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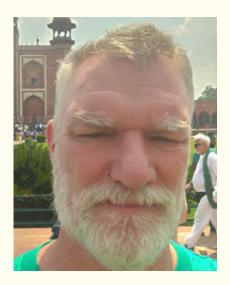
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Gus Axen



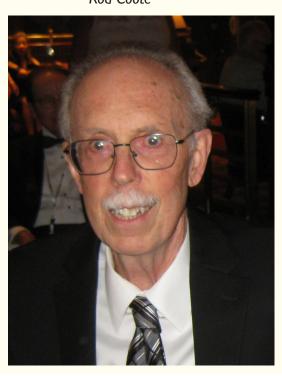
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Joel Fuhrman





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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, tournaments, special games and online). We want to celebrate all who demonstrate skill and improvement in this most difficult game.

Who Gus Axen Fred Baldwin Bryan Brooking Rod Coote Donna Freeze *Insa Fricker Joel Fuhrman *Dariusz Matus lanis Parker Stephen Pickett *Kelvin Raywood *Mojgan Shad *Khosrow Shad *Bobbianne Smith Jane Youngberg Vincent Yung *Lucy Zhong

New Rank Sapphire Life Master Ruby Life Master Life Master Silver Life Master Gold Life Master Sapphire Life Master Sapphire Life Master Bronze Life Master Gold Life Master Ruby Life Master Gold Life Master Gold Life Master Gold Life Master Bronze Life Master Diamond Life Master Silver Life Master Silver Life Master

^{*} Did not send a picture

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President's Message by Nick Stock

Greetings to all members.

We have seen some growth in our tournament attendance in the past year and can expect a little more when some of our clubs can once again attract newcomers to their games by offering introductory lessons and games (and then convert a few of them into tournament players).

Our thanks should go to Jane Youngberg, Shelley Burns and Margaret Pattison, and Ken Lochang for these efforts. Ken has recently had to move his club to a new location at 16th and Burrard and is still in a "settling in" phase, offering supervised play on Mondays and a 0-499 game on Thursdays with regular games on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10:30.

Meanwhile, Shelley's club, which had to move to her current North Burnaby location in the Burnaby Lake Rugby Club last January, has adapted well and holds player development games on Thursday mornings as well as hosting Mentor-Mentee games. and holding regular games Sunday at 12:30 and Wednesday at 10:15.

See the Bridge Clubs page at the end of this edition for the rest of the current club games and times.

With the opening and moving of bridge clubs, the unit has asked interested clubs to host the monthly unit games. The upcoming schedule for MUGs is:

Sunday November 24 JCC Sunday December 15 GVBC

Tuesday January 14 Duplicate Lite

February ? ? Sunday March 2 JCC

With some increased tournament expenses and steadily rising prices (Subway sandwiches, Costco goodies, directors, supplies...) our tournaments are in danger of losing money unless we act now.

So for 2025 the unit board is increasing entry fees to \$15.00 per player per session. (There are still discounts for juniors and new players). This is definitely in line with all other tournaments. For example, the District 19 board recently voted to increase Canadian regional tournament fees to \$21.00 per session per player, and as anyone who has been to a National tournament knows, their fees have risen a great deal as well.

We are also going to charge a little more for last day sandwiches which do come with other goodies.

I have recently been very busy with non-bridge events (you know, family...) but I hope to see you all soon at a local club or even a tournament.

Nick

Matchpointer Scanning Project Update

by Tom Andersor

Work continues on scanning a treasure trove of old Matchpointers McBruce tracked down. These are posted on the website:

https://www.vancouverbridge.com/main_pointer.php

They are full of local bridge history, biographies of our leading players, information about who our trophy events honour, and so many other things, such as: the story of how zero tolerance was achieved in our area, how the game moved from smoking to non-smoking, the resistance to bidding boxes, when computer scoring became part of our tournaments and club games; and so much more!

In the past few months, we've located 16 of the missing issues. This is due to the efforts of, and many thanks are owed to, Tad Smaruj, Peter Morse and Brad Bart for wracking their collections and contributing to the Matchpointer Project.

But there are still holes in the collection that we would dearly love to fill.

Do you have any of the missing Matchpointers?

Here's a list of what we are missing, and would very much like to find. Let me know (andersontg@shaw.ca) if you locate any of these!

Missing

2011: Spring, Summer, Fall

2010: Spring, Fall, Winter

2009: Summer, Winter2008: Summer, Winter

2007: Fall

2006: Summer, Fall, Winter

2005: Summer, Fall, Winter

2004: Fall

2003: Fall

2002: Winter

2000: February, April, July, October

1999: January, February, July, September, November, December

1998: January, March, May, July, August, September, October, December

1997: January, February, April, May, July, September, November

1996: January, February, April, May, July, August, November

1995: January, February, April, June, July, September, November

1994: January to July, September, November

1993: January to July, September to November

1992: January to November

1991: all missing

1990: all missing

1989: January, March, May, June, July, September, November

1988: January, March, April, June, July, September, November

1972: August

1971: all

1970: all

1969: January to August, December

1968: January to September, November, December

1967: January to October, December

1966: January to April, June to November

1965 and earlier: all

Stephen Beaton Part II

by Tom Anderson

[Part 2: In the September 2023 issue we followed Stephen Beaton's bridge career up to his experiences with the Pemberton Club.We continue from there.]

