
THE KIBITZER

UNIT 390 - CALGARY AND AREA BRIDGE PUBLICATION

EDITORIAL

Due to the financial success of the Unit last year, and to the fact that there is a willing body to do the work this year, we are pleased to announce that we are increasing the editions of the Kibitzer this coming year.

This is the plan. After Labour Day we will write a brief Kibitzer which will include the Sectional results and emphasize club matters and duplicate issues. This issue will not be mailed, but will be available in all the clubs, hopefully by the end of September.

After the Banff Sectional, November 1-3, we will write an issue to be mailed, with the advertising for the January Sectional, the results from Banff, and the usual articles and phone list changes.

After January we will write another results and duplicate matters issue which won't be mailed, again hopefully to be out by the end of January.

In late February we have mailed the flyers for the March Sectional; this will now include a short Kibitzer.

After the March Sectional it will be time for the Election Issue, with ballots, sectional results and so on.

This has the net effect of increasing by three issues, with no additional mailings, which is the primary cost of the Kibitzer.

Also with this issue we have accepted advertising. The Unit has always been willing to defray its costs with this method, but has not actively sought advertising. Should any of you wish to have some put in, let me know. Fees are (extremely) negotiable, and at worst, dirt cheap.

Should you have any articles to submit, or which you would like to see written, call. We have lots of ideas, but they may not all work out, so your help and input will be greatly appreciated.

Jacky Ross 276-6328

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Barbara Webster

I'd like to welcome the following people who've joined the ACBL in the past few months:

Donald Adams	Dave Horton
Jayne Border	Douglas Jones
Andrew Bowers	Marion Monner
Larry Case	George Redecsi
Marilyn Haggins	Tom Vrla
Pamela Holberton	Gordon Hammond
Lynn Stefanson	

I'd also like to welcome the following ACBL members who've recently transferred into our unit:

Mrs. M. Bombenon	from Montreal
Helen Donison	from Ontario
Daneil Luk	from Northern Alberta
William McAdam	from Ontario
Dorothy Suits	from Kootenay
Roger Wan	from Ontario

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

I and my partner (Juan is his name)
Went to play in the duplicate game.
It was at the club on a Saturday night
Our scorecard surely was a horrible sight:

I miscounted trumps and went down in a slam
Then we got killed by Charlie and Pam
A Jacoby Transfer then got overlooked,
And I knew our goose was pretty well cooked.

Our next opponents were two very fierce ladies
They looked like they had recently risen from Hades!
I promised myself: Now I'll be a hero
Our next board will be either a top or a zero.

Now this is what happened, I'm telling no lies,
I picked up my hand and these cards met my eyes:
two small, stiff, seven solid, ace queen small
(S:xx H:x d:AKQJxxx c:AQx)
I said to myself: "I don't mind this at all."

Unfortunately there was just one little rub
The one on my right, she opened one club.
So I bid one spade, a bid full of greed,
For I wanted to avoid this particular lead.

The one on my left gave me an unpleasant gaze.
She passed, and Juan offered a wee little raise.
The one on my right then passed with a shrug
She didn't look like she wanted a kiss or a hug.

Now came another difficult part:
I had to discourage the lead of a heart.
"Three Hearts" I bid, like I had lots of those
My LHO passed and Juan scratched his big nose.

"Don't do anything foolish" I silently urged.
Phew!, "Three spades" from his lips soon emerged.
Now the scene was set, would I take my lumps?
For I seized my chance and bid "Three Notrumps!"

Three passes soon followed, it was LHO's Lead
So she turned to Juan with remarkable speed
"This is the strangest bidding I've ever seen
I want to know what your partner's bids mean."

At this point I almost fell from my chair
For Juan shrugged his shoulders and said to the pair:
"His spades and his hearts both sounded like psychs
That's the sort of baloney that Al often likes.

His clubs are well-stopped and the diamonds solid.
Believe me, Madame, that's the way I would call it."
All the colour suddenly drained from my cheeks,
I hadn't felt this silly for weeks.

But the one on my left said to Juan with a sneer,
"I think that you've had too much of that beer.
I'm sure I can trust your partner's good bidding -
Exactly who do you think you are kidding?

You must think that I'm one of those gullible fools.
No, Juan, I won't fall for your ridiculous hoax.
You must think I'm mentally unstable."
And with a flourish - she put the club Jack on the table.

- From the memoirs of **Al Simon**



UNIT 390 CALGARY AND AREA

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 4, 1991

Jacky Ross called the meeting to order and announced the agenda, which was approved.

