

# THE KIBITZER

CALGARY UNIT 390  
AUGUST 1990

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Unit 390 for the 1990-91 year is:

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| President:      | Jacky Ross      | 248-7678 |
| Vice President: | Ray Grace       | 288-3000 |
| Treasurer:      | Dave Christison | 265-4579 |
| Secretary:      | Terri Walters   | 277-8346 |
|                 | Juan Alvarez    | 239-6580 |
|                 | Marlene Fuller  | 283-5606 |
|                 | Alex Knox       | 283-7597 |
|                 | Brian Saville   | 239-2768 |
|                 | Linda Thierman  | 246-2923 |
|                 | Maxine Webb     | 254-0035 |
| Past President: | Gamil Tadros    | 286-1294 |

The major committees are headed as follows:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sectionals         | Heather Girvitz |
| Special Events     | Linda Thierman  |
| Membership Updates | Jacky Ross      |
| Election Party     | Brian Saville   |
| Novice Coordinator | Marlene Fuller  |

The Kibitzer, sorely missing Crystal, has been done by a mix of the above this time; hopefully somebody will enthusiastically volunteer for the next two issues.

Our non-board volunteers continue to slave away for us. Two of the most sought after: Al Simon has agreed to again be our Caddy Master; Gord Campbell will continue as our Recorder.

Doug Mann has moved to Canmore and has regretfully resigned from the Board. We are in search of his replacement at this time.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting I sensed the membership was not fully aware of many aspects of day-to-day unit operations; this lack of knowledge has led to concern over some aspects of unit activities, particularly the loss of some \$5000 over the last two years or so.

### REVENUE

Our primary revenue is found in successful sectionals. Three or four years ago these would bring us \$1000-3000 per year. The ACBL returns \$3(US) of your dues to us. \$2(CDN) has then been sent to the CBF, leaving us somewhat less than \$2.00 for you. With changes forthcoming in this system we will, in another year or so, have an additional \$1200/year at our disposal.

Fund raising in the last two years has been nil. In each of the two years previous to that \$3000 was raised through the hard work of two of our members. These donations were critical in retaining our balance and we should not have learned to depend on them. We keep the bulk of our money in term certificates and this year we will earn \$400 in interest.

## THE LOSSES

Postage increases and regulations forcing us to use envelopes, together with a slight increase in printing costs, have upped the Kibitzer costs by \$1000 annually from 3 years ago.

Increased costs at sectionals, such as higher equipment rentals, director costs, and sanction fees, have been larger than increases in card fees, creating last year for the first time a net deficit at a sectional.

In order to support the Canadian Women's Team Competition properly, the unit was required to subsidize the event at a cost of about \$1800.

Attendance at Unit Finals of special events, such as COPCs or Team Competitions, is down substantially over the past few years, yet the costs to run them have risen. We have paid the card fees of all players in district or zone finals of special events, and should these players carry on to national finals, we have provided between \$100 and \$200 per player as a subsidy to their travel costs. We tried to stimulate interest in special events and we "lost our shirt." Our net loss has been in the order of \$4000 over two years, up substantially, although these have never been profitable.

There are many exciting new programs our members have undertaken on behalf of the bridge student and novice. Our attitude towards novice programs has been to "never say no." Last year this cost us just under \$1000.

## ACTION PLAN

The Board of Directors has approved a balanced budget. This budget has led to some serious cut-backs but is designed to provide the most benefit to most members.

Certain sectional expenses will be reduced. Front desk hospitality expenses will be zero and members will be asked to provide the cookies and candy previously bought by the unit. The trophy budget is cut by upwards of 25%. To counteract the cost increases, card fees will be raised by \$1.00 per session. In spite of this increase, we expect cost overruns within a year; we will cut back our expenses further prior to increasing fees.

All subsidies will be discontinued with two possible exceptions. We will provide graduates of ACBL bridge lessons with 2 free sessions to a sectional upon the request of the teacher. Any profits from Unit Finals will be returned either to the ongoing players for the next level, or the funds will go towards keeping costs down on other Unit Finals. We are attempting to cut our Kibitzer costs by up to 25%, while retaining three issues. We simply cannot afford the \$2500-\$3000 bill annually.

