

THE KIBITZER

UNIT 390 - CALGARY AND AREA BRIDGE PUBLICATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the Board of Directors of ACBL Unit 390 for electing me to the post of Unit president for the 1992-93 year. I hope to fulfil this post to the best of my abilities and to the benefit of all Unit members.

The Unit Board of Directors is charged with the responsibility of furthering the development of bridge in this area. During my term as president I hope to further this goal in three main ways:

1. Provide better liaison with the area bridge clubs,
2. In consultation with the clubs, to encourage an active novice development program, and
3. To improve the technical and ethical level of play of all Unit members.

This is in addition to the Unit's traditional role to provide well-run Sectional tournaments, and to schedule and oversee local ACBL and CBF events.

As a new president, I will be relying heavily on the other board members for support and advice. I also encourage each of you to bring to the board members your ideas, kudos, criticism etc., for only with much input from the Unit members will we be able to make bridge in Calgary the fun, challenging and successful game we all want it to be.

Alex Knox

EDITOR'S NOTE

Another new Board of Directors has been installed, and I am sure you join me in wishing them all a successful year. I'll be doing the Kibitzer for a while longer, and Dan Bertrand has offered to help, so call him or me with your ideas.

This issue has a new feature: the mid-term!! Stan has been doing these articles for us for years now, and has devised a little "test" instead of another piece. If you flunk, you'd better get a copy of our Conduct and Ethics booklet from your club, or call me (276-6328).

Look out!! Banff this year is over Hallowe'en, and Gordon Moir, the Sectional Chair, has promised a big party for Saturday night. Start planning your costumes now. **The Unit is going to take a bus to Banff** this year - check the details at the Labour Day Sectional, and in the next Kibitzer.

Thanks to my contributors, and especially to Steve and Allan for articles we hope will interest you and as usual my Roving Reporter - Barbara Webster.

Jacky Ross

EXTRA!!! The Times EXTRA!!!

RETURN OF THE NATIVE

Former Calgarian, **Subhash Gupta**, was in town on business for 10 days in May. He was able to make time to visit old friends and play a little bridge. Subhash has lived in **New Delhi, India** for the past 5 years. He and his wife, **Anju**, have a 2½ year-old son, **Aditya**. He is proud of his wife, a university instructor, who has just submitted her thesis for her PhD in Linguistics. Subhash has arranged to be sent copies of the *Kibitzer*, has offered to submit articles on the state of bridge in India and has asked that we publish his phone number to encourage all his old friends to call him.

♠ R.R.

I GOT THE QUEEN-JACK-NINE BLUES

The scenario is familiar to most of us. Holding QJ9 and perhaps a spot card or two in the suit you decide the queen might be a reasonable lead. Dummy hits with K10x and declarer ducks to his ace. Oops! This has caused the editor of this newsletter to swear off this lead (perhaps jokingly*) and has tested many others.

What is the probability of this happening to you? Superficially, the risk of the 10 being in dummy is one in three. As well, there must be at least three cards to an Ace or King in dummy and at least two cards in declarer's hand. Given this, you would think that this is a rare problem. What do you think are the probabilities of this happening with the following hands? The bidding has gone 1NT-3NT except on hand 7. We pass throughout.

- 1) ♠863 ♥QJ983 ♦742 ♣62 2) ♠K83 ♥QJ983 ♦A54 ♣Q7 3) ♠863 ♥742 ♦QJ983 ♣64
 4) ♠K83 ♥A54 ♦QJ983 ♣Q7 5) ♠8632 ♥QJ9 ♦7642 ♣64 6) ♠8632 ♥7642 ♦QJ9 ♣64
 7) This time the bidding goes 1NT-2♣-2♠-3NT: ♠K83 ♥QJ983 ♦A54 ♣Q7

Answers:

