

UNIT 430 Matchpointer

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Recent ACBL Rank

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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.

<i>Who</i>	<i>New Rank</i>
*Ann Clemmons	Bronze Life Master
*Anna Crouch	Silver Life Master
Michael Desaulniers	Silver Life Master
David Gabel	Ruby Life Master
Margaret Gibson	Ruby Life Master
Debbie Harris	Bronze Life Master
David Huang	Gold Life Master
*Miranda Levert	Bronze Life Master
Lisa Li	Bronze Life Master
*Laya Mandell	Sapphire Life Master
*Dariusz Matus	Life Master
*Pamela Moore	Life Master
*Ronald Pratt	Ruby Life Master
*Kenneth Ramsay	Gold Life Master
*Joyce Tokarek	Life Master
Lucy Zhong	Bronze Life Master
*John Zohrab	Bronze Life Master

* Did not send a picture

President's Message

by Nick Stock

With the passing of the severity of the pandemic, this past year has seen the steady increase of attendance at bridge clubs and tournaments. Most clubs and tournaments have come back to a high percentage of their pre-pandemic attendance. The Vancouver Bridge Centre, offering games almost every day, has confirmed that they will be open for business until at least April 2024 after forcing the owner, Ken LoChang, to try to find another location before the landlord finally decided that he could stay after all. The uncertainty of that situation led some to rush to open a new bridge club in a more central location. The GVBC will open their doors at the Croatian Cultural Centre at Commercial Drive and 15th on October 1, and hope that those players who found the drive to Kerrisdale too far will come to their games. I would encourage players from Burnaby, New Westminster and Coquitlam to try out the new club.

Even though we've had better attendance at tournaments, Unit 430 is still struggling to cover its costs while providing coffee and snacks. You should note that regional tournaments have generally cut their provision of snacks and coffee almost to the bone in order to stay afloat. So it will not surprise you to learn that in the new year Unit 430 is forced to increase our entry fees to \$15.00/per person/per session. We will continue to provide coffee, tea and snacks throughout and an inexpensive sandwich for the last day team game.

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Best Line?

by Nicholas Stock

This might be the best line: "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room!" from *Dr. Strangelove*, but maybe that isn't applicable in a bridge article.

In this hand from a regional knockout it doesn't seem so clear what the best line of play is.

Vulnerable against not, you pick up this good hand:

♠ A 10 x x
 ♥ -----
 ♦ A K 9 7 4 3
 ♣ A x x

After 2♥ on your right, you have to consider your options:

A simple overcall of 3♦ will likely bury the spade suit, so Double seems best.

After that, LHO passes and partner jumps to 3NT. Unwilling to give up on slam, you bid 4♦ and partner bids 4♠. Deciding that it's unlikely that partner has enough for a grand, you bid an unscientific 6♦.

As expected, LHO leads a low ♥ and dummy appears:

♠ K 8 x x
 ♥ K Q x x
 ♦ Q x
 ♣ Q J x

♠ A 10 x x
 ♥ -----
 ♦ A K 9 7 4 3
 ♣ A x x

You play the ♥K from dummy and RHO covers with the ♥A which you ruff. Counting tricks you come to 11, assuming both diamonds and spades break. The club finesse would make that 12 and there is nothing in the auction or the opponents past bidding habits to suggest that RHO can't have the ♣K. It seems that is the only play.

Accordingly, you play on diamonds to draw trumps, and use the ♠K as an entry to cash the ♥Q pitching a club, then take the club finesse.

Naturally, that loses, so with a spade loser you are down one. When you go back to compare, your teammates were on defense against 6♠ where the auction had gone:

2♥ - Dbl - P - 3♥
 P - 4♦ - P - 4♠
 P - 6♠ all pass

So your teammate in RHO's position was on opening lead against 6♠. Unfortunately, they didn't find the ♣ lead to beat it.

Later, you point out to teammates that you could have made 6♦ on the heart lead and that there was a better line than the one you took:

Trick 1, Play the ♥K from dummy and ruff when RHO plays the Ace.

Trick 2, Play a diamond to the Queen in dummy and

Trick 3, ruff a heart low.

Tricks 4 and 5, Cash two high diamonds in hand, pitching a club from dummy.

Trick 6 play a spade to dummy's King,

Trick 7 ruff another heart low.

These cards remain:

♠ 8 x x
 ♥ Q
 ♦ -----
 ♣ Q J

♠ A 10 x
 ♥ -----
 ♦ -----
 ♣ A x x

Now it is safe to play:

Trick 8 ♠A,

Trick 9 ♠10.