## RAY OF SUNSHINE

The measures we are taking to ensure that we do not return next year to the AGM with a loss do not take into consideration certain potential for increased revenue. A substantial increase in attendance at sectionals would create extra revenue. Your support at tournaments is appreciated.

Fund-raising schemes are being researched by the board and some members. Our members with corporate contacts may find the somewhat improved economic climate more conducive to fund-raising. Individual members may choose to make donations to the unit, either for specific action such as upgrading novice subsidies or for general use by the board. Should the unit find itself with excess funds, it will free them up immediately.

It is the goal of the unit to provide the best available bridge climate; this year it is determined do so within its means.

# CLUB CALENDAR

## MARTINIQUE:

The Martinique is having its quarterly bridge week September 24-30. They are to have some very special events that week including a lot of Club Championships, and are trying to organize a very special inter-city championship on Friday night. This is complex, so stay tuned for that.

## BOW RIVER:

The Bow River Bridge Club is moving to the Hounsfield Heights Community Centre on 12th Ave at the North Hill Mall. After August 15, their new number is 289-7677, and they will be running the same schedule there. There is one exception — their Tuesday evening open game will be held at the Army and Navy at 4411 - 16 Ave NW. All are welcome to come.

*Note:* The length of this issue prevents us from posting the clubs' schedules: hopefully we can provide a better list in December.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The North American Pairs Flight A qualifiers were held in June. The Flight B qualifiers are in August at a club near you.

### NOTE!!!!!!

### *THERE ARE BIG CHANGES THIS YEAR*

The district has decided to hold the District Final in Butte in conjunction with the Regional there. Therefore, the District Final dates are September 29 & 30 as far as we can ascertain at this time. The Unit Final will be held on the weekend of September 8 & 9: Flight A — two sessions one of the days; Flight B — two sessions the other. This event will be held at the Martinique. Because the district has not given us a lot of information, we are not able to supply details; if this is a matter of interest to you, your club will probably have the details mid-August.

## GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS:

The format of the GNTs is changing this year to include a flight of 0-1500 Master Points. The league has decided to leave the conditions of contest up to the Districts, and our board will be finalizing its decision on this in Edmonton at the regional. Stay posted — there are going to be changes.

I am pleased to report that due to the Canadian Units' strong complaints to the district, team events which are open to Canadian players will no longer have district finals in conjunction with the Spring Regional. It appears we will be going back to Great Falls which is also a problem, but they are actively looking into these matters now.

## ONE MEMORABLE HAND FROM THE PENTICTON REGIONAL

*Submitted by Maxine Webb*

In sunny Penticton one day,  
A bridge game we started to play.  
Little R.H.O.

She passed, don't you know.  
And Maxine entered the fray:  
One spade, she did say.  
L.H.O. unafraid

She Doubled the spade.  
Convinced on her part,  
Jean splintered in hearts -

Her eyebrows were pert  
When she heard no alert.  
In on the joke,  
R.H.O. never spoke.  
Holding six hearts, she knew  
four spades should make a slew.  
Surveying her stiff,  
Maxine passed with a sniff.  
She mourned her spade game,  
But knew not to blame:

Her partner, she knew,  
Had a pre-empt so true.  
Resigned to defeat,  
The auction did end.  
They thought it was not worth a bit  
To be playing their our 1-1 fit,  
But their minus 350  
Turned out to be nifty,  
Because what they did,  
was stop the cold 4 heart bid.

(Editor's note: 350 was the sacrifice against the cold 620)

## MEMBERS' CORNER

In this corner we welcome new members and mark our milestones. Normally errors belong entirely to me, the author (anonymous is my name), but this time I can squarely blame Memphis as the reports have been both late and dreadfully inaccurate. They in turn are squarely blaming everyone in the world from their computer to the CBF, and "hope to fix this soon."