About the same time as the Pemberton Club was winding down, a new club, the Vancouver Bridge Club, was starting up under the guidance of Louis Landau. Louis retired from accounting in the late 80's and bought the club which was then being run in Vancouver (in later articles, I hope to be able to explore that part of our local bridge history as well). Louis moved the club to the North Shore, initially in space at Park Royal that had previously been a bowling alley and movie theatre, but when redevelopment started (that eventually turned that area into what became the Village at Park Royal), Louis moved the club to its current location at St. David's Church. With the Pemberton Club closing, Louis made an offer to purchase the good will and

equipment from them, which was accepted, and most of the Pemberton Club members moved to support the St. David's club, which then ran games Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Wednesday evening. An average game would consistently be around 15 tables, and Louis ran the club until the early 2000's, when his health began to decline. In 2002 he experienced a major heart attack, and Steve was asked help direct at the club while Louis was incapacitated ("Louis has just been rushed to the hospital, can you direct the game?") Louis considered struggling back to running the club, but this was another situation where family wisely intervened and convinced him that it was time to retire. Steve took over directing the club in 2002, while Louis still owned it, but there were various offers to buy it. Steve, together with Tai Eng and Sandi White made an offer that was not accepted, and that's when that super trio decided to open the North Shore Bridge Club, at Lynnmour House on Lillooet Road, near Capilano University, running a game Monday mornings.

The North Shore Bridge Club was in operation for 13 years. Steve did all the directing. Tai did all of the set-up, then stepped outside to greet people and direct parking to get as many vehicles as possible into the facility's tiny parking lot, with overflow directed to the next door parking lot. After the game, Tai was also the prime mover in storing away all of the tables and chairs. And Sandi, whose background was catering, provided the most amazing buffet week after week. At the end of the month, the club had a small surplus but only because Tai and Sandi received no payment for their hard work (nor Steve for his nondirecting work). The game was exceptionally popular, often having 2 sections of 10 up to 14 tables each. (Later, I asked Steve for advice about what a Director should do when players were confrontational and Steve noted that he did not personally experience those kinds of difficulties - in my opinion, a measure of the respect our bridge community has for him and his directorial skills - but there were one or two occasions at the North Shore Bridge Club when a player did behave inappropriately and that was usually dealt with by Sandi arriving at the table to suggest that the person causing the difficulties, should "come to the kitchen to discuss this." And on their return from the kitchen, there were never any further problems....

The club ran happily until there were problems with conflicting programs to which, unfortunately, the landlord gave priority. This led to cutting back hours available for the game until it reached the point that a full game could not easily be run in that location. Ken Lochang generously invited Sandi, Tai and Steve to bring the game over to the Vancouver Bridge Centre (then located on East Broadway and Kaslo), to run it there at no charge, so that the trio had time to close the game down with dignity.

While this was all going on, Homa Boustani successfully negotiated with Louis's family to purchase the St. David's club in 2004. In the early years, Gilbert Lambert directed for Homa (who didn't become a certified director until a bit after purchasing the club). Gilbert was an exceptionally popular director and bridge teacher, and great bridge player, who passed away in 2018. After the North Shore Bridge Club ceased operations, Homa invited Steve to become a co-owner of the club in 2018, so that each could share the work, and each also have time away from bridge to enjoy themselves, a wonderful cooperative partnership to ensure an excellent bridge club continued to serve players on the North Shore (with a fair sprinkling of players coming from all parts of the lower mainland to play in this very popular club). The club by this time held games Monday and Wednesday mornings, and frequently the game consisted of 20 or so tables. To try to even out the games (20 was more than strictly permitted), Homa and Steve started up a game at Gloria Dei Church on Friday mornings. That game was eventually run by Margaret and Paul Pattison. The COVID lockdown affected the Vancouver Bridge Club at St. David's and Gloria Dei as it did everything else, and when things reopened, the Gloria Dei game continued as an online virtual club game, and revived as a face to face club with the opening of the Greater Vancouver Bridge Club. The St. David's game has grown back, and although the days of 20 table games are now a distant memory, the club is routinely attracting 11 tables or so, with much promise of more bridge players remembering how much fun face to face bridge is, and returning to the club.

A particularly memorable bridge event in Vancouver was the 1999 Nationals. Steve was on the organizing committee. Doug Cowan was the chair and Aidan Ballantyne the associate Chair - with major assistance

from the legendary Phil Wood (namesake for two of Unit 430's masterpoint races), even though Phil wasn't officially on the committee. The committee consisted of Rose Miller, Sid Robinson and Joan Richards to name a few. Among other things, Steve was responsible for organizing buskers, to provide entertainment at Canada Place, which proved to be exceptionally popular as they would performed before the sessions began.

Steve's bridge teaching career goes back to his Squamish days, in the community centre there, meaning he has some 45 years of experience in teaching others how to play our wonderful game, or how to improve their game. Steve took over directing the Hollyburn County Club Duplicate game in 2002 (because Louis had also run that game). In those days the Hollyburn game was declining, so Steve started teaching bridge there to help build the game back up. His bridge teaching at the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre started around 2004, where he is still teaching as well as running an exceptionally popular Supervised Duplicate game for newer players on Wednesday afternoons. Steve loves teaching. I mentioned I had helped direct a few supervised duplicate games and wondered what the trick was to get the players to ask questions. He said that it was a self-igniting thing. Once one player asked a question, then everyone did!

Steve still enjoys playing bridge as much as he does directing. He remembers fondly his early partners (Marian, mentioned earlier, and Pat Landau, a very good player who was on the Zimbabwe National Bridge Team), and his current regular partners, Joerg Schneider and Angela Fenton. And he still wants to play as much as he can.

