

# ***THE KIBITZER***

## **UNIT 390 - CALGARY AND AREA BRIDGE PUBLICATION**

### **LABOUR DAY SECTIONAL**

The Labour Day Sectional was highlighted by the inauguration of the Ann Waldie Memorial Trophy on Monday between sessions of the Swiss Teams. Ann's husband, Al, her brother John, and her sister-in-law, Penny joined us for luncheon, and received a warm welcome from the players. President Linda Thierman gave a short speech inaugurating the trophy and remembering Annie for the members.

Attendance was down 78 tables from last year. It is hoped that the decline is a function of the great weather and the early date for the long weekend: next year Labour Day weekend occurs after the start of the school year. We are also beginning to look into a schedule change down the road - a difficult proposition logistically.

The Unit would like to congratulate the following players for their success at the tournament:

IMP Pairs (33 pairs)	<b>John Lang, Sam Majumdar</b>
Master's Pairs (36 pairs)	<b>Geoff Ghitler, Irv Rubin</b>
Non-Master's Pairs (26 pairs)	
Flight A	1/2. <b>Cindy Cossey, Glenn Cossey</b> 1/2. <b>Bill Harms, Isobel Harms</b>
Flight B	<b>Fran Gaudet, Wendi Smith</b>
Flight C	<b>Connie Studer, Linda Trypka</b>
Speedball Swiss (6 teams)	1/2/3. <b>Lynne Longmore, Lari Uchytel, Jo Peterson, Murray Peterson</b> 1/2/3. <b>Gordon Campbell, Carol McManus, Hubert Hunchak, Rita Perrier</b> 1/2/3. <b>Tim Ayers, Ben Chee, Alex Knox, Steve Lawrence</b>
Stratified Open Pairs	
Flight A	<b>Anita Lambert, Vince Lambert</b>
Flight B and C	<b>Daniel Bertrand, Irene Cusson</b>
Open Pairs	<b>Nick Gartaganis, Peter Jones</b>
Consolation Pairs	<b>Barbara Webster, Fran Walton</b>
Ann Waldie Swiss Teams	<b>Judy Gartaganis, Nick Gartaganis, Anita Lambert, Vince Lambert</b>

Don't forget: WE'LL SEE YOU ALL IN BANFF, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3!!!

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Linda Thierman

This year Alberta is to elect a representative to sit on the District 18 Board of Directors. Any member of the ACBL residing in Alberta is eligible to run for this position.

So, you ask, WHAT IS DISTRICT 18?

The ACBL has divided its membership into 25 districts. We are in District 18, which is comprised of units in Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Utah, Montana and Idaho. (Yes, that's where the name WASUMI originates.)

Each District can hold 3 Regional tournaments per year. Units run Sectionals, Districts organize Regionals and the National Board is responsible for Nationals. It is the function of the District Board to allocate these Regional tournaments in such a way as to give bridge players a chance to attend a tournament in their own area. We have a particularly difficult District to administer as we are the largest in area with the smallest population.

Each District, through the units, elects a representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. Our representative for the past few years has been Phyllis Burke. This fall District 18 will vote for a new representative, chosen from candidates Dick Anderson (Regina) and Charlene Martindale (Boise). The successful candidate

will sit on the National Board of Directors (whence comes your ACBL President), as well as attend District 18 meetings, which are held at Regionals. Any member is free to attend any meeting as an observer.

One person from each province or state sits on our District Board. Jim Wallace from Red Deer has been our representative for the past three years but is not seeking re-election. The Saskatchewan representative, Billy Zerebesky, is presently the District President.

(So, who is Al Simon? He is a different breed of cat - our ZONE representative to the Canadian Bridge Federation, which attempts to foster and preserve Canadian interests in bridge.)

If you want to run for the position of Alberta's representative on District 18, nominations are accepted by Phyllis Burke, 151 Sixteenth Place, Pocatello ID 83201. These nominations must be submitted no later than November 30.

More confused than ever? Just remember the next Regionals in our District:

Regina	September 23, 1991
Sun Valley	May 27, 1992
Red Deer	July 13, 1992
Kalispell	September 21, 1992

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## WATCH FOR THE BOX

The editor has received missives in an unmarked envelope, signed by "Auntie Pickle"! Well Auntie, in the interest of "fair" reporting, we are including your memos: in the interests of our own hide we are putting them in boxes throughout this edition.