If LHO has the third spade, they will be left to play a club and regardless of who has the ♣K you will score two clubs, three spades, 1 heart, three heart ruffs and three diamonds. Even if RHO started with only 5 hearts or 3 spades, you will still get to take the club finesse.

The Case Against 1M - 1NT Non-Forcing

by Greg Morse

There are some who want to play 1M - 1NT as non forcing. The intent is that when Declarer (South in this write up) is exactly 5332 he can play in 1NT, and go plus rather than going minus in 2M, 2x, or 3x.

Before we see how often this is true, we should mention that if 1NT is non-forcing, then you cannot use 1NT to create sequences that distinguish between 3 and 4 card limit raises or between 'constructive' and pre-emptive single raises. DeSerpa, in his book "The 2♣ Marionette", which describes an alternative to 1NT forcing, considers this much too high a price to pay, even if 1NT does turn out to be a superior contract most of the time. But does it? Roth did not think so, nor did Sheinwold. Lets see what the simulations say.

Simulation Scenarios

Declarer is South. Responder (1NT bidder) is North. South will only pass the 1NT bid with exactly 5332 shape. To simplify the simulations we will stipulate that South will have 11-15 hcp and 5 spades. North will not be strong enough for a 2/1, hence 5-10 hcp. So North will be forced to bid 1NT with all hands with 0-2 spades, that fall into that range. There are two scenarios we want to compare:

Scenario 1: South with 5(332) shape will always pass the 1NT bid.

Scenario 2: South will bid his cheapest 3 card minor.

North will then take the following actions:

- With no 5 card suit, and 2 spades he will correct to 2♠
- With 5 card support for South's minor North will pass. In this simulation that will be 2♣.
- With a 5 card suit that he can bid at the two level he will bid 2x. In this simulation that will be 2♥, since he can bid that over either 2♣ or 2♦. South has either 2 or 3 hearts and passes 2♥.
- North has 6 Clubs, 8-10 hcp, and 2 spades. South is exactly 5 3 3 2. North bids 3♣ over 2♦. S passes.
- The same as case (d) but North has 0-1 spades. North bids 3♣. South passes.
- North has a 6 card club suit and 2 spades, but only 5-7 hcp. He bids 2♠ over South's 2♦ bid.
- North has 6 clubs, 0-1 spades, and 5-7 hcp. He bids 3♣ over South's 2♦ bid.
- The 'Death' scenario. South is exactly 5 3 3 2 and North is exactly 1 4 3 5. The question is what is North's best bid over South's 2♦ rebid? Pass, 2♠, or 2♥?

In the following table, the scores assume that NS are Vulnerable, and the 'Alt' refers to any contract other than 1NT or 2♠. All scenarios were based on the Double Dummy solution of 1000 hands that satisfied the required criteria.

Simulation Results

Case	% of deals where 1NT is better than Alt and 2♠	% of deals where Alt is better than 2♠	% of deals where 2♥ is better than 2♦
A. S in 2♠, 5-2 fit	45.5		
B. S in 2♣ 5-3 fit	19.9	57.3	
C. N plays 2♥	23.7	56.4	
D. N in 3♣ 6-2 fit	32.5	65.6	
E. N in 3♣ 6-2 fit	35.5	86.3	
F. S in 2♠, 5-2 fit	18.9	54	
G. N in 3♣ 6-2 fit	19.4	88.8	
H. S in 2♦ or 2♥	53.6		95
S in 2♠, 5-1 fit	74.7		

Only in the 'Death' scenario H. is 1NT better than playing 2x, and only by a little bit for 2♦ or 2♥

Conclusions

- The 5-2 fit does not play all that well.
- The best scenario for the Non Forcing INT is when Dummy has 2(443) shape vs Declarer with 5(332). The other best scenario is when Dummy has 1-4-3-5 shape and Declarer has 5-3-3-2
- There is usually a better contract than either INT or 2♠, when South has 5-3-3-2 and it is usually not that hard to find
- If North can play 2x in his 5 card suit, half the time he will find 3 card support. That is better than either INT or 2♠. North will often also have 5 card support for South's minor. That too is better than 2♠ or INT.
- If North has a 6 card suit, with 8-10 points 3x is better than almost any other contract. With 5-7 points it is better than either INT or 2♠, if North has short spades.
- With the 'Death Hand' (1-4-3-5) when South bids 2♦ over INT it is better to bid 2♥ and offer the 4-3 fit rather than leave South in what could be a 3-3 fit.
- Given all of the above there is no reason to play INT non-forcing, unless you adopt some sort of replacement for it like DeSerpa's 2♣ Marionette. You lose too much by giving up the sequence creations, especially those with a fit, and you don't gain often enough, if at all when South is 5-3-3-2, which is the 'only' time he would pass a non-forcing INT.