To "whale" on this point further, the Unit attempted to verify the members' names, numbers and postal codes over the last few weeks. You guys are never home so, although we tried, our success will be measured in the complaints received about errors. If you have a problem, contact the Unit Board member you next see, or call Jacky at 248-7678 and we will try to get this updated next time.

First the milestones: Big congratulations on their successful Penticton Regional to new Life Masters: Barb Beagle, Heather Girvitz and Graham Townend.

We welcome Steve Lawrence from Edmonton, W. Blair from Northern Manitoba, and Torchy McCarthy from Anchorage. We hope you enjoy living in Calgary and find our bridge scene to your satisfaction.

We also greet new members Doreen Bray and William Tobman. Membership in the ACBL will bring you many hours of pleasure.

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of the daughters of Toby Asch and of Jim and Margit Davies. We grieve for your loss with you and your families.

## THE 1991 REGIONAL

As most of you know, Calgary generally hosts a regional every third summer. The cost of convention space here is exceptionally high and there has been some doubt about the District's ability to give us the 1991 tournament. We are happy to report that most of the problems appear to have been resolved and a tentative booking has been made for the usual dates at the Convention Centre. Should this plan fall through, several dates have been booked for 1992 as well, so at worst we might skip one year. Confirmation will be available after the Edmonton regional.



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CALGARY UNIT 390 MAY 5, 1990

Unit President, Gamil Tadros, called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Moved by Brian Girvitz, seconded by Barb Beagle, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated in the Kibitzer. CARRIED
2. President's Report:
  - a) Phone lists have been regularly updated. A book form list will be included in the Fall Kibitzer. Please let Jacky Ross know of any changes.
  - b) We plan to continue to hold our Sectional Tournaments at the Travelodge Hotel.
3. Financial Statement: Treasurer Dave Christison gave a summary of the Financial Statement as follows:

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| July 1, 1989 | — | General Fund Surplus | \$11,635.02 |
| May 5, 1990  | — | General Fund Surplus | \$ 7,504.55 |

The revenue for the fiscal period was \$24,406.85 and the disbursements for this period were \$28,537.32. Reasons for the reduction in surplus were increased costs for sectionals (director fees, hospitality costs and decreased attendance), no fund raising receipts for the year, and a \$1260 payment to the CBF which had not been paid in the previous year.

Jacky Ross moved, seconded by Dinesh Agrawal, that the 1989-90 Financial Statement be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

4. Membership Report: Membership was down from 635 to 623 members for the year. It was noted that price increases will be in effect this year because of the assessment by the ACBL for the CBF.

Congratulations to the following new Life Masters for the past year:

Juan Alvarez  
Margit Davies  
John Gilchrist  
Bev Miles  
Elaine Stewart

Walter Broc  
Jim Davies  
Les Hajdo  
Arliss Rackham

Jean Jonasson  
Carol McManus  
Martin McDonald  
Brian Saville

### *Mini-McKenney Awards:*

Rookie of the Year ..... Sheila Trott  
Junior Master of the Year ..... Ruth Paterson  
Club Master of the Year ..... Terri Walters  
Sectional Master of the Year ..... John Kesselring  
Regional Master of the Year ..... Graham Townend  
NABC Master of the Year ..... Martin McDonald  
Life Master of the Year ..... Bernie Lambert

Maddie McGill Pairs Winners:

..... Mort Van Ostrand and Earl Knipfel

### *Ace of Clubs Awards:*

Rookie of the Year ..... Helen Pike  
Junior Master of the Year ..... Ruth Paterson  
Club Master of the Year ..... Terri Walters  
Sectional Master of the Year ..... Richard Suprunowicz  
Regional Master of the Year ..... William Basler  
NABC Master of the Year ..... Susan Clayton  
Life Master of the Year ..... Helen Roche

Runners-up: ..... Crystal Peterson and Doug Mann

5. Old Business: As requested last year, the ballot has been changed to read "you may vote for one or more people up to.... on each ballot."
6. New Business:
  - a) By Law Amendments as reported in the Kibitzer, copy of changes attached.
    1. CARRIED
    2. CARRIED
    3. CARRIED
    4. CARRIED
  - b) Gordon Campbell moved that due to our \$3000 loss last year, we should delete the policy of meal subsidization at sectional tournaments. Seconded by Rod McKnight.

