

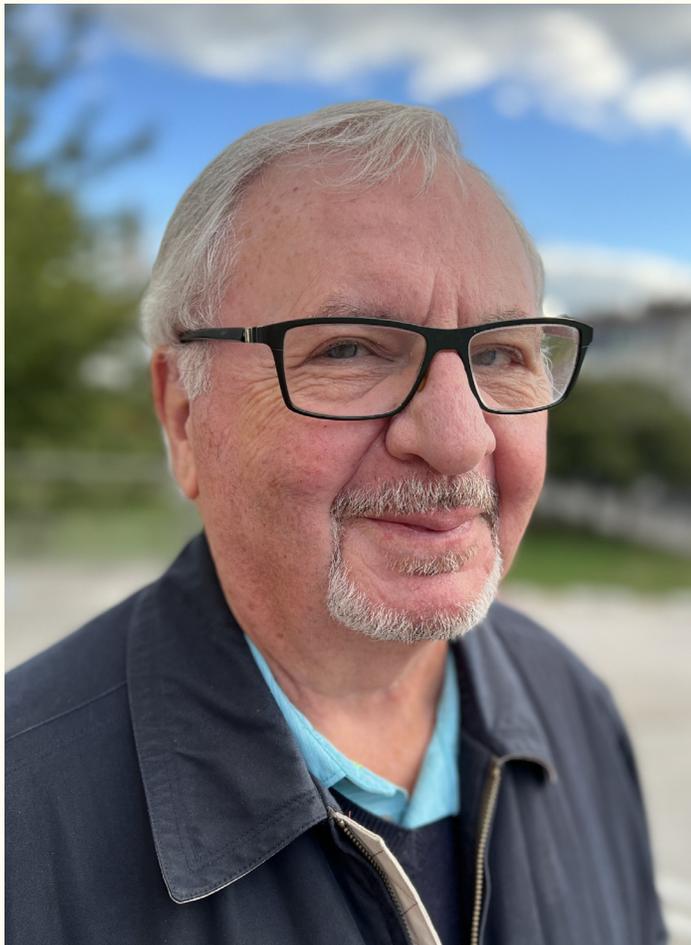
UNIT 430 Matchpointer

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of people recently achieving various Life Master
milestones. See page 4 for ranks.*

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Recent ACBL Rank Achievements

by the Editor

The pictures on the first three 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
Peter Altridge	Bronze Life Master
Shelley Burns	Gold Life Master
Marta Cecchi	Bronze Life Master
*Bjarne Christoffersen	Sapphire Life Master
Donna Cusson	Bronze Life Master
*Les Fouks	Emerald Life Master
*Eda Kadar	Ruby Life Master
*Michael Moffatt	Diamond Life Master
Eurydice Nours	Gold Life Master
*Eric Pan	Diamond Life Master
Larry Pocock	Emerald Life Master
Yue Su	Gold Life Master
Richard Syrnyk	Silver Life Master
*John Wood	Bronze Life Master

* Did not send a picture

President's Message

by Larry Pocock

November 2022

Bridge has been faced with its greatest challenge thanks to Covid. For the better part of 2 years we have been unable to bring new players to the clubs. As well, BBO now factors into F2F play.

And yet, we now see some real signs of hope. Club attendance is rising.

The Whistler Regional attendance was better than expected. The Unit Game was up to 10 tables.

Bridge has its buzz back!

It's going to take more work. More time. More Patience. But I think one overriding factor is emerging: players want to get out and go to bridge. They want that social, face to face interaction. They want to chat; OK maybe gossip. Its the mixture of the game and the socializing that is so appealing.

Your Unit Board is back in the business of booking future Tournament space. We are mindful that slightly smaller and cheaper is the short term goal but we are ready to adjust the sails if promising winds arise.

This will be my last President's Message as I am retiring at the end of December. Throughout my tenure, I have had the pleasure and good fortune of working with really outstanding Board Members and they have made the job fun; and now with the addition of 3 new members, the Board is in great shape.

Thanks to all for your support. See you at the tables!

Larry Pocock

Crush a Beer

by Greg Morse

The Urban Dictionary (www.urbandictionary.com) defines the term, 'Crush a beer' as follows: The act of drinking beers with the intention of getting drunk. Often a daytime activity ; "What did you do this weekend? Besides crush beers?"

In Bridge it might have a different meaning.

As West I reached 3NT on these cards, and the opening lead was the ♥8

♠ J 7
♥ A 3 2
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ J 10 8 2

♠ A 10 6
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ A 8
♣ K Q 6 4

The play proceeded:

Trick 1. ♥ 8, 2, 7, Q

Trick 2. ♣ Q, 5, 2, A

Trick 3. ♠ 3, 6, Q, 7

Trick 4. ♠ 2, J, K, A

I could afford to play a diamond at this point.

