

UNIT 430 Matchpointer

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Recent ACBL Rank Achievements

by the Editor

The pictures on the first two pages are of those people recently achieving new ACBL Life Master 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.

Who	New Rank
*Ann Andres	Ruby Life Master
Dianne Isfeld	Diamond Life Master
*Elsie Mackinnon	Silver Life Master
Eve Jensen	Silver Life Master
*Gillian Schramm	Bronze Life Master
Gustav Axen	Gold Life Master
*Homa Boustani	Silver Life Master
Ian Affleck	Bronze Life Master
Jack Johnson	Ruby Life Master
*Khosrow Shad	Silver Life Master
Lesley Laudan	Ruby Life Master
*Lois Mazuren	Silver Life Master
*Mojgan Shad	Silver Life Master
Robin Chan	Ruby Life Master

*Raymond Clemmons Ruby Life Master
 *Sharon Horvath Life Master
 *Sherman Kwan Sapphire Life Master
 Susan Patillo Bronze Life Master
 Tom Satanove Bronze Life Master

* Declined to send a picture

President's Message

by Larry Pocock

June 2021

We wait with great anticipation for face to face (F2F) play to begin. Clubs are talking September or maybe, even August openings but, of course, we wait for the Province to give us the all clear.

Your Unit is gearing up for a tentative Fall schedule as follows:

Sep 11	VBC	0 – 200 Sectional
Oct 9 – 10	Elgin Hall	0 – 500 Future Stars Sectional
Oct 30	VBC	Mentor/Mentee pairs
Nov 13 – 14	Queensborough	Round Up Sectional

I stress tentative. Still it's good to be able to plan, to see daylight ahead.

The "Covid Gap" has hurt Bridge most in the development of new players. We need that new crop every year to sustain the game. So it is more important than ever that, going forward, we encourage the newbies in every way we can. To this point, we ask every club to redouble their efforts to support and encourage their Beginner groups.

Going to Bridge gets you out of the house, gets you socializing and gives you a mentally stimulating activity. We just need to get the word out.

Your Unit Board has remained "in position", holding Zoom meetings and staying in touch with the Playing Site Venues in order to keep tentative future dates available. The Engineers Hall should be finished renovations by early next year and we are hopeful of booking several Sectionals at this site.

So we need that Green Light and we need to see that the herd immunity plan is really working. But

we remain optimistic. We expect a winning outcome. Why? Because WE are Bridge Players.

Larry Pocock

Retiring the Walrus

by Greg Morse

Patrick Darricades is a Canadian living in the Niagara Falls area. Inspired by the work of Vernes (the guy who invented the Law Of Total Tricks) he has spent the last several years doing statistical analysis of bridge hands played by world class players. He has written a book about his findings called "The Optimal Point Count". Said book has been recently reviewed by the Bridge World magazine; the closing sentence in this review is, "The author fervently believes that the Optimal Count is much better than the methods we have employed all along, and **he may well be right.**" (emphasis added)

Walter the Walrus is a character from Victor Mollo's menagerie; he is such a slave to the 4-3-2-1 count that to him it is almost immoral to bid a game or slam without the 'right' number of points, regardless of whether it makes or not. If Darricades is right, it is time to retire Walter's way of thinking.

I won't get into what makes the OPC different (and better) than the traditional, and not so traditional (KnR anyone?) methods, but one thing that it does do that other evaluation methods do not is to take into account the pair of hands and how they work together. If two hands are odds-on to make game (or slam) then the evaluation method should be able to tell you that such is the case.

For example:

West	East
♠ A x x	♠ x x
♥ x x	♥ A x x
♦ K x x	♦ A Q J x x
♣ A Q x x x	♣ K x x

The above two hands are nothing out of the ordinary in terms of shape or HCP. Yet in spite of Walter's evaluation (27 points) they can make 12 tricks more than 70% of the time.

The OPC will tell you that you have the required

'points' to bid a slam.

Can any other evaluation method say that? Even though the hands are reasonably balanced, and the Traditional Count is supposedly at its best in such situations, it will not come close to suggesting a slam. See the Table below for how these hands are evaluated by several different point counts, none of which suggest a slam.

