

THE KIBITZER

ACBL Unit 390 — Winter 1990

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a busy fall! The Labour Day Sectional was a success both financially and in table count. However, as those of you who were there can attest, the facility left a lot to be desired, and we renewed our search for a home. You will read elsewhere in this issue that we have settled on the Jubilee Auditorium. The tournament committee is really looking forward to holding their first show their in January.

I want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to talk to Heather and me about your concerns on this matter. The Board has tried very hard to take into consideration all comments and address all the issues. We believe you will enjoy our new site very much, and it was your input that helped us choose it from among others. I particularly want to thank Walter Brock and Al Andrukow for their time, energy and assistance.

Other Board decisions made this fall have included making a donation to the CBF which under its new financing has been left without an operating fund for a period of time. They requested over \$900.00 and we felt we could forward half of that as our fund is increased due to the success of the Labour Day tournament. Continued financial success will enable us to consider payment of the balance of the funds requested.

Keep talking to us. The function of the Board of Directors is to promote bridge in the area: we can do that if we know what you want. This obviously is not a blanket promise to fulfil every individual's bridge fantasy, but rather an undertaking to listen, learn, and react in a responsible manner to all our members.

Jacky Ross
President

CALLING ALL CADDIES

The Unit requires more caddies. With the regional next year we need to train many young people at upcoming events. The pay is \$16.00 per session at sectional, the work not difficult once you get the hang of it, and the sessions available will be many in upcoming years. If you are between 13 and 15 years, or have children who are interested, call our caddy master Allan Simon at 289-0161.



BACK FOR THE FUTURE

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we are retracing the steps of our past and returning our sectional to the Jubilee Auditorium. We have a long term booking there; provided that none of those horrid problems we have had in recent years pop up we will remain for some time at one site.

This location is superior for any sectional needs. Although it does not have on-site hotel facilities, you will discover there are many places to eat and stay nearby. The site includes a separate room which we can use as additional playing space if required, and which will enable us to continue our novice hospitality program, financed from the 50-50 draw you all support so well.

The facility is clean, bright, accessible, and staffed by the same friendly faces many of you will remember from our stay there between 1976 and 1981. Those of you new to this facility are in for a treat from the staff — fun people who always enjoyed bridge players. The lobby area is huge: smoking during the hospitality breaks in this area should not cause concern to those with allergies.

We rent the space only at the Auditorium. This means we retain complete control over catering and hospitality costs. We will not be at the mercy of a hotel surprising us from one tournament to the next with incredible increases in costs. The ability to control our expenses in this area means that not only can we increase or decrease the level of service according to our changing means from time to time, but that we also can experiment with different types of services to learn what best suits the players.

The Auditorium controls the beverage services — they have a flexible liquor licence and their prices are reasonable (75 cent coffee, \$2.50 — 3.00 drinks). We will try to have them supply decaff in the evening sessions, and see how that flies.

Some of you will be concerned about parking. First, parking will be either free or at a very nominal rate (a dollar or two) depending on whether there is a mainstage function. Parking is available both in the north lot and the ACA lot, which has covered access to the building. Mainstage events are always at 8:00PM, and in order to avoid line ups we have changed our evening session time — check your program!!! Should you choose to arrive between 15 and 30 minutes ahead of the session, you should have no problems with the parking line-ups sometimes experienced by late-comers to the theatre.

At our meetings with other Alberta Units held in August, we agreed to hold our sectional as follows: 1. the first weekend in January which is not January 1st, 2. the third weekend in March, 3. Labour Day weekend, and 4. as early in November as the Banff Park Lodge can book us. Unfortunately this year the Auditorium is not available the third week in March, so we have planned that tournament for March 8-10. Future years are pencilled in according to the above schedule.

Come one, come all and help us celebrate the return of Unit 390 to its classy, friendly and hospitality-filled sectional.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

We told you there would be changes, and there sure are. First, there are four flights now. Flight “A,” the open flight, is not open to Canadians, as we have the CNTC event for that.