Cam Lindsay Bridge Library

by Gary Harper

Cam Lindsay, whom I've known since our days in Tsawwassen in the 1970's, is downsizing his library and asked me to find a good home for his extensive collection. He has Bridge World magazines dating back to 1957 and complete years from around 1960 to the late 1980's. He also has complete sets of Popular Bridge from the same time periods. His library ranges from Mollo to the biographies of Hamman, Sontag and Zia, as well as many bridge themed mysteries. I'm hoping someone would want the entire collection but would be fine giving parts of it away. If you would like a complete inventory of the books or if you are interested in all or part of the collection, email me at garymharper52@gmail.com.

Matchpoints long ago

by Michael Dimich

As South you open a 10-12 point INT and partner bids 3NT. The opponents are silent.

♠ Q x x
♥ K J
♦ A K J x
♣ Q 10 8 x

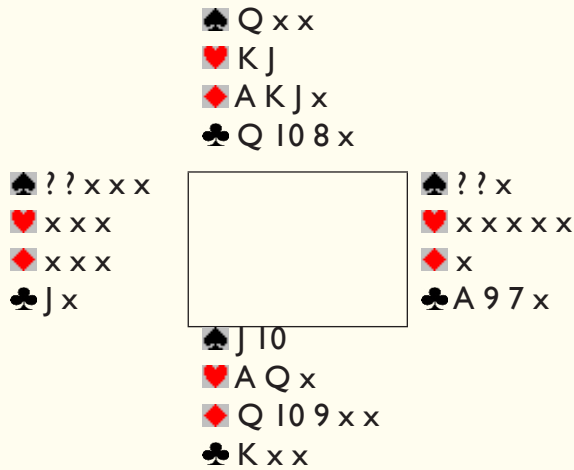
♠ J 10
♥ A Q x
♦ Q 10 9 x x
♣ K x x

West leads a heart, which you win with the ♥K in dummy, unblocking the ♥Q from your hand. When you play a club from dummy, East follows low, you play the ♣K in hand and it wins. You then play a club from hand and West plays the ♣J which you cover with the ♣Q. West wins the ♣A and continues with a second heart. You win this trick in the North hand with the ♥J and cash all 5 rounds of diamonds. On the second round of diamonds, East pitches a spade. On the third and fourth round of diamonds, East pitches two hearts. On the last diamond, East, surprisingly, pitches

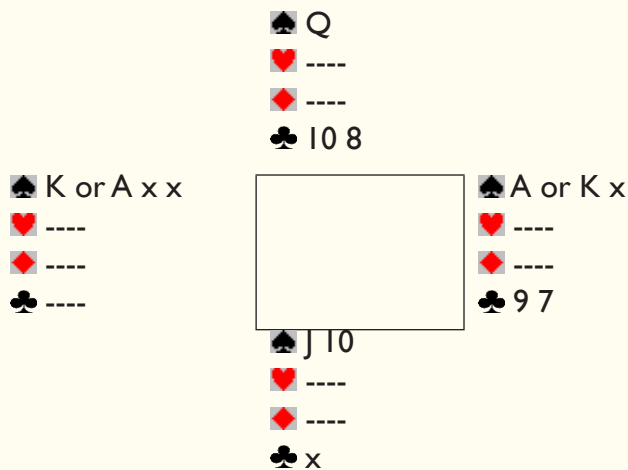
another heart as you throw a spade from dummy.

Diagnosing that cashing the last heart will put more pressure on East, you play the ♥A and throw a second spade from dummy. West follows to the last heart and East thinks before throwing a second spade.

Assuming the ♣J was a true card, here is what you know about the hands as they started:



Clearly, West could not have started with ♠AKxxx, else they would surely have led one. So East must have Ace or King singleton left now, after discarding two spades. So here is the choice East faced when discarding on the ♥A:



Trick 10: S W N E
 ♥A ♠x ♠x ?

If they throw their spade honour, then a low spade from declarer will force West to win the trick and return a spade to the South hand, then a club to the 10 for 5NT. If they keep their spade honour, then declarer might just cash the ♣10 in dummy and

make 4NT, so that seems a logical choice. Instead, of course, you lead a spade from the South hand and either the ♠A and ♠K are played on the same trick and a spade returned to the South hand or East has to win his now singleton honour and lead a club from 9 7 into the 10 8 in the dummy for 5NT and all the Matchpoints.

Notice that an original spade lead from the West hand could hold 3NT to nine tricks.

Best defence?

