\heartsuit 5 4
 \diamondsuit 7

\clubsuit 8 6 2

\clubsuit A K 7

If the lead is in Dummy RHO can no longer make a trump trick.

To achieve this ending you will need three things:

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You must reduce your trump length to that of RHO by ruffing once.

You must strip RHO of all of his non trump cards without allowing him a chance to ruff.

You need two entries: one to execute the ruff, and one so as to be in Dummy at trick 11.

One entry is the \heartsuit Ace. The other could be the \spadesuit Ace, or it could be a winning heart finesse.

If you overtake with the spade Ace what will you do with your heart loser? You have nothing to pitch it on, so you will need the heart finesse anyway.

What about RHO's shape? You need him to have at least two hearts, and at least two spades or he will ruff in too early. You must play him for one of: 3325, 3235, 2425, 4225, 2335. What about 2245?

That is no good. The play must go: two spades, two diamonds, winning heart finesse, and now spade ruff. With 2245 RHO will discard his last heart on the third spade and when you try to cross to dummy in hearts he will ruff in and set you.

Timing is critical; if you try to cash a third diamond, then with 3325 or 4225 RHO will be able to score a ruff. If you try to cash the spade Ace before taking your ruff, then with 3235 RHO will discard his second heart on the fourth round of spades and will ruff in when you try to cross to dummy for the second time. (Editor's note: With 2335, cashing the third diamond would work, but there is no need to do this.)

The end position has now come into clearer focus: You cash two spades, a second diamond, take the heart finesse, lead a spade and ruff it, cross to the heart Ace to reach:

\spadesuit A
 \heartsuit 5 4
 \diamondsuit 7
 \clubsuit ---

\spadesuit ?
 \heartsuit ?
 \diamondsuit ?
 \clubsuit 8 6 2

\spadesuit ---
 \heartsuit ---
 \diamondsuit Q
 \clubsuit A K 7

When you lead the spade Ace, you don't care what RHO does. If he ruffs, you over-ruff, draw his remaining trump and take trick 13 with a high diamond. If he discards his remaining plain card,

whatever it is , you discard your diamond winner, and score the last three tricks with your three remaining trumps.

It's not everyday you execute a Trump Coup to make a Grand Slam; savour the moment.

Solution to Justify Your Partner's View

Contract: 3♥

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ K
♣ A 9 5 3

♠ J 6 3
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 7 2

LHO starts with the ♦ Ace, then shifts to the ♥ 4. Partner seems to have fallen in love with his hand. Still the contract has chances.

The 3♦ bid must be pre-emptive. So give your RHO five diamonds to the Queen and perhaps the ♣ King.

Your overall plan should be to end play LHO as much as possible. Your first hurdle is what to play from dummy at trick two. There does not seem much point in playing an honor. If LHO has the King, your honors will score later, but if anyone is short in hearts it is probably RHO and she just might have the ♥ K. Accordingly you put in the 8, prepared to win the 9 or Ten with the Ace. But RHO plays the King! That is very good news. It means that RHO surely has all the other black honors.

You win the Ace. What next? Entries to hand are in short supply and clearly you want to lead spades from your hand twice if possible.

So you lead a spade to the King which holds, as expected. It is safe to draw one round of trump now so you do so. The ♥ 6 from RHO and the ♥ 9 from LHO. Trumps are 3-2, that's helpful as a 4-1 break would have been very awkward.

You expect to lose the lead twice more, once to the ♣ K and once to the ♠ A. You can therefore afford another round of trump, leaving two trumps left to

handle diamond forces. This will also help you count LHO's shape. You draw the last trump, RHO discarding a diamond. Next you play a spade to the Jack. LHO takes his Ace and leads a diamond which you ruff in dummy.

There are six cards left and you need four tricks. You have the ♠ King, the ♣ Ace, and a trump. You need either dummy's fourth spade, or the ♣ Queen.

