

THE KIBITZER

SEPTEMBER 1999

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

By Greg Bedard

The Unit Board has gone through numerous changes since the last Kibitzer in March. Four new faces were appointed to the Board in the May election. The Board has also appointed Stephanie McAdam as Recorder for the Unit as Gordon Campbell has stepped down. I would like to thank Gordon for his many years of service for the Unit and welcome Stephanie who, I am sure, will do an equally exceptional job. Your new Board is excited about the upcoming bridge season and will do its best to promote the game of bridge. The Unit Officers and volunteers are as follows:

President – Greg Bedard
Vice President – Mickey Hawrelak
Secretary/Membership – Anne Thompson
Treasurer – Dave Christison
Caddy Master – Bruce Mottle
Tournaments – Joy Saville
Future Masters – Maggie Rogers
Special Events – Ian Boyd
Kibitzer – Dan Bertrand
Recorder – Stephanie McAdam
Conduct and Ethics – Stan Shedd
2000 Regional Co-Chairs – Gord Sharp and Deloris Hedley

The focus this year will be membership. The ACBL has introduced a membership campaign to try and 'stabilize its membership base' as for the last several years there has been a steady decline. This campaign, in partnership with the Units, will put an emphasis on new members as well as existing members that have let their membership lapse. As an incentive, the Unit will receive extra funds from the ACBL for an increase in membership numbers in either area.

Other issues we will be looking at will include the non-member surcharge at Sectionals and Calgary's 2000 Regional, the implementation of the new Bidding Box Policy at the September Sectional and continuing to work with the promotion of bridge through local advertising.

As a special note, we would like to congratulate Ian Boyd for his selection to the Canadian Junior Team. Ian played in the Junior World Championships in Fort Lauderdale this August.

We hope to see you at the Fall Sectional September 10th –12th and the Banff Sectional in November. Remember, support your local Bridge Clubs. Come out, play bridge and have fun!

MEMBERSHIP DESK

By Anne Thompson

I am sad to report that Irma Fleming and John Davison passed away. They both will be deeply missed.

Congratulations to Janice Bodnarchuk and Keith Falkenberg, and to Vlasta and Dave Horton; both couples had a baby boy.

Welcome to the following new ACBL Members:

Lamya Abougoush, Hilary Bean, Jenny Bereton, Michael Clayton, Rita Dodge, Bobbie Dodds, Laurie Franklin, Louise Gramlich, July Hart, Teresa Hyde, Betty Johnson, David Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Jean Kerr, Marjorie Kushnir, Reg Lippet, Eileen Macey, Peggy Muir, Ken Oram, Kathy Sawyer, Marilyn Wiggins, and Ron Wilson.

Welcome to the following Players who transferred into our unit:

John Dungan from Mesa, Gerry Gribben from Saskatchewan, Anne Moscato from Montreal., and Donald Thompson from Ontario.

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:

JUNIOR MASTER (5-20):

Betty Amery, Hilary Bean, Don Dumka, Sydney Holberton, Beth Little, Barbara Maclean, David Powers, Janet Small, Linda Harrison, Larry McComb, Sandra Powers, Carol Szabo, Phyllis Allen, Judy Hart, David Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Eveleine King, Jeannette Kish, Beth Massie, Ruth Montgomery, Shiela Ross, and Marilyn Wiggins.

CLUB MASTER (20-50):

Gordon Hammond, Simon Farrer, JC Mawdsley, Carmen Gallent, Audrey Hogarth, Doreen Green, Linda Heidemann, David Johnson, Wilda Pashak, Joan Shedden, and Donna Stanley.

SECTIONAL MASTER (at least 50, including 5 silver points):

Greg Bedard, Audrey Clark, John Collins, Marcel Claeys, Willa Dumka, Ruth Duplisea, Simon Farrer, Joan Finlay, Don Gellatly, Marjorie Laing, Sharon Lutz, Alice Whitty, Sally Graboski, JP Guillemain, Geraldine Johnson, Lawrence Owens, Barry Pashak, Anne Stang, and Marguerite Todesco.