It was very helpful that the opponents grabbed their tricks at the first opportunity.

Trick 5. ♦ 8, 9, Q, K

Trick 6. ♠ 4, 10, 5, ♦ 3

I had lost 3 tricks and to try for an overtrick the timing looked right for an attempted squeeze in diamonds and hearts.

Trick 7. ♣ 4, ♥ 5, ♣ J, 3

Trick 8. ♣ 10, 9, 6, ♥ 9

Trick 9. ♣ 8, ♠ 9, ♣ K, ♦ 10

The position was now:

♠ ----
♥ A 3
♦ 7 4
♣ ----

♠ ----
♥ K 6 4
♦ A
♣ ----

Trick 10. ♦ A, J, 4, 2

The next 3 tricks were the ♥ K, the ♥ A and finally, trick 13, with the good ♦ 7.

(It pays to watch those spots!) I made the BEER card on a squeeze!

Does that mean that I "Crushed a BEER?"

The full hand:

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

Two Interesting Hands

by Michael Dimich

Never Give Up, Never Surrender

This is a great line from the the movie Galaxy Quest which is a superb parody of Star Trek. I'm back playing Season 9 of E*V*L an online imp league organized by Bruce McIntyre. (I think Bruce dreamed up this title because he's a fan of the Raimi brothers "Evil Dead" trilogy and Bruce Campbell is the hero dealing with the supernatural).

Anyway, I have two hands which I found interesting:

You hold:

♠ K 10 7 6 4
♥ A K 10 6
♦ J 3
♣ 8 3

Because of the strong majors, I consider this a clear opening at either IMPs or MatchPoints. So I do that:

1♠ (2♣) 3♣* Pass * Limit raise or better
3♠ Pass 4♠ All pass

LHO leads the ♣K and dummy appears:

♠ A 9 3
♥ 5
♦ Q 10 8 5 4
♣ A J 10 9

♠ K 10 7 6 4
♥ A K 10 6
♦ J 3
♣ 8 3

I count 4 losers. This should be a pushed board but there is no reason not to try to make it. I win the ♣A and play the ♣J. Clubs is the only place to pitch a diamond loser from hand. On this last play, RHO pitches a low diamond which in the opponent's methods encourages in diamonds. LHO next plays the ♦K, RHO follows and I play the ♦J in the slight hope LHO will be scared of continuing diamonds. LHO next plays a club to dummy's 10 and RHO ruffs with the ♠J. I overruff with the ♠K and now the future is a lot brighter:

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

I play ♥A, then ♥K and ruff a heart in dummy. Now I play the ♣9 from dummy and East is in a quandary.

If he can ruff high with the ♠Q, I will pitch my losing diamond. Instead, he pitches a diamond as I pitch my losing diamond. I then ruff a diamond in hand with ♠6 as LHO pitches a club, ruff my last heart in dummy with the ♠9 and ruff the ♦10 - ♦A with the ♠7, finally playing ♠4 to the Ace, Four spades making. If RHO pitches the ♥Q instead of a diamond, he has no good return if he overruffs dummy's ♠9 after I ruff a diamond in hand and lead my last heart to ruff in dummy. Luck Sack me, the ♦K was singleton and exactly the ♠Q J 8 with RHO.

Of course the opponents could have beaten me: overtake the ♦K and give partner a ruff. It's so much easier when you take a look at all the hands afterwards.

Three Possibilities

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

In a team game, South opened 1♦, West bid 5♣ and North doubled for a pushed board (same result). What if South bids 5♦ instead of passing the double?

1st scenario:

♣A lead. South ruffs in hand then leads the ♦A. When East can't follow to the trump play, it appears that West is 4-8 in the minors with a singleton major. If it's a singleton heart, South can cash a heart in hand, play the ♦K and lead another diamond to West who finds themselves without a good exit card. The ♣K you ruff in hand and play a heart to dummy's Ace to pitch a spade on the ♣Q and take the spade finesse. Making 5.

2nd scenario:

West doubles with their 2 trump tricks. West leads their singleton heart. After dummy comes down, South realizes that the double is likely based on 4 trumps, so wins the ♥K in hand (keeping the ♥A as

a dummy entry), and leads a low diamond towards the $\heartsuit 10$. West now exits with a high club, ruffed by South. Now $\heartsuit A, K$ and another \heartsuit puts West on lead again with the same dilemma as scenario 1. Making 5.

3rd scenario:

West doesn't double but leads their singleton heart. With no information about the trump break, South wins in hand and leads the $\heartsuit A$. Now West has a safe high club exit card and no endplay is available.

