

# *THE KIBITZER*

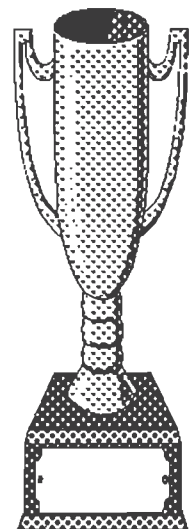
*UNIT 390 - CALGARY AND AREA BRIDGE PUBLICATION*

## **CALGARY SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

The spring sectional saw the first increase in attendance we have enjoyed in over a year. Rodney McKnight heavily promoted our novice games very successfully. We reinstituted the President's Trophy for the Novice with the most masterpoints won over the four matchpoint games and threw in free plays for Labour Day. They seemed keen, and many came to our Friday night get together, where we go over a few hands.

Congratulations go to the following people for their wins:

<b>I.M.P. Pairs</b>	<b>Barb Bond, Margit Davies</b>
<b>Stratified Pairs</b>	
Flight "A"	<b>Steve Lawrence, Allan Simon</b>
Flight "B"	<b>Hart Leppard, Brian Bosela</b>
Flight "C"	<b>Wilf Link, Bob Christie</b>
<b>Open Pairs</b>	<b>Don Gladman, Allan Simon</b>
<b>Consolation Pairs</b>	<b>Jack Triplett, Yasuko Hiruki</b>
<b>Swiss Teams</b>	<b>Vaughn Johnson, Gerry Marshall Ken Penton, Don Gladman</b>



### ***NOVICE EVENT WINNERS***

Friday Afternoon	1/2. Kathleen Blaxley, Frances O'Reilly
	1/2. Murray and Marilyn Haggins
Friday Evening	Buster Molohon, Ray Honeychurch
Saturday Afternoon	Larry Case, Pam Holberton
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**President's Trophy (most masterpoints won by entrants into Novice Games:**

***Murray and Marilyn Haggins***

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Spring is here and that means the **ELECTION PARTY** and the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** are coming up. This is a good time to review some membership statistics. As of the beginning of **1992** we have **619** members. Of those, nearly **30%** are **Life Masters** and more than **50%** are **99er's**:

Category	Master Pts	Members	%
Rookie	0 - 5	58	9
Junior Master	5 - 20	102	16.5
Club Master	20 - 50	89	14.5
Sectional Master	50 - 100	70	11
Regional Master	100 - 200	81	13
NABC Master	200 - LM	42	7
Life Master	300 +	177	29

## THE TOP TEN

The following is the list of members in our unit having the most masterpoints:

(1)	Subhash Gupta	4213
(2)	Helen Roche*	3610
(3)	Joe Kerger	3273
(4)	Bernie Lambert	3130
(5)	Pat Smolensky	2676
(6)	Gerry Marshall	2623
(7)	Ramji (Rick) Tewari	2546
(8)	John Lang	2512
(9)	Don Gladman	2384
(10)	Vish Vishwanathan	2215

\* Helen says to tell everyone its "attendance and attrition"!

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Announcing the 1992

### ACBL Unit 390 *Annual Meeting and Election Party*

Saturday May 2, 1992  
Triwood Community Centre  
2244 Chicoutami Dr. N.W.

Bridge	4:30 PM	For the Maddie McGill trophy
Meeting	7:30 PM	Sharp!
Supper	8:30 PM	Fabulous buffet
Dancing	9:30 PM	G & G Music

Only \$20.00 per person (subsidized by the Unit)

Please plan to attend and join the festivities.

Tickets available from any Unit Board member or Call Alex Knox at 283-7597

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## AND THE NOMINEES ARE!!

The following have agreed to stand for election - now do your part! Vote for up to seven on the enclosed ballot, and return your ballot in the envelope provided, or drop it off at the club next time you play.