- 1) 20% 2) 26% 3) 25% 4) 35% 5) 12% 6) 19% 7) 36%

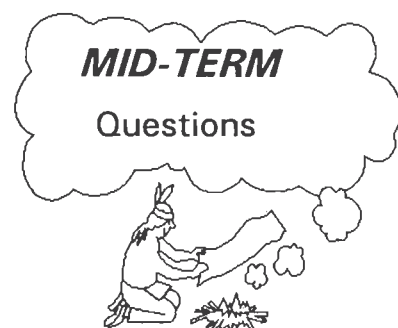
These hands were created to demonstrate several factors which affect the probability of this occurring:

- 1) the more that you have, the less that partner can have and the more likely that declarer will have all three key cards.
- 2) having length in the suit means that partner will be shorter and therefore less likely to hold the 10.
- 3) if the bidding suggests length of that suit in dummy you are really taking a chance. (See 4 & 7)

All this is nice if your only objective is to avoid giving away overtricks, however, leading the Queen with hand 1 is unlikely to lead to any positive result, whereas, how else will 3NT be set on hand 7 without a heart lead?

Steve Lawrence

*[ed note: Steve used Borel, a computer simulator, and I wasn't joking.]



1 Dummy, on your right, has KQTx of a suit in which you hold Jxx. Declarer has led small to the dummy playing the K and your x, returned to hand and led small toward dummy and now trances, do you

- (A)- Sit like a stone and think evil thoughts to declarer
- (B)- Stare daggers at declarer, or ogle some distraction
- (C)- Play with some random card in your hand?

2 You notice that partner has on two occasions opened his weaker of equal minors and the auction has gone with opponents passing one club, one heart, 1nt, 3nt. Do you

- (A)- Alert the opponents that partners minor is suspect
- (B)- Say nothing but agree that this has happened before if the opponents complain and the director asks.
- (C)- Deny that this has ever occurred before and you are shocked?

3 You hold

S-AKXXX
H-KTXX
D-X
C-ATX

You are playing negative doubles through two spades and the auction goes in first position by you - 1S, 3D, SLOW PASS by partner. Do you

- (A)- Pass
- (B)- three hearts
- (C)- double?

4 Same hand as before but the auction now goes one spade, three diamonds, PASS LIKE ROCKET, pass. Do you

- (A)- Pass
- (B)- three hearts
- (C)- double?

5 You are playing standard blackwood-the auction, with opponents passing: 1S,2D,2H,3S,4NT,5H, PAUSE 5S What do you bid with S-Axxx H-KX D-AKXXX C-XX

- (A)- Pass
- (B)- 6 spades
- (C)- 6 spades?

HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to:

Steve Bolyos
Len Fox
Stan Halluk
Lynn Hayward
Douglas Holder
Yasmine Murani
Helen Scott
Neil Screaton
Betty Stanway,

who've joined the ACBL in the past few months.

Romeo Fauchon
who has decided to try the ACBL as a 6-month education member.

Tom Colpitts from the Acadian Unit
Lorraine Van Dusen from the Lethbridge Unit
Bill Lewis from the North Saskatchewan Unit
who've transferred into our unit.

Farewell to the following unit members who are moving elsewhere:

Douglas Apblett to New Castle, NB
Frank Ayer to Victoria, BC
Winston Chan to Edmonton, AB
Ans Joghems to Greenville, SC
Elly Van Roosmalen to Pender Island, BC
Donald Watson to Edmonton, AB
Margaret Wynde to Parksville, BC

Barbara Webster

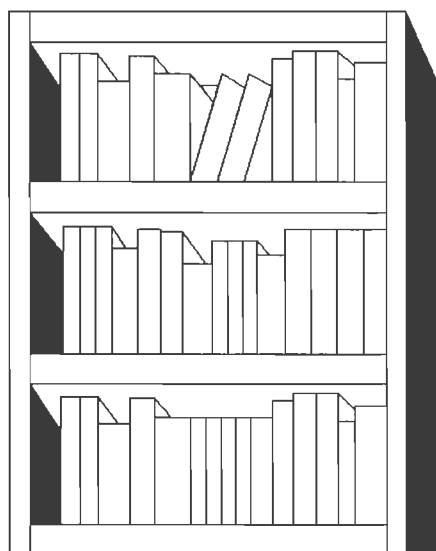
READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Many of us are often asked to suggest a book on bridge.