On the bidding LHO does not have five spades, and RHO does not have four. LHO's likely shape is 3-3-4-3 or 4-3-4-2. Cash the ♠ King. If the ♠ 9 is not good, then LHO is 4-3-4-2. Cash the ♣ Ace, and duck a club to LHO's now bare King. Even if RHO plays the ♣ Jack do NOT cover with the Queen. You know LHO must have the ♣ King for his opening bid so covering with the Queen can never gain.

LHO will now cash a diamond, but you ruff the next trick and your club Queen is your ninth.

The full hand:

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

Monthly Unit Game Race - 2020 Results

Top 10	Open
15.02	Les Fouks
13.11	Susan Peters
13.11	Doug Hansford
11.82	Ben Takemori
11.82	Joel Martineau
11.55	Michael Dimich
10.27	Nicholas Stock
9.72	Ken Lochang
9.70	Cindy Oishi
9.45	Harry Satanove

Top 10	Flight B
9.70	Cindy Oishi
9.45	Harry Satanove
6.98	Sid Segal
6.74	Norma Doucette
6.60	Julien Levesque
6.26	Yue Su
5.66	James Sache
5.32	Andrew Nalos
5.29	Kelvin Raywood
5.11	Marlene Sumi

Top 10	Flight C
6.88	Cindy Oishi
6.05	Harry Satanove
5.11	Norma Doucette
4.50	Marlene Sumi
3.16	Yen Karro
3.16	Jane Gray
2.53	Paul Gray
2.43	Pamela Moore
2.37	Margaret Duncan
2.27	Julie Mussenden

Canadian Bridge Championships

by Nicholas Stock

The 2020 Canadian Bridge Championships have, of course, finished (online) and we should be proud to offer our congratulations to the winning CNTC team from our unit: Kai Zhou, Alex Hong, Sidney Yang, Gan Lu and Xin Guo Chen. The finals of this competition were on delayed BBO with commentary from some well known Canadian players. After watching semifinals and finals, what I can say about this victory is that it was very well deserved as each of the team members played with flair and discipline. Julie Smith was on the winning Gold Medal team in the Canadian Women's Team Championship. Congratulations to Julie.

The 2021 Bridge Championships are about to begin and they are, once again, going to be played online.

Online Bridge Partnership Desk

by Tom Anderson

Need a Partner to Play in Virtual Club Games and other Online Bridge?

There are some options available to you if you're looking for a partner to play online bridge.

Virtual games allow you to sign up on a partnership desk within the 2 hour window before the virtual game, so if someone else is looking for a partner, you can play.

Or, you can register as a substitute, and directors needing to complete a table may invite you to help out.

The disadvantage with both of these options is that you don't have any say with whom you are playing. And you may end up waiting around without getting a chance to play.

If you're trying to find a regular partner, there must be a better way!

For live bridge games, you could always size up the opposition and invite someone you thought was a suitable candidate to try a game or two. But, online, it's not so simple.

What we've done to try and help out is set up on the website (www.vancouverbridge.com) a Partnership Desk for Online Bridge. This allows you to post a note setting out a description of your own bridge qualifications and indicating what kind of player you are interested in trying to find.

If you're looking for a partner, give it a try! 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 and find the Article "Partnership Desk for Virtual Club Games is now Open!" Click on the highlighted "Partnership Desk."

When you click on the link, it will open up a new page. Put in your BBO name, and pick a 7 digit password (you will need this to update, or remove

your listing, once you find a great partner!)

Then add a note listing days you want to play, contact information, 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).

For contact info, it's up to you if you want to include your telephone number, or email address, but the problem with using these is you might be inviting spam or, possibly, raising security issues for yourself. Probably the best way to communicate is to use BBO's messaging system. If you include your BBO name, anyone interested in contacting you can leave you a message on BBO, directly if you are online at the same time or by sending you BBO Mail.

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 Tom, our 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 for which you are still looking.

Online Messages

by Tom Anderson

We're happy to post notes of interest to our members on the website.

