

THE KIBITZER

MARCH 1997

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and we are in the planning stages for next year's Unit Board. Tessa Bombenon, Dave Christison, Barry Emmet and Bruce Mottle all have one further year in their current term to serve on the Board. Dan Bertrand, Keith Falkenberg, Rod Hilderman, and Stephanie McAdam have completed their current terms. Dan has decided not to run for re-election but will continue to produce the Kibitzer (a thousand thanks, Dan). Keith, Rod, and Stephanie will stand again. Dave Horton has also agreed to allow his name to stand for the Board. Unfortunately, no one else has either volunteered or been coerced into running for election so we are left in the position of declaring all four elected by acclamation. I believe that the Board is strong and committed but I am concerned about the reluctance of Unit members to come forward. We run on volunteers and we can never have enough. Thanks to those who have agreed to be part of the Unit Board for 1997-98.

Our Annual General Meeting and Bridge will be held this year on Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bow River Bridge Club. Let's have a good turnout and lots of fun.

Congratulations to the Bow River Bridge Club and the Martinique Bridge Studio for recent Rookie-Master events that were very well attended and lots of fun for all who participated. Special thanks go to Tessa Bombenon and Caroleigh Houghton who worked so hard to get both rookies and masters out to play. Let's all encourage the rookies to continue to support both our clubs and our tournaments.

The March Tournament is just around the corner on March 21, 22 and 23 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. The Unit has been exploring alternate sites for future tournaments and would appreciate suggestions from anyone. We need approximately 5000 square feet of well-lit space, preferably in one room.

Future Masters should note that the ACBL will now only credit up to twenty masterpoints earned at clubs to non-members who subsequently join the ACBL. No points earned at tournaments will be back credited. The Unit has put together a package with instant memberships and free plays that is the bargain of the century. This package will be available at the tournament so that all of your points will be credited right away.

A request from the Partnership desk at the tournament - if you need a partner, please give us as much notice as possible. Plan to be there thirty minutes prior to game time and let us know if you arrange your own partnership after making your request. Also, we are looking for friendly, flexible individuals who would be willing to act as stand-bys. Speak to Barry Emmet or any Board member if you can help out. Thanks.

See you in March at the tournament.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Life Master: Dave Horton and new Bronze Life Masters: Ruth Gilchrist and Stephanie McAdam. Congratulations to Dave Horton who recently got married. (Good Luck Vlasta!).

HELLO AND GOOD-BYE

A warm welcome to those transferring into Unit 390:

Gisella Ironside	Unit 192, Eastern Ont.....	254-8116
Lucie McBrearty	Unit 166, Ontario	245-9551
Brigette Tetzner	Unit 114, Georgia State	251-9635
Maxine Thompson	Unit 571, Okanagan	652-2517

NEW MEMBERS

Irene Bardell.....288-1310	Wayne Jolliffe	569-9400	Robert Thompson.....246-2082
Carolyn Johnston.....277-5370	Phil Phillips.....	253-9508	

PHONE CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

David Boushy.....251-9944	Mary Ann Harper	240-9272	Dolores Hedley.....254-4995
Clement Chan.....256-8682	Mae Jardine	209-2736	Gordon Sharp.....254-4995

NEW YEAR'S SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

99'ER PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A: 1 David Adelman - John Davison
2 Karen Kilworth - Dann Kramer
3 Bruce Mottle - Alex Knox

Flight B: 1 Doug Holder - Rod Ward
2 Bill Cox - Donald Watson
3 Virginia Youens - Pat Baughan

Flight C: 1 Doug Holder - Rod Ward

Flight A: 1 Barry Robey - Barb Kryski
2 Lily Halliday - Donald Adams
3/4 Wayne Johnson - Ron Pritchard
3/4 Gordon Houston - Eleanor Houston

Flight B: 1 Barry Robey - Barb Kryski
2/3 Wayne Johnson - Ron Pritchard
2/3 Gordon Houston - Eleanor Houston

- 2 Bill Cox - Donald Watson
- 3 Hugh Dinzey - Vince Machacek

- Flight C:** 1 Gordon Houston - Eleanor Houston
- 2 Mary Royal - Anne Day

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Nick Gartaganis - Gord Sharp
- 2 Gordon Campbell - Allan Simon
- 3/4 Glenn Lefebvre - Marion Pennell
- 3/4 Edmund Ridgen - Rodney McKnight

- Flight B:** 1 Edmund Ridgen - Rodney McKnight
- 2 Michael Hurka - Ian Boyd
- 3 Janice Bodnarchuk - Keith Falkenberg

- Flight C:** 1 Judy Chapman - Debbie Ignacz
- 2 Tanja Hurlbert - Mary Lou Holder
- 3 Shirley Klassen - Ken Baher