Well, I did a little survey of some of the directors, the bridge players around, (where I was at any given time), and from the Unit Board of Directors.

These books are, to my knowledge, all in print. The club you play at can help you locate them, and there are many other sources to be found in the Bulletin, The Bridge World, or from Cliff Puskas at Prism Bridge Supplies.

These are a fair representation of the better quality books, chosen for personal enjoyment, or because they are recommended to really improve the game, or because they are just plain faves.



Cliff Puskas

Stewart, The Bridge Player's Comprehensive Guide to Defense

Earl Knipfel

Lawrence, How to Read Your Opponent's Cards

Virginia Youens

Silverman - all his paperbacks

Pepita Tokarski

Kantar, Defensive Bridge Play

John Davison

Lawrence, The Complete Book of Overcalls

John Hinde

Mollo & Gardener, Card Play Technique

Mike Chomyn

Mollo, Bridge in the Menagerie

John Lang

Mike Lawrence, A Workbook on Two Over One

Al Simon

Miles, How to Win at Duplicate Bridge

Don Gladman

Sheinwold, Five Weeks to Winning Bridge

Alex Knox

Garozzo & Yallouze, The Blue Club

Rae Cram

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Mollo, Bridge in the Menagerie

Lawrence, How to Read Your Opponent's Cards

Mollo, Bridge in the Menagerie et al

D.H. Truscott, Bid Better Play Better

Mollo & Gardener, Card Play Technique

Ewen, Opening Leads

Watson, Play of the Hand

So, there you have it. Obviously these are all there are room for, but if interest is shown I'll carry on. Clearly these people think you can't go wrong with Mollo, or Lawrence. (Oh, yeah - me: How to Read Your Opponent's Cards, hands down)

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
A.C.B.L. Unit 390
April 11, 1992

Approval of Last Year's AGM Minutes

Approved.

Financial Report

Unit approximately broke even last year. Revenues decreased due to lower attendance at Sectionals. An additional cost was the issue of five Kibitzers this year.

J. Kesselring suggested that the active players of this Unit voluntarily remove thier names from the mailing list, in order to cut costs. This appeared to be favourably received.

Approved

President's Report

The Year went along well, except for the lower attendance at Sectionals. A committee has been struck to look at future dates for Sectionals with a view to making them more convenient for the Unit members.

The unit has drafted a policy to request local directors at all Sectionals.

No questions.

Membership Report

As of the end of 1991 Unit 390's membership was broken down as follows:

Category	MP Range	Number
Rookie	0-5	58
Junior Master	5-20	102
Club Master	20-50	89
Sectional Master	50-100	70
Regional Master	100-200	81
NABC Master	200-300	42
Life Master	300+	177

New Business

A Motion was made to reduce the size of the Unit 390 Board of Directors From the current size of 14 to 10.

Carried

Ray Grace proposed a Motion for the Unit to bar P. Wood from all Unit 390 Sectionals.

An Amendment to the Motion was proposed to instruct the Unit Board to never request Mr. Wood be placed in charge of another Sectional sponsored by Unit 390.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

A Motion was made For the Unit 390 Board to create the position of Novice Promotion Coordinator, this post to be filled by someone with 0-100 mp.