Apart from bridge, and bicycling, Steve mentioned how much he enjoys the Highlands Church in Edgemont Village, a progressive 21st century church, which is a hub of community activity, with tremendous community support. He compared the enjoyment of participating in the Church's programs as akin to the same kind of enjoyment, commitment and social pleasure he experiences participating so actively in our bridge community.

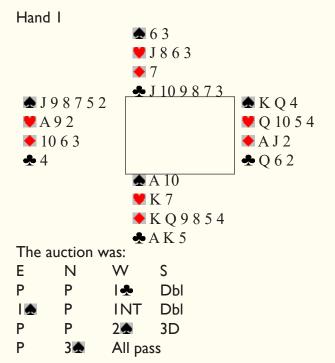
With thanks to Steve for all you have done for our bridge community!

Out of our hands or Out of our minds

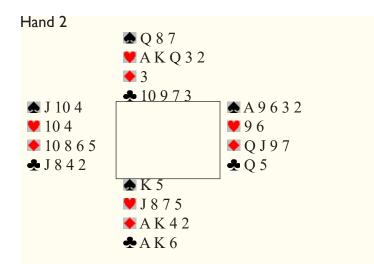
by Nicholas Stock

Results in a matchpoint event can depend on how the opponents play against you and the other pairs, or on how the cards are distributed when you bid or don't bid something and your reasonable bids and plays turn out badly. Sometimes your results are out of your hands and sometimes you are out of your minds. Here are some examples from a recent matchpoint event.

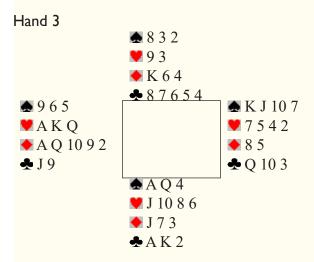
In the recent Lynnwood regional, I played with a favourite partner and we had an average first session and a good second session (all hands rotated to make us North South).



As we were vulnerable, you can see this was not a success. Clearly, South (me) misbid the hand. It is not clear that double of INT is best, but what else? After the run to 2♠, another Dbl would get 3♥ from partner while 2NT would be much more likely to get us to 3♣, where we belong. This hand distribution punished a subpar bid.

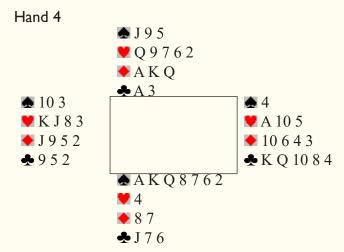


After East overcalled I we failed to reach 6 which, because hearts are 2-2 and the player with the A has only two clubs, can be made on a dummy reversal and strip and endplay. In 4 we made I2 tricks when our opponent needlessly played the A in front of dummy's K x when a spade was led from the North hand. This may have been the defense at many other tables too or they may have led the A, as this hand gave us about only a quarter of the possible matchpoints. But it was our fault for not being there.



After a pass on my right I opened INT. LHO flinched a little before passing as did my partner and RHO. LHO led the ♥A and continued with ♠A, then ♠Q. I tried a heart from dummy (the last time I'd be there) instead of taking a risky spade finesse. LHO won and cleared the diamond suit as her partner showed out. This was my last chance and I didn't do the necessary which was to cash two high clubs before playing another heart. That would have salvaged INT. I was down I. Other players were getting the ♠IO lead, running that around to their ♠I, setting up the club

suit, getting to dummy with the K and taking a spade finesse to make 2. I complemented the defender on their good play. Results depend on who you play some hands against.

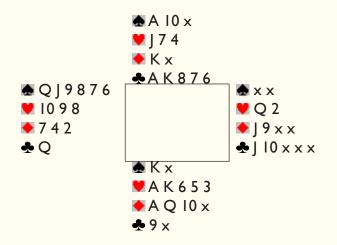


Later in the session, we failed to bid this 6♠ slam which makes easily on the ♣K lead, or a little more luckily after setting up the hearts on the ♣A lead. Making the hand depends on the singleton heart but we had no way to show it. Once again making 12 tricks received a poor score.

We didn't do well in the event. Was this out of our hands, or were we out of our minds?

Mislead Declarer

by Michael Dimich



Ben Takemori and I had just bid a grand slam our way that made on normal breaks and then this hand came up against the same pair.

North opened I♣, East passed, South bid I▶, and I pre-empted 2♣. In those days, support doubles weren't around so North just bid 2NT. East passed and South bid 3♠, I passed and North bid 3♥.

In the rest of the auction, South invoked Blackwood and eventually found out that they were missing the Q so they stopped in 6. I led the Q. Declarer won in dummy with the A and led a low diamond to the Q. Playing standard count, I followed with the To give the declarer the impression I had four of them. South then led the 9. I ruffed it with the 9. On the auction they had disclosed that they were missing the Q so the question was what heart do I return? I chose the 8 but the 10 would have been just the same.

Since I already showed the count in diamonds my hand's shape must be 6?! I with an even number of diamonds. If I had just two diamonds, then I started with four hearts and usually that would spell doom for declarer (unless my partner had a singleton Q). So declarer assumed I had four diamonds and therefore my partner started with Q 10 2.

On the ♥8 lead South played the ♥J from dummy and East covered with the ♥Q.

Declarer then led a diamond to the ►K and led the ►4 from dummy. East played the ►2 and declarer finessed against the ►10 by playing the ►6. I won with the ►10.

Defending doesn't get any sweeter. I swear the declarer turned white from shock. When playing against a declarer that pays attention to your carding, you can mislead them.