But there is more: if you move West's Diamond King to Hearts, the OPC will tell you that you have only a 50% chance of making 12 tricks.

If you also move East's club King to Spades, so that the hands are now:

West	East
♠ A x x	♠ K x x
♥ K x x	♥ A x x
♦ x x	♦ A Q J x x
♣ A Q x x x	♣ x x

OPC will tell you that you have only 50-55% chance of taking 10 tricks in NT.

The Traditional Count would probably rate all three of these deals as approximately equal.

Conclusion: Now that we have the deal archives to study, and the cheap computing power to do so, isn't it time to improve on a 100 year old method?

Table

Here is a table of how the original pair of hands compares using various well known evaluation methods:

H is points for Honors, L is points for Length.

Method /

Val West	Val East	Total Fit	Contract Level
Optimal Point Count			
15 HL+2Fit	17HL+2Fit	36 HLFit	12 Tricks*
Woolsey Count			
14 ³ / ₄ HL	15 ¹ / ₂ HL	30 ¹ / ₄ HL	11 Tricks
Bergen Adjust			
14 HL	16 HL	30 HL	11 Tricks
Kleinman (/ 3)			
43 KL	46 KL	89KL ÷ 3 = 29 ¹ / ₂	10 ¹ / ₂ Tricks
ZAR Count (/ 2)			
29 Z	30 Z	59Z ÷ 2 = 29 ¹ / ₂	10 ¹ / ₂ Tricks
4-3-2-1 Count			

14 HL	15 HL	29 HL	10½ Tricks
Kaplan 4 Cs (KnR)			
14 HL	15 HL	29 HL	10½ Tricks
3-2-1-1/2 (4 Aces)			
10 HL	10½ HL	20½ HL	10 Tricks
6-4-3-2-1 Count			
21 HL	23 HL	44 HL	10 Tricks
Losing Trick Count			
7 losers	6½ losers	13½ losers	10½ Tricks

(*) In the case of OPC assuming sufficient number of controls.

Dimich Plays on BBO

by Michael Dimich

Another practice match on BBO with a little bit of Zoom thrown in. Some friends are playing in the CNTC Mixed Teams Championships for 2021 and want to get some tough competition in to help prepare their partnerships. I am looking forward to trying to pound them through the floor in the name of good sportsmanship.

The hands for the most part are pretty humdrum but there are two hands which stand out a little bit from the others:

Hand #1

I am South, in first seat and open 1♠.

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♠ Q 7 6 5 3
♥ A K 10
♦ 2
♣ K Q 10 4

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West overcalls 2♥ and partner bids 2♠. East passes. My partner is a very sound bidder so I start placing the cards in my partner's hand that I would need to have a chance at game. ♠A J x or ♠K J x and ♣A would work. I bid 3♣ as a help suit game try, West passes, and partner leaps to 4♠. All pass and West leads the ♥Q and my partner, North, tables the dummy.

Well it's reassuring to see such confidence in my declarer play. I guess two aces, one in my help suit is what my partner was thinking.

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♠ 10 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A 9 8
♣ A 7 6 5

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♠ Q 7 6 5 3
♥ A K 10
♦ 2
♣ K Q 10 4

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But I need to get very lucky in the spade distribution. I follow to the ♥Q lead with North's 4 and East follows with the 7. I win the ♥A. If West has the doubleton ♠AK I have a great shot at making game. If West has the AKx of spades I need him to win the spade lead and try to give his partner a ruff in the heart suit as I'm quite sure West has six hearts for their two level overcall. From West's point of view there is a good chance the club suit can provide a defensive trick since I might have ♣K J x x or ♣Q J 10 x.

If I lead a spade towards dummy, West, in picturing my hand will likely assume I have at least ♠Q J x x x. When I actually lead a spade West wins the ♠K, North follows and East plays the ♠9. Committed now, West leads another heart, North follows and East ruffs with the ♠J. I follow with the ♥10. East now leads the ♦K. I follow, West follows and I win the ♦A in dummy.