Defeated

Awards

Awards were presented to members as follows:

Mini-McKenney

most points won during the year in the unit

Rookie

Dave Horton

Junior Master

Daniel Bertrand

Club Master

Irene Cusson

Sectional Master

Tim Ayers

Regional Master

Murray Peterson

NABC Master

John Hinde

Life Master

Gerry Marshall

Ace of Clubs

most points won during the year
at club games

Rookie

Dave Horton

Junior Master

Daniel Bertrand

Club Master

Heinz Weis

Sectional Master

Sheila Trott

Regional Master

Liz Allen

NABC Master

John Kesselring

Life Master

Betty Jacques

Election Results

The President offered congratulations to the following successful candidates for the Unit 390 Board of Directors:

J. Hinde

P. Tokarski

R. Cram

D. Bertrand

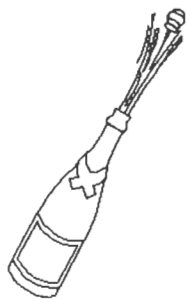
A. Knox

V. Youens

D. Christenson

Adjournment

Moved: A. Knox.



Larry Case and Pam Holberton are the proud parents of daughter, **Jennifer Sarah**, born on April 8 and weighing in at an even 7 lb.

Mike Robinson married Laurie Stephens June 27.

Arlene Brown married Keith Walters May 18.

♠ R.R.

Auntie Pickle says . . . Bop 'Till You Drop Dept.

Again at Red Deer my sources tell me that our resident dancing inferno Delia Michaud was behaving very strangely. During the Saturday night dance it was observed that Delia actually sat out(!) a couple of dances, although there were abundant male partners available. Ah the ravages of age, I suppose.

THE 1992 ALBERTA BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year there were some changes in the Alberta Team playdowns. Flights B and C were redefined: Flight C was for players with 150 or less masterpoints, Flight B was for players with 1500 or less masterpoints, while Flight A of course remained an open event.

Flights B and C had increased participation at the club level for the first time in years. Teams that did well at the club level progressed to the Unit Championships. There, the following teams emerged as **City Champs**:

Flight C: Karl Meyer, Joyce Meyer, Robert Gray, Evanne Little
Flight B: Delores Hedley, Rae Cram, Barbara Bond, Lynn Douglas
Flight A: Doug Deschner, Gordon Campbell, Al Simon, Juan Alvarez

After the unit level, there was a major innovation for the qualifiers: instead of travelling to Montana or Saskatchewan, the next stage was a Provincial Championship. It was held in Red Deer in April, with all the pomp and circumstance such an important event deserves. There were elegant trophies, elaborate scoreboards and bidding boxes. All flights played the same boards.

Flight A:

An Edmonton team captained by Judy Gartaganis won the round-robin; two other Edmonton-based teams and the entry from Medicine Hat also qualified for the semi-finals. I'm sad to say both Calgary teams were eliminated at this stage. In one semi-final **Pritchard** upset **Gartaganis**, and in the other, **Jones** (Edmonton) downed **Fisher** (Medicine Hat). In the finals **Jones** won, and this team included one player from Calgary. Congratulations to the **Alberta Team Champions**:

Peter Jones, DORAN FLOCK, Karen Kilworth, Jym Galand, Dave Smith and Vince Lambert

Flight B:

The Calgary teams did very well in this event. **Walters** (Terri Walters, Dave Horton, Tim Ayers and John Kesselring) did well in the semi-final but lost a close semi-final match to **Hedley**, the city champs. In a thrilling final, **Hedley** won the title by a scant six IMPs. Congratulations to the **Alberta Flight B Team Champions**:

Delores Hedley, Lynn Douglas, Barbara Bond, Elsie Johnson

Flight C:

Two Calgary teams qualified from the round-robin. **Cusson** scored an impressive win over **Meyer** in the final. Congratulations to the first **Alberta Flight C Team Champions**:

Irene Cusson, Dan Bertrand, Tony Smith, Mike Robinson.

Allan Simon

THE CALGARY WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was held in May. Any all-woman team could enter, and the winners qualified to represent us at the Canadian Women's Team Championship in August, in Vancouver.

Congratulations and good luck in Vancouver to the winners:

Doris Fishman, Lois Dunsmore,
Terri Walters, Sheila Trott

Allan Simon

MURPHY'S LAW FOR DIRECTORS

After the Penticton Regional a director was heard to observe that **Murphy's Rule of Opening Leads** was that if two people lead at once, the one leading face up was not on lead. This director answered 3 director calls in Penticton that proved this rule.