Don't make the obvious lead

by Nicholas Stock

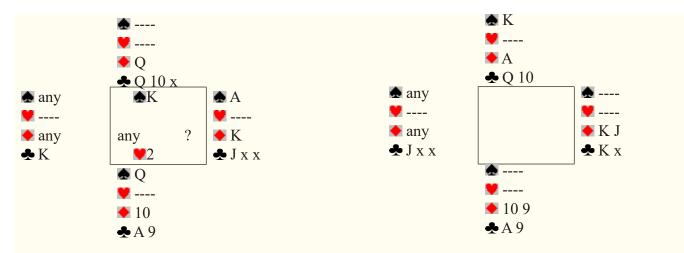
Playing at the Lynnwood regional in the semi-final of a knockout team event, (2023) I sat down with an experienced partner against Henry Lortz, an excellent player from Seattle, and his less experienced teammate. I picked up this hand:

- ♠ Q
 ✓ A K Q x x x x x
 ♦ 10 9
- **♣** A 9

The less experienced player on my right, playing a strong club system, opened the bidding I showing 8 - 15 and a five card suit. I decided to double because I could bid hearts at whatever level my partner forces me to. The alternative of bidding, say, a direct 4 would make my partner, if he has values, guess about my strength. Henry now bid 2 which was alerted by RHO as showing a weak raise, less than 7 HCP. Unexpectedly, my partner bid a direct 5 ver that, RHO passed and it was my turn again. I had a good fit with partner and my own suit. All he needed was \clubsuit K Q x x x x and the diamond Ace to make a slam. Since I had the 🗚 it seemed unlikely that partner could jump to the five level without good clubs and a side control, probably the A. Since I had the second round spade control, 12 tricks seemed likely. This, at least, was my thinking. I jumped directly to 6. Henry Lortz on my left took some time thinking about his lead before finally tracking the •7. The following dummy appeared:

- **♠** K x x
- 🜹 X
- ♠ A Q x
- ♣ Q 108xxx
- **♠** Q
- AKQxxxxx
- 10 9
- A 9

Dummy's clubs were a disappointment. I looked at the diamond lead and tried to see if there was any way to avoid the diamond finesse. One way occurred to me: perhaps the &K was singleton on my right. In that case I would have 8 hearts, 3 clubs (&A dropping the king then &9 finessing the jack) and the &A. Then I considered the high card distribution: LHO had less than 7 but could easily have one of the minor suit kings, leaving RHO with the &AJ, MJ, the other minor suit king and the MJ. So even if RHO had the K he might not have the MK. What if LHO had the singleton &K? Then RHO would have the rest of the high cards and could be squeezed in three suits &A, MK, MJ, x x. I would win the MA and run all my trumps coming down to:



Any pitch from RHO's hand would give me a twelfth trick.

So a singleton $\clubsuit K$ is a chance in either hand.

I reflected on the fact that a spade lead would have given me a much better chance. Eventually (I did apologise to the opponents for taking so long to make my first play) I took the diamond finesse which lost to the K and RHO cashed the A to beat me one trick. I congratulated Henry on a fine lead. He confessed to me later that he just used the simple reasoning (which is definitely worth remembering) that if an opponent bids in such a way as to suggest that they are ready for a certain lead, in this case a spade, then maybe you shouldn't make that lead.

RHO actually held

$$\triangle$$
 A x x x x x

♥ x

while Henry held

In the post mortem, we analysed the play after a spade lead. In that case, RHO would have won his A and having no other viable play would have returned a trump. There would follow this end game after cashing all the trumps::

then •9 to dummy's •A and the •K from dummy is the squeeze card. RHO has to pitch either the ♦K or a club from his ♣K x

Percentage Play?

by Nicholas Stock

At the most recent Lynnwood Regional I was lucky to play with a very fine player who is also a world traveller. Ed Freeman was faced with this problem against a good pair.

In third seat, Ed held:

* 9-11 3 card raise

cue bid Ι

2 I control

LHO led a low club and I put down the dummy:

♣ Q J I 0 x
 ♥ K x x
 ◆ K Q x x
 ◆ x x
 ♠ A 9 x
 ♥ A Q I 0 x x x
 ♠ A x
 ♠ K x

RHO won the A and immediately returned a middle spade. With II top tricks how would you play from here? Do you need the spade finesse? What about playing for a squeeze?

You have to envision how it would go if you don't take the spade finesse. Win the A, cash 6 rounds of hearts pitching first a club from dummy, then two of the QIIO and finally leading the K. Because you have the 9 in your hand, you can throw the last spade from dummy, hoping that the person with the diamond length also has the K. Because the 9 remains a threat in your hand and the dummy's fourth diamond is the other threat, the squeeze can work against either opponent. For that reason and based on RHO's speed, of returning a spade, it is probably the percentage play.

Indeed, Ed took that line of play only to be defeated when RHO had the K but only 3 diamonds. At the other table, the opponents were in 6 but "guessed" to play for the spade finesse. That board was the difference between us winning the match and losing it and put us out of contention for 1st place.

Vancouver Regional

by Nicholas Stock

Despite serious efforts by those involved, an acceptable site for a Vancouver Regional in 2026 has not been found. At its latest meeting, the District 19 Board, on the advice of others, voted not to try a new site at a curling club in White Rock. This is a disappointment to many. Julie Smith is continuing to look for other possible locations.

Learn New Tricks

The GVBC hosted a Learn New Tricks Tournament (it used to be called Future Stars) on September 22. The tournament was open to players with 0 to 1000 masterpoints. There were 8 tables in play and the winners were:

North South Laura Moore Dempsey and Jan Penhorwood with a 59.27% game

East West Eloise Carbone and Asha Hira with a 60.57% game.