Defend This Hand

by Josh Sinnett

In the Sunday Swiss Teams at the Burnaby sectional I pick up:

$\spadesuit 10 6$
 $\heartsuit A Q 8 3$
 $\diamondsuit K 5$
 $\clubsuit 10 9 7 5 2$

After three passes, LHO opens 1NT (15-17). RHO bids 2 \clubsuit Stayman, then bids 2NT over her partner's 2 \spadesuit bid. LHO bids 3NT without much thought. Partner leads the $\heartsuit 3$, and dummy appears:

$\spadesuit K 7 2$	$\spadesuit 10 6$
$\heartsuit J 7 5 4$	$\heartsuit A Q 8 3$
$\diamondsuit A J 7 6$	$\diamondsuit K 5$
$\clubsuit 6 3$	$\clubsuit 10 9 7 5 2$

Declarer calls for the $\heartsuit 6$ from dummy and I have to consider how to proceed.

From the auction I know that partner probably has 5 or 6 points. One possibility is that he has the $\clubsuit A J$.. or $\clubsuit A Q$... and we can set up clubs before declarer can establish a ninth trick. However, if both partners are on the same wavelength, the hand can be defeated whenever partner has any three hearts and an entry - and declarer cannot cash nine tricks on the fly.

I win the $\heartsuit K$ and at trick 2 I shift to the $\heartsuit A$, partner playing the ten (upside down count, showing three). When I continue with the three of hearts and

declarer performs plays the $\heartsuit K$, my partner, Tom Devine, is astute enough to unblock the $\heartsuit 9$. Partner later gets in with the $\clubsuit A$ and leads the $\heartsuit 6$ through dummy's remaining $\heartsuit J 7$ to my $\heartsuit Q 8$, allowing the defense to take three hearts, a diamond, and a club.

The whole hand:

	$\spadesuit K 7 2$	
	$\heartsuit J 7 5 4$	
	$\diamondsuit A J 7 6$	
	$\clubsuit 6 3$	
$\spadesuit J 9 8 4$		$\spadesuit 10 6$
$\heartsuit 10 9 6$		$\heartsuit A Q 8 3$
$\diamondsuit 10 8 4 3$		$\diamondsuit K 5$
$\clubsuit A 4$		$\clubsuit 10 9 7 5 2$

Some Recent Hands

by Nicholas Stock

The tournament in Whistler was kind to me and my partners in spite of poor play on my part. But it did provide some interesting hands and a couple of stories.

Too Much Offense

Which hand is better opposite:

$\spadesuit A K x x$
 $\heartsuit J x$
 $\diamondsuit A J 8 2$
 $\clubsuit A x x$

Hand A)
 $\spadesuit J$
 $\heartsuit A x x x$
 $\diamondsuit K 9 x x$
 $\clubsuit K J 10 9$

Hand B)
 $\spadesuit J$
 $\heartsuit A x x x$
 $\diamondsuit K 9 x x$
 $\clubsuit K J 10 x$

Clearly, hand A) is better because you can play either opponent for the club queen, three or four long. My partner and I bid to an optimistic 6 \diamondsuit with hand A). The opponents lead a spade so my partner won in dummy, ruffed a spade to hand and took a diamond finesse, losing to the $\heartsuit Q$. RHO returned a spade, so partner ruffed in hand, cashed the $\heartsuit K$, everybody following and guessed that RHO had the $\clubsuit Q$. So $\clubsuit J$ to $\clubsuit A$, $\heartsuit A$, $\spadesuit K$, club to the $\clubsuit 10$. Unfortunately

RHO had four clubs to the queen, so we had only 11 tricks. If my partner had held hand B) he would have played differently. Win the spade Ace, play a club to the J as he might need to finesse twice against a protected Queen. King then, Ace of diamonds, club Ace, second club finesse. If that is ruffed, the second heart in dummy goes on the fourth club. In any case, crossruff for 12 tricks.

Reverse Flannery

My partner & I play Flannery 2♦ showing a limited (11-15) hand with 4 spades and 5 hearts. Playing against very good opponents (the best at the tournament) we had to endure their use of the multi 2♦ convention which shows a light weak two bid in one of the majors, the major unspecified. This is not easy to bid against and they can often escape with no penalty on misfits while we struggle to find our best contract. In a match against them after about 9 hands, there had been 4 or 5 where they had opened 2♦ against us. Then I picked up:

♠AKxxx ♥J9xx ♦KQx ♣x

I was in first seat and announced that I was tired of them opening 2♦ so I opened a Flannery 2 diamonds (notice that I have the majors wrong – should be 4 spades and 5 hearts). My partner duly announced our agreement and bid 2♠. The opponents passed. After the opening lead, they were amused to see dummy. Those of you up on modern conventions may be familiar with “Reverse Flannery” which is a 2♥ response to a minor suit opener to show 5 spades, four hearts and a hand worth 4-8 points. For a few years this has been popular among some experts as it stops lots of unwanted competition. I announced that I actually had a Reverse Flannery. After much laughing the hand was played out and my partner made 4.