Financial Report

Ray Grace gave the Financial report. Approved.

President's Report

Jacky Ross gave the President's report.

Membership Report

Ross gave the Membership Report, announcing that (Barbara) Webster has taken over membership duties and will take address changes and prepare phone lists. Membership count 618, including 22 unpaid Life Members, but not including six month education members.

Congratulations were offered to the new Life Masters: ~~Bill Basler, Barb Beagle, Susan Clayton, Lynn Douglas, Dolores Hedley, Heather Girvitz, Alex Knox, Marion Pennell, Dave Sutherland, and Graham Townend.~~

Awards were announced to:

Mini-McKenney

Rookie of the Year:	Alfred Chu
Junior Master of the Year:	Virginia Youens
Club Master of the Year:	Barbara Webster
Sectional Master of the Year:	Terri Walters
Regional Master of the Year:	John Kesselring
NABC Master of the Year:	Graham Townend
Life Master of the Year:	Gerry Marshall

Ace of Clubs

Rookie of the Year:	Alfred Chu
Junior Master of the Year:	Irene Cussons
Club Master of the Year:	Jim Brister
Sectional Master of the Year:	Terri Walters
Regional Master of the Year:	Richard Suprunowicz
NABC Master of the Year:	Keith Moores
Life Master of the Year:	Ray Grace

Maddie McGill Trophy: Heather Girvitz, Linda Thierman

Old Business

The only old business was the motion to make a profit of \$500.00 at the Sectionals in the last year. This was accomplished.

New Business

Marj Andrukow and Linda Thierman paid tribute to Ann Waldie who passed away April 27, 1991.

Moved that ballots be weighted rather than equally checking of nominees. Defeated

Moved that anyone who wants to run for the Board of Directors should have a passport photo and a brief outline of what he/she would contribute to the board for their nomination.

Amended: to present this in the Spring Kibitzer. Defeated.

Main Motion. Carried.

Moved that a poster be put in the clubs with the nominees' pictures and summaries before the next election with club's permission. Carried.

Election Results

Thank you was given to all outgoing members: Gamil Tadros, Heather Girvitz, Brian Saville, Marlene Fuller, Maxine Webb, and Barbara Webster, who completed the term for Doug Mann.

Thank you and a round of applause was given to all who stood for election. The winners: **Steve Lawrence, Rod McKnight, Gordon Moir, Sue Walker and Barbara Webster.**

Moved to destroy the ballots. Carried.

Moved to adjourn.

REGIONAL REPORT

There were winners all over the place from our Calgary Unit at the White Hat Regional last month.

Congratulations to winners: Ken Penton and Don Gladman (1/2 Open Swiss), Sheila Trott and Terri Walters (Women's Pairs), Bev Pyper and Rod McKnight (Stratified Pairs Flight B), Jim Hawkes and Al Kahnoff (Stratified Pairs Flight C), Paul Trott and Sue Walker (Super Open Flight B), Ray Grace (Bracket A, Knockouts) and to Al Simon, Gerry Marshall and Gordon Campbell (Super Swiss Flight A).

Tied for 1/2 in the Super Swiss Flight B were Alex Knox, John Hinde, Ben Chee and Barbara Beagle, with Paul Trott, Sue Walker, Elsie Rideout and Aileen Waugh. Congratulations to Paul and Sue for winning two days in a row.



I am unable to report on Flight C Swiss, or on the other Knockouts, as these results weren't made available to me. If you did well let us know and we'll be glad to announce it in the next Kibitzer.

We did note that the future masters were well represented by many from Calgary, and congratulate Fran Gaudet and Wendy Smith, Rolf Saetre and Sunil Chaudhry, Sue Blaine and Jayne Border, and Andrew Bower and Dan Bertrand for their multiple wins in the special future masters games. Keep it up all you newcomers! We were so glad to have you.

There were many successes, and lots of gold in them thar hills, as so many of you discovered. This tournament was a large boost to a lot of players in their search for the elusive Life Master Status.

Such status was found by Terri Walters, John Hinde and Rod McKnight. Congratulations to all.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Thierman has announced the resignation of Terri Walters, and the subsequent acceptance of Virginia Youens to the Board. Virginia will follow in Terri's footsteps as secretary, and we wish her well for the duration of her term. To Terri, we wish all the best in her new ventures, and thank her for her efforts as unit secretary.