By Josh Sinnett

Playing in an IMP Pairs event with everybody vulnerable, you pick up:



And hear your partner open 1♥. RHO overcalls 1♠ and you bid 3♥ pre-emptive (would you?). LHO cuebids 4♥ which your partner doubles. RHO bids 4♠. You decide that they shouldn't play there and bid 5♥. LHO disobeys the maxim "the five level belongs to the opponents" and bids 5♠. Since nobody knows who can make what, it goes all pass. You lead the ♥J and see this:



Declarer ruffs in dummy, leads a spade to his hand, your partner following, ruffs another heart in dummy, crosses to another spade in hand and ruffs his final heart in dummy. Finally, he leads a diamond from the table and plays the ♦Q from his hand. You win the Ace and have to find the best defence.

If you lead a club, declarer's club guess for the queen is completely eliminated and you lose 6.5 Imps on a hand where some declarers are forced to guess the ♣Q location to make 5♠. Only a diamond continuation makes declarer guess clubs for himself.

Here was the whole hand:

	♠ A Q 9 8 5 3	
	♥ ----	
	♦ 10 9 5	
	♣ A J x x	
♠ x		♠ x
♥ J 10 x x x		♥ A K Q x x
♦ A J x		♦ K x x x
♣ Q x x x		♣ x x
	♠ K J 10 x x	
	♥ 9 x x	
	♦ Q x	
	♣ K 10 x	

Is it so wrong for you to expect your partner to have a high club honour, rather than x x?

Couldn't partner have either:

♠ x ♥ A K Q x x ♦ x x x ♣ K 10 x x or

♠ x ♥ A K Q x x ♦ K x x x x ♣ x x

and declarer correspondingly either:

♠ K J 10 x x ♥ x x x ♦ K Q x ♣ x x or

♠ K J 10 x x ♥ x x x ♦ Q x ♣ K 10 x?

It is so wrong because your partner has had adequate opportunity to indicate where his high cards are. On the heart ruffs in dummy, he can show suit preference for diamonds by playing his ♥A on the second heart ruff. He can show preference for clubs by playing his lowest heart on the second heart ruff. Finally, on the second round of trumps he can pitch a discouraging card in whichever minor he doesn't like. That should lead to the best defence.

Vancouver Regional

Next April 8 - 14, Vancouver will be hosting a regional at the Croatian Cultural Centre. The tournament needs some volunteers willing to give up some of their valuable time to help organize and run various aspects of the seven days of events. Some examples are helping with the registration desk, the hospitality, and running the caddies.

One thing we are planning to do at the tournament is to honour those who achieved a great deal in our bridge community, as players, as community contributors or as best friends - the great and the sorely missed. In return for a donation to the Regional we will be able to spotlight friends, family

and bridge partners who are no longer among us.

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if you wish to help as a volunteer or with a donation.

Stephen Beaton



Meet one of our community's unsung heroes!

by Thomas Anderson

I arranged to meet Steve at my favourite pub, the Black Bear in Lynn Valley (alas, probably closed down by the time you read this). I was walking up Grand Boulevard, and a slim biker whisked past me. It was the person we always see dressed with dignity in suit and tie, but at this moment quite differently attired on his bike. Steve loves to bike everywhere, and advises that the suit and tie are just for directing, something he considers appropriate for the director of a bridge game. He recalled that Louis Landau (more about Louis later) dressed likewise, and there was a time, now long gone, when all bridge players dressed up for bridge tournaments.

Everyone knows Steve as the long time director at the Vancouver Bridge Club at St. David's Church in West Vancouver, as the Director of the Hollyburn Duplicate Bridge Club, and as a bridge teacher in multiple bridge venues. I am imagining many reading this article right now have some connection with Steve, either as a student, or member of his games, or from playing against him in our clubs.

This is an appropriate time to honour and celebrate all he has done for our bridge community, by a peek at his biography. We had a lovely afternoon, over a beer, exploring all of this.

Born, raised and educated (BSc. and PHD, UBC) in Vancouver, Steve pursued Post Doc studies in Glasgow, where, he noted, one learns to appreciate warm beer (while taking a sip from the ice cold glass before him). He learned to play bridge before university but, unlike many of his generation, had the discipline not to play at university, and diligently pursued his studies instead. After Glasgow, he took a position with Dupont, in their Research Centre laboratory in Kingston, Ontario. While working there, a friend suggested he try duplicate bridge, which he did, and was instantly hooked.

The play at the local club, the Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club, was extremely strong, considering that many of its members were high level scientists and university and college professors. Like many of us and our first experience in a duplicate club, we enter thinking we know how to play bridge, and then often discover we're far from knowing anything at all. His first partner was pretty much a novice as well, although they taught themselves to play Precision (a very new thing in the early 70's) and within 9 months they finished first in the club game!