It's clear sailing now. I lead the ♠4 from the dummy, East plays a diamond and I play the ♠Q which West wins to return a diamond. North follows, East follows and I ruff. I lead a spade to draw West's last trump with dummy's 10. To guard against a 4 - 1 club break in East's hand I lead a club from dummy, East follows and I win the ♣K. On my next club lead to dummy West shows out. I win the Ace and finesse East's ♣J to make 4 spades.

Kinda lucky, eh?

The whole deal:

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

In the second half another interesting hand comes up in the bidding and the play.

I pick up:

♠ A K 3
♥ A Q
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 10 9 3

My partner (East) in first seat, opens a weak two diamond bid, South passes and I bid 2NT (Ogust). North passes and my partner responds 3♠ showing a good hand and a good suit. I cue bid 4♣ in the hope partner can make a 5♣ cue bid. If he has that card I will bid 6NT. However partner can bid only 4♦. We play that a “good hand/good suit” response will be nine or ten high card points. I know partner has an outside Queen to go along with his ♦AKxxxx or ♦AQJxxx for he would have bid 3NT after my Ogust query holding ♦AKQxxx. He either has the ♠Q or the ♣Q but I don't feel like gambling. I sign off in 5♦.

Partner's LHO leads the ♠J as I put my hand on the table:

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

My partner is the declarer so he describes the play from his point of view.

Low from dummy to my ♠Q.

♦A, LHO showing out and pitching a heart.

♦K, LHO pitches another heart, dummy follows and RHO plays the ♦J.

♠A, 7, 4, 2

♠K, 8, ♣2, ♠9

♦7, Q, 4, ♠10 to leave RHO on lead, forced to play either a heart into the AQ or a club into the A1093.

RHO leads the ♣6, 4 from me, Jack from LHO,

♣Ace from dummy.

♣3 from dummy, 7, 5 and LHO wins the ♣Q. Since they didn't make an opening lead of ♣K, I am sure that LHO doesn't have that card.

♥4, Ace from dummy, 5, 9.

Now ♣10 for a ruffing finesse of the ♣K and a low diamond back to dummy's 9 allows me to pitch my heart loser on the good ♣9.

The whole hand:

<p>♠ J 10 9 6 2 ♥ J 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ --- ♣ Q J</p>	<p>♠ A K 3 ♥ A Q ♦ 9 7 3 2 ♣ A 10 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 5 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ K 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A K 10 9 6 4 ♣ 5 4 2</p>
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If I had been self kibitzing I could have thrown a heart on the good spade and ruffed out the hearts. Then ♣A and another club would have put LHO in for a ruff and discard. RHO can't overtake the ♣Q with the ♣K because that makes the clubs in dummy high.

BBO: A Deep Dive

by Gary Harper

While waiting for my partner to begin to butcher a cold 3NT on Bridge Base Online (BBO) recently, I decided to avert my eyes and check my e-mail, only to discover a desperate plea from my dear Matchpointer editor for another article. Well, desperate is an overstatement, as is plea. A casual query may be more accurate. In any event, what could be timelier than a

deep dive into the world of online bridge?

[Editor's Note: Actually it **was** a desperate plea for another article from Gary - you know - to lighten our hearts.]

Most will agree that BBO has been a Godsend during these Covid times – and even before. The online platform allows us to play bridge regularly when gatherings are prohibited. It allows shut-ins or those not inclined to drive (especially at night) an opportunity to play from the comfort of their own laptop. Distance is irrelevant: we can play with friends in other cities, provinces or even countries.

(Did you notice that over 80% of Turks are “experts” or higher. If you are wondering why Turkey doesn’t do better at the World Championships, it’s because their many “world class” players are engaged in pick-up games in that same Main Room.)

The obvious downside has also been well chronicled with the exposure of self-kibitzing and other forms of cheating. Even in country club games eyebrows have been raised about pairs who seem to average 20% higher since the switch to online – and whose home phone lines are “busy” during the entire session.