Following discussion, Ray Grace amended, seconded by Jacky Ross, that the subsidy be reduced to \$2.00 per member.

The members were reminded that a motion from a general meeting cannot be changed until the next year, and a Board would be bound by these decisions for a full year. Ray Grace amended the motion to reduce the subsidy for one sectional on a trial basis. Seconded by Terri Walters.

Gord Sharp pointed out that some arrangements made with hotels, etc., are made with a certain number of meals included in the deal, and if you take away the food arrangements you may end up with higher costs for the space required.

Further discussion followed, and a vote on the amended motion was DEFEATED.

- c) Joan Clark felt that the losses at recent tournaments were because of a high hospitality costs. At present we are spending approximately \$750 for hospitality for the weekend. The novice hospitality is derived from the profits from sales of the 50-50 cards at tournaments. Coffee is also subsidized for the weekend.

Joan Clark moved that the amount of hospitality be limited to \$400 per weekend. Seconded by Rod McKnight.

Stan Shedd commented that he felt some sort of stabilization must be realized so that we do not continue on this loss spiral. Jacky Ross said that the Unit is very aware of the problems that have occurred over the past two years, and are concerned with the losses. One item that will improve revenues for the Unit will be that the CBF rebate. Of the \$5 increase in ACBL fees, \$3 will go to the CBF and we will not have to pay for our members.

Gamil Tadros felt because we did not do any fund raising this year, our general surplus is down but the fund raising should be done to be spent for the members' good, not just put into the bank to raise our balance.

Further discussion followed and upon vote the motion was DEFEATED.

- d) John Gilchrist moved that an independent Ways and Means Committee be established to consider the direction the Board should take. No seconder was received.
- e) Gord Campbell moved that the budget for the upcoming sectionals be such that they run at worst break-even and aim for a profit of \$500. Seconded by Marj Andrukow. CARRIED.

7. Election Results: Thanks were extended to all those who allowed their names to stand for election.

The following members were elected to the Board for a two-year term:

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| Juan Alvarez   | Dave Christisen |
| Alex Knox      | Ray Grace       |
| Linda Thierman | Jacky Ross      |
| Terri Walters  |                 |

Members of the Board remaining for another year:

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| Maxine Webb    | Heather Girvitz |
| Brian Saville  | Doug Mann       |
| Marlene Fuller | Gamil Tadros    |

Thanks were extended to the retiring Board members: Dinesh Agrawal, Crystal Peterson, Barb Beagle, and Gerry Marshall

Moved by Jacky Ross, seconded by Stan Shedd that the Ballots be destroyed. CARRIED.

John Gilchrist moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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**The Board of Directors of Calgary Unit 390 has been requested to include the following notice to its members in its Spring issue of its newsletter. We regret the necessity but have agreed to do so.**

**RE: BOW RIVER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Due to innumerable problems with the sanctioning and reporting of games held at the Bow River Duplicate Bridge Club, it has been placed on probation by the CBF Coordinator. As long as all CBF games are sanctioned ahead of time and reported on time and correctly, the Bow River Club will be eligible to hold CBF games; any further problems will mean that the Bow River Club will not be sanctioned to hold CBF events.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE BOW RIVER BRIDGE CLUB HAS A SANCTION BEFORE YOU PLAY IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GAMES AT THAT CLUB:**

- Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC)
- Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)
- Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC)
- Helen Shields Canadian Rookie-Master Game
- Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Games

**IF THE GAME IS NOT SANCTIONED YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE MASTER POINT AWARDS FOR THE GAME AND YOU WILL ALSO NOT RECEIVE QUALIFICATION TO THE NEXT ROUND OF PLAY IN THAT EVENT.**

**JANICE ANDERSON, CBF COORDINATOR**