

THE KIBITZER

UNIT 390 - CALGARY AND AREA BRIDGE PUBLICATION

BRIDGE IN THE NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT

January bridge at the auditorium was again enjoyed by many players. There were a few problems, of course, which we will attempt to iron out next time. Keep your complaints and kudos coming in, as the Board tries to respond responsibly.

Congratulations go to the following people for their wins:

I.M.P. Pairs Olga Furlan, Yvette Tapuska

Master Pairs Adolph Feingold, Andrew Proczkowski

Stratified Non-Master Pairs

Flight "A" and "B" Stephanie McAdam, Pat Baughan

Flight "C" Andrew Bowers, Kevin Miner

Speedball Swiss

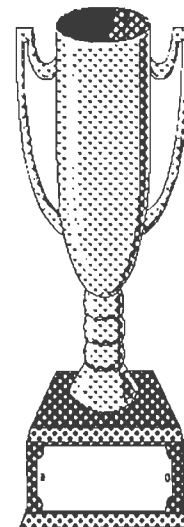
1/2 Jym Galand, Joe Kerger,
Lorne Russell, Hal Jones

1/2 Jo Peterson, Murray Peterson
Keith Falkenberg, Tom Colpitts

Open Pairs Sheila Trott, Alex Knox

Consolation Pairs Pam Liegerot, Charlie Liegerot

Swiss Teams Earl Knipfel, Veryl Norquay
Linda Griffin, Urb Griffin



Don't forget our next tournament: March 20, 21 & 22, 1992

We have an exciting new event - read the back of your flier for details!!

WANTED: BRIDGE PLAYERS

Wanted:

Bridge Players to play Standby at Calgary Sectionals

Reward:

- (1) If required to play when on Standby duty, you will, of course, not be required to pay
- (2) Whether or not you play as a Standby you will be given a Free Play for another session of bridge

Requirements:

- (1) Friendly and pleasant table presence
- (2) Willingness to play with absolutely anyone
- (3) Willingness to take the chance on not playing
- (4) Willingness to commit to being Standby at least a week in advance of the tournament

Contact: **Virginia Youens at 255-2368**

In the past the Partnership Desk has not guaranteed finding partners for those looking - it has only promised to try. We would like to experiment with Standbys if there are enough interested volunteers.

The Standby player will be matched up only when there are no other players looking for partners, usually that will be shortly before game time so that there will not be much time to fill out a card. A person can act as a Standby for one or more sessions.

As this is an experiment, we do not guarantee partners as we may not arrange Standbys for each session.



VOLUNTEERISM: DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Do you enjoy playing bridge, but think to yourself: gee, I wish they would ... ? Do you have two or three hours a month to spare to try to implement your ideas? Is it time you learned about the seamy underside of bridge?

This is your opportunity. The headhunters are loose and they are looking for you. If you are willing to run for the Unit Board of Directors, just let any member of the Board know. Your name will be placed on the ballot provided you don't earn money from a club (peculiar rule in our by-laws), and that you can pass the skill testing question (check your ID for the correct spelling on that). Oh yeah, you have to be a paid up member too.

Don't be shy. Be involved. We need lots of bodies this year, and we want lots of involved, caring ones. There is plenty to do, and, I can honestly say it is an extremely interesting learning experience.

HOW TO DEAL WITH AN OPPONENT'S HESITATION

You are bidding a hand, when an opponent goes into long thought, and, after twenty seconds or so decides that the best bid with the hand is: pass. What do you do?

Call the director. The director arrives at the table and gets the agreement of the table that there has been a significant pause followed by the pass.

So far there is nothing wrong. A LONG PAUSE MERELY SAYS, I HAD A DIFFICULT BID TO MAKE. Please don't say, "I didn't pause" or any similar defensive statement - for two reasons: firstly, no wrong has been done (imagine how boring bridge would be if you were never placed in a position where you had to think), and, secondly since a player felt the need to call the director, the natural reaction of the director is to believe that something has happened, and is more likely to believe your subsequent statements if you simply acknowledge the pause.