♠ A K x x x
♥ J 9 x x
♦ K Q x
♣ x

♠ Q x x x
♥ A x
♦ J 10 9 x x
♣ 10 x

He had a perfect fit. At the other table, they bid this lucky game after a normal 1 spade opener. Darn. Lose 6.

When we played the same opponents again, I told them I reserved the right to raise my partner's 2♠ response to a Flannery 2♦ opening if I have an extra trump.

What should you bid?

In a pairs event in Lynnwood, your RHO opens the bidding 1♥ and you pick up:

♠ ----
♥ ----
♦ A Q J 9 x x
♣ A Q 10 8 x x x

What should you bid?

After a few moments for thought, I considered that 6 of a minor could easily be made opposite a 4 or even 3 card holding with no high card. So I bid to offer my partner their choice: 5NT. My partner with the hand shown below bid a stolid 6♣ and easily made 7.

♠ ----
♥ ----
♦ A Q J 9 x x
♣ A Q 10 8 x x x

♠ 10 x x
♥ K J 10 x x x
♦ K x
♣ K x

Since it was pairs, 6♣ making seven was a good score.

Play or Defend?

Finally, I leave you with a double dummy decision problem (where you decide if you want to play or defend)

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At teams you have a choice:

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

North South are in the contract of 3NT played by South. Would you rather play or defend?

Answer: next Matchpointer

Notable Results

Lynnwood Regional

Winners from Unit 430

Event		Winners & 2nd place	MPs
Tues Brk Teams 2	I	James Madison, Hugh Hendrickson, Irene Dundon,, Curt Peterson	8.94
Wed Gold Rush Pairs	B	Karen Inglis, Monica Butler	4.49
Wed Thurs KO 1 Teams	I	Nicholas Stock, Ray Miller, Eric Sieg, Ken Scholes	32.19
Wed Thurs KO 2 Teams	I	Thomas Anderson, Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Stephen Pickett	16.72
Fri Open Pairs	B, C	Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong	13.06
Fri Eve BAM	I/2	Russell Wing, Sandra Robson, Robert Getz, Thomas Land	3.73
Fri Sat KO 1	I	Jack Lee, Baixiang Liu, Amy Gao, James Wu	37.57
Sat Aft Side Pairs	A I	Dave Grubbs, Nicholas Stock	3.19
Sunday Top Flight Swiss	I	Jack Lee, James Wu, Baixiang Liu, Amy Gao	30.51

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners Unit 430
68.08	James Wu
68.08	Jack Lee
68.08	Baixiang Liu
68.08	Amy Gao
62.00	Nicholas Stock
48.04	Lucy Zhong
48.04	Jack Qi
37.02	Thomas Anderson
22.07	Mojgan Shad
22.07	Khosrow Shad

Evergreen Sectional

Winners

Sat Aft Open Pairs	A	Robert Gerrie, Aban Gerrie	11.00
Sat Aft Open Pairs	B, C	John Lai, Patrick Zhu	8.25
Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs	7 3	Lana Chow, Dennis Kinney	3.47
Sat Eve Open Pairs	A, B, C	John Lai, Patrick Zhu	9.45
Jean Turnbull Open Pairs	2nd	Eurydice Nours, Bryan Maksymetz	7.09
Sun AM 0-750 Pairs	3	R Backman, Art Loy	1.44
Sunday Open Pairs	A	Joel Martineau, Jack Lee	14.03
	B	Khosrow Shad, Mojgan Shad	6.64
	C	David Huang, Patrick Zhu	4.98
Sun Aft 0-750 Pairs	7	Debbie Harris, Colleen Perry	2.17
	3	Robert Pollock, Elizabeth Stallard	1.63
Monday A/X/Y Teams	A	John Lai, Patrick Zhu, William Ge, Eric Pan, David Huang	7.80
	X	Stuart Carr, Barry Yamanouchi, Kelvin Raywood, Shelley Burns	5.85
	Y	Kenny T Chan, Sze Ping Chan, Paul Yip, Kenny Ying	2.77

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners Unit 430
36.02	John Lai
30.48	Patrick Zhu
16.91	Joel Martineau
15.33	Jack Lee
14.42	William Ge
13.92	Ben Takemori
13.09	David Huang
11.64	Robert Gerrie
11.64	Aban Gerrie
10.31	Kenny Ying & Kenny T K Chan