Relocating to Squamish in the early 80's, Steve formed a partnership with Marian Zarychta, who made no claim to being a strong bidder, but was a brilliant card player. Steve reflected fondly about how much he enjoyed that partnership. They played at the Squamish Bridge Club, then being run by Faith Nelson and her husband, which was located at the Elk's Club.

Late in the 80's Steve returned to Vancouver. In those days, he was, professionally, a database consultant and, with respect to bridge, still just a player, not a

director. He played at the Pemberton Bridge Club. Even while in Squamish, Steve and Marian would come down once or twice a week in the mid 80's to play in Pemberton Club games.

The club was run by Don Fraser, located on Pemberton, just off Marine Drive, and offered evening games Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It was a thriving club, very much the centre of bridge playing on the North Shore, with lots of players venturing over from the lower mainland. When Don was in his 80's, though, his health declined and his children convinced him it was time to retire.

What happened then was a very nice portrait of our bridge community. The members undertook to keep the club going. About 20 of the most active players of the 100 or so regular members turned it into a casual, non-profit endeavour. Some of the principals involved with running the club were Doug Cowan, Joan Richards, Rose Wren (later Miller who ran the very popular, but non-ACBL West Vancouver Senior Centre duplicate game for many, many years), Keith Miller (the two were not a couple then), Stella Alliston, Mary Fines, Marge Neate, Donna Morrison, and Ev Hodge (another of our community luminaries whose name honours a Unit 430 trophy event), to name just a few.

It was at this time that Steve started directing once a week. Sandi McCreary, a high level tournament director, also shared directing duties. The Pemberton Club did booming bridge business up until about 1986, but was one of the victims of Expo '86 which, for a year, pulled most leisure activity and commerce into the fair, and away from local businesses and activities. The club never fully recovered from that, although it continued into the mid-90's before a decision was made to close up shop.

Steve's story continues in the next Matchpointer with a commentary on how the different bridge clubs on the North Shore have evolved over time.

Notable Results

Spring Sectional

Winners

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Sat Open Pairs	A	Jack Lee, Xiaoming Shen	11.55
	B C	Stephe Pickett, Hugh Woolley	4.29
Sat CBF 6pm 0-750 Pairs	7	Linda Palm, Marilyn Hicks	2.76
	3	Mary Francis Bishop, Bud Bishop	2.10
Sat 1pm 0-750 Pairs	7	Ernst Walti, Diana Tchakalian	2.89
	3	Leo Kevin O Farrell, David Drake	1.98
	1	Eric Abrutyn, Jane Abrutyn	1.59
Sun Open Imp Pairs	A	Larry Pocock, Yue Su	14.85
	B	Debbie Martignago, Andy Hellquist	11.14
	C	Xiaojing Deng, Xiaoming Shen	6.26
Sun 0-750 10:30 Pairs	7	Lana Chow, Irene Dundon	2.74
	3	Dorothy Trask, Debbie Smith	1.98
	1	Bobbi Moon, Lois Loudon	1.54
Sun 0-750 3:30 Pairs	7	Mitra Hadavi, Reza Hadavi	2.31
	B	Robert Pollock, Elizabeth Thompson	1.73
Mon AXY Swiss Teams	A	Jack Lee, James Wu, Xiaoming Shen, Brian Liu	10.89
	X	Kenny T K Chan, Julian Levesque, Kenny Ying, Cecil CT Chan	8.17
	Y	Mike Shafer, John Kay, Jim Hansen, Susanne Sherburne	2.72

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners

Xiaoming Shen	39.55
Jack Lee	33.84
Brian Liu	17.30
John Lai	15.99
Patrick Zhu	15.99
Yue Su	14.85
Larry Pocock	14.85
Ben Takemori	13.02
Kathy Adachi	12.90
Michael Dimich	12.77

Penticton Regional

Winners from Unit 430

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Mon Merlot KO Teams	1	Bob Todd, Leo Glaser, K Fung, Michael Yuen	50.08
	2	Dick Yuen, Tom Nault, Jadwiga Polujan, Mike D Aguiar	24.17
Mon Eve 0-299 Pairs	A B	Dennis Kinney, Peggy McLennan	1.97
Tue Open Side Swiss	B	Khosrow Shad, Mojgan Shad, Marlene Sumi, Debbie Martignago	3.80
Tue 299er Pairs 1pm	A B C	Katayoun Shirzad, Hossein Shirzad	2.63
Wed Top Flight Pairs	B	Isabel Chernoff, Gustav Axen	12.11
Wed Open Brktd Teams	1	Judy Harris, Julie Smith, Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone	20.92
	2	Thomas Anderson, Jane Youngberg, Lucy Zhong, Jack Qi	11.27
Wed Gold Rush Pairs	7	Debbie Harris, Kathy Molnar	7.35
	4	Bud Bishop, Mary Frances Bishop	5.51
Wed Cider KO Teams	2	Chuck Reppas, Herman Xiao, David Huang, Diana Jing	19.52
Thu Top Flight Pairs	C	Maarten Tjebbes, Brad Digby	5.48