We thank Judy Chang and Mojgan Vahid, GVBC and the volunteers at GVBC who put this event on.

Notable Results

2024 Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs Leaders

Leader	Points			
Sophie Hu	21.68			
Oliver Cornwall	25.56			
Kun Jung Lin	36.36			
Sze Ping Chan	76.50			
Ron Sekiya	32.22			
Robert Sewell	36.37			
Linda Palm	49.56			
Lana Chow	73.41			
Fred Baldwin	90.58			
William Osten	131.11			
Kenny T K Chan	113.30			
Jane Youngberg	96.93			
Tai Eng	78.45			
Les Fouks	53.65			
Bryan Maksymetz	35.17			
	Sophie Hu Oliver Cornwall Kun Jung Lin Sze Ping Chan Ron Sekiya Robert Sewell Linda Palm Lana Chow Fred Baldwin William Osten Kenny T K Chan Jane Youngberg Tai Eng Les Fouks			

2024 MiniMcKenny Leaders

Category	Leader	Points
0-5	Dean Dennis	53.42
5-20	Oliver Cornwall	35.09
20-50	Kun Jung Lin	38.43
50-100	Sze Ping Chan	77.02
100-200	Juan Xu	115.38
200-300	Hong Helen Chang	82.66
300-500	Linda Palm	94.75
500-1000	Lucy Zhong	179.58
1000-1500	Cindy Oishi	293.08
1500-2500	Kelvin Raywood	185.66
2500-3500	Thomas Anderson	234.55
3500-5000	Jane Youngberg	174.12
5000-7500	Brad Bart	431.59
7500-10000	Donald Sache	141.58
10000+	Dan Jacob	269.78

Spring Sectional

Winners from Unit 420

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Sat Morn Open Pairs	Α	Felipe Hernandez, Gus Axen	9.85
	ВС	Darisz Matus, Michael Desaulniers	7.39
Sat Morn 0-750 Pairs	7 3	Fatameh Rashidifar, Mina Mofazali	2.41
	I	Mark Porter, Tina Gumuchian	1.28
Sat Aft Open Pairs	ABC	Dariusz Matus, Michael Desailniers	12.25
Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs	731	Katayoun Shirzad, Joseph Shirzad	2.91
Sun AM 0-750 Pairs	7	Margaret Pattison, Paul Pattison	2.05
	3 I	Patti Gies, Karen Cochlan	1.44
Sun Open IMP Pairs	А	Brad Bart, Janet Gilbraith	14.78
	ВС	Diana Jing, Lisa Li	11.09
Sun Aft 0-750 Pairs	7	Linda Palm, Bruna Giacomazzi	1.80
	3	Janice Porter, Vern Porter	1.35
Mon Open Swiss Teams	A	Michael Yuen, Steve Vincent, Michael Dimich, David Waterman	11.55
	В	David Yu, Kai Zhou, Yuandong Ren, Hong Gao Yu, Wenmin Chen	8.66
	С	Arun Chopra, Rasim Sari, Cecil T C Chan, Stephen Pickett	3.69

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners Unit 430

Dariusz Matus	24.43
Michael Desaulniers	22.36
Nicholas Stock	17.63
Julie Smith	17.63
Brad Bart	16.36

Gustav Axen	14.52
Felipe Hernandez	14.52
Ben Takemori	13.50
Diana Jing	12.89
Steve Vincent, David Waterman	12.14

Evergreen Sectional
Winners from Unit 430

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Saturday AM Open Pairs	АВ	Amy Gao, Baixiang Liu	6.88
	С	Jin Mei Luo, Qiao Li	3.87
Saturday AM 0-1000 Pairs	DEF	Salma Tejpar-Dang, Gulshan Dhanam	2.77
Sat AFT Jean Turnbull Pairs	ABC	Caleb Meyer, Arun Chopra	9.33
Sat Aft 0-1000 Pairs	DE	Hua Ying Wan, Tracy Luo	2.57
Sunday AM 0-1000 Pairs	DEF	Adrienne Drobnies, Eloise Carbone	2.77
Sunday Open Pairs	Α	Andrew Krywniuk, Ben Takemori	14.44
	В	Jim McKenzie, Larry Meyer	8.12
	С	Juan Xu, Hong Helen Chang	4.13
Sunday Aft 0-1000 Pairs	D	Ernst Walti, Marke Antonsen	2.02
	EF	Hua Ying Wan, Tracy Luo	1.60
Monday Open Swiss Teams	АВ	David Huang, Eric Pan, Morris Chen. David Hu	8.80
	С	Kenny Ying, George Meng, David Wei, Yong Sun	4.31

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430

BenTakemori	22.30
Donald Sache	17.03
Andrew Krywaniuk	15. 4 8
Xioming Shen, Jack Lee	15.09
Arun Chopra	11.41