Whistler Regional

Winners

Thurs Aft Side Pairs	A B	Michael Desaulniers, Dariusz Matus	3.18
Thurs Open Pairs	A	Cristina Jacob, Dan Jacob	21.01
	B C	Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad	7.88
Thurs Gold Rush Pairs	7	Karen Tomkins, Ian Gilhooley	5.79
	4	Colleen Perry, Susan Craven	3.74
Thurs Eve Side Pairs	A	Donald Sache, Samuel Krikler	3.18
	B	Fred Baldwin, Don Guichon	3.18
Fri Morn Side Pairs	C	Susan Craven, Colleen Perry	2.39
Friday Open Pairs	A B	Steve Vincent, David Waterman	24.15
	C	Roy Livingstone, Devra Drysdale	4.10
Friday Aft Side Pairs	A	Trudy Hurdle, John Hurdle	3.18
Thurs-Fri KO 1 Teams		Don Bell, Kelly Meehagh, Steven Lawrence, Steve Bates	35.38
Thurs-Fri KO 2 Teams		Thomas Anderson, Ryley Breiddal, Eda Kadar, Andrew Nalos	20.38
Fri-Sat Eve Brk Teams 1		Stephen Pickett, GS Jade Barrett, Fred Baldwin, Donna Lombardini	5.36

Friday Brk Teams 1		Dan Jacob, Gordon McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Piotr Klimowicz	20.88
Sat Morn Side Pairs	A B C	Barbara Hillman, John Wilson	3.41
Sat Open Pairs	A B	Shelley Burns, Kelvin Raywood	27.30
Sat Gold Rush Pairs	7	Jeremy Bowman, Shaviv Ben Neriah	6.62
	3	Betsy Woods, Nigel Williamson	3.31
Sat Sun KO 1		Bob Todd, Brad Bart, Leo Glaser, Nicholas Stock	42.02
Sun Morn Side Pairs	A B C	Roy Livingstone, Devra Drysdale	5.00
Sun Aft Side Pairs	A B C	Don Guichon, Marilyn Hicks	5.45
Sun Top Flight Swiss	Y	Shelley Burns, Lorne Burns, Kelvin Raywood, Samuel Krikler	5.51
Mon Open Pairs	B	James Sache, David Schmidt	18.11
Mon Gold Rush Pairs	4	Colleen Perry, Susan Craven	4.55
Mon Tue KO Teams 1		Dan Jacon, Piotr Klimowicz, Michael Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond	42.02
Mon Tue KO Teams 2		Debbie Martignago, Marlene Sumi, Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad	20.46
Mon Tues KO Teams 3		Jin Mei Luo, Qiao Li, Flora Yan, Kenny Ying	13.02
Tues Brk Teams 1		John Hurdle, Trudy Hurdle, Donald Sache, Sheila Sache	17.19
Tues Open Pairs	B	Allan Karro, Yen Karro	15.75
Tues Gold Rush Pairs	7	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison	4.69
Sun Eve Side Pairs	A B	Kenny Ying, Flora Yan	3.18
Mon Eve Side Pairs	A	Allan Karro, Yen Karro	2.94

Aft Side Pairs		Don Guichon	8.63
Wed Top Flight Swiss	A	Dan Jacob, Piotr Klimowicz, Michael Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond	19.32
	Y	Joel Fuhrman, Andrew Mitchell, Edgar L'Heureux, Sally Craig	5.57
Wed RR Teams	B	Stuart Carr, Lana Chow, Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad	5.59

Top 10	Masterpoint Winners Unit 430
132.63	Dan Jacob
93.00	Nicholas Stock
93.00	Brad Bart
50.97	Kelvin Raywood
49.68	David Huang
49.10	David Schmidt
48.91	Sheila Sache
48.72	Shelley Burns
44.02	Mojgan Shad
44.02	Khosrow Shad

Roundup Sectional

Winners

Ev Hodge Charity Pairs	A	Bryan Maksymetz, Francis Corney	9.80
	K Q	Shael Smith, William Osten	5.51
Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs	7 4	Dennis Kinney, Michael Moore	2.76
Fri Eve Open Pairs	A K Q	Juan Xu, Jennifer Hong	5.21
Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs	7	Michael Moore, Dennis Kinney	2.16
Sat Morn 0-750 Pairs	B C	Michael Moore, Dennis Kinney	2.81
Sat A/X Pairs	A	William Ge, Sidney Yang	14.03
	X	Thomas Anderson, Andy Hellquist	10.52
Sat Aft 0-1500 Pairs	B	Peter Altridge, Debbie Harris	2.62

	C	Michael Moore, Dennis Kinney	1.79
Sun A/X Swiss Teams	A	Thomas Devine, Josh Sinnett, James Wu, Jack Lee	9.57
	B	Jennifer Hong, Long Xie, Amy Gao, Baixiang Liu	5.38
	C	Flora Yan, Junkai Peng, Jim Mei Luo, Qiao Li	2.57