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Thu-Fri Swiss Teams	A B	David Huang, Diana Jing, Brian Koblenz, Herman Xiao	6.30
Thu Shiraz KO Teams	2	Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Hongsa Situ, Weishu Wu	22.67
	4	Margaret Pattison, Don Guichon, Linda Palm, Pat Hodgson	11.15
Thu Eve Side Pairs	A B 1/2	Kenny T K Chan, Kenny Ying	4.82
Fri Riesling KO Teams	2	Kenny T K Chan, Kenny Ying, Julien Levesque, Paul Yip	19.89
Fri Open Side Swiss	A	Cameron Doner, Nicholas Stock, Bob Zeller, Michael Yuen	4.85
	B	Long Xie, Amy Gao, Jennifer Hong, Kai Zhou	3.10
Fri Morn Side Pairs	A B	Dariusz Matus, Michael Desaulniers	5.50
Fri Eve Side Pairs	A B	Mojgan Shad, Khosrow Shad	4.93
Fri Aft Side Pairs	A B	John Demeulemeester, Marilyn Hicks	5.88
Fri 299er Pairs 1pm	A	Gayle Hanset, John Wilson	1.97
Sat Zinfandel Open Brktd Teams	1 1/2	Wenmin Chen, David Yu, Jack Lee, Xiaoming Shen	20.28
	2	Michael Moffatt, Vicki Moffatt, Tom Cotton, Isabel Chernoff	15.34
	3	Sally Craig, Edgar L'Heureux, Jack Johnson, Maryellen Gallo	11.58
	6	Ronald Edgar, Felipe Hernandez, Robert Bonkowski, Jim Burt	7.62
Sat Top Flight Pairs	A	Xiaojing Deng, Richard Chan	31.96

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Sun AXY Swiss Teams	A	Dan Jacob, Gordon McOrmond, Michael Hargreaves, Piotr Klimowicz	30.79
	XY	Wenmin Chen, David Yu, Jack Lee, Xiaoming Shen	18.12
Sun Fast Open Pairs	B C	Dariusz Matus, Michael Desaulniers	5.58

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430

Dan Jacob	94.41
Xiaojing Deng	92.62
Michael Yuen	91.92
Jack Lee	80.37
Xiaoming Shen	80.37
Bryan Maksymetz	76.45
Frances Corney	52.32
David Huang	51.42
Diana Jing	51.42
Shelley Burns	49.64

Lynnwood Regional

Winners from Unit 430

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Thu Open Pairs	B C	Lucy Zhong, Jack Qi	10.52
Fri Mt Adams KO Teams	I	Judy Harris, Julie Smith, David Yu, Difei Tang	41.67
Sat Open Pairs	A	Nicholas Stock, Leo Glaser	22.75
Sun AXY Swiss Teams	X	Amy Gao, Brian Liu, Kai Zhou, Tao Feng	19.48

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430

Dan Jacob	56.42
Julie Smith	52.73
Nicholas Stock	52.61
Lucy Zhong	47.72
Jack Qi	47.72
David Yu	46.69
James Wu	38.56
Jack Lee	38.56
Amy Gao	24.40
Brian Liu	24.40

Evergreen Sectional

Winners

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Sat Morn Open Pairs	A	Julie Smith, Nicholas Stock	8.71
	B	Brian Liu, Amy Gao	6.53
	C	Lisa Li, Diana Jing	4.90
Sat Aft Jean Turnbull Open Pairs	A B	Jennifer Hong, Long Xie	11.67
	C	Rick Wei Wu, Qiang Hua	4.92
Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs	A	Al Warner, Art Loy	2.76
	B	Adelaine Miller, Cedric Miller	2.07
	C	Kathy Dreisinger, David Dreisinger	1.61
Sat Morn 0-750 Pairs	7 B C	Zhaoqing Meng, Hong Helen Chang	2.77
Sun Open Pairs	B C	Cecil T C Chan, Jin Mei Luo	7.73
Sun Morn 0-750 Pairs	7 3 2	Sherries Shorman, Oliver Cornwall	2.53
Sun Aft 0-750 Pairs	A B	Adelaine Miller, Cedric Miller	1.80
Mon A XY Swiss Teams	A X	Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong, Kai Zhou, Alex Hong	7.70
	Y	Lisa Li, Jin Mei Luo, Diana Jing, Cecil T C Chan	2.31

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners

Nicholas Stock	17.79
Julie Smith	15.92
Brian Liu	13.21
Amy Gao	13.21
Jennifer Hong	12.32
Long Zie	12.32
Steven Vincent	10.86
Michael Dimich	10.86
Jin Mei Luo	10.04
Jack Qi	9.69
Lucy Zhong	9.69

What's on the Web

Our Unit 430 website is: vancouverbridge.com

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.