...This player's response to the director. Murphy's Rule of Opening Leads should be revised to say that if two people lead at once, the director will be called only if the one leading face up was not on lead.

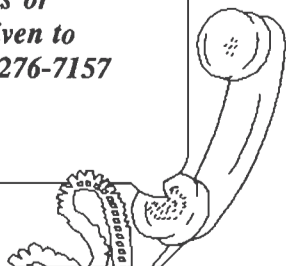
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NEW LIFE MASTERS !!!

Congratulations go out to Ed Ridgen who is now a **Life Master** and to Paul and Al Sorenson of Berwyn who have both recently become **Silver Life Masters** (1000 MP's).

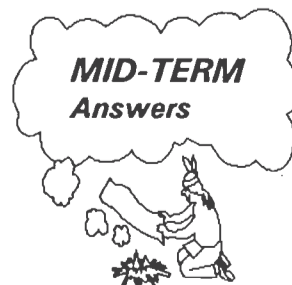
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The new phone list is out. We have done our best to insure that it is as accurate as possible. Any corrections or updates should be given to Barbara Webster at 276-7157 or 243-4353.



It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of members **Lorne Jardine** and **Syd Kulak**. We wish to extend the deepest sympathy to their families.

Score 0 for all questions that you answered A
Score 5 for all questions that you answered B
Score 10 for all questions that you answered C



1. The only correct thing is sit and hope declarer goes wrong. Not paying attention or staring are distractions and should not be done, while playing with a card is close to intentionally misleading declarer into believing that you can have only one card to play.

2. Since you are aware of partners habit of opening the weaker minor you have an implicit understanding that you must tell the opponents about. The second choice of remaining silent, while understandable, is not correct, and the third choice of denying knowledge is a total violation of both the spirit of the game and the laws.

3. Since you play negative doubles through 2S, partner's pass can **only** mean that partner has not got a good hand. Pass now says that you do not have a clear optional call. Three hearts is aggressive, and would not be challenged if partner had passed in tempo but don't be surprised if opponents complain to that director who always rules against you. If you chose to double with this hand don't be surprised if you meet that committee, who always rules against you.

4. Partner has alerted you to the fact that he has less than his fair share. Congratulations- you can pass, bid or double with a clear conscience since you don't have any clear call. See the scoring chart if this isn't clear.

5. Pass if you think that the king of hearts is not of sufficient merit to overrule partner. Bid 6 spades if you think that the king of hearts is of sufficient merit to overrule partner and you would have bid 6 spades without the balk. Finally if you think that this solves **partner's problem** then you are bidding 6 spades for all the wrong reasons.

Results:

0-10 You have fine grasp of the ethics of the game
10-20 You need to check out a couple of points but fine
25+ You have a whole lot of things to check out.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Location		S/R/N	Starts	Days	Venue	Distance
Rossland	BC	S	Aug 14	3	Uplander	579
Moose Jaw ²	SK	R	Aug 18	5	Heritage	600
Las Vegas	NV	R	Aug 24	7	Riviera	2095
Waskesiu	SK	S	Aug 28	3	Assembly Hall	880
Calgary	AB	S	Sep 4	4	Jubilee	-
Havre	MT	S	Sep 11	3		542
Wenatchee ²	WA	R	Sep 15	5	Conv. Ctr.	950
Lethbridge	AB	S	Sep 18	3		219
Kalispell	MT	R	Sep 21	7	Outlaw Inn	513
Kelowna	BC	S	Oct 9	4	Immaculata	617
Malta	MT	S	Oct 9	3		685
Everett	WA	R	Oct 19	7	Quality	1210
Edmonton	AB	S	Oct 23	3	Regency H	294
Banff	AB	S	Oct 30	3	Banff Park Lodge	132
Winnipeg	MB	R	Nov 3	6	Ft Garry P	1400
Great Falls	MT	S	Nov 5	4		515
Cut Bank	MT	S	Dec 3	4		410
Reno	NV	R	Dec 26	6		2002
Calgary	AB	S	Jan 8	3	Jubilee	-
Victoria	BC	R	Apr 12	7	Conf. Ctr.	1230