Monthly Unit Game

Leaders as of Nov 28, 2022

10.25	Ken LoChang	Flight A
8.14	Patti Adams	Flight B
7.71	John Lai	Flight C

Phil Wood, Edie Bonnell, Phil Wood Under 200, Rocket Rookie Winners

70.84	Jack Lee	Phil Wood
39.43	Kathy Adachi	Edie Bonnell
59.71	John Lai	Under 200
31.29	John Lai	Rocket Rookie

Ace of Clubs Leaders

across Unit 430 as of Nov 28 2022

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Sze Ping Chan	14.84
5-20	Amanda Murdoch	9.78
20-50	Wendy Yoshida	20.54
50-100	Marilyn Desmarais	37.22
100-200	Thomas Rippon	145.26
200-300	Nimi Bhachu	151.15
300-500	Debbie Harris	141.01
500-1000	Michael Desaulniers	91.82
1000-1500	Theodora Friedman	136.99
1500-2500	Diane Griffiths	164.70
2500-3500	Barry Kirkham	81.78
3500-5000	Rhoda Tafler	113.67
5000-7500	Tai Eng	150.57
7500-10000	June Keith	51.28
10000+	Kathy Adachi	112.42

Mini-McKenney Leaders

across Unit 430 as of June 06 2022

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Xiaojing Deng	144.52
5-20	Bradley Toms	10.06
20-50	Patrick Zhu	44.24
50-100	Xiaoming Shen	134.07
100-200	Thomas Rippon	145.26
200-300	Nimi Bhachu	152.84
300-500	Lucy Zhong	261.60
500-1000	Michael Desaulniers	122.42
1000-1500	Theodora Friedman	144.92
1500-2500	Thomas Anderson	251.44
2500-3500	Baixiang Liu	168.11
3500-5000	Jane Youngberg	212.74
5000-7500	Nicholas Stock	176.54
7500-10000	Donald Sache	148.88
10000+	Dan Jacob	169.47

What's on the Web

by Tom Anderson

Our Unit 430 website is:
vancouverbridge.com

Because of COVID, various resources on the Unit 430 website ended up being shutdown, such as info about games, times, location and contact information for clubs. With the gradual reopening of clubs, the clubs information has recently been extremely hard to track.

In other cases, the information has not been updated since 2020, such as games that are welcoming for newer players, bridge lessons, the Mentor-Mentee page and so on.

Schedules were turned upside down, or cancelled, and it was too time consuming, and often seemed pointless, to try to track every club or event as it shut down or reopened or went online.

Now that things are sort of returning to normal, it will take some time to rebuild these resources (but
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that work has already started).

In the meantime, we've been using the home page to track recent developments in all of these areas.

Given all that, the good news is that there is still lots of information available on the website! Check out:

- The Matchpointer page (all past issues going back to 2012 are available there. And McBruce has unearthed a treasure trove of issues going back to the 60's, so a long term plan is to scan those, and make all of that local bridge history, and the great bridge articles, available to everyone).
- The Races tab. Here you can check current results for Unit 430 trophy event races, as well as the ACBL Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs current standings for Unit 430 members.
- The Unit 430 tab. This takes you to official documents (bylaws, published policies relating to such things as subsidy payments and the consequences of cheating, info about board members, and their duties, Board minutes and so on).
- A new-ish feature on the home page is a score calculator.

The next project in bringing things back up to speed is restoring the Event calendars on the home page, so you can easily figure out the tournaments, and other bridge events, you want to attend over the next half year or so. With F2F tournaments now back in business, we gave priority to getting those going again.

Unit 430 Board of Directors

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Non LifeMaster/STAC	Judy Chang
Mentor - Mentee	Mojgan Shad
New Bridge Players	Julie Smith
IMP League	Volunteer Needed
Past President	Peter Morse
Hospitality	Volunteer Needed
District Associate Recorder	June Keith

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Full contact information on the Unit 430 website:

vancouverbridge.com/unit430_members.php

Visit the Unit 430 website for more information:

vancouverbridge.com



*Winners of the Jean Turnbull Trophy at the Evergreen Sectional:
Eurydice Nours, Bryan Maksymetz*



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - TROPHY SECTIONAL

January 13 - 15, 2023

Engineers Hall

4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3T3

Please note: **health protocols** for the tournament will be those required by government health authorities, as well as the ACBL. Current rules expected to be in place for the tournament are available at www.vancouverbridge.com/health and will be updated as required. Please: allow more time, arrive earlier, be considerate of others, and remember our commitment to zero tolerance.