Unit 430 Board of Directors

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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



VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - ROUND UP SECTIONAL

November 11-13, 2023

Engineers Hall

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

Please note: currently, proof of vaccination is no longer required, but check for updates at www.vancouverbridge.com/health.php.

Saturday Morning	10:00am	Nov. 11
Ev Hodge Charity Pairs	(3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(350 - 750 / 200 - 350 / 0 - 200)	
<i>Both morning events are single session and CBF international fund games-40% more silver points!</i>		
No extra charge to participants - that's paid by the Unit on your behalf		
Saturday Afternoon	3:30pm	Nov. 11
Open Pairs	(3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(350 - 750 / 200 - 350 / 0 - 200)	

Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Nov.12
A/X Pairs (1 st of 2 sessions)*	(2000+ / 0 - 2000)	
B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (single session event)	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	
<i>*(single session accepted, but then not eligible for overall awards)</i>		
Sunday Afternoon	3:30pm	Nov. 12
A/X Pairs (2 nd of 2 sessions)*	(2000+ / 0 - 2000)	
B/C/D 0 - 1500 Pairs (single session event)	(750 - 1500 / 300 - 750 / 0 - 300)	

Monday Morning & Afternoon	10am & TBA	Nov. 13
Open Swiss Teams	(3500+ / 1500 - 3500 / 0 - 1500)	
0-750 Round Robin Swiss Teams*	(350 - 750 / 0 - 350)	
*Only if 5+ teams register for this event		
<i>Monday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Swiss Teams Entry Fee</i>		

Online Partnership Desk: www.vancouverbridge.com
Tournament Co-Chairs: Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875
 Lana Chow: lan_ying1950@yahoo.ca
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> (Guest registration help available 40 minutes before the morning events.)
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Coffee/Tea: FREE with your own cup (cups are \$1-donated to the subsidy fund)
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Vancouver from Grouse Mountain at dusk Rollan Budi, CC BY-SA 2.0 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/>>, via Wikimedia Commons © Rollan Budi

Vancouver Regional Tournament April 8 - 14, 2024

Join us for the D19 Spring Regional in Vancouver at a
convenient **NEW LOCATION:**

Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive V5N4E4

* Food and drinks a la carte (please do not bring your own)

* Near the Skytrain station

* On “The Drive”, famous for ethnic food and events

* Short Skytrain ride to recommended hotel (or downtown):

Accent Inns

3777 Henning Drive, Burnaby

\$159 + tax/night available before March 8, 2024

Reserve 1-800-663-0298 GROUP ID 6317277 “American Contract Bridge”