Dan Bertrand  
Dave Christison  
Rae Cram

John Hinde  
Anne-Marie Kingston  
Alex Knox

Martin McDonald  
Helen Smerek  
Pepita Tokarski  
Virginia Youens

# Unit 390 Financial Statement

July 1, 1991, to February 28, 1992

## RECEIPTS

Sectional Revenue	\$15032.18
Members Dues	1205.25
Interest Income	360.81
Special Events	602.00
Advertising (Kibitzer)	<u>115.00</u>
	\$17405.24

## EXPENDITURES

Sectional expenses	\$12185.61-
Bank Charges	17.00-
Kibitzer	2310.20-
Office & General	935.43-
Sectional Exp. Prepaid	888.64-
Subsidies	87.00-
Special Events	162.00-
Election Party Prepayment	<u>200.00-</u>
	\$16788.88-

Excess Receipts over Disbursements      **\$619.36**

Cash, beginning of period      \$9568.35

Cash, end of period      **\$10187.71**

Comprised of:

Cash in Bank	\$8187.71
Term Deposit	<u>2000.00</u>

**\$10187.71**

The following have helped defray the costs of this issue of the Kibitzer:

Davison

Potter

*Next issue of the Kibitzer - August*

### **AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS:**

*Fashion Dept.*

*My sources have been on a constant lookout for the latest fashion trends, and a they have reported on a number of occasions that the latest hot trend is wild designer socks, as beautifully displayed by Barb Bond. Barb is leading the wave of the future with Bow-tie socks, Lingerie socks and others too numerous to mention. The next time you are in one of the bridge clubs and hear a ringing in your ears, you're not sick - its probably just Barb walking by.*



## NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

Al Simon has retired after 4 years as Caddy Master. Al, thanks for a job well done. Karen Viccars, who was training with Al at the Spring Sectional will be the new Caddy Master for the 1992/93 Year.

Heather Girvitz is back on the Calgary Unit 390 Board. She has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Barbara Webster. Heather has served on the board in the past and was enjoying her 'retirement' but discovered that the Unit President Linda Theirman is a real sweet talker.

Former Unit 390 President Bill Brown was seen in town, March 18, passing through to B.C. to visit family. Bill's been practicing law in Laronge since he left us in '84, and although he misses Calgary, he says the fishing is better in Saskatchewan.

### Computer MODEM Hotline

David Boushy has installed a bulletin board system and a dedicated phone line on his computer. There is a Bridge conference where hands are discussed as well as various other hot issues of the day.

This is a lot of fun and if you have a MODEM on your computer you can join: just have your computer call 266-3306 and sign on. You can read the entire message block, contribute your own two cents worth in opinion, ask questions of the other readers, or give hands and information.

This may be the first dedicated bridge line in Canada! The more the merrier - it's free, it's fun, and it's easy!

#### *Auntie Pickle Says:*

#### *Sports Dept.*

*Auntie Pickle took time off from her busy(?) schedule to check out the diamond action. I am able to report that in the first slow pitch game of the season Team Terrific, with stars R. Gamble, A. Knox and Y. Murani destroyed Team Palooka headlined by C. Puskas, T. Walters and J. Kesselring. It is rumoured that several major league scouts were seen at the game.*

### Earn a free Game at the Canmar!!

The Canmar is introducing a free-play program for Thursday nights.

Pick up a form from Carl next time you play - it works like this: after you have your form (a card) initialled 4 times by him, you have a free play for the fifth. This will work on the regular club games - special games cannot be included because of the additional charges made by the sponsoring organizations.

Carl Lawless is now running the Canmar's games, and invites one and all to come on down!

### New (?) Member on Board of Directors

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### HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to the following:

(1) Bill Ellsworth	Linda Ellsworth
Fraser Green	Annabelle Gurevitch
Kevin Miner	Barbara Purvis
Bill Purvis	Elsie Stearns
Gordon Stewart	Tony Vissers,

people who've joined the ACBL in the past few months, and

(2) Richard Ripps,

who has decided to try the ACBL out and join as a 6-month education members, and

(3) Dolores Frocklage

who has transferred into our unit from the Mesa, Arizona Unit.