If you are looking to donate or sell bridge books or magazines, for example, we'd be happy to post a note describing what you have and how to get hold of you.

Or, when we're past having to worry about covid, notes about car sharing to tournaments, or sharing accommodation are the kind of thing we have in mind.

The note doesn't have to be completely bridge related but must be of interest to bridge players, and there are limits on how far we can assist in promoting commercial ventures. And, of course, we're not contemplating anything political, or that has the potential to embarrass or harm any of our members. Also, we are sensitive about using up too much space

on our home page.

If you are interested in posting a note on the website, contact Tom with a draft of what you would like to post and he can let you know if it fits within our guidelines.

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Visit the Unit 430 website for more information:

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Bridge Clubs	Game time(s)	Contact
Online Clubs		
Online Clubs are sponsored by the individual named club and appear in the Virtual Clubs section of BBO's main menu under ACBL. You will need to know the name of the club or by its VACB... number, you have to be registered with the club and you have to pay with BBO\$ to enter a game with your partner. For a detailed explanation about VBC online games and generally how to use BBO go to: http://mcbruce.ca/VVBC.html		
North Vancouver		
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7:00	Mrs Bernice Mulock 604-987-8289
North Shore Bridge Club	Friday 10:30 (Open) Friday 10:40 (0-299)	Margaret/Paul Pattison 604-987-8289
Shelley's Bridge Club	Tuesday 3:15 - 5:15 Wednesday 7:00 - 9:15 Saturday 3:15 - 5:15	Shelley Burns sburns@rogers.com 604-988-0990
Squamish		
Squamish Bridge Club	currently no game	Vic Puchmayr vicpunch@gmail.com info@squamishbridgeclub
South Surrey / White Rock		
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	Monday 10:15 (Open) Wednesday 10:15 (299er) Wednesday 10:25 (Open) Thursday 10:15 (299er) Thursday 10:25 (Open)	Jane Youngberg Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116 VACB265157 Bob Dillon bdquad@telus.net
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7:00 (Open)	Ed L'Heureux, 604-542-6116, edlheureux@yahoo.com, VACB216234
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 1:15 Wednesday 7:00	John Lien 604-603-5436 Jack Johnson VACB221192
Vancouver		
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Tuesday 10:10 Thursday 10:10	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496 vacb234880
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	Monday 10:15 (0-750) Tuesday 10:15 (Open) Wednesday 10:15 (Open) Thursday 10:15 (0-300) Thursday 7:15 (Open) Friday 1:15 (Open) Saturday & Sunday 1:15 (Open)	Ken Lochang 604-267-2202 VACB154971
West Vancouver		
Hollyburn Country Club	Thursday 10:30	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974 www.bridgeclubnews@shaw.ca
VBC - St. David's	Monday 10:30 Wednesday 10:30	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577 homa_boustani@shaw.ca Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974

Calendar of Events 2021

We are holding Monthly Unit Games online on BBO, every month (started May 30th, 2020).

They are working out well! Thanks Bruce.

Currently, such events are all Pairs as team movements are not readily available but we are still planning to hold a Unit IMP League online with individuals setting up the teams.

Start times for the Unit Games may vary from what is published here.

Expect to play 18 boards

		1:15PM start, Online Register up to two hours before game time. Find Bruce on BBO VACB154971 for help.
February 06, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
February 18 - 21, 2021	Holiday Magic	ACBL Regional online events
March 06, 2021	MUG (Imp Pairs)	Online, 1:15 start
March 11 - 21, 2021	NAOBC	ACBL National online events
April 03, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
May 01, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
June 05 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
July 03, 2021	MUG (Imp Pairs)	Online, 1:15 start
August 07, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
Face to Face 2021 Tournaments?		All on hold until ACBL starts face-to-face tournaments again

MUG = Monthly Unit Game

For more information about online games, please see the Clubs page in this publication or visit VancouverBridge.com

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