But the benefits and drawbacks of online play are much subtler. I am a social person who enjoys the local bridge club as an opportunity to catch up with my bridge acquaintances on our grandchildren or the latest travels. But even us extroverts have benefitted from the less personal world of online bridge. (The introverts boast that they have been preparing for the lockdown their whole lives.)

For example, I’ve spent years managing my inner voice (“*what kind of a moron would lead a heart on this auction?*”) to become a better partner at the table (and maintain my friendships). Now I can relax and let fly. Screaming at my virtual partner has proven to be disturbingly therapeutic. My wife is the only one who knows that my chat “*opening leads are tough, p – next time*” belies my scream of “*didn’t you listen to the auction?*”. I’m a little worried that when my wife meets some of my partners post-pandemic she may innocently ask “*are you the idiot who doesn’t listen to the auction before you lead?*”. But that will be an issue down the road. Not to say that the inner voice doesn’t present itself online. There is, of course, the

all-caps shout: “I BID HEARTS, PARTNER”, equaled only by the triple question mark – “double???” – or even the seemingly innocent but biting “*misclick, p?*”.

Having “invisible” partners isn’t all bad, either. I’ve been told that rolling my eyes after an egregious error by partner is not helpful, yet no one has mentioned it since we switched to online play. I do have a bone to pick with BBO in this regard, however. Their home page features pictures of an immaculately dressed foursome playing live bridge in an equally immaculate room – reminiscent of my late mother preparing to host her bridge club in the 1970’s. Apparently they maintain this decorum when they switch to online play. This would reflect the crowd with whom I play – but only if you replaced the sharply dressed woman in her 40’s with an unshaven, older paunchy man in sweatpants; the cup of tea and scones with a beer and nachos. On a good day, the sweatpants may even have been washed in the past week. BBO’s log-in page also shows a woman smiling though I’ve found that bridge elicits more angst than contented smiles. But we must allow the marketers their puffery.

The astute software is also a blessing for those of us whose concentration may falter from time to time (see self-medication, below). We are saved from ourselves by being prevented from making bids and leads out of turn, insufficient bids, and revokes. And, for those playing in casual games, the best bridge advance since Minorwood – the “undo”. Oh, to have that available elsewhere in my life – but alas, Canada Revenue Agency refused to recognize my “undo” last year. (“*I didn’t mean to claim that deduction – it was a misclick*”).

On the downside, it has become harder to “read” an opponent online. Did the balk mean they were thinking of covering the J with the missing Q, or were they simply checking out the Canucks’ score or pondering their next move in Words With Friends?

And then there are the results. “Back in the day” we used to hover impatiently as Phil Wood would demonstrate the use of “matchpoint” as a verb. And even Phil’s legendary speed and accuracy couldn’t match the immediate feedback we receive on-line where results are known instantly - in some cases hand by hand. While we are usually anxious to know our results, such timely feedback precludes self-

delusion. Optimistic speculation of “*maybe a touch below average on that board partner*” becomes a stark 12.5%. Fortunately, the challenge of maintaining morale during a 31% session is mitigated by the freedom of self-medication in the privacy of our own homes. And at the end of a session we may miss the days of hearing our names announced in live bridge “3rd E/W in the under 200 section...”. But for my money this is more than offset by being able to escape the inevitable “*how did you score*” question following the aforementioned 31% game. Instead, we can thank our playing partners and retreat to Facebook and the comfort of cat memes.

But perhaps the most underappreciated benefit of playing online is the ability to multi-task when being dummy. No need to sit silently to be commanded by partner like a “dummy” – the computer graciously plays that role for us. Instead, we can pull that load of laundry out of the dryer (see sweatpants, above), make a cup of tea, or even edit an article for the Matchpointer. Speaking of which, my partner just finished racking up our -200 on a cold 3NT, so I have to return to the game with gritted teeth belying my encouraging chat “*good try, p*”.

A Little Deception

by Nicholas Stock

Sometimes as declarer you have a lot more knowledge about your opponents’ cards and shape than they do. Sometimes you can take advantage of that knowledge to make the opponents’ lives difficult, if not impossible. Take this example:

♠ J 10 9
♥ Q 10 x
♦ 10 x x x
♣ K J x

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ x
♦ A Q x x
♣ 9 x

1♠ P 2♠ P
4♠ All Pass

Playing in an online team match you just blast to game when partner raises.