Morris Chen, David Huang	10.93
Cameron Doner	10.83
Baixiang Liu, Amy Gao	10.12

Penticton Regional Winners from Unit 430

Event	Flight	· =	MPs
Mon Eve 299er Pairs	D	Bud Bishop, Mary Francis Bishop	2.36
	E	Janice Porter, Vern Porter	2.11
Mon Tue KO Bracket I		Ray Miller, Kevin Cline, Leo Glaser, Nicholas Stock	38.36
Tues Eve Side Pairs	Α	Michael Moffatt, Tom Cotton	3.79
	В	Maryellen Gallo, Jack Johnson	3.03
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs	ВС	Karen Cooke, Bill Cooke	4.16
Tuesday Open Pairs	В	John Demeulemeester, Pat Hodgson	10.36
Wed Aft Side Pairs	ВС	Sherene Jansen, William Curtis	5.31
Wed Aft 299er Pairs	Α	Janice Porter, Vern Porter	2.63
Wed Open Pairs	С	Michael Moore, Paul Fournier	6.51
Wed Gold Rush Pairs	7	William Ophoff, Don Gorski	6.66
	4	Karen Cooke, Bill Cooke	5.00
	3	Sherrie Shorman, Oliver Cornwall	2.76
Wed Eve Side Pairs	Α	Tom Cotton, Vicki Moffatt	3.98
	В	Lorne Burns, Shameine Ali	3.22
Thu AM 299er Pairs	ВС	Rosie Watson, Bruce Gandossi	1.98
Thu Aft Side Pairs	В	Barry Yamanouchi, Adrianne Wurz	4.36
	С	Benjamin Levy, Debra Sutherland	2.45

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Thu Aft 299er Pairs	С	Bruce Gandossi, Rosie Watson	1.43
Thursday Open Pairs	Α	Kelvin Raywood, Gray McMullin	33.11
Thu Gold Rush Pairs	4 3	Karen Cooke, Bill Cooke	4.33
Thu Eve Side Pairs	В	Benjamin Levy, Sharene Jansen	2.65
Thu Eve 299er Pairs	DE	Patricia Muryn, Lorraine Gallant	1.71
Wed-Thu KO	Brk I	Ray Miller, Kevin Cline, Leo Glaser, Nicholas Stock	28.44
	Brk 2	Pete Cowles, Brian Koblenz, Jack Qi, Lucy Zhong	22.51
Thursday Brk Teams	Brk I	Gayle Covey, Steven Devico, John Demeulemeester. Jane Youngberg	24.03
	Brk 3	Thomas Anderson, Ryley Breiddal, Eda Kadar, Andrew Nalos	12.32
Zip KO		Daniel Korbel, Joshua Donn, Jenni Carmichael, Cindy Oishi	2.33
Fri Eve Swiss Teams	1/2	Robert Coole, Anne Kendall, Angela Taylor, Sandra Robson	6.05
Fri Aft 299er Pairs	ВС	Rosie Watson, Bruce Gandossi	1.52
Fri Eve Side Pairs	С	Patricia Hartley, Natalie Warnes	2.13
Fri Gold Rush Pairs	4 3	Mary Frances Bishop, Bud Bishop	3.74
Sat AM Side Pairs	Α	Sandra Robson, Gene Fomin	4.17
	В	Eve Jensen, Lois Mazuren	3.22
	С	Gisele Maher, Lynda Duignan	2.57

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Saturday Open Pairs	В	Kelvin Raywood, Shelley Burns	14.52
	С	Brad Digby, Maarten Tjebbes	5.74
Sat Gold Rush Pairs	7 4	Linda Palm, Robin Adams	6.89
	3	Sherrie Shorman, Oliver Cornwall	3.88
Saturday Brk Teams	Brk I	Xiaojing Deng, Jeffrey Smith, Alex Hudson, Jonathan Steinberg	27.46
	Brk 7	Lana Chow, Joyce Tokarek, Jozef Stencel, Alvin Nystrom	5.95
Saturday Swiss	АВ	Thomas Anderson, Lucy Zhong, Jack Qi, Ryley Breiddal	3.73
Fri-Sat KO	Brk I	Ray Miller, Nicholas Stock, Dave Westfall, Leo Glaser	48.00
	Brk 2	Jennifer Hong, Long Xie, Jin Mei Luo, Juan Xu	25.02
	Brk 3	Gary Stephens, Elizabeth Sprague, Amiran Alavidze, Paul Evanoff	22.08
Sunday Fast Pairs	В	Dariusz Matus, Michael Desaulniers	3.99
Sunday Top Flight Swiss	X	Kai Zhou, David Yu, Amy Gao, Wenmin Chen	15.86
Sunday BRK B Teams	3	Travis Gangl, Janet Gangl, Lois Mazuren, Eve Jensen	7.90
	4	Lana Chow, Joyce Tokarek, Cristina Jacob, Lorne Burns	5.80

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners from Unit 430

Nicholas Stock	115.68
Xiaojing Deng	54.51
Kelvin Raywood	51.60
Wenmin Chen	47.56
Kai Zhou	47.56
David Yu	47.56
Long Xie	45.94
Lucy Zhong	43.99
Jack Qi	43.99
Gray McMullin	37.83

CBF CNTC

For the Penticton Regional, the Canadian Bridge Federation arranged for the the concurrent play of the Canadian National Team Championships as well as the Canadian National Senior Teams, Canadian Women's Team and the Canadian Open Pairs championship. Unit 430 was happy to have a representative on the winning National Team Championships: Brad Bart. His team was Michael Roche and Daniel Lyder from Victoria while Brad played with his partner from back East, Jeff Blond. Winning the team championship meant that they qualified to represent Canada in the World Bridge Championships in Buenos Aires, playing against the top teams from other countries. Going to Buenos Aires, the team added Fred Gitelman (original BBO author) and Mark Caplan as players and Bob Todd as non-playing captain.