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Richard Cripps - Debbie Cripps
- 2/3 Mary Ross - Sharon Lutz
- 2/3 Donna Lea Anderson - Mark Woitas

- Flight B:** 1 Richard Cripps - Debbie Cripps
- 2 Mary Ross - Sharon Lutz
- 3 Robert Dow - Perry Clark

- Flight C:** 1 Richard Cripps - Debbie Cripps
- 2 Robert Dow - Perry Clark

SATURDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Judy Gartaganis - Nick Gartaganis
- 2 Gerry Marshall - Bob Santa
- 3 Gordon Campbell - Allan Simon

- Flight B:** 1 Debbie Ignacz - Michael Hurka
- 2 Adele Johanson - Ruby Comeau
- 3 Marjorie McLeod - Helen Donison

- Flight C:** 1 Marjorie McLeod - Helen Donison
- 2 Bill Cox - Donald Watson
- 3 Barry Emmet - Judy Chapman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Ron Pritchard - Peter Bradbury
- 2 Marlene Lenstra - Laurel Chrumka
- 3 Glyn Roberts - Don Ryan

- Flight B:** 1 Eleanor Houston - Gordon Houston
- 2 Mickey Hawrelak - Sharon Crowle
- 3/4 Leonard & Jeannette Smalenburg
- 3/4 Norman Dodd - Jim Wilson

- Flight C:** 1 Eleanor Houston - Gordon Houston
- 2 Mickey Hawrelak - Sharon Crowle
- 3/4 Leonard & Jeannette Smalenburg
- 3/4 Norman Dodd - Jim Wilson

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

- Flight A:** 1 Gordon Campbell - Judy Gartaganis
Nick Gartaganis - Doug Deschner
- 2 Allan Simon - Rick Tewari
Don Gladman - Ken Penton
- 3 Steven Lawrence - Stan Matheson
Terri Walters - Alex Knox

- Flight B:** 1 Ken Baher - Shirley Klassen
Rosella Ellis - Elaine Winter
- 2/3 Rolf Saetre - Heinz Weis

SATURDAY EVENING PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley
- 2 Marlene Lenstra - Laurel Chrumka
- 3 Glyn Roberts - Don Ryan

- Flight B:** 1 Norman Dodd - Jim Wilson
- 2 Peter Peterson - Walter Semkuley
- 3 Richard Cripps - Debbie Cripps

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAMS

Hussein Dada - Devinder Sood
2/3 Adele Johanson - Ruby Comeau
Carol Martell - Jim Brister

1 Lucie McBrearty - George McBrearty
Gordon Houston - Eleanor Houston
2/3 Barry Robey - Barb Kryski
Marlene Lenstra - Laurel Chrumka
2/3 Don Ryan - Glyn Roberts
Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley

Flight C: 1 Ken Baher - Shirley Klassen
Rosella Ellis - Elaine Winter
2 Bill Cox - Donald Watson
Ron Carswell - Doug Jones
3/4 Terri Pollard - Jeff Robertson
May Jackman - Naomi Pencer
3/4 Doug Holder - Jnan Sarkar
Mary Lou Holder - Tanja Hurlbert

SUNDAY EVENING TEAMS

1 Anne Day - Mary Royal
John Serra - Walter Semkuley
2 Don Ryan - Glyn Roberts
Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY RESULTS

1/2	Marlene Lenstra	3.95	5/6	Gordon Houston	3.47	9	Ron Pritchard	2.67
1/2	Laurel Chrumka	3.95	5/6	Eleanor Houston	3.47	10	Walter Semkuley	2.49
3/4	Don Ryan	3.68	7/8	Lorraine Van Dusen	3.26	11/12	Barb Kryski	2.26
3/4	Glyn Roberts	3.68	7/8	Bob Copley	3.26	11/12	Barry Robey	2.26

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Bow River

Fri March 14 7:45 Open Teams Club Championship
Thu March 27 7:30 Grand National Teams A/B & C/D Stratified Qualifying Games
Sat April 5 1:00 Grand National Flight C Unit Final
Fri May 9 6:30 Unit Annual General Meeting and Bridge

Canmar

Thu March 20 7:30 Club Championship

Martinique

There has been a change to the schedule at the Martinique. Friday evening's game is now a stratified 199er game! (A:100+, B:50-100, C:0-50). Game time is still 8:00 PM. If you need a partner, please call Dann at the Martinique.

TEMPO

by Stan Matheson

Mutt and Jeff had cornered the Champ into trying out the new beer at the Rehash Pub. After the new waitress had taken their order and the

Champ's name, repeated ten times for clarity, Mutt and Jeff knew that they were there until closing time.

“ Well guys, what’s bugging you tonight?” the Champ asked, hoping that the topic would require a lot of pontificating.