The director, having agreement about the pause, now instructs the players to continue, with particular emphasis to partner of the balker to take only actions which are reasonable with his hand.

This is where players get lost in the bridge legalities. They feel that if nothing has been done, what is the point in calling the director, etc, etc, etc.

Lets go through some examples to show what can happen.

1.	2.	3.
spades x	spades Ktx	spades t9xx
heart AJx	hearts KQxx	hearts Ax
diamonds AKJxxx	diamonds AKxxx	diamonds KQTxx
clubs Axx	clubs x	clubs AJ

In all cases the auction is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 spade	2 diamonds	2 spades	balk, pass
pass	double	passed out	

For our purposes only East's hand is relevant, and, in all cases, the hand is played and the director is called back to make a decision.

The standard meaning of East's double is takeout, so the director would only now look at East's hand to evaluate whether "double" would be considered acceptable.

The first hand would be a classic reopening double and so the director would rule that the result stands.

The second hand isn't strong enough to hear the call of three clubs and retreat safely to three diamonds. The double would be disallowed. Ruling: average plus NS, average minus EW. As an aside, if the reopening call with this hand had been three hearts (an even stronger call than double) it would also be cancelled but would also be submitted to the recorder for consideration.

The third hand would result in the double being removed with some quiet instruction for a beginning pair, and the double being removed and an all expenses paid trip to a committee if this was a knowledgeable pair.

by STAN MATHESON

AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:

Get out there and support your local bridge club. Auntie knows of at least one local club owner who enjoyed Christmas in Nevada, and who now needs all your help in paying the debts at the Sports Palace!

Merry Xmas Dept.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Barbara Webster

Congratulations go out to the following **New Life Masters**:

Rodney McKnight
Terri Walters

Congratulations go out to the following people who've become
Silver Life Masters (that's 1000 MASTER POINTS!) in the past year:

Carl Forner	Ray Grace
Vaughn Johnson	Dann Kramer
Steve Lawrence	Regina Shedd

Congratulations also go out to the following people who've become **Gold Life Masters** (that's 2500 MASTER POINTS!) in the past year:

John Lang	Gerry Marshall
Ramji (Rick) Tewari	

Congratulations also goes out to **Martin McDonald** who is the new **Alberta Representative** on the District 18 Board. Martin takes up his new duties as of the **Idaho Falls Regional, May 11 - 17**, replacing the outgoing **Jim Wallace of Red Deer**. Those of us who've served on the Unit will miss Jim and wish him well. He did an excellent job of inter-unit relations. Hopefully Martin will continue the good work.

Felicitations to **Mavis Bergquist** and **Allan Terplawy** on the birth of **Carling Whitney** on December 13, 1991. Carling weighed in at 8lb 3 oz.

MISSING PERSONS

The following unit members are guilty of moving without notifying the proper authorities: ACBL Memphis and the Calgary Unit. Anyone knowing their current whereabouts, please contact Barbara at 276-7157 and they will get what's owing to them (their returned mail). PLEASE NOTE: No reward is being offered at this time!

Al Charleston	Lorne Jardine
Gordon Rex	

WELCOMES AND GOODBYES

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

Fran Bohnet	Helen Farch
Madeline Grainger	Kathleen Leard
Glenn Lefebvre	Muriel Luck
Jocelyn Powell	Tony Smith
Marion Tuttle	

I'd also like to welcome the following people who've decided to try the ACBL out and join as 6-month education members:

Tove Bakker	Renee Benningen
Mike Colwill	Marge Cousins
Joyce Raymond	Anne Roberts

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

Patricia Baughan from the Northern Alberta Unit

Farewell to the following unit members who are moving elsewhere:

Tim Ayer	to the North Saskatchewan Unit
Andrew Bowers	to the Okanagan Unit
Gloria Graham	to the Vancouver Unit

Tim Ayer enjoyed his short stay in Calgary and asks that we publish his Saskatoon phone number in our phone list. Any Calgary players travelling through Saskatoon are invited to call him up and ask him for a game.

AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS: Attitude Adjustment?

Can it be true that directing at the Martinique creates an attitude adjustment? Auntie LIKES it in the new man, and hopes it lasts.

Auntie would also like a good ruling now and again!

Too much? Well, a sensible one, then.

(Ed. note: not suggested by Ed.!)

BRIDGE IN THE NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT

by Barbara Webster

There were a lot of volunteers who helped make the tournament a success. Although I tried to thank everyone Sunday at the tournament, they did such a good job that I wanted to put my thanks in writing. I hope I don't inadvertently miss anyone. If I do, my apologies in advance, it's unintentional, your assistance was appreciated.

An especially warm thank-you goes out to **Virginia Youens** who, in addition to working at the Partnership Desk, did all the phoning and organizing for the goodies that were served Friday and Saturday after the game.

Thanks go out to:

Signs:	Virginia Youens	Sunday Half-Time:	Stan Matheson, Ray Grace, Al Simon
Flyers:	Jacky Ross	Swiss Team Meal:	Gordon Moir, Steve Lawrence, and Rodney McKnight
Set-up:	Juan Alvarez, Tom Colpitts, Alex Knox, Dann Kramer, Rodney McKnight and his daughter, Lindsay.	Pre-Game Hospitality:	Gordon Moir
Trophies:	Rodney McKnight	Goodies:	Pat Baughan, Diane Clements, Joan Dennis, Marion Dizep, Lynn Douglas, Ella Fajnor, Olga Furlan, Gladys Grant, Mae Jardine, Marg Lawless, Val Ling, Crystal Mann, Stephanie McAdam, Sylvia Nazar, Ruth Paterson, Jo Peterson, Wendy Smith, Cora Steemers, Yvette Tapuska, Pepita Tokarski, and, of course, Virginia Youens
50/50 Draw:	Sheila Trott, Ruth Paterson, Rodney McKnight	Award Letters:	Jacky Ross
Hand Records:	Jacky Ross		
Caddy Master:	Al Simon		
Partnerships:	Virginia Youens, Rodney McKnight, Jo Peterson, Sue Walker		

Also thanks to those people who donated old decks of cards for the 50/50 draw. I did not get the names of all the donors.

If anyone else has old decks of cards that they no longer want, they can be used for the 50/50 draw. Just drop them off at the 50/50 desk at the next tournament.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

A quiet time before the spring rush of Sectionals and Special events:

Sunday, February 2	Martinique	Canadian Open Pairs Unit Final, 2 sessions
Thursday, February 13	Canmar	Valentine's Game
Friday, February 14	Martinique	Queen of Hearts Game (In honour of Joyce Millward)
Sat & Sun February 22, 23	Canmar	CNTC Flight A Unit Final 1:30 & 7:30 Sat, noon & TBA Sun
Tuesday, March 3	Martinique	Canadian Open Fund Game
Monday, March 9	Canmar	ACBL Club Charity
March 20-22	Jubilee Auditorium	Spring Sectional
Wednesday, March 25	Martinique	ACBL Continent Wide Charity Game

AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:

Psycho Alert

Rumor has it the psyche (o)s are out in full force. Auntie enjoys a good psych now and again, (no Auntie does not psych - she makes tactical calls) and Auntie can usually field them. Here's how. **DOUBLE!!!!** They'll go back whence they came after a few telephone numbers. Watch out for the ones with goofy expressions - they might be merely confused. It is hard to tell the difference between a bad psych(o)er and a bad player!