Farewell to Marilyn Wilson who is moving to the Vancouver Unit.

Compiled by  
Barbara Webster and Jacky Ross

## SO LONG, JACK

**Jack Murphy** is my kind of man. He worked to promote this greatest of social games, and enjoyed it to the fullest extent. His legacy to bridge, and its Canadian autonomy as the Canadian Bridge Federation, will always remain in the history of bridge.

I have a few tales called "Jack at the Table".

Jack, (in his first duplicate game) is asked by his partner: "have you plaed Staman?" He replies, "Is he North-South, or East-West?"

In a National at Montreal, RHO calls "Un Coeur", and Jack, seeing the waitress, adds "Two cokes"! Major pandemonium occurs. A bilingual director creates a moment of calm, whereupon Jack says, "Buy a round of cokes for the table!"

Jack, with his sense of humor, always had the appropriate answer for opponents.

Myself in action:

(Jack) P	P	(me)1NT	P
2C	P	P	"What does that mean?"
"I guess he doesn't know Stayman"			

At the Seattle Nationals in the late 70's, Jack looked over the field in his section and told his partner, "Don't move your face or say word today." Jack, a non-smoker, got some cigars, a friendly Kibitzer, and 25 one dollar bills. At each table, the kibitzer would light his cigar with a dollar bill, then toss the bill over his shoulder.

The gallery grew and the opponents showed great respect. Jack came third and said, "With \$5.00 bills I could have won it!"

Bridge is a game of skill, a true "bridge" of ethnic and social barriers, and a venue which will always be known as The Best Game In Town. Jack played for the fun of it. That, I believe, is the essence of our great game. If there is a great bridge game in the sky, Jack will be a player.

Thanks, Jack - we'll carry on, and pass it on.

**Charley**

ed. note. The Unit thanks **Charley Liegerot** for sharing these wonderful stories about Jack, who passed away March 9, 1992. Jack was one of the founding fathers of the CBF, and served as its President for some time. Jack will always be remembered for his wonderful stories, his outstanding table manners, his quick wit and the quality of his bridge. He was an honourable man, and was universally liked and respected.

We pass on our deepest sympathy to Lil and the family.

## Martinique under new ownership!!

**Barbara Webster** has recently purchased the Martinique Bridge Studio from **Gord Sharp** and **Delores Hedley**.

Barbara has been a keen duplicate player for four years now, and has travelled to many a sectional and regional to improve her game. She has been extremely active on the Unit, running the recent sectional tournaments, and keeping our mailing and phone lists updated (a task she has volunteered to continue for now). No major changes to the Club programs or schedules are contemplated for the immediate future.

On behalf of the members the Unit wishes Barbara all the best in this venture, and regrets losing her from the board of directors.

# THE SCHEDULE PAGE

## PUBLIC BRIDGE CLUBS SCHEDULES

### BOW RIVER BRIDGE CLUB

Hounsfield Heights Comm. Centre  
12th Avenue at North Hill Mall  
289-7677

Mon: 12:30\* Novice Pairs  
7:30\* Novice Bid and Play  
Tue: 7:30\* Stratified Pairs  
Wed: 12:30\* Open Pairs  
7:30\* Novice Pairs  
Thur: 7:30\* Beginners (0-5MPs)  
Fri: 7:45\* Swiss Teams  
Sun: 1:00\* Open Pairs