REGIONAL MASTER (at least 100, including 15 silver and 5 red or gold)

Dave Adelman, Sharon Crowle, Barb Kryski, Marlene Lenstra, Anne Moscato, Elizabeth Pineo, Glyn Roberts, Mary Ross, and Anne Thompson.

NABC MASTER (at least 200, including 25 silver, 5 gold, and 15 red or gold):

Phillip Awram, Ron Carswell, Clarende Duby, Vince Lacoste, Ross Maclean, and Ron Pritchard.

LIFE MASTER (at least 300, including 50 silver, 25 gold, and 25 red or gold):

John Ferguson, Douglas Mann, and Hazel Skelton.

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 500):

Robert Clark, Rosella Ellis, Judy Elson, and Percy Schacter.

SILVER LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 1000)

Olga Furlan, Frank Kettner, and Marion Pennell.

Please let me tell you a bit about myself. I am Anne Thompson, the new membership Secretary for Unit 390. I have been playing duplicate bridge in Calgary for three years and play frequently at the Bow River Club and with the Haysboro Ladies. Please introduce yourself to me at the September Sectional if we are not already acquainted.

If you hear of any interesting news, deaths or tidbits regarding our members please call me. Most importantly, please inform me of any telephone number or address changes. My phone number is 246-2082.

The new phone book will be available at the September Sectional or you can pick it up at one of the clubs thereafter.

JOHN DAVISON (1948-1999)

By Terri Pollard

I went to see John in the hospital on Saturday August 21st, and there I met his mother for the first time. Later, when we were alone, I told John how glad I was to meet her. Whenever anyone speaks of her you can hear a smile in his voice. He nodded and said, "I'll tell you about my mother."

She taught him to look for the good in people he meets. That's what you need to know about people and that is the part of themselves that they want you to know. Later, when you notice a person's faults you can choose to overlook these because you'll have a deeper understanding of that person. John followed this advice all his life. He said, "Look around. That's why there are people around me in this place, 24 hours a day. I see what's good in people and they know it."

He talked about people in the bridge community, some of whom really don't like each other very much, coming together because of him. They let the barriers down. He saw this as a very positive development that can continue to be a good thing. ("So long as no one tries to take unfair advantage of the situation"). He told me that even if he were not around at the end of the week, the positive effects of the situation would continue after him. "That's my contribution." He acknowledged the good in people. He showed others how. I could hear the smile in his voice when he said: "My mother taught me that."

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Unitarian Church Bridge Club

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY
UNITARIAN CHURCH BRIDGE CLUB
1703 FIRST ST NW
REOPENING MONDAY SEPT 13 at 7 P.M.

Free refreshments
Game Time Mondays at 7:30 PM

Partnerships arranged
Verna Blanchard 228-5289

FIRST TIME PLAYERS 2 FOR 1 WITH THIS AD

Martinique Bridge Club

The Martinique is pleased to announce that Maureen Bailey is now a partner at the Club. Maureen is a terrific director and Elaine, John, and Brenda are delighted that she has joined the team. The Martinique will hold its "First Anniversary Party" Saturday September 18th at 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcomed.

Our 49er game on Wednesday afternoon will resume September 22nd at 12:30 PM. John Hinde will teach beginner bridge and Brenda Bertrand will teach intermediate bridge. Please contact the Club for more details.

We have ordered new bidding cards and they should be here in time for our Bridge Week which is September 13th to 18th. All games will be Club Championships except for the Wednesday evening game that will be the ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, with full hand analysis, and the opportunity to win "Gold Points". Other special games this fall are the Olympiad Fund Game, Thursday, October 21st at 7:30 PM and the ACBL Wide Charity Game, Monday, November 22nd at 7:30 PM.