“ Me” Mutt said sheepishly “ I seem to be having an awful lot of problems and poor old

TEWARICK

by Rick Tewari

When Partner passes
your take-out double,
Lead trump for sure
they are in trouble.

Jeff keeps complaining about having to handle my balks and of course some of the players are beginning to make remarks so we thought that we would consult with you.”

Since the waitress was bringing their beer, the Champ started on his mission to inform.

“ Unless I miss my bet you guys are talking about balks which occur during the auction as opposed to the style of breaks that occur during play.” Mutt nodded his assent.

“ Let’s talk first about auctions when partner balks, and then passes. Then we’ll discuss situations when partner hesitates and then bids something other than pass, OK?” “ Great.” Mutt muttered through his beer.

“ The key issue in all hesitating situations is whether or not the balk suggests a specific course of action should be selected as opposed to suggesting many choices may be taken. When partner balks then passes then the action you take must be clearly based on the assets in your own hand and not some goodie that might show up in partner’s hand. Here are some easy examples: you open 1 Spade, 1 NT by LHO, (long pause) Pass by partner, Pass by RHO and you hold AJXXX KJXX AX XX. What do you bid ?”

“ 2 Hearts.” Mutt queried. “ Yeah!” Jeff interjected “ now you can get yelled at!”

“ And rightly so” the Champ took over.

“ Here you have a minimum 2 suited hand

sitting under the strong NT overcall, which means your values are badly placed. Despite holding a second suit, pass would be the normal call and would be accepted as a call whereas 2 Hearts would be the choice of a minority and would not be acceptable because partner’s hesitation has suggested that your side has the values to compete. Now suppose partner passed quickly rather than slowly (which he should not do), you would now know that bidding 2 Hearts would be very risky so you would casually pass and not get into trouble. This is unauthorized information and gives your side an undeserved advantage over your opponents. This is the reason why bridge laws have evolved to this treatment after a balk.

AJXXX KJX AX XXX This time you open 1 Spade, Pass, 2 Diamonds (game force), 3 Clubs and you hesitate and correctly or not you pass. Partner should assume you have a semi balanced minimum opener and since partner has already promised game going values almost any action consistent with that assumption could be chosen without a problem although making a penalty double with a club void would cause eyebrows to be raised. But if partner passed, treating my opener as a psyche and was correct, our partnership would be facing an ethic’s committee and if he passed but was wrong partner would still be in trouble since fielding a psyche without it being CLEAR that only partner could be psyching is illegal.

AJXXX KJXX AX XX. Now we will go back to our first example but change the auction to 1 Spade, Pass, 2 Diamonds (long pause), 2 Hearts and assuming double in this sequence is a penalty double, would both of you double or would you find another call ?”

“ What else?” Jeff agreed. “ Well I might bid 3 NT if we are vulnerable and they aren’t.” Mutt put forth.

“ OK those are both reasonable, but you see the point is partner’s balk doesn’t bar you from taking action, the balk merely restricts you to reasonable or non-suggested bids.

AXXXX AKXX AQ XX. This time with the opponents silent, the auction goes 1 Spade,

2 Clubs (game force), 2 Hearts, 2 Spades,
 4 NT (regular Blackwood), 5 Diamonds,
 5 NT, 6 Hearts (long pause). Your bid guys.”
 Jeff looked puzzled and then grinned and said: “
 I know what’s coming. Partner’s balk could
 only mean that he is thinking of bidding the
 grand himself so you can deduce that partner

has solid clubs and great spades. Since I
 learned that through the balk I can only bid
 6 Spades. Right?”
 “ You got it” the Champ said “ but I must leave
 now” as the waitress gave him the bill with the
 comment that she had to collect as she had
 finished her shift and.....

Calgary Spring Sectional

**Location: Polish Canadian Cultural Centre
 3015 15 St NE**

Open Events

Friday, March 21st, 1997

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs
 8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

Saturday, March 22nd, 1997

1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
 (1st session of playthrough)
 A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)
 B: 300 to 500 (Stratified)
 C: 0 to 300 (Stratified)
 7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
 (2nd session of playthrough)

**Note: Single session players are
 welcomed for either session**

Sunday, March 23rd, 1997

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams
 (1st Session)
 TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams
 (2nd Session)

Future Masters Events

Friday, March 21st, 1997

1:30 PM: Future Master Stratified
 Pairs
 8:00 PM: Future Master Stratified
 Pairs
 11:30 PM: Wine & Cheese Reception
 for Future Masters

Saturday, March 22nd, 1997

1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified
 Pairs
 7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified
 Pairs

Sunday, March 23rd, 1997

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams
 TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams

**Stratified Events: A: 50 - 100
 B: 20 - 50
 C: 0 - 20**

All Future Master Events are Single

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games

A: 750⁺ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

Session

President's Trophy will be awarded to the Future Master who wins the most masterpoints in Future Master Events