Lynnwood Regional Winners from Unit 430

Event	Flight	Winners	MPs
Mon-Tue KO	Brk I	Ray Miller, Leo Glaser, Ed Freeman, Nicholas Stock	23.69
Thurs Eve Side Pairs	А	Steven Pickett, Kathy Gilman	2.46
Fri-Sat KO	Brk I	Ed Freeman, Leo Glaser, Nicholas Stock, Ray Miller	33.76

Top Ten Masterpoint Winners Unit 430

Nicholas Stock	78.61
Stephen Pickett	34.19
Shameine Ali	31.73
Mogan Shad	31.73
Khosrow Shad	31.73
Thomas Anderson	22.97
Cindy Oishi	21.21
Lucy Zhong	20.70
Jack Qi	20.70
Frances Corney	17.84
Bryan Maksymetz	17.84

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VANCOUVER UNIT 430 - TROPHY SECTIONAL January 24 - 26, 2025 Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3T3

Friday Afternoon 1:00 pm Jan. 24

Open Pairs (3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250) 0 - 1000 Pairs (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Friday Evening 6:30 pm Jan. 24

Mixed Teams B.A.M (3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250)

*Henry Smilie Trophy Event!

Open Pairs (3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250) 0 - 1000 Pairs (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

All Friday **evening events** are single session and **CBF international fund games - 40% more silver points!**No extra charge to participants - that's paid by Unit on your behalf

Saturday Morning

10:00 am

Jan. 25

Open Pairs *Adrian and June Budd Hicks Trophy Event!

(Qualifying - single session accepted)

0 - 1000 Pairs (single session) (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 pm

Jan. 25

Open Pairs *Adrian and June Budd Hicks Open Pairs Trophy Final!

Consolation Pairs (single session accepted) (3000+/1250-3000/0-1250) 0 - 1000 Pairs (single session) (500-1000/200-500/0-200)

Sunday Morning / Afternoon

10 am & TBA Jan. 26

Open Swiss Teams (3500+ / 1500 - 3500 / 0 - 1500)

*Willie Weinstein Trophy Event!

Sunday Sandwich Lunch is included in the Entry Fee

Online Partnership Desk: www.vancouverbridge.com

Tournament Co-Chairs: Nick Stock: ngstock@telus.net 604-809-9875

Lana Chow: <u>lan ying1950@yahoo.ca</u>

Fees: Credit/debit cards now required

\$15.00/player for each Pairs session. \$144/Swiss team (+\$6/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.)

Remember, entries can now be bought on-line!

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: <u>live.acbl.org</u> and also <u>www.vancouverbridge.com</u>)

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 17 - 19, 2025

Engineers Hall

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

 Saturday Morning
 10:00 am
 May 17

 Open Pairs
 (3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250)

 0 - 1000 Pairs
 (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Saturday Afternoon 3:30 pm May 17

Open Pairs (3000+ / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250) 0 - 1000 Pairs (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

(All afternoon events: CBF International Fund Games - 40% more silver points!

No extra charge to participants - it's paid by Unit 430 on your behalf)

Sunday Morning 10:00 am May 18

Stratified IMP Pairs $(1^{st} \text{ of 2 sessions})^*$ (3000 + / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250) (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

*(single session accepted, but then not eligible for overall awards)

Sunday Afternoon 3:30 pm May 18

Stratified IMP Pairs $(2^{nd} \text{ of } 2 \text{ sessions})^*$ (3000 + / 1250 - 3000 / 0 - 1250) (500 - 1000 / 200 - 500 / 0 - 200)

Monday 10:00 am & TBA May 19

Open Swiss Teams (3500+ / 1500 - 3500 / 0 - 1500)

Sandwich Lunch is included in the Entry Fees

The Unit 430 AGM takes place in the break between the Monday sessions Members will provide input and nominations will take place for new board members

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AT: VICREGIONAL.CA

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1-800-663-5891

chateauvictoria.com

Request Victoria Regional ACBL Bridge Tournament 2025 rate. \$223-\$268

Hotel Grand Pacific

1-800-663-7550

reserve@hotelgrandpacific.com

Request APR25CARDS rate \$205-\$255

DoubleTree by Hilton

(250) 940-3100

<u>VictoriaSuites.DoubleTree.com</u>

\$229-\$269

Marriott Inner Harbour

(250) 480-3800

Marriott Reservation Link

\$269-\$289

Note: All rates are daily for single/double occupancy.

Health protocols as required by government and ACBL at tournament dates.

TRANSPORTATION

Getting to Victoria

By sea (ferries)

- bcferries.com (from mainland)
- cohoferry.com (from Pt Angeles, WA)
- <u>clippervacations.com</u> (foot passengers from Seattle)

By air

- Air Canada, Westjet, SkyWest (for Alaska, Delta, American)
- Seaplanes+: Harbour Air, Kenmore Air, Helijet

Local Transportation botransit.com/victoria

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WHAT ELSE TO DO IN VICTORIA

When you're not playing bridge, you can find many interesting things to do in Victoria. both on-water and off.

Tourism information

tourismvictoria.com

Whale watching

Google "Whale watching Victoria" for more info.

Gardens galore

Victoria is known as the City of Gardens, the most famous of these being Butchart Gardens.

And there's more!

Go to our website <u>vicregional.ca</u> and select "Visiting Victoria" for more information. For quick access, point your phone at the QR code below.