BIDDING BOX POLICY

One innovation in duplicate bridge that has become very widespread in recent years has been the availability and use of bidding boxes. The use of bidding boxes should enhance everyone's enjoyment of the game. For instance, the use of bidding boxes allow for a quieter time, there are fewer misunderstood calls, and their use largely does away with the need for reviews of the bidding. All these aspects improve the flow of the game and allow players to concentrate on the more important aspects of bidding and play.

Of course, as with verbal bidding, irregularities in an auction using bidding boxes must be avoided. For example, the fingering of bidding cards in contemplation of making a call should not occur.

Bidding boxes have been available in local clubs for several years. The Calgary Unit purchased bidding boxes in 1995 for use in sectional tournaments. The Unit Board has recently considered a policy concerning the use of bidding boxes at all sectional tournaments and Unit sponsored games at clubs. The local Unit has the authority to set a policy in this area, subject to the overriding policies of the ACBL (e.g. Non-discrimination) and the Laws of the game. The policy approved by the Calgary Unit Board is set out below:

1. The use of bidding boxes is mandatory in all events at Calgary sectional tournaments and Unit sponsored games at clubs and other venues (whenever they are available).
2. An exception to this mandatory use policy will be made when a player is unable to use bidding boxes because of a physical impairment. If questioned, a simple statement or notice (eg. A card on the table) of the fact that one is unable to use bidding boxes because of a physical impairment is sufficient explanation.
3. Where one player at a table is unable to use bidding boxes, then no player at the table should use them and all auction calls should be made verbally. An acceptable alternative to this practice is that someone else at the table may place bidding cards on the table in response to a verbal call by the player unable to use the bidding boxes. This other person could be the playing partner or an assistant. All players present must agree upon this alternative practice before the round commences. In case of disagreement, all bidding should proceed verbally.
4. Intermittent or inconsistent use of bidding boxes is not allowed. If a player is unable to use bidding boxes at the start of a session or at any time during the session, they must finish that session without using bidding boxes.
5. The use or non-use of bidding boxes by any player in contravention of the Unit's stated policy may result in disciplinary action.

Approved by Unit 390 Board of Directors, August 21, 1997
Confirmed by Unit 390 Board of Directors, April 29, 1999

FUTURE MASTER VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the following volunteers whose contributions enabled our Future Masters program to complete a successful year:

Lore Shymanski
Doris Johnston
Anne Thompson
Marion Monner
Hazel Skelton
Kathleen Blaxley
Donna Gellatly
Laurel Chrumka
Geraldine Paterson
Bette Duncan
Norrine Pearson
Mary Royal
Anne Day
Connie Studer
Joan Garland
Alice Whitty

Roy Shaw
John Serra
Phil Phillips
Jim Mawdsley
Carol Szabo
Geraldine Johnson
Pat Purvis
Linda Harrison
Marlene Lenstra
Tessa Bombenon
Nick Gartaganis
Dann Kramer
Brian Saville
Daniel Bertrand
Jeff Robertson
Edwina Ostick

Terri Bedard
Paula Sisko
Don Adams
Verna Blanchard
Janice Bodnarchuk
Brian Price
Ruth Duplisea
Terri Pollard
Mary Ross
Rod Hilderman
Elaine Stewart
Eleanor Houston
Ruth Gilchrist
John Gilchrist
Steve Lawrence
Lily Haliday

Also thank you to all others who have been overlooked. Your help is very much appreciated.

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

The North American Open Pairs Unit Final will be held on Sunday September 19th at the Martinique Bridge Club. The first session will start at 12:00 PM. The second session is to be announced. (It will be held on Sunday also.)