LHO leads the ♣10. While some people occasionally lead an honour from three, this looks suspiciously like a doubleton or singleton. So you try the ♣J and RHO wins the ♣Q as you follow with your low spot.

You have two club losers a heart loser and possibly two diamond losers. But you know a lot more about the hand than RHO. If they have 7 clubs it will be hopeless unless trumps are 2-2. If they have 6 clubs, they might play their partner for a club shortage and try to promote a trump in their partner’s hand. Still they might think their partner led from ♣10 9 x. RHO thinks for a while, then finally returns a “safe” spade. You are thankful!

You win the Ace everyone following, and play for the “mistake”. You play a low spade towards the dummy, LHO following, win the ♠J, as RHO pitches a club. Now you lead dummy’s low club towards your hand and the ♣9. RHO thinks briefly and plays... a low club. You win as LHO follows low as well. Phew, one less loser.

Now, how to play the diamond suit for one loser? Since RHO had six clubs and one spade they can have various diamond holdings. If diamonds are 4-1 you have little chance unless RHO has a singleton King. But with diamond shortness RHO would have had a very shapely hand and might have bid over 2♠. So diamonds are probably 3 - 2. If RHO has a doubleton and it’s an honour you won’t find out until the second round.

Therefore, you cash the ♦A, lead a trump to dummy, and a small ♦ towards the Queen. If RHO follows low, you have to guess whether to play the Queen (diamond King onside) or duck (doubleton King behind the Queen). Sure enough, RHO follows with the ♦J so you happily play your ♦Q, establishing the other two diamonds. An “impossible” 4♠ just making!

Notable Results

Grand National Teams

Ryley Breiddal recently took on the task of organizing the 2021 Grand National Team event for our district 19. In the space of two months he arranged, advertized and help run this event to determine District 19 representatives. Thank you Ryley!

Winners of each Flight

GNT Open Flight

Michael Roche, **Daniel Lyder**, Michael Hargreaves, **Gordon McOrmond**, **Dan Jacob**, **Bryan Maksymetz**

GNT Flight A

Paul Schwaigart, Marty McCune, David Taylor, Gary Haldane

GNT Flight B

Jennifer Hong, **JinMei Luo**, **Amy Gao**, **Diana Jing**

GNT Flight C

Jennifer Hong, **Henry Yao**, **Lucy Zhong**, **Jack Qi**

Monthly Unit Game Race

Top 10	Open
7.73	Robert Gerrie
7.73	Aban Gerrie
7.11	Kelvin Raywood
7.11	Gray McMullin
6.67	Ernst Walti
6.67	Diana Tchakalian
5.33	June Keith
5.33	Les Fouks
5.05	Norma Doucette
5.05	Ken Lochang

Top 10	Flight B
7.11	Kelvin Raywood
6.67	Ernst Walti
6.67	Diana Tchakalian
5.05	Norma Doucette
4.90	Frances Corney
4.28	Jo-Anne Modesto

4.28	Nigel Fullbrook
4.13	Thomas Anderson
4.04	Julien Levesque
3.83	David Waterman

Top 10	Flight C
6.67	Ernst Walti
6.67	Diana Tchakalian
5.05	Norma Doucette
3.79	Stephen Pickett
3.78	Harry Satanove
3.21	Marlene Sumi
2.31	Shameine Ali
2.23	Cindy Oishi
1.78	Margaret Duncan
1.78	Pamela Moore

Canadian Bridge Championships

by the Editor

The 2021 Bridge Championships have almost concluded at the time of this writing. Success by local players includes a repeat of last year's CWTC by Julie Smith (congratulations Julie) and strong showings in other events.