The boxes indicate that we have been unable to ascertain the veracity of the allegations. As Auntie's price is right, and as we do have the space....

### AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:

#### *Rubber Bridge Dept.*

*The rubber bridge crowd is abuzz with the recent behaviour of Gordon Campbell. It seems that recently Gordon opened 3♠ (vulnerable) with a seven card suit, and only down four in his own hand. The players are waiting to see if this ultraconservative streak lasts.*

*What's this about Jackie Hoffman wearing socks?*

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1992

There are big changes in the team events this year. The teams are being organized through the CBF by Al Simon, and the structure is new.

Changes are required as attendance at all levels for the GNTs has fallen horribly over the past years. It is from a belief that there are too many Special Events and, in our district, they are too difficult to attend, along with ongoing interest in Provincial Championships being held, that this new structure is being tried.

Replacing the Grand National Team events, with district finals and so on, will be the CBF events with Provincial playoffs. There will be three flights this year - and they too are somewhat changed from old.

The Flights:

"A": unlimited master points

"B": 0-1500 master points

"C": 0-200 master points

It is planned that each flight will have club and unit qualifiers for Provincial Championships. Flight "A" championship teams will consist of two teams each from the Edmonton and Calgary units, and one each from Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat units, and an eighth team from far Northern Alberta.

Flights "B" and "C" appear to be open to all qualified teams from their units.

The winner from Flight "A" qualifies to carry on to the Canadian National Team Championships.

The situation for Flight "B" is still somewhat ambiguous; it appears that one Flight "B" team from west of Thunder Bay may be selected for the Grand National Teams Flight "B" final. The selection procedure is not finalized at this time.

The Flight "C" provincial final ends their flight as did the district final end the flight previously.

The qualifying rounds will run before the end of the year; Unit finals are to be scheduled in January and the provincial playoffs somewhat later. In future the playoffs will rotate by event among Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary, but this first year they will likely all be set in Calgary.

Clubs will receive the conditions fairly soon. You can always discuss anything related to this with Allan - he is our representative to the CBF.

Let's get out and support these new events!

## A THANK YOU FOR THE MEMBERS

"We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Gord Sharp and Delores Hedley for holding the June 21, 1991 *Vegas or Bust* fund raising game for our team at the Martinique Bridge Club. They generously donated the majority of the night's income to the team, which will be a great help towards paying our expenses.

We would also like to thank the Unit, who sanctioned the evening with a sectional rating, and has re-imbursed us for the card fees paid at the District final in Great Falls.

Thank you as well to all the people who came out that night. It could not have been the success it was without your support.

Keith Falkenberg  
Doug Mann  
Murray Peterson

Crystal Mann  
Jo Peterson  
Sheila Trott

Although Sheila was unable to attend the Nationals, the rest of the team reported that it did not do well in the event. They were knocked out in two rounds. They did redeem themselves later, however, when they placed fourth overall in the four session **National Non-Life Master Swiss**. This event had about 140 teams, and was Victory Pointed, which makes it even more difficult.

Congratulations to you all on your fine showing!!



# CLAIMS BY DECLARER

by Stan Matheson

A claim by declarer is a courtesy extended to the opponents by bringing their agony (ie., not being the declarer ) to an end, rather than straining their minds needlessly. When you do claim protect yourself by giving a complete explanation of how you are going to proceed. When someone claims against you, listen carefully to the explanation and score up the hand if you agree with the logic of the claim.

What happens when you disagree with the declarer's claim? Call the director. When the director arrives and inquires as to the nature of the problem, explain that there has been a claim which you don't accept. The director must now decide whether the claim is logically valid, logically valid but flawed in presentation, or flawed logically.

Let's consider an example of each case.

## Valid Claim

The director requests that the declarer repeat the statement of claim and has you to confirm that the statement was the same as originally stated. The director would now have you to state what you object to in the claim. For this example we shall assume that the problem is regarding the number of dummy entries declarer needs to set up a side suit and run it. After checking the hand out you concede that the required entries are there and the director would now rule that the claim stands.