Flight “B” is new. Its bracket is 0-1500 master points. You qualify at the club level directly for the District Final. Qualified teams from District will go on to a National Playoff.

Flight “C” (formerly “B”) has been changed to non-life masters. There is no masterpoint range in this category — if you are not yet a life master, you qualify. This category has a club qualifier into the Unit Final, and half the field will qualify for the District Final. Qualified teams from District will go to a National Playoff. This level is very exciting as the club qualifier will offer red points and the Unit Final will be half gold and half red.

Flight “D” (formerly “C”) remains a 99er’s event. It will be run as last year, with a Unit Qualifying event for a District Final. The ACBL has not yet seen fit to allow this event into a National Final.

You can play in any events you qualify for but the District Final will be held in Great Falls in April simultaneously so a decision will be required for each team before then.

We are told that the Clubs and the Special Events people have all the conditions. Unit finals will be held at the Martinique. Should you have questions (such as when you lose your qualification, or when are various dates), you can contact the Martinique, Juan Alvarez, or Linda Thierman.

The costs of these events will be borne at a loss by the district, and the unit will not be raising any money either. The district will be offering no subsidies this year; the unit is looking into ways to assist the rookie level, but please don’t count on anything when making your plans. Bear in mind that this is the most inexpensive way there is to get those coloured points, and also some of the best competition available. Participate at some level, if you can.

MEMBER’S CORNER

We welcome new members Kelly Broom, Joyce and Rick Castonguay, Michael Robinson, Rolf Saetre, Karen Viccars, Margaret Fenton, Fred Hilderman, Melissa Steemers and Yung-Hsien Yen to the ACBL and to Unit 390. This Fall we have had several transfers into the unit: Marcel Gagnon, Ans Joghems, Janice Bodnarchuk, Mrs. Clyde Archer, Kathleen Stueck and Geraldine Johnson. Welcome on behalf of the members of Unit 390 to each of you.

Deserving his own paragraph, we are pleased to announce the return of world famous bridge director, all-star player, tyro (yes, after all these years, still a novice) punster, sartorial example to many (well, to three people who will remain nameless) — Stan Matheson. Any of you who are not familiar with Stan are in for a treat when you meet him, as you will at your local club, most sectional around here, or at the odd social gathering which involves friends, food, and fashionable.

Congratulations to Crystal and Doug Mann on their recent marriage in Canmore. Best wishes to you on the new direction your partnership has taken.

THE COFFEEHOUSE COUP

The regular partnership of Elaine Stewart and Judy Elson were playing locally against Allan Terplawy and Dave Kilworth when Judy picked up a hand of: S: Void, H: A4, D: Void, C: AKJT9876542, and she opened 2 Clubs. The Auction got very lively as follows:

<u>Judy</u>	<u>Allan</u>	<u>Elaine</u>	<u>Dave</u>
2C	2H	2S	5H
6C	P	P	6H
7C	All Pass		

Allan and Dave enjoy themselves immensely at the table, finding the rare balance of being friendly and non-intimidating experts.

Allan led the King of hearts, and dummy came down with 13 cards. (What can I say — Elaine had her values but no aces.)

Judy won the Heart Ace and cashed the Club Ace. Allan showed out, and Dave followed with the Club Queen. The discussion began:

Dave: “No clubs, partner?”
Allan: (a prolonged search): “No.” Clubs are continued. Dave shows out.
Allan: “No clubs, partner?”
Dave (a prolonged search): “No.” Clubs are continued.
Allan: “Well, I think she had 11 clubs.”
Dave: “Seems that way. Did you have 11 clubs?”
Judy: “Yes.” Clubs are continued.
Allan: “I guess you’re going down then.”
Judy: “Oh?”
Allan: “I have the Spade Ace. As you haven’t claimed. I figure that you have a loser. Therefore, my partner has the Diamond Ace. After you run all your clubs, at trick 13 we will each have an Ace and down you’ll go.”
Dave: “Sounds good.”
Judy: “Just hold on. You are keeping your Ace?”
Allan (smug): “Yes.”
Judy: “And you are keeping your Ace?”
Dave (senses danger): “Well, I suppose — yes.”
Judy: “Then I guess my 4 of Hearts will be good. Making seven?”!!!