Friday Afternoon	1pm	Jan. 13
Open Pairs	(2000+/1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
<i>(All Friday evening events are CBF international fund games-40% more silver points!)</i>		
Friday Evening	6:30pm	Jan. 13
Mixed Teams B.A.M - <i>Henry Smilie Trophy Event!*</i>	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
Open Pairs	(2000+ / 750 - 2000 / 0 - 750)	
0 - 750 Pairs	<i>(All Friday events are single session)</i> (300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Saturday Morning	10:30am	Jan. 14
Open Pairs - <i>Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy Event!</i>	<i>(Qualifying - single session accepted)</i>	
0 - 750 Pairs	<i>(single session)</i> (300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
Saturday Afternoon	3:30pm	Jan. 14
Open Pairs - <i>Adrian and June Budd Hicks Open Pairs Trophy Final!</i>		
Consolation Pairs	<i>(single session accepted)</i> (2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 pairs	<i>(single session)</i> (300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Sunday Morning & Afternoon	10am & TBA	Jan. 15
Flight A/X Swiss Teams*	(2000+ / 0 - 2000)	
<i>*Willie Weinstein Trophy Event!</i>		
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams*	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>**Mary Clarke Trophy!</i>		
<i>Sunday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams Entry Fee</i>		

Online Partnership Desk:	www.vancouverbridge.com	
Tournament Chair:	Nick Stock:	ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875
Fees:	Credit/debit cards now required! \$13.00**/player for each Pairs session. \$124/Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4). \$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member? No problem. Register as a Guest at https://www.acbl.org/guest	
Stratification:	By average, but each player must be below the event limit	
Coffee/Tea:	FREE with your own cup (cups are \$1-donated to the subsidy fund)	
Tournament Results:	live.acbl.org and also www.vancouverbridge.com	

**Increasing costs have forced us to raise entry fees

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



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - SPRING SECTIONAL May 20 - 22, 2023

Queensborough Community Centre
920 Ewen Ave New Westminster B.C. V3M 5C8

*Please note: **health protocols** expected to be in place for the tournament are available at www.vancouverbridge.com/health and will be updated as required.*

Saturday Afternoon	1:00pm	May 20
Open Pairs	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
Saturday Evening	6:00pm	May 20
Open Pairs	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
(All evening events: CBF International Fund Games - 40% more silver points! No extra charge to participants - that's paid by Unit 430 on your behalf)		

Sunday Morning	10:30am	May 21
Stratified IMP Pairs (1 st of 2 sessions)*	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs (single session event)	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
<i>*(single session accepted, but then not eligible for overall awards)</i>		
Sunday Afternoon	3:30pm	May 21
Stratified Imp Pairs (2 nd of 2 sessions)*	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 pairs (single session event)	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	

Monday	10:00am & TBA	May 23
Open Swiss Teams	(2000+ / 0 - 2000)	
B/C/D Swiss	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>Monday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams Entry Fee</i>		

The Unit 430 AGM starts immediately before the Monday afternoon session
Members will provide input and nominations will take place for new board members

Online Partnership Desk: www.vancouverbridge.com
Tournament Chair: Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875
Fees: **Credit/debit cards now required** \$13.00/player for each Pairs session.
\$124/Swiss team (+\$5/player over 4). \$4 additional per person/session for unpaid ACBL members. Not a member? No problem. Register as a Guest at <https://www.acblorg/quest>
Stratification: By average, but each player must be below the event limit
Coffee/Tea: FREE with your own cup (cups are \$1 – donated to the subsidy fund)
Tournament Results: live.acblorg and also www.vancouverbridge.com

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Future Stars Sectional FEBRUARY 11, 2023

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

- Location:** Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road Surrey B C
- Game times:** Saturday 10:00 and 2:30PM Pairs, single session accepted
- Stratification:** 0-50, 50-150, 150-500 (no player may be above the 500 limit or a life master)
- Card fees:** \$10 per session for ACBL members
(Not a member? Register as Guest at <https://www.acbl.org/guest>)
- Partnerships:** Go to the partnership desk at www.vancouverbridge.com
- Hospitality:** Snack, drinks
- Contacts:** Judy Chang jlouchang@gmail.com
Mojgan Shad mojanvahid@yahoo.ca
- Note:** Proof of vaccination required at entry subject to change
Changes to Health requirements are posted at www.vancouverbridge.com



PEACE ARCH

Sectional

Feb. 3,4,5, 2023
Unit 433

Fox Hall
(behind the Best Western)

1661 W. Bakerview RD
Bellingham, Washington
Free Parking

all entries US funds

All ACBL covid rules apply

PARTNERSHIPS: 360-733-3991
grmbgropp@comcast.net

2windstar@comcast.net
Gay Parrish—chair

Schedule of Events

Friday February 3		
STRATIFIED PAIRS *	single session	1pm
NEWCOMER PAIRS *	single session	1pm
\$12 per session		
STRATIFIED CHARITY PAIRS	\$13	7pm
40% more silver points		
NEWCOMER PAIRS*	single session	7pm

Saturday, February 4		
STRATIFIED PAIRS*	2 sessions	1:00pm & 6:30pm
NEWCOMER PAIRS*	2 one session events	
\$12 per session		

Stratum: Open Events 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
Stratified by pair average
Newcomer Events 0-50, 50-100, 100-200
0-5 plays free in newcomer events

Sunday February 5

HAL GLOFF SWISS TEAMS

10 am & TBA VP's

Teams stratified by team average

\$96 a team

1 hour lunch break



Mentor/Mentee Event

Saturday, March 25, 2023 1:00 pm

Vancouver Bridge Center

2177 W42nd Avenue Vancouver

Parking available (free) Level "C" 166-180, Level "D" 208-217

Format: Pairs

Note: Established partnerships (those who play regularly at clubs) are discouraged. Only 2/1, natural, or ACBL simplified conventions are allowed.