SPRING SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Hussein Dada – Devinder Sood
2 Bruce Dennis – Joanne Dennis
3 Keith Falkenberg – Janice Bodnarchuk
- Flight B:** 1 Hussein Dada – Devinder Sood
2 Bruce Dennis – Joanne Dennis
3 Keith Falkenberg – Janice Bodnarchuk
- Flight C:** 1 Hussein Dada – Devinder Sood
2 Bruce Dennis – Joanne Dennis
3 Bryant Hawthorne – Allan Nielsen

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Stan Matheson – Sharon Dalton
2 Judith Gartaganis – Nicholas Gartaganis
3 Irv Stordahl – Diana Stordahl
- Flight B:** 1 Hazel Skelton – Barry Pashak
2 Dick Yuen – Rodney McKnight
3 Geraldine Paterson – Barney Paterson
- Flight C:** 1 Hazel Skelton – Barry Pashak
2 Geraldine Paterson – Barney Paterson
3 Diana Burn – Cora Steemers

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

- Flight A:** 1 John Lang – Penny Young
2 Pam Austin – Helen Bradley
3 Olga Furlan – Yvette Tapuska
- Flight B:** 1 Pam Austin – Helen Bradley
2/3 Pat Blochert – Ruth Duplisea
2/3 Barb Kryski – Barry Robey

FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Faith Pritchard – Barry Pritchard
2 Nicholas Gartaganis – Ray Grace
3 Ken Penton – Rick Tewari

FUTURE MASTERS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- Flight D:** 1 Ron Grove – Susan Butler
2 Marilyn Wiggins – Lorne Hanson
3 Ruth Montgomery – Marjorie Laing
- Flight E:** 1 Ron Grove – Susan Butler
2 Marilyn Wiggins – Lorne Hanson
3 Ruth Montgomery – Marjorie Laing
- Flight F:** 1 Marilyn Wiggins – Lorne Hanson
2 Dave Johnson – Linda Heidelberg
3 Beth Massie – Wilda Pashak

FRIDAY EVENING

- Flight D:** 1 Gisela Ironside – Joan Garland
2 Wayne Stanley – Susan Stanley
3 Joan Finlay – Audrey Clark
- Flight E:** 1 Gisela Ironside – Joan Garland
2 Wayne Stanley – Susan Stanley
3 Joan Finlay – Audrey Clark
- Flight F:** 1 Wayne Stanley – Susan Stanley
2 Phyllis Allen – Roxanne Rees
3 Marion Hinch – Alan Hinch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Flight D:** 1 Joan Finlay – Audrey Clark
2/3 Naomi Pencer – Don Seidle
2/3 Gordon Gair – Penny McQuarrie
- Flight E:** 1 Gordon Gair – Penny McQuarrie
2 Wilda Pashak – Beth Massie
3 Ron Grove – Susan Butler
- Flight F:** 1 Wilda Pashak – Beth Massie
2 Linda Heidelberg – Dave Johnson
3 Al Prentice – Betty Prentice

SATURDAY EVENING

- Flight D:** 1 Dave Johnson – Geraldine Johnson
2 Ron Grove – Susan Butler
3 Gordon Gair – Penny McQuarrie

STRATIFIED B/C OPEN PAIRS

Flight B: 1 Mickey Hawrelak – Vince Lacoste
2 Gamil Tadros – Frances Tadros
3 Simon Farrer – Ross MacLean

Flight C: 1 Simon Farrer – Ross MacLean
2 Hazel Skelton – Barry Pashak
3 Rita Dodge – Lamy Abougoush

SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

Flight A: 1 Paula Sisko – Joyce Mackie
2 Jean Kittlitz – Ray Kittlitz
3 Art Peddicord – Liliane Peddicord

OPEN STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1 Faith Pritchard – Barry Pritchard
Steve Willard – Dick McKinney
2/5 Vince Lambert – Tom Gandolfo
Dann Kramer – Ian Boyd
2/5 Art Peddicord – Liliane Peddicord
Yasuko Hiruki – Jack Triplett
2/5 Steve Lawrence – Martin McDonald
Carol McManus – Dick Yuen
2/5 Gordon Campbell – Ken Penton
Judith Gartaganis – Nicholas Gartaganis