² Senior's Regional

CLUB SCHEDULE

Event	#	Time	Day	Date	Location
NAOP Club Qualifier	1	7:30p	Tue	Aug 18	Martinique
Club Championship		7:30p	Thu	Aug 20	Canmar
NAOP Club Qualifier	1	7:30p	Tue	Aug 25	Bow River
NAOP Club Qualifier	1	7:30p	Fri	Aug 28	Martinique
NAOP Unit FinalB	1	12:00p	Sun	Sept 13	Martinique
Club Championship		7:30p	Mon	Sept 21	Canmar
Club Championship Week Starts		7:30p	Mon	Sept 21	Martinique
ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game	2	7:30p	Wed	Sept 23	Martinique
ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game	2	7:30p	Wed	Sept 23	Bow River

Look for Canadian Open Pairs club qualifiers in September and October.

- # 1) Requires qualification at club level to play in the unit final. Unit final game to be stratified.
 2) This used to be called the Royal Viking game. We are not certain that the Bow River is holding this game.

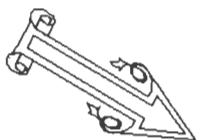
Auntie Pickle says . . .

Hit the Road Jack Dept.

Your favourite bridge reporter made her way to Red Deer recently to observe the antics of the local players at the recent Alberta Regional. Auntie Pickle was much impressed with the competitive acumen of the partnership of Gladys Grant and Elenor Fletcher. Although exact details are sketchy, this reporter surmises that this pair were have such a good game in the first session of an Open Pairs that they decided to skip the last round of the afternoon session in order to preserve their good score and rest up for the evening session. However, obviously due to a scoring error, there names did not appear in the list of event placings.

UNIT PAGE

SECTIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGE !!!



The Unit Board of Directors has decided to change the Super Open on Sunday at the Labour Day Sectional to a two session play-through **STRATIFIED PAIRS**. We know that many of you prefer the occasional Flighted event, but unfortunately numbers simply will not warrant a three flight game. The last time we had one the three flights were on three different board movements, making a noisy game that drove the directors and players NUTS.

TEAM OF TWO PAIRS

Traditionally on Labour Day Friday the Unit schedules Board-a-Match. This year we've scheduled Team of Two Pairs. Come as a pair, a team, or even a single - the partnership desk will fix you right up.

You and your team mates sit in the same direction in two sections, and after the game is over the best pair's matchpoint result - *for each board* - is calculated. This has the effect of cancelling your disasters, while letting your tops sit. It is lots of fun, so come on out and try it. It will just feel like any other matchpoint game until the final scoring!

SECOND ANNUAL ANNIE WALDIE MEMORIAL SWISS

Last year, when the Unit inaugurated the Ann Waldie Memorial Trophy, it was won by Nick and Judy Gartaganis and Vince and Anita Lambert, from Edmonton. Let's get a Calgary team's name on it this year! Come one and all - and don't forget to call Virginia Youens at 255-2368 for partners or team mates. It is not absolutely necessary to wait til the last minute for registration for a partner.

UNIT POLICY ON SUBSIDIES

The Unit has clarified its policy on player subsidies.

The Unit will re-imburse, on request, the card fees of any member of Unit 390 for District, Zonal or National finals of events, provided that the member was paid up at the time of qualification. Unpaid members (i.e. Life Members who have not paid dues) will have the subsidy applied first to membership dues, and then will receive any outstanding balance.

There are two reasons for this policy. One, for many events paid-up membership is a requirement prior to qualification. Two, the Unit generates virtually no revenue from Special Events, but wishes to acknowledge and encourage its members who do well.

Thank You!

to the following who have helped defray the costs of this issue.

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