## Valid Claim, Flawed Presentation

Declarer is in six spades and you lead a heart which declarer wins in dummy leading a spade to his king and your ace. Before you can continue declarer flops his hand on the table with the explanation of "Play anything". In spite of the lack of courtesy with which the claim was made, the director would rule that declarer could continue to pull trump and as long as the rest of the claim was valid, the slam makes.

## Flawed Logic

Declarer, not satisfied with his performance in the previous situation now outdoes himself by claiming "Drawing trump" with AKT98 opposite Q765, neglecting in his laconic manner to mention the safety play of playing the A or K first.

The director can now, with pleasure, rule that the defence will score a trump trick.

Finally, the most important point: WHEN A CLAIM IS MADE PLAY CEASES! If you wish to insist on playing on and suddenly find yourself being finessed out of your JXXX, do not call for the director (for he is deaf ), do not call for justice (for she is blind), call instead for the bartender.

### AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:

### *Put a Lid on It Dept.*

*Recently, it seems, a group of concerned bridge players have begun to raise money to buy sunglasses for the bridge partners of Jim Brister. A couple of his ex-partners have had to give up the game due to blindness caused by excessive exposure to Head Glare. A noble gesture you guys.*

### AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:

#### *It Had to Happen Dept.*

*I have recently been informed that Alex Knox has been asked to augment Canada's Bermuda Bowl team for the upcoming world championships. A spokesman for the team said "Alex is one of Canada's greatest young stars. We are delighted that he consented to join us. We had to kick Mark Molson of the team, but it was worth it. Of course we will all be taking up Blue Club". This reporter had been expecting this development for some time.*

## A REVIEW OF THE BLUE CLUB SYSTEM

### Alex Knox

Many of you have come across opponents who play the Blue Club bidding system. So that you can understand the system better, I shall set out some of the major differences between Blue Club and standard methods.

The two cornerstones of the Blue Club method are a strong, forcing 1♣ opening bid, and the Canape style of suit bidding with hands of 12-16 HCP.

#### Strong 1♣

All hands containing 17+ HCP are opened with 1♣, with three exceptions:

1. Hands with 17 HCP, balanced without a five card major are opened 1NT.
2. Hands with a balanced 21-22 HCP are opened 2NT.
3. Hands with 17-24 HCP and 4-4-4-1 distribution are opened 2♦.

The response to the 1♣ opening describes the number of controls (Aces and Kings) held by responder. An Ace is counted as two controls and a King as one. The schedule is this:

1♦	0-5 HCP, 0-2 Controls	2♣	5 Controls
1♥	6+ HCP, 0-2 Controls	2♦	6 Controls
1♠	3 Controls	2NT	7 Controls
1NT	4 Controls	The responses of 2♥ and 2♠ show 6+ card suits with 0-5 HCP.	

After a 1♦ rebid responder is not forced to bid again unless opener jumps in a suit. A 1♥ rebid is forcing to 2NT, and rebids of 1♠ or better are forcing to game.

Opener's first rebid shows whether the hand is balanced (rebid in NT), or unbalanced (rebid in suit). All subsequent bidding is natural, except for the familiar conventions used after a NT rebid.

#### Canape

The Canape style is the name given to the system where an opening bid is made in the shortest four+ card suit and the rebid is in a suit at least as long. For example:

♠AQ73 ♥J5 ♦KQJ952 ♣4

Playing Canape you would open this hand 1♠ and rebid the diamond suit over partner's response.

The principle advantage of Canape is that a four card suit never gets "lost", as it is bid first. Canape also goes well with a strong 1♣, because with long clubs and a shorter suit, you can open the shorter suit and rebid clubs.

In Blue Club strict Canape is not always followed (a 5-2-4-2 hand 12-14 HCP is opened 1♠). Canape is also used by responder.



# MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Barbara Webster



Congratulations go out to the following New Life Masters:

**Brad Anderson**  
**Dorothy Brayford**  
**Irene Cull**  
**John Kesselring**

I'd like to welcome the following new members of the ACBL:

**Rekha Agrawal**  
**Kenneth Grove**  
**Kathleen Grove**  
**Roy Shaw**

Most of the following members were unintentionally omitted from this years' phone list (some are genuine changes). My sincere apologies for this inadvertent error and thanks to those who called this 'oops' to my attention. I have set up new computer procedures that should catch and/or eliminate any future problems.