The Board has had only two meetings, and are just now organized. You will find the main categories listed on the front of your phone list. In addition, Jacky Ross will be doing the Kibitzer, Barbara Webster will continue with memberships, and Juan Alvarez has agreed to handle the elections and election parties.

The Unit sponsored Thursday night's sandwiches at the Regional. In order to defray the costs for this in future years, the budget as approved by the board of directors includes laying aside a certain amount of money each year towards regional expense. This account will be used for unit funds, as well as any donations the unit receives for regionals. We have allocated \$400.00 this year towards the fund, as it is generally a thousand dollar gift to the district, and has been for some time. This will help amortize the costs in any given year.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sorrow we announce the recent deaths of four of our members.

WAYNE GALLIMORE

Wayne passed away peacefully May 19, 1991, at the Calgary General Hospital at the age of 36. Wayne is survived by his father, step-mother, two brothers, and one sister, and many neices and nephews.

Wayne was only with us in bridge a few years, but many of us remember his wonderful disposition and desire to learn. He was an engineer, a private pilot, a home renovator, and he loved music, golf, Bible study and his family cottage.

Our condolences to Wayne's family and friends.

ANNE WALDIE

Our Annie passed away April 27, 1991, at the Foothills Hospital.

Anne owned bridge clubs in Calgary for many years, finally a rubber club at Valley Ridge Golf Course, where she lived with her husband Al, and son Steve, and of course her little dog Dolly. Generous to all bridge players, Anne is remembered with love for her many adoptions of out-of-work players whom she kept busy in her club or her home. Anne always loved a good time and the stories of her room parties at tournaments will never be forgotten.

People like Anne are rare - Annie we're glad we knew ye.

The Unit Board of Directors has named the Labour Day Swiss Teams the Anne Waldie Memorial Teams in Annie's honour, and a trophy will be introduced at that time.

ED JAMIESON

Ed passed away May 4, 1991. Ed retired to Calgary in 1982 with his wife Noreen, in order to live closer to his daughter and grandchildren. Ed and Noreen had spent time here during the war.

Ed spent six years on the unit board as a very able treasurer. Due to his failing health he felt he couldn't carry on with those duties three years ago; he was, however, able to continue to play bridge regularly.

A gentleman at the table at all times, Ed will be remembered for his gentle humour and uncomplaining nature. His generous spirit of volunteerism which was reflected through his church activities was appreciated by all bridge players.

Our condolences, Noreen, to you and your family.

STAN SCHRAM

Stan also retired to Calgary, some twenty years ago, where his passion for rubber bridge was allowed to flower. Stan had a wonderful life: in the thirties he played in the big bands, and after the war he was a reporter in Manitoba.

Stan was the kindest rubber bridge player ever known. Not only were harsh words not part of Stan, they were not allowed to be part of his table. He sponsored down and out players, fed them, and drove them to bridge. His many acts of generosity went unheralded to most, but those who benefitted will remain eternally grateful.

His twinkle will be sorely missed by his many friends at bridge and at the track.

With great sorrow we offer our thoughts to Stan's family.

(Thank you to all the contributors to this, the most difficult article we have written.)

SLOW PLAY

This article is not directed to making you bid or play faster. What it does is offer you little gadgets to speed up the game outside the bidding and play.

Say you end a round three minutes after it has been called. The next players, also slow, require the entire duration of the round, or more, to complete the hands. The net effect is that in two rounds up to five minutes have been lost by the third pair.

Stealing other's time is a larger concern than your own slow play, and there is no reason for it as a habit. It is also against the rules.

If you find that the director is hanging around more than once per session, try the following:

1. Lead. Once the auction is over, and you are on lead, lead. Do not write down the contract on your scoresheet until you have made the lead, and then do it while dummy is coming down.
2. Table Dummy. When that lead is made, table dummy. Do not even think about writing down the contract until you have tabled dummy. As dummy you have plenty of time to make your notes while the play proceeds.
3. Score. As soon as play is over, score it up. Do not discuss the auction, defense, or play until you have written down the score - especially if you are North. North, if you find you are behind a lot, do not keep personal scores up to date - catch up in a free moment at the end of a round.
4. Quiet! Whatever the problem was in the first hand, the odds of it reappearing in the second are infinitesimal. Finish the round before starting the post-mortem. Finish the post-mortem at the beginning of the next round.

This is what will happen: you will knock 30 to 180 seconds off the time it takes to play each hand, you will not irritate your opponents unduly, you will appear to be serious about the game of bridge and not the game of one-upmanship, and you will get the director off your back. Your "real-time" bridge will be increased.

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