### CANMAR BRIDGE CLUB

1307 - 14th St. S.W.  
245-0479

Mon: 7:30 Open Pairs  
Thu: 7:30 Open Pairs

### MARTINIQUE BRIDGE STUDIO

2419 - 54 Ave S.W.  
243-4353

Mon: 12:45\* Ladies Team League  
7:30 Team League  
99er's Pairs  
Tue: 7:30\* Open Pairs (Hand Records)  
99er's Pairs  
Wed: 12:45\* Open Pairs  
7:30\* Open Pairs  
Novice Pairs  
Thu: 12:45\* Open Pairs  
7:30 Open Pairs  
99er's Pairs  
Fri: 12:45\* Open Pairs  
7:30\* Stratified Pairs  
Sat: 8:00 Open Pairs

\* denotes non-smoking games

## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TIME	DATE	LOCATION
Novice-Master Game	7:30	Thu Apr 2	Bow River
CBF Charity Game	8:00	Sat Apr 4	Martinique
Red Deer Sectional		April 10-12	Red Deer Legion
Calgary 99er's Sectional		April 17-19	Martinique
Idaho Falls Regional		May 11-18	Shilo Inn
International Fund Game	7:30	Thu May 14	Martinique
Edmonton Sectional		May 22-25	Bow River
Medicine Hat Sectional		May 29-31	Regency Hotel
NAOP Club Qualifiers - all Flights		During June. Dates to be Set	
Epsom Pairs	7:30	Fri Jun 5	Bow River
Epsom Pairs	1:00	Sat Jun 6	Martinique
Red Deer Regional		July 12-19	Martinique
NACs-Toronto		July 23-Aug 3	Bow River
Roseland Sectional		August 14-16	Convention Centre
Moose Jaw Senior's Regional		August 18-23	
Calgary Labour Day Sectional		Sep 4-6	Jubilee Auditorium
Banff Classic Halloween Sectional		Oct 30-Nov 1	Banff Park Lodge

For detailed information Steve Lawrence at 640-1037 is now keeping the entire schedule on computer. Club championship info, other tournament data, and mileage for the interested!



## HEY, PARD, Let's Play Some MORE Conventions!!

Many players consider that, once they write negative doubles, or whatever, on their convention card, then they have done all that is required of them insofar as their understandings of the convention are concerned. WRONG - you are expected to agree with your partner as to the meanings of some common sequences and be able to correctly alert and describe them to your opponents.

Let's consider an example.

You pick up your hand see in front of your eyes a beautiful 15hcp Flannery, so you correctly open 2 Diamonds and Lefty dutifully passes, after partner alerts and explains "Flannery". Pard now falls from grace by bidding 3 Hearts. Hmm... what does that bid mean? Well, let's think now: Frank plays it as a slam try while Joan plays it as a limit raise. Oh what to do? Gee, I guess to yell bid 3 Spades as an all purpose forward going call. Whew, pard closes the auction with 4 Hearts and no further questions were asked, so no problem right? Correct - you were lucky. But think what would have happened if questions were asked and pard in all innocence had explained something else and now the opponents are crying for protection AND getting it.

What have you done wrong? Legally, you are supposed to know what your conventional calls mean and while saying undiscussed is the best answer you can give, it is better for you both from a legal and a bridge sense to go beyond the superficial and understand the conventions you wish to use.

Stan Matheson

### AUNTIE PICKLE SAYS: *Threepet Dept.*

*This reporter notes that the first sign of spring on the bridge calendar is the Shelby Nationals Sectional in Shelby, Mont. Auntie Pickle has noted the mounting excitement in Tom Wagler as this tournament approaches, due to the fact that Tom has won the Open Pairs twice in a row and is expected to defend his title. In an exclusive interview Tom stated that he owes all his success to a strict diet, exercise and his wonderful partner, who has asked that his name be kept out of the article, due to his extreme modesty.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year's organized events are almost over and we are looking forward to the Election Party and the Red Deer Regional. Our next Sectional is not until Labour Day, followed by Banff.