Registration & Info is at www.vancouverbridge.com

Registration will open March 1 and close March 20

If you have arranged a partner already, both players must register separately naming their partner.

Mentees and Mentors without registered partners will be matched after registration closes.

Partnerships will be notified by email (if we have them) before March 25.

Only registered participants will be matched and notified.

Contacts: Judy Chang jlouchang@gmail.com

Mojgan Shad mojanvahid@yahoo.ca

Hospitality: Drinks / light snacks

Note: Proof of vaccination required at entry subject to change.

Changes to Health requirements are posted at www.vancouverbridge.com

Bridge Clubs	Game time(s)	Contact
We are moving back to having Face to Face club games, with clubs still sponsoring some Virtual (online) games for their clubs. For a detailed explanation about online games and generally how to use BBO go to: http://mcbruce.ca/VVBC.html		
The information below is current as of December 03 2022		
Fraser Valley		
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday 1:00 (Open)	Ms Lois M Mazuren 604-858-7836 8871 School St
Golden Ears Bridge Club	Wednesday 12:30 (Open)	Jim R Garner 778-903-6147 12150 224th St Maple Ridge
North Vancouver		
North Shore Winter Club	Tuesday 7:00 (Open) BBO	John DeMeulemeester 778-859-1097
North Shore Bridge Club	Friday 10:30 (Open) BBO	Margaret/Paul Pattison 604-987-8289
Squamish		
Squamish Bridge Club	currently no game	Vic Puchmayr vicpunch@gmail.com info@squamishbridgeclub
South Surrey / White Rock		
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	All Face to Face games at Elgin Hall Wednesday 10:15 (Open) F2F Wednesday 10:15 (0-300) F2F Thursday 10:15 (Open) F2F	Jane Youngberg Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116 VACB265157 Bob Dillon bdquad@telus.net
South Surrey Duplicate Bridge	Monday 7:00 (Open) BBO	Ed L'Heureux, 604-542-6116, edlheureux@yahoo.com, VACB216234
Peace Arch Bridge Club	Tuesday 11:00 Face to Face at Elgin Wednesday 7:00 online	Jack Johnson 604-679-0414 VACB221192
Vancouver		
JCC of Greater Vancouver	Tuesday 10:15 (Open) F2F Thursday 10:15 (Open) F2F	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496 vacb234880
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC)	Monday 10:30 (Open) Tuesday 10:30 (Open) Wednesday 10:30 (Open) Thursday 10:30 (0-500) Friday 10:30 (Open) Saturday 10:30 (Social Supervised Play) Sunday 12:00 (Open)	All games Face to Face 2177 W 42nd Ave, Vancouver Ken Lochang 604-267-2202
West Vancouver		
Hollyburn Country Club	Thursday 9:30 (Open) Face to Face	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974 www.bridgeclubnews@shaw.ca
VBC - St. David's	Monday 10:00 (Open) Wednesday 10:30 (Open) BBO	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577 homa_boustani@shaw.ca Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974

Calendar of Events

2022/2023

We are holding Monthly Unit Games Face to Face at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on Sunday afternoons. Such events are just pairs for the time being.

Date	Event	Location
December 04, 2022	MUG (pairs)	VBC
December 05-11, 2022	D19 STAC	Participating clubs in District 19
December 12-18, 2022	Regional	Palm Springs
January 08, 2023	MUG (pairs)	VBC
January 13-15, 2023	Trophy Sectional	* IUOEI 15 Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Ave Burnaby
February 03-05, 2023	Bellingham Peace Arch Sectional	* Fox Hall (behind the Best Western) 1661 W. Bakerview Rd, Bellingham
February 11, 2023	Future Stars Sectional	* Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Road Surrey BC
March 03-05, 2023	Everett Fun Sectional	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Building 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett
March 05, 2023	MUG (pairs)	VBC
March 09-19, 2023	NABC New Orleans	New Orleans
March 25, 2023	Mentor/Mentee Event	*VBC
April 02, 2023	MUG (pairs)	VBC
April 17-23, 2023	Victoria Regional	Victoria Conference Centre 720 Douglas Street, Victoria
May 07, 2023	MUG (pairs)	VBC
May 20 - 22, 2023	Spring Sectional	* Queensborough Community Centre, 920 Ewen Ave, New Westminster, BC

* See Flyer in this Matchpointer

MUG = Monthly Unit Game

VBC = Vancouver Bridge Centre 2177 W 42nd Vancouver

For more information about online and face to face 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:
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