Victoria Regional 2025 Schedule

Monday, April 7

7 pm Swiss	Teams
7 pm Evening Side Game Series	(1 of 5)

Tuesday, April 8

10 am and 3 pm Cherry Blossom Bracketed Round Robin (RR) Teams
10 am and 3 pm2-session Open Pairs
10 am and 3 pmGold Rush Pairs
10 am299er Pairs
3 pm299er Pairs
10 amMorning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
3 pm Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
7 pm Evening Side Game Series (2 of 5)

Wednesday, April 9

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Thursday, April 10

10 am and 3 pm Tulip	Bracketed RR Teams
10 am and 3 pm	2-session Open Pairs
10 am and 3 pm	Gold Rush Pairs
10 am	299er Pairs

Thursday (continued)

3 pm	299e	r Pairs
10 amMorning Side Game		
3 pm Afternoon Side Game	Series (3	3 of 5)
7 pm Evening Side Game	Series (4	4 of 5)

Friday, April 11

10 am and 3 pm Blueb	ell Bracketed RR Teams
10 am and 3 pm	2-session Open Pairs
10 am and 3 pm	Gold Rush Pairs
10 am	299er Pairs
3 pm	299er Pairs
10 amMorning Side	Game Series (4 of 5)
3 pm Afternoon Side	Game Series (4 of 5)
7 pm Evening Side	Game Series (5 of 5)

Saturday, April 12

10 am and 3 pm Dogw	ood Bracketed RR Teams
10 am and 3 pm	2-session Open Pairs
10 am and 3 pm	Gold Rush Pairs
10 am	299er Pairs
3 pm	299er Pairs
10 am Morning Side (Game Series (5 of 5)
3 pm Afternoon Side	Game Series (5 of 5)

Sunday, April 13

10 am and TBA Bracketed Teams (<3000)	
10 am and TBATop Flight Swiss Teams	
(unlimited/5000/3500)	
10 am and 1:15 pm Fast Pairs	

Stratifications (by average MP)

Open pairs: unlimited/3000/1250

Gold Rush Pairs: 750/400/300

Side pairs: unlimited/2500/750 Swiss: unlimited/2500/750 Fast Pairs: unlimited/2500/750

0-300 pairs: 300/100/50

Bridge Clubs	Game time(s)	Contact	
Fraser Valley				
Chilliwack Bridge Club	Monday	I: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	1		1.	
North Shore Bridge Club	Tuesday	7:00 Open BBO	John DeMeulemeester 778-859-1097 Joy Berry joyberry@telus.net	
[North] Vancouver Bridge Club at Gloria Dei, 1110 Gladwin Dr	Monday	10:15 Open	homa_boustani@shaw.ca cell 604-616-0375, 604-922-8577 Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974	
Burnaby			·	
GVBC Burnaby Lake Rugby Club, 3760 Sperling Ave, Bby	Sunday Wednesday Thursday Thursday Friday	12:30 Open 10:15 Open 9:30, 10:15 0-499 mini-lesson 7:00 Open 10:15 Open	Shelley Burns 604-603-0930 Margaret Pattison 604-987-8289 at Gloria Dei, 1110 Gladwin Dr, NVan	
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Squamish Bridge Club	currently no	game	Vic Puchmayr vicpunch@gmail.com info@squamishbridgeclub	
South Surrey / White Rock				
Duplicate Lite in Surrey Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey (White Rock)	Open and 0- Thursday	300 if enough players 10:15	Jane Youngberg janemyoungberg@gmail.com John Demeulemeester demail@shaw.ca	
Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Rd. Surrey (White Rock)	Open and 0- Wednesday	300 if enough players 10:15	Ed L'Heureux 604-542-6116 Bob Dillon bdquad@telus.net	
South Surrey (NS) Duplicate Bridge Club	Monday	7:00 BBO	Ed L'Heureux, 604-542-6116, edlheureux@yahoo.com, VACB216234	
Peace Arch Bridge Club Elgin Hall 14250 Crescent Rd.	Tuesday	II:00 Open	Jack Johnson 604-679-0414 jackjohn5225@gmail.com	
Vancouver				
JCC of Greater Vancouver 950 W, 41st Ave, Vancouver	Tuesday Thursday	10:15 Open 10:15 Open	Bryan Maksymetz 778-558-7496	
Vancouver Bridge Centre (VBC) 1825 W 16th Ave,Vancouver	Wednesday Thursday	10:30 Lesson & Supervised Game 10:30 Open 10:30 Open 10:30 0-500 10:30 Open	All games Face to Face 16th & Burrard, Vancouver Ken Lochang 604-267-2202	
West Vancouver				
Hollyburn Country Club	Thursday	9:30 Open	Stephen Beaton 604-767-5974 www.bridgeclubnews@shaw.ca	

Calendar of Events 2024

We are holding Monthly Unit Games Face to Face at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, Greater Vancouver Bridge Club, the Jewish Community Centre and Duplicate Lite, usually on Sunday Afternoons.

Such events are just pairs for the time being.

Date	Event	Location
		Ocean Shores Convention Centre, 120 West
November 04-10, 2024	Ocean Shores Regional	Chance a La Mer Northwest, Ocean Shores
November 09-11, 2024	Round Up Sectional	IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave, Bby
November 23, 2024 10:00 AM	Mentor-Mentee	GVBC, Burnaby Lake Rugby Club
November 24, 2024 1:00 PM	MUG	JCC, 950 W. 41st Avenue, Vancouver
December 15, 2024 1:00 PM	MUG	GVBC, Burnaby Lake Rugby Club
December 16-22, 2024 1:00 PM	STAC	At participating clubs
January 14, 2025 11:00 AM	MUG	Peace Arch Duplicate Bridge Club, Elgin Hall
January 24-26, 2025	*Trophy Sectional	IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave, Bby
February ?	MUG	undetermined
March 02, 2025 1:00 PM	MUG	JCC, 950 W. 41st Avenue, Vancouver
April 07-13, 2025	*Victoria Regional	Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas St.
May 17-19, 2025	*Spring Sectional	IUOE 115 Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave, Bby
June 10-15, 2025	Penticton Regional	Penticton Trade and Convention Centre

 $^{^{}st}$ See Flyer in this Matchpointer

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