Some good news about Banff - the dates are now October 30 to November 1 - Halloween! The Banff Park Lodge has always donated the playing space in return for remuneration generated from room rental and the Sunday Brunch. This year, they suggested we guarantee a minimum number of rooms, or they would charge for the playing space. We were able to "change their minds" on this issue, but would encourage you to stay at the Banff Park Lodge, so we can show them that we're worthwhile!

Over the years, many people have donated trophies to be presented to winners of unit or sectional events. We discovered many of them to be "missing in action". Through the diligence of Rodney McKnight, many of our trophies have been returned. (We are, however, missing the Maddie McGill trophy, presented to the winners at the election party.) Any help you can give us in locating these trophies would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, we have received donations of individual trophies from our members to be used for the novices. Many thanks to those who have donated their trophies - in particular to Betty Katzin and Wally and Gretchen Luthy.

Linda Thierman

## FROM THE EDITOR

Another year has passed in our cycle. This edition is very long, and crammed with stuff you have requested, and this along with all the others wouldn't be possible without the contributors. I want to thank Steve Lawrence, Linda Thierman, Dave Christison, Charley Liegerot, Juan Alvarez, Delores Hedley and the ubiquitous Alex Knox.

Most particularly, huge thanks go to Barbara Webster for her contributions on member data, and to Stan Matheson, for his wonderful attempts to educate and inform all of us.

We have compiled all the "C&E" articles written by Stan, along with the many other prior contributors, into a booklet for distribution at the clubs. This will be a limited edition, so if you are interested, call me or the club near you.

Jacky

**"THANK YOU"** is hardly enough to convey our feeling, but it is extended with the utmost sincerity to all supporters of the Martinique Bridge Club over the past eight years.

The many friends we made - we keep; the fun, the good times, and in particular the memories - we keep. The new concepts, fresh ideas, etc. - we pass on.

Gratefully yours,  
Gord & Delores

## **"99"ers Sectional**

at The Martinique Bridge Club  
2419, 54 Ave. S.W., Calgary

**APRIL 17th - 18th - 19th 1992**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 17th**

1:00 PM Stratified Pairs\* (First Session)  
7:30 PM Stratified Pairs\* (Second Session)

\* Flt A: 50 to 99 Masterpoints  
\* Flt B: 20 to 49 Masterpoints  
\* Flt B: 0 to 19 Masterpoints

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH**

1:00 PM Open Swiss Teams (First Session)  
7:30 PM Open Swiss Teams (Second Session)

Director:  
Stan Matheson

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**

11:00 AM Stratified Pairs \* (First Session)  
T.B.A. Stratified Pairs \* (Second Session)

Partnerships:  
Barbara Webster  
  
(403) 243-4353

*Trophies to winners of all events*

*Entry Fees \$5.00 Per Player Per Session*

### **PHONE LIST UPDATES**

Ellsworth, Bill . . . . . 239-8404  
Ellsworth, Linda . . . . . 239-8404  
Fishman, Doris . . . . . 286-3836  
Frocklage, Dolores . . . . . 239-9114  
Green, Fraser . . . . . 289-8947  
Gurevitch, Annabelle . . . . . 238-0225  
McKnight, Rodney . . . . . 280-1455  
Miner, Kevin . . . . . 275-3678  
Moore, Keith . . . . . 247-1942  
Purvis, Barbara . . . . . 236-3372  
Purvis, Bil . . . . . 236-3372  
Rex, Gordon . . . . . 272-2874  
Stearns, Elsie . . . . . 298-1033  
Stewart, Gordon . . . . . 249-0833  
Vissers, Tony . . . . . 275-8525

#### ***Auntie Pickle Says:***

#### ***Gams Dept.***

*This reporter would like to congratulate Barbara Webster on becoming the new manager of the Martinique Bridge Studio. It is rumoured that Gord Sharp left the position in order to devote his full time to earning a living by winning hockey pools and playing poker in Montana and Las Vegas. Although we assume that Barbara will do a fine job, Auntie Pickle will certainly miss Gord's summer shorts ensembles around the club.*