Agrawal, Rekha . . . . .	281-0147	Martin, Rosalyn . . . . .	239-5847
Andrukow, Florence . . .	289-2280	Monner, Marion . . . . .	244-3547
Baillies, Eileen . . . . .	271-3339	Moores, Keith . . . . .	289-9108
Bean, Morgan . . . . .	289-9632	Morgan, Irma . . . . .	686-1159
Binstead, Anthony . . . .	278-1781	Oerlemans, Harry . . . .	335-4760
Binstead, Jane . . . . .	278-1781	Olson, Edna . . . . .	282-2251
Birmie, Michael . . . . .	284-0919	Padget, Bob . . . . .	271-3844
Bond, Barb . . . . .	281-8246	Pike, Helen . . . . .	242-0844
Bradley, James . . . . .	256-6948	Robertson, Pearl . . . . .	289-7316
Brayford, Dorothy . . . .	281-9771	Roche, Helen . . . . .	243-1907
Charleston, Al . . . . .	252-8880	Russell, Lorne . . . . .	235-2712
Cram, Rae . . . . .	228-4754	Ryan, Barbara . . . . .	652-1041
Cull, Irene . . . . .	289-1357	Shaw, Roy . . . . .	252-3272
Deck, Jamie . . . . .	289-8579	Shymko, Gerri . . . . .	239-3008
Donoghue, Wenda . . . .	286-3523	Soderberg, Chester . . . .	243-5803
Emery, Donald . . . . .	244-4663	Soderberg, Willa . . . . .	243-5803
Fischer-Morris, Helen . .	282-4060	Sommerfeldt, Evalee . .	230-4332
Fishman, Doris . . . . .	253-1219	Stevens, Bea . . . . .	228-0561
Fletcher, Eleanor . . . . .	231-0627	Strachan, Alan . . . . .	278-6272
Graham, Gloria . . . . .	246-1508	Tadman, Michael . . . . .	234-9722
Grove, Kenneth . . . . .	245-4610	Trott, Sheila . . . . .	244-4163
Grove, Kathleen . . . . .	245-4610	Trypka, Brian . . . . .	278-8724
Guy, Gloria . . . . .	256-7261	Van Veen, Henry . . . . .	242-4902
Guy, Michael . . . . .	256-7261	Viccars, Karen . . . . .	249-4735
Haddow, Douglas . . . .	249-7980	Walton, Charlotte . . . .	277-3124
Haddow, Lorna . . . . .	249-7980	Warrington, Robert . . .	239-1399
Harris, Alan . . . . .	266-4376	Waters, James . . . . .	275-6485
Hergert, Violet . . . . .	286-4156	Waters, Jamie . . . . .	239-9304
Jamieson, Noreen . . . .	283-6828	Whitmore, Hattie . . . .	948-6919
Jones, Olga . . . . .	938-4990	Wilding, Derek . . . . .	289-5091
Kerger, Joe . . . . .	295-3394	Wintrip, Isabelle . . . .	289-8296
Kosik, Helen . . . . .	252-3812	Wyganowski, Michael .	278-7178
Lee, Dorcas . . . . .	281-8638	York, Ron . . . . .	285-0365
Mitra, Pijush . . . . .	288-3246		

(ed. note: My apologies and thanks as well - this could have been a mistake made before Barbara started the lists. I have set this up so that you can cut out the list, and insert it into your phone list. I will rerun this article in the next issue, as it will be mailed out - so if there are any more changes please let Barbara know.)

**AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:** *Its About Time Dept. I hear that Sheila Evans was seen entering Mount Royal Collage to enrol in a class in English as a Second Language. Seems she recently entered a book store to purchase a culinary tome, and the clerk could not understand when she asked for a coonook boonook.*

## ADDITIONAL ERRATA

The ubiquitous Alex Knox is handling the election party this coming year, not Juan Alvarez as originally reported. Juan has his hands full with special events this year.