Nice defence fellows! Nice coup, Judy!!

Strike one for the Coffeehouse Coup — the verbal variation of the Suicide Squeeze.

PHONE LIST CHANGES

I have received a few corrections to the phone list over the summer. Since I have moved myself, my little bits of paper may have become somewhat disorganized. Please let me know if you have moved or changed your number for the phone list.

Changes and Additions to the Phone List:

Mrs Clyde Archer	256-5940	Sylvia Nazar	256-3069
Margaret Fenton	946-5781	Jo Peterson	247-0119
Ans Joghems	240-9093	Murray Peterson	247-0119
Geraldine Johnson . . .	246-8599	Jacky Ross	276-6328
Joe Kerger	295-3394	Graham Townend	276-6328
Earl Knipfel	242-2730	Barbara Webster	276-7157
Stan Matheson	276-7157	Debby Marshall	238-1444
Terry Nazar	256-3069		

THE RECORDER

The main duty of the Recorder is to receive written information, complaints and suggestions by players about other players, directors, facilities and anything else directly related to bridge.

The Recorder keeps ongoing records of all grievances brought to his attention, the facts of which he is able to verify. *Absolute confidentiality is observed.*

The Recorder has no punitive power. If a hearing does take place, the Recorder's records may be made available to the committee as evidence.

The Recorder will review memos received and determine how the issue is to be acted upon. He may investigate to determine the facts and possible extenuating circumstances.

The Recorder acts as an educator. Many players do not understand ethics and rules. The Recorder is able to help newer players, and others, become aware of each player;s ethical responsibilities.

Unit 390's Recorder is Gordon Campbell. Recorder memos are available at most clubs, however you can write your own memo to Gordon, stating all the facts of the situation, including the dates and the names of the people involved. Gordon can be reached at 270-0315; his address is 448 — 13 St NW, Calgary T2N 1Z2.

The Recorder does not replace the director. He is, if you will, your sounding board about situations in which you have uncertainty and he will either help you understand certain situations, or will record occurrences which require further attention. Action will not necessarily be taken, but observations will be made and investigations, if warranted.

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JUBILEE AUDITORIUM
14 ST & 16 AVE. N.W., Calgary, Alberta

FRIDAY		EVENT CALENDAR & DANCE CARD PARTNER	
1:00	IMP PAIRS		CALGARY UNIT 390
7:45	MASTERS PAIRS <i>The Edna Lougheed Trophy</i>		Unit President JACKY ROSS
	NON-MASTERS STRATIFIED PAIRS A = 101-200, B = 21-100, C = 0-20		Tournament Chairman HEATHER GIRVITZ 242-2055
	Novice Night after the game		Partnerships: ALEX KNOX: 283-7597 or TERRI WALTERS: 277-8346
12:00	SPEEDBALL TEAMS		HEAD DIRECTOR: Steve Bates
SATURDAY			
1:00	OPEN PAIRS (Qualifying)		ACBL Sanction: #S9101010
7:30	OPEN PAIRS (Final)		CARD FEES are \$7.00 Per session
7:30	NOVICE PAIRS		A buffet lunch will not be served between sessions on Sunday; however, chicken will be ordered into the Jubilee.
			TEAMS: \$80.00
SUNDAY			
11:00	SWISS TEAMS (complimentary donuts and coffee)		Includes four chicken dinners. For those not staying, a \$5.00 refund per dinner will be provided.
TBA	SWISS TEAMS (Final)		NO refunds after the start of the first round.
			For those who stay at the Jubilee for lunch, 45 minutes before game time there will be a bidding contest and panel show.

This site is accessible from the LRT. The unit encourages players to use the LRT on Friday night to avoid traffic delays leaving and parking. The Unit's Smoking Policy forbids smoking at the table. There will be smoke breaks. This is a beautiful site; the Unit asks that bridge players help to keep it that way by putting trash and used convention cards in garbage cans and not on the floor or left on the tables.