Tournament Chair: Nicholas Stock ngstock@telus.net

Partnership Chair: Tom Anderson andersontg@shaw.ca

Entry Fees: \$18 per person per session

Sunday Team entry \$50 per person includes sandwich choices

More details at: D19.org/vancouver2024



Vancouver Regional April 8 – 14, 2024

Croatian Cultural Centre

3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver V5N4E4

Mon April 8	7 PM		
“The Drive” Evening Bracketed Knockout Teams session 1 of 3 Evening “Steam Clock” Semi-Fast Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)			
Tue April 9	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 - 10:15PM
Granville Island Knockout Teams 1 of 4		*Granville Island Knockout Teams 2 of 4	“The Drive” Bracketed Knockout 2 of 3
Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 1 of 2		Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 2 of 2	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2		Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	
Morning Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)		Afternoon Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)	Evening “Steam Clock” SF Side Pairs
Wed April 10	Granville Island Knockout Teams Semi	*Granville Island Knockout Teams Final	“The Drive” Bracketed Knockout 3 of 3
Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 of 2		*Bracketed Round Robin Teams 2 of 2	
Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 1 of 2		Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 2 of 2	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2		Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	
Morning Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)		Afternoon Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)	Evening “Steam Clock” SF Side Pairs
Thu April 11	Stanley Park Knockout Teams 1 of 4	*Stanley Park Knockout Teams 2 of 4	
Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 1 of 2		Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 2 of 2	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2		Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	
Morning Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)		Afternoon Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)	Evening “Steam Clock” SF Side Pairs
Fri April 12	Stanley Park Knockout Teams semi	*Stanley Park Knockout Teams final	
White Rock Sandcastle Board-a-Match Teams 1 of 2		White Rock Sandcastle Board-a-Match Teams 2 of 2	
0-2500 Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1		0-2500 Bracketed Round Robin Teams 2	
Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 1 of 2		Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 2 of 2	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2		Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	
Morning Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)		Afternoon Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)	Evening “Steam Clock” SF Side Pairs
Sat April 13	Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 of 2	*Bracketed Round Robin Teams 2 of 2	
Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 1 of 2		Open Pairs (unl/3000/1500) 2 of 2	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 of 2		Gold Rush Pairs 2 of 2	
Morning Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)		Afternoon Side Pairs (unl/2000/750)	
Sun April 14	10:00 AM	TBA	
Lions Gate Top Flight Swiss Teams 1		*Lions Gate Top Flight Swiss Teams 2	
0-2500 Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1		*0-2500 Bracketed Round Robin Teams 2	
GNTs	10:00 AM	TBA	
Sat April 13	GNT Open Flight (Soloway) 1 of 4	*GNT Open Flight (Soloway) 2 of 4	
GNT B Flight (Soloway) 1 of 4		*GNT B Flight (Soloway) 2 of 4	
Sun April 14	GNT Open Flight semi-final	*GNT Open Flight final	
GNT B Flight semi-final		*GNT B Flight final	

* Afternoon team game start times subject to change

Sunday Afternoon Team game to start after our sandwich break - sandwich cost included in entry fee

Knockout Teams are Soloway style. All teams guaranteed one full day of play; top 4 teams play full second day

Overall awards for each of Morning, Afternoon and Evening Side Pairs Series

Gold Rush Pairs: Strata 750/400/200, single session pairs welcome

VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - TROPHY SECTIONAL

January 12 - 14, 2024

Engineers Hall

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

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

Friday Afternoon	1:00pm	Jan. 12
Open Pairs	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
Friday Evening	6:30pm	Jan. 12
Mixed Teams B.A.M	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
*Henry Smilie Trophy Event!		
Open Pairs	(2000+ / 1250 - 2000 / 0 - 1250)	
0 - 750 Pairs	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)	
<i>(All Friday evening events are single session and CBF international fund games-40% more silver points!)</i>		
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Saturday Morning	10:00am	Jan. 13
Open Pairs	*Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy Event!	
	<i>(Qualifying - single session accepted)</i>	
0 - 750 Pairs	<i>(single session)</i>	(300 - 750 / 100 - 300 / 0 - 100)
Saturday Afternoon	3:30pm	Jan. 13
Open Pairs	*Adrian and June Budd Hicks Open Pairs Trophy Final!	
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. 14
A/X Swiss Teams	(2000+ / 0 - 2000)	
	*Willie Weinstein Trophy Event!	
B/C/D Swiss Teams	(500 - 1500 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)	
	*Mary Clarke Trophy!	
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Bridge Clubs	Game time(s)	Contact
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 Bridge Club	Tuesday 7:00 (Open)	John DeMeulemeester 778-859-1097 Joy Berry joyberry@telus.net
GVBC		
Gloria Dei	Friday 10:30 (Open) Casual bridge 9:30	Homa Boustani 604-922-8577 homa_boustani@shaw.ca
Croatian Cultural Centre	Tuesday 10:00 Wednesday 10:00 7:00 teams Thursday 10:00 Sunday 1:00	Margaret Pattison 604-987-8289 Casual bridge on Wed 9:30 and 6:30, Tue 11:30, Sun 1:00
Squamish		
Squamish Bridge Club	currently no game	Vic Puchmayr vicpunch@gmail.com info@squamishbridgeclub
South Surrey / White Rock		
Duplicate Lite in Surrey	All games at Elgin Hall, Face to Face Wednesday 10:15 (Open) Wednesday 10:15 (0-300) Thursday 10:15 (Open)	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 Elgin, F2F 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 (Supervised, Social 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

2023/2024

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

Date	Event	Location
October 1, 2023	GVBC Opening	Croatian Cultural Centre
October 8, 2023	Monthly Unit Game	Vancouver Bridge Centre
October 21, 2023	Future Stars Sectional	West Vancouver Seniors Centre
October 23 - 29, 2023	Leavenworth Regional	Leavenworth Festhalle
November 11 - 13, 2023	Round Up Sectional	*IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, Burnaby
November 18, 2023	Mentor/Mentee Game	West Vancouver Seniors Centre
December 04 - 10, 2023	STaC	At participating clubs
January 12 - 14, 2024	Trophy Sectional	*IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, Burnaby
April 8 - 14, 2024	Vancouver Spring Regional	*Croatian Cultural Centre

* See Flyer in this Matchpointer

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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