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PHONE LIST UPDATES

Tim Ayer	306-244-6965	Robert Gray	235-6212
Tove Bakker	286-7836	Lura Head	252-0412
Renee Benningen	249-6075	Geraldine Johnson	271-3277
Mavis Bergquist	249-4819	Helen Klassen	252-3812
Fran Bohnet	246-0615	Kathleen Leard	263-0184
Dorothy Brayford	281-9772	Glenn Lefebvre	288-8170
Michael Broadhurst	262-6622	Brad MacDonald	263-1146
Sunil Chaudhry	275-5991	Joyce Raymond	289-9729
Marge Cousins	262-1712	Anne Roberts	286-6325
Helen Farch	281-4893	Allan Terplawy	249-4819
Eleanor Fletcher	237-0627	Terri Walters	245-8221
Fran Gaudet	244-5473		

CALGARY A.C.B.L. UNIT 390 invites you to their annual
SPRING SECTIONAL

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

at the

JUBILEE AUDITORIUM

1415 - 14th Avenue N.W. Calgary, Alberta

MARCH 20, 21, 22, 1992

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

2:00 IMP PAIRS
NOVICE PAIRS (0 - 20 MP)

7:45 STRATIFIED PAIRS
STRAT A (500 + MP)
STRAT B (100 - 500 MP)
STRAT C (0 - 100 MP)
NOVICE PAIRS (0 - 20 MP)
Post Game Novice Reception

11:45 SPEEDBALL TEAMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

1:00 OPEN PAIRS (QUALIFYING)
NOVICE PAIRS (0 - 20 MP)

7:30 OPEN PAIRS (FINAL)
CONSOLATION:
OPEN PAIRS
TEAM OF 2 PAIRS
new event for consolation players!!!
NOVICE PAIRS (0 - 20 MP)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:30 SWISS TEAMS

T.B.A. *PRE-GAME ENTERTAINMENT*

T.B.A. SWISS TEAMS (FINAL SESSION)

Head Director
PHIL WOOD

Tournament Chairman
BARBARA WEBSTER
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GORDON MOIR
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LINDA THIERMAN

Partnerships
RODNEY MCKNIGHT
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ENTRY FEES
\$7.00 per session
\$5.00 per Novice session

ENTRIES SUBJECT TO CLOSE 5 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME
Novice and Speedball Games will be run only if numbers warrant.

There will be a buffet, Sunday between sessions. Entries will include the price of 4 meals.

NON-SMOKING TOURNAMENT with HOSPITALITY BREAKS

INTRODUCING:

TEAM OF TWO PAIRS !!!!

A NEW IMPROVED WAY TO PLAY THE CONSOLATION PAIRS

We are introducing a new event played at recent nationals: the Team of Two Pairs. It is a matchpointed game, the same as you are used to, with the same scoring. Here's the new part: **you have teammates**. They sit in the next section at the same table as the same pair and play the same hands. When the day is done and the hands are matchpointed, only the **best** result counts!

Imagine: your zeroes are turned into averages or tops because your partners had a better result. You cannot lose a good result, it can only be improved. This sounds like fun already, and it gets better.

The event will be seeded out of the people who (cough) qualify to play in it. If you are having a terrible day and had a 30% afternoon, chances are that your teammates in the evening will be the best non-qualifiers - a solid pair with a poor afternoon. If you just missed qualifying and your teammates are that 30% pair we will bet they will improve your score in the evening on some hands - at worst you are on your own: your score cannot be lowered, remember, only improved.

This event promises to be tons of fun, something consolations are not known for, and we want to encourage you all to think about it and, if you have the (golden?) opportunity, join us (?) in playing it.

STRATEGIES TO CONSIDER:

Two-way Finesses: You all know this one, does the queen follow the jack, or is it in front? Team strategies suggest that it be decided ahead of time that one pair finesses in one direction and one the other in all cases.

Tactics: One pair should be the aggressive pair and bid the slams and part scores. One pair should make the close doubles.

Bidding Style: It seems that if possible each pair should play somewhat different systems, for instance weak notrumps or two-way Stayman, in order to change the side that some contracts are played in. This will affect the lead and could change the result.