Flight B: 1 Judy Chapman – Debbie Ignacz
Michael Hurka – Perry Khakar
2/3 Eleanor Kennedy – Valerie Ling
Hussein Dada – Devinder Sood
2/3 Marguerite Perry – Rita Dodge
Lamy Abougoush – Joyce Douglas

Flight C: 1 Eleanor Kennedy – Valerie Ling
Hussein Dada – Devinder Sood
2/4 Barry Pashak – Hazel Skelton
Barney Paterson – Geraldine Paterson
2/4 Bruce Dennis – Joanne Dennis
Pam Austin – Helen Bradley
2/4 Keith Hoyland – Barry Robey
Barb Kryski – Tony Visser

SATURDAY EVENING (continued)

Flight E: 1 Dave Johnson – Geraldine Johnson
2 Ron Grove – Susan Butler
3 Gordon Gair – Penny McQuarrie

Flight F: 1 Doreen Green – Janet Small
2 Marion Hinch – Alan Hinch

SUNDAY MORNING TEAMS

Flight D: 1/2 Sally Graboski – Lucy Miller
Joy Gloin – Isabelle Wintrip
1/2 Dave Johnson – Janet Small
Doreen Green – Linda Heidelbergman
3 Lawrence Owens – Larry McComb
Beth Massie – Wilda Pashak

Flight E: 1 Dave Johnson – Janet Small
Doreen Green – Linda Heidelbergman

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAMS

Flight D: 1 Margaret Bartley – Kay Grove
Sheila Horan – Anne Legge
2 Sally Graboski – Isabelle Wintrip
Lucy Miller – Joy Gloin
3 Diane Eason – Tom Eason
Sharon Crowle – Bob Crowle

Flight E: 1 Dave Johnson – Janet Small
Doreen Green – Linda Heidelbergman

TEWARICK

By Rick Tewari

You bid one suit
Partner calls the other,
It's a sign of a misfit
Stop messing further.

WHERE IS THE DEUCE ??

By Gordon Campbell

♠ K5
♥ K5
♦ AQ75
♣ AQ965



♠ 82
♥ AQ93
♦ 982
♣ KT74

This was played on Sunday afternoon March 28th 1999, at a rubber bridge table in Calgary.

Game: **Rubber**
Dealer: **West**
Vulnerability: **North-South**
Partial: **40 to North-South**
Contract: **4**
Declarer: **South**

West preempted with 3♠, North doubled (!?), South bid 4♦, ending the auction. This was game as North-South had a leg.

West lead the ♣8. Declarer thought for a bit, then played low. You won your ♣K, Declarer played the ♣3, now what? Where is the ♣2?

What is going through your mind? How can I beat 4♦?

Is partner's ♣8 a singleton? Does partner have the ♠A?

If a singleton: then I should give him a club ruff with a low club so that he will return a Heart through Dummy's King.

If not a singleton: then I should return the ♠8 to get a Heart through.

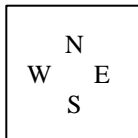
It is unlikely Declarer would duck the club lead if he had the ♠A, so return the ♠8 to Partner's hoped for Ace, while Declarer follows with the ♠7.

♠ K5
♥ K5
♦ AQ75
♣ AQ965

Now it is West's turn to think.

Where is the ♠2?

♠ AJT9643
♥ J82
♦ 6
♣ 82



Is Partner's ♠8 a singleton?

If yes, then I should give him a spade ruff to go with his hoped for ♥A.

If no, then I should lead a Heart through and hope he has the Ace and Queen of Hearts.

What would you do? It is correct to lead a Heart. Why?

You pretty well need Partner to have the ♥A anyway. He could have anticipated your dilemma and helped you out. With a singleton, he had two ways of doing it.

1. He could return the ♠8 quickly. This usually shows a singleton and is frequently observed at the table. It is, of course, cheating, or,
2. He could cash the ♥A first then lead the Spade. Now you cannot go wrong.

