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MARCH IS BUSY BRIDGE MONTH

For Calgary area bridge fans, March will come in and go out like a lion, with plenty of roar in between. Just check the schedule on page 2. Our unit is holding the sub-masters team contest, the C.B.F. teams unit final, the monthly unit game, and a big charity game. Various clubs have special events planned. There are sectionals in North Battleford, Shelby and Medicine Hat; the Nationals are in Fresno, California; and just when you think you can relax, the Easter Sectional (April 3 - 6 at the Jubilee Auditorium) will be upon us. Whew!

CHARITY GAME ON MARCH 19

A continent-wide charity game will be held Wednesday, March 19. The Open Section will meet at the Martinique, while Novices congregate at the Big Diamond. The beneficiary charity is the Canadian Diabetes Association. Hand analyses will be available. Entry fee is \$3.50, and game time is 7:30 P.M.

CBF TEAMS UNIT FINAL

Last reminder for the 13 teams who qualified for the Unit Finals: Play will start Saturday, March 8, at 1:00 P.M. at the Calgary Bridge Centre in Happy Valley. Teams are reminded that they must show up for this event or face sanctions, since no-shows would seriously disrupt the movement and seeding.

This is an excellent opportunity for kibitzing, and provisions have been made to accomodate numerous spectators.

ELECTION '80

Nominating committee chairman Ron McNeill advises us that, assuming no further nominations are forthcoming, the following names will appear on the ballot this year for election to the unit board:

RITA ALLEN	DORIS FISHMAN	TERRY McMILLAN
KIM ANDERSON	CARL FORNER	NORM PARKINS
STAN ARMSTRONG	BETTY JAKUES	RUSSEL PURDY
PAMELA BOWES	JEAN KITTLITZ	GORD SHARP
BILL BROWN	LANA KRUGER	ALLAN SIMON
GARTH EGAR	DIANNE LIETZ	DOROTHY WHEELER

The number of offices to be elected is eight.

PHONE LIST TO BE REVISED

Bet Flemons is working on a new telephone list. If you know of any errors or omissions, or if you have moved since last summer, please call Bet at 249-2532, as soon as possible.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2 1:00 and 7:30 Martinique Sub National Masters Teams	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1:00 and 8:00 C.B.C. CBF Teams Unit Final			7:30 Big Diamond Club Charity	7:30 Cammar Open Pairs Club Ch.	MEDICINE HAT SECTIONAL	8:00 Martinique Open Club Champ.
16 MEDICINE HAT SECT. 7:30 Martinique UNIT GAME	17	18	19 7:30 Continent-Wide Charity Game Open: Martinique Novice: Big Diamond	20	21	22 8:00 Big Diamond Open Pairs Club Ch.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				----- SHELBY	SECTIONAL -----	
30 SHELBY SECTIONAL 7:30 Martinique Open Club Champ.	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
				CALGARY SECTIONAL 8:00 Board-a-Match Teams	(Jubilee Auditorium)	

OUT-OF-TOWN TOURNAMENTS

March 14 - 16	Medicine Hat	Imperial Motor Inn	Sectional
March 14 - 23	Fresno, Calif.	Sheraton	National
March 21 - 23	North Battleford	TBA	Sectional
March 27 - 30	Shelby, Mont.	Elks Club	Sectional
April 3 - 6	Calgary	Jubilee Auditorium	Sectional
April 8 - 13	Victoria	Empress Hotel	Regional

NEWSMAKERS

Belated congratulations to Darwin Watson and Les Hajdo for their fine victory in the 99ers Pairs at the January Calgary Sectional. At the same tournament, Don and Pamela Bowes won the Novice Pairs.

Dary and Mary Ellen Stann won the 80 table Open Pairs at a recent sectional in Saskatoon.

BIG DIAMOND NEWS

The Big Diamond Bridge Club announces the following reforms:

- As of April 1, entry fees will increase to \$3.00 per session for open games. Fees for novice games remain at \$2.50.
- You can win \$15.00 worth of free plays! How? Any player who plays in three out of the four Wednesday games scheduled Feb. 27, Mar. 5, Mar. 12 and Mar. 26, with three different partners, will receive free plays for all five Wednesday games in April. They must collect their free plays playing with partners who do not have free plays. This promotion is in lieu of the \$20 prize contest, which has been discontinued. The last \$20 winners were Jean and Ray Kittlitz, for a fine 68% game.
- The bridge lessons by John Davison announced in last month's Kibitzer will not take place at this time.