CNTC-A - National Teams

Gold: The semifinals will be played "soon" featuring, in one match, two teams with local players:

Team Zhou: **Kai Zhou**, **Xin Guo Chen**, **Lu Gan**, **Sidney Yang**, **Alex Hong**

Team Ballantyne: **Aidan Ballantyne**, Ilya Kuzkin, **Mike Takemori**, **Ben Takemori**

CMTC - Mixed Teams

Silver: Susan Culham, **Brad Bart**, Karen Cumpstone, Michael Roche, Joan Eaton, Nader Hanna

CSTC - Senior's Teams

Gold: Kamel Fergani, Zygmunt Marcinski, Gordon Campbell, Nicholas Gartaganis, Jurek Czyzowicz, **Dan Jacob**

CWTC - Women's Teams

Gold: Pamela Nisbet, Brenda Bryant, **Julie Smith**, Judy Harris

These two annual races usually feature different leaders as the Mini-McKenney includes tournament results while the Ace of Clubs just includes Club games. Since we've had almost nothing but club games for a while...

Ace of Clubs Leaders

across Unit 430 as of June 06 2021

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Robert Jeanes	29.21
5-20	John Kay	26.42
20-50	Philip Chernov	63.42
50-100	Kathy Molnar	56.37
100-200	Debbie Harris	114.16
200-300	Lana Chow	100.25
300-500	Peter Altridge	85.46
500-1000	Theodora Friedman	118.77
1000-1500	Robin Chan	115.19
1500-2500	Diane Griffiths	136.17
2500-3500	Barry Kirkham	81.53
3500-5000	Rhoda Tafler	77.89
5000-7500	Tai Eng	112.11
7500-10000	Doug Hansford	43.92
10000+	Kathy Adachi	81.88

Mini-McKenney Leaders

across Unit 430 as of June 06 2021

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Robert Jeanes	29.21
5-20	John Kay	26.42
20-50	Philip Chernov	67.83
50-100	Kathy Molnar	58.28
100-200	Debbie Harris	117.06
200-300	Lana Chow	109.78
300-500	Joanne Emerman	99.65
500-1000	Theodora Friedman	118.77
1000-1500	Robin Chan	115.19
1500-2500	Diane Griffiths	136.17
2500-3500	Barry Kirkham	81.53
3500-5000	Rhoda Tafler	78.95
5000-7500	Tai Eng	112.11
7500-10000	Doug Hansford	43.92
10000+	Kathy Adachi	81.88

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.

Unit 430 Board of Directors

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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	John DeMeulemeester 778-859-1097
North Shore Bridge Club	Friday 10:30 (Open) Friday 10:15 (0-299)	Margaret/Paul Pattison 604-987-8289
Shelley's Bridge Club	Tuesday 3:15 - 5:15 Wednesday 7:00 - 9:15	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	Jack Johnson 604-679-0414 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

2021/2022

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

They are working out well! Thanks Bruce.

Such events are now either Pairs or Team as BBO has implemented support for team movements.

We will hold a Unit IMP League online for 2021/2022 with individuals setting up the teams.

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

Expect to play 18 boards

		Register up to two hours before game time. Find Bruce on BBO VACBI54971 for help.
July 03, 2021	MUG (Teams)	Online, 1:15 start
August 07, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
September 04-06, 2021	Evergreen Sectional	Cancelled due to pandemic restrictions
September 04, 2021	MUG	Online, 1:15 start
September 07, 2021	Anticipated club reopenings	Assuming good news from our health authority
September 27 - October 03, 2021	Regional	*Seaside Civic & Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon
October 02, 2021	MUG	Maybe online, maybe at VBC
November 01 - 07, 2021	Regional	*Fairmont Chateau Whistler, BC
November 13 - 14, 2021	Roundup Sectional	*Queensborough Community Centre, New Westminster, BC
January 21 - 23, 2022	Trophy Sectional	*Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Street, Burnaby, BC
April 04 - 10, 2022	Regional	*Delta Hotels Burnaby Conference Centre 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC
May 21-23, 2022	Spring Sectional	*Queensborough Community Centre, New Westminster, BC
September 03 - 05, 2022	Evergreen Sectional	*Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Street, Burnaby, BC
November 11 - 13, 2022	Roundup Sectional	*Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Street, Burnaby, BC

* Planned event but not completely certain because of current pandemic restrictions

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