As East did neither (!) of these, it must be right to lead a Heart through.

It may be surprising that many defensive errors are made in cooperation with Partner! Things may seem very clear from your side of the table but maybe partner does not have all the information that you have about the hand, or maybe he is thinking about what he wants for dinner. Either way, help him out!!

LAST ROUND

By Daniel Bertrand

♠ AQ963			
♥ AT			
♦ K52			
♣ T93			
♠ K2		♠ 875	
♥ KJ		♥ 9765432	
♦ T9764		♦ J	
♣ AJ76		♣ 85	
♠ JT4			
♥ Q8			
♦ AQ83			
♣ KQ42			
S	W	N	E
1♣	1♦	1♠	P
1NT	P	3NT	AP

It is the last round; I am having an average game when I pick up the South hand. I decide to bid 1NT to protect my tenaces. I get the ♦6 lead. Since LHO has overcalled on a very bad suit, she rates to have most of the defensive values. I duck the lead to my hand and win with the Ace. I lead the ♠J and finesse. The ♠T gets covered by the King and Ace. I lead the ♣T from dummy and play the ♣K from my hand deciding LHO rates to have the ♣J. She wins the Ace and returns the ♦T. I win Dummy's King as RHO shows out. I unblock my ♣Q, then cross to Dummy in spade and cash my remaining spade winners to put pressure on LHO.

Dummy has ♥AT ♦5 ♣9, and my hand is ♥Q8 ♦Q8. Poor LHO is in trouble; she must keep two diamonds, the ♣J, and the ♥KJ. But she can only keep four cards. If she pitches the ♣J, Dummy will win its ♣9 as I throw away a heart and LHO will be squeezed again. If she discards her ♥J, I will lead Dummy's ♥A, playing my Queen, then I will cash Dummy's ♥T, retaining the lead in Dummy and squeezing poor LHO again. She thinks for a while but decides to pitch a diamond. I cash the two diamond winners in my hand squeezing her again. I end up with twelve winners. This was a progressive triple squeeze.

I finish with a slightly above average game but I have a hand to talk about for weeks. Of course now I bid all the way to 6NT!

FUTURE MASTERS' TOURNAMENT

A Future Masters' Tournament, hosted by the Bow River Bridge Club and the Martinique Bridge Studio will be held on the Thanksgiving Week-end (October 8-11). Two more tournaments will be held on April 21-24, and May 26-29. Please contact either Club for more information.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

The President's Trophy is awarded to the future master who wins the most masterpoints in future master events at the Calgary Sectional. These are the results for the Spring Sectional:

1	Dave Johnson	4/5	Susan Butler	3.91	7/10	Joan Finlay	3.59
	2/3	Lucy Miller	6	Linda	11/12	Penny McQuarrie	3.40
	2/3	Joy Gloin	Heidelman		11/12	Gordon Gair	3.40
	4/5	Ron Grove	7/10	Doreen Green			3.59
			7/10	Audrey Clark			3.59

Congratulations to Dave Johnson who wins the President's trophy.

CALGARY FALL SECTIONAL

**Location: Polish Canadian Cultural Centre
3015 15th Street NE**

Open Events

Friday, September 10th, 1999

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

Saturday, September 11th, 1999

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, September 12th, 1999
Anne Waldie Memorial Trophy

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

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games
A: 750⁺ B: 300-750 C: 0-300

Future Masters Events

Friday, September 10th, 1999

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

Saturday, September 11th, 1999

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

Sunday, September 12th, 1999

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

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

All Future Masters Events are Single Session

**No Smoking in the Playing Area
Breaks Will Be Provided**

NEXT SECTIONAL: Banff Classic November 5-7

If you have any comment (bad or good) about the Kibitzer, please contact the editor, Dan Bertrand (203-0581) or any member of the Unit Board.