THINGS ABOUT BRIDGE I NEVER KNEW 'TIL NOW

Jared Johnson, bridge editor of the Denver Post, conducted an extensive survey of tournament bridge players at the ACBL's Summer North American Championships in Las Vegas. Here are some of the results:

Question: In general, do most bridge players overbid or underbid?

Answer: The survey confirmed the obvious. Most players believe that most bridge players overbid, and most players consider themselves overbidders by a margin of about 2 to 1.

Question: Should all psyches be barred at ACBL tournaments?

Answer: 75% said no.

Question: What contracts do you think are played most often?

Answer: Another obvious answer. Three notrump was first by a mile, followed by 4 spades and 4 hearts.

Question: With what military campaign or other historical event would you compare your most recent bridge game?

Answers: Waterloo was mentioned most frequently. There were also a lot of Watergates and Alamos, plus the sinking of the Titanic, the bombing of Hiroshima, McGovern's political campaign and Custer's last stand.

Question: Make up a slogan for a bridge button.

Answers: One player suggested a button saying, I PLAY UPDOCK. (When asked, "What's updock?" you say "Nothing, you silly wabbit!") Other suggestions:

I STOP AT ALL BRIDGE GAMES

YOU'RE A LIFE MASTER???

I PLAY BETTER DOUBLED

DOUBLING MAY BE INJURIOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

I WAS SEEDED IN THE OUT-TO-LUNCH PAIRS

IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS BUTTON,

MY PARTNER IS LOOKING AT YOUR HAND

Question: What starting times for two-session events would you most like to see at a bridge tournament, 1:00 and 7:30, 1:00 and 8:00 or 1:30 and 8:00?

Answer: 1:00 and 7:30 was in clear first place with 60% of the vote. It was four to one against 1:00 and 8:00.

Question: What's the worst thing partner ever did to you in a bridge game?

Answers: "Explore for slam when I make a weak jump shift."
"Make three forcing bids on four points and a misfit."
"Convert two cold suit slams to notrump in one session."
"Pull my penalty double when I held A-K-Q-J-10 of trumps."
"Went for 2600 against a partial."
"Psyched when we were ahead."
"Put me in six of a splinter, then passed the SOS redouble."
"Drop me in a cuebid."
"Said he would play."
"Not show up."
"Show up."

Question: What animal reminds you most of a tournament bridge player?

Answers: There were a few favorable comparisons such as tiger, cougar, wildcat, grizzly bear, fox, etc. Then again, there were jackal, shark, barracuda, cobra, pig, hideous hog, weasel, skunk, goat, snake (in the grass), and a whole flock of turkeys.

Question: Players were asked to rate a list of 17 historical and fictional figures according to how good a bridge player they thought each would make on a scale of zero to 10.

Answers: Final standings: 1. Benjamin Franklin. 2. James Bond. 3. Einstein. 4. Napoleon. 5. Dracula. Elvis Presley was last. Blondie and Dagwood were next to last. Dracula got some good marks with such comments as "plays for blood", and "goes for the jugular on defense". Husband and wife teams including Adam and Eve fared poorly. A number of people wrote in Sherlock Holmes and gave him a 10. Another write-in: "Lizzy Borden, a 1. Butcher's hands." One player gave Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (evaluated as a partnership) a 10 with this comment: "My husband has always wanted himself for a partner. This might be the answer."

Question: Which are more difficult to play, suit contracts or notrump contracts and why?

Answers: It was close, 52% - 48% in favor of suit contracts as the more difficult. Most frequent reason offered for suit contracts being harder on the average was that there are usually more options, more ways to play the hand. People who thought notrump was more difficult often cited losing control (opponents run a suit and you can't trump).

Question: What's the best bridge book you ever read?

Answers: Watson's "Play of the Hand" was first by a landslide. Mollo and Reese books also did well.

Question: Define a Bridge Player's Hell.

Answers: "27 fixes in one session."
"Blowing team game on last hand of the last match."
"26 points and partner passes out of turn."
"Six of anything of the A-K of trumps."
"220 on a 156 average for a section second."
"26 yarrowboroughs in a row."
"Playing with my wife."
"No fourth available."
"Going down one after a finesse to a stiff king for eternity."
"Spend eternity with three other bridge players and a 51-card deck."
